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Craft Masonry.

DARLINGTON.—Restoration Lodge (No. 111).

On Friday the 29th inst., the members of this Lodge celebrated the annual festival of St. John, when the W.M. for the ensuing twelve months was installed. The brethren present were, Thos. Brunton, W.M.; G. J. Wilson, P.M.; John Bailey, P.M., P.J.G.W.; C. Jackson, P.M.; W. Lear, P.M.; John Morrell, P.M., P.P., G.S.D.; B. Chadwick, S.W.; J. Foster, J.W.; W. Hobson, Treas., J. Willis, J.D.; J. H. Blacklock, I.G.; J. Graham, Steward; Jas. Hoggett, P.G.O.; H. Maddison, G. Cooper, W. Mitford, J. W. Armitage, C. Cain, W. Bell, E. T. Pease, J. Hodgson, J. C. Martin, Rob. Brunskill. Visiting brethren, G. Hoggett, Org. St. Helen's Lodge, Hartlepool, No. 531; J. Barker, W. Hall, W. A. Bourne, W. Coltman, R. Musgrave, T. Wilkinson, of Falcon Lodge, No. 1416, Thirsk; W. Parkin, Old Globe Lodge, No. 200, Scarborough; R. Fraser, St. John's, Glasgow; and J. S. Jeans, of Commercial Lodge, No. 360. The routine business of the lodge having been transacted, the W.M. elect, Bro. B. Chadwick, was presented to the Installing Master Bro. W. Best, P.M., P.P., J.G.W., who performed the impressive ceremony in his usual able manner. The W.M. then invested his officers as follows:—T. Brunton, I.P.M.; J. Foster, S.W.; J. C. Martin, J.W.; Rev. E. Hutchinson, Chaplain; Hoggett, Organist; J. W. Armitage, S.W.; W. Hobson, Treasurer; J. Willis, D.; Jas. Graham, J.D.; H. Maddison, S.; Cowper Cain, D.C.; G. Cooper, J. Hodgson, Stewards, and T. Garge, J. The brethren afterwards sat down to a sumptuous banquet at Bro. Jos. Robinson's, King's Head Hotel, under the presidency of the newly-installed Master. After dinner the usual and Masonic toasts were proposed and ably responded to. The health of the I.P.M. was proposed by Bro. P. M. Jackson, who preceded him on behalf of the brethren of the lodge, bearing the following inscription:—"A handsome and valuable 18-carat gold jewel, bearing the following inscription presented to Bro. Thomas Brunton, P.M., by the brethren of Restoration, No. 111, as a mark of their appreciation of his valuable services while Master of the lodge, St. John's Day, A.D. 1873." Bro. Brunton returned thanks in a very appropriate speech. During the evening some selections of music were sung by the brethren, the musical arrangements being made by Bro. James Hoggett, P.G.O. and Organist of the lodge.

WORTH SHIELDS.—St. George's Lodge (No. 111).

The brethren of this lodge held an emergency meeting in the Masonic Hall, on Monday, December 22nd, for the purpose of installing a new W.M. elect, Bro. W. J. Ward. The lodge having been opened, Bro. T. T. Clarke installed Bro. W. J. Ward in the chair. The following brethren were appointed and invested as officers:—H. J. I.P.M.; J. Gillespie, S.W.; A. P. O., J.W.; J. D. A. H. Nicholson, S.D.; Hellberg, J.D.; T. T. Clarke, D.C.; O., I.G.; T. Haswell, Org.; J. Robertson, J. The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to Bro. Field's, Albion Lodge, to celebrate the annual festival, when the brethren sat down to a most bounteous

spread of every delicacy of the season. The following brethren were present, G. R. Strachan, 685; Thomson, W.M. 240; Buckland, 240; Denham, 240; Claughton, J.W. 240; Cooke, 624; Symington, 659; Dale, 786; Tulloch, Fuzzell, Hansen, Poppelwell, P.M's., and others. The usual loyal, Masonic, and complimentary toasts were given and duly honoured.

TIVERTON.—St. Peter's Lodge (No. 1125).

An unusual number of brethren met at the Masonic Hall, Fore-street, on the 27th instant, (St. John Evangelist's Day) being the day appointed for the installation of the W.M. elect, (Bro. Patterson) and also for presenting to a brother, whose aid in founding and working the lodge has been most valuable, a testimonial from its members. After the transaction of some formal business Bro. Davey, W.M., rose and expressed the pleasure he felt, that during his year of office it should fall to him to present, on behalf of the brethren, the testimonial for which they had subscribed. After some further remarks he requested his Wardens to unveil a life-size three-quarter length portrait of P.M. Bro. Reed, clothed in the paraphernalia of a First Principal of a R.A. Chapter, and painted by Mr. George Fare. This was accordingly done and a faithful likeness and an excellent work of art was exhibited amidst enthusiastic marks of approbation from those present. P.M. Bro. Mills, the Secretary was then called upon to read the following address, tastefully illuminated on vellum by the same artist and signed by the subscribers. "To Bro. W. H. Reed, P.M., P.Z., P.E.C., P.M.W.S.R.C., P.P.J.G.D., St. Peter's Lodge, Tiverton, 27th Dec. 1873. Dear Sir and Brother, We desire your acceptance of the portrait for which, in accordance with our request you have kindly sat, and that you will regard it as an offering of fraternal respect and affection. Many of us have long wished in some way to mark our appreciation of your zeal and assiduity in our Masonic circle, and to present in some appropriate and enduring form a testimonial to you the first Master of our lodge. We trust that this object has been realized, and that the faithful portraiture of one who has imparted and familiarised the teachings of our Craft with such success, may be instrumental in keeping in memory your endeavours to induce by precept and example the remembrance and practice of the obligations and lessons of Freemasonry, and of preserving in the lodge that correctness and order which are in a great measure due to your instructions. On this vellum, which we tender you with the painting, we record our testimony to your efficient practical labours, our sincere feelings of attachment, hearty good wishes for your welfare, and that your beneficial influence may long be felt amongst us." P.M. Bro. Reed, in very feeling and appropriate terms acknowledged the presentation, and stated that it was his desire the portrait should hang in the lodge, an announcement received with great satisfaction. The Installation ceremony was then proceeded with by Bro. Mills, P.M. At the conclusion of which the W.M. invested his officers as follows:—Bros. H. Davey, I.P.M.; Rev. R. Duckwood, Chaplain; H. S. Gill, S.W.; F. A. Payne, J.W.; E. Williams, P.M., Treasurer; T. F. Mead, Secretary; H. Melhuish, S.D.; W. H. Reed, Jun., J.D.; G. W. Cockram, I.G. Stewards: Wm. Bartlett, and E. Coleby; W. H. Reed, P.M., M.C.; A. Andrews, Organist; J. Patey, Tyler. The annual banquet took place at Bro. Martin's, Palmerston Hotel, at 5 o'clock, and was numerously attended. The catering was all that could be desired, and the usual toasts were given and received with much cordiality and heartily, and were ably responded to.

MILLOM.—Whitwell Lodge (No. 1390).

The regular monthly meeting was held on Tuesday, December 16th, in the lodge room, Prescott. Bros. Thomas Dodgson, the W.M., P.M. 995; and P.G.S.S. Cumberland and Westmoreland; J. Mills, S.W., and P.G.S.B. Cumberland and Westmoreland; Jas. Meredith, J.W.; Jas. Postlethwaite, Sec., S.W. 1308, and J.W. 995; J. Hartley, I.G. 995, and other brethren. The minutes of the last regular lodge were read and duly confirmed. Bro. Howes was in attendance to be raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason, which ceremony was performed by Bro.

T. Dodgson, the W.M., in a most excellent manner, for which he is particularly noted, the J.W. explaining the tools. Several communications were received and had attention, after which the lodge was closed in due form with solemn prayer at 9.30 p.m.

HAMPTON COURT.—Era Lodge (No. 1423).

The regular meeting of this young and flourishing lodge was held on Saturday, December 13th, at the King's Arms Hotel, Hampton Court. Punctually at the time named in the lodge summonses, viz., three o'clock, the lodge was opened by the W.M. Brother J. T. Moss, P.P.G.D., Middlesex, P.M., 169, P.M., 1326; he was supported by Bros. H. A. Dubois, P.G., Steward; Middlesex, S.W.; J.W. Baldwin, J.W.; T. J. Sabine, P.M., Treasurer; F. Walters, P.G. Steward, Middlesex, P.M., Secretary; E. H. Thiellay, S.D.; J. S. Sweasey, J.D.; Rev. J. M. Vaughan, P.M., Chaplain, J. Baxter Langley, I.G.; and many of the members. The visitors were Bros. W. Smeed, P.P.J.W., Middlesex, P.M. 946, &c.; W. Hammond, P.M. 201, W.M. 1326, and others. The minutes of the meeting held in October were read and unanimously confirmed. The ballots, taken separately, for the five gentlemen whose name appeared on the summons for initiation at the next regular meeting in February (for in this province the R.W.P.G.M. has wisely determined and ruled that no candidate for initiation shall be balloted for and initiated at one and the same meeting), and in each case it was declared to be unanimous in favour of admission. There being a heavy agenda paper and the W.M. feeling fatigued (he having travelled nearly three thousand miles during the week), Bro. Wm. Smeed, P.P.J.W. Middlesex, P.M., was desired to take the chair, which he did and commenced proceedings by raising Bro. Benjamin Wright to the third degree. Apologies were received from the other candidates for raising, and the several candidates for passing, excusing and deeply regretting their inability to attend, which was caused by circumstances entirely beyond their own control. Bro. J. T. Moss, W.M., resumed the chair, and initiated Dr. John Beresford, Ryley (a "Lewis"), followed by W. H. Wieland, who was succeeded by W. A. Simmons, and finally by D. Sullivan, as each candidate was introduced separately, agreeable to the instructions issued by the R.W.P.G.M., who will not have more than one person initiated at one time. The Secretary, Bro. Frederick Walters, P.M., by command of the W.M., read out aloud the bye-laws of the lodge. The ballots taken were declared to be unanimous in favour of Bros. H. A. Dubois, S.W., being the W.M. for the ensuing year, and T. J. Sabine, P.M., and Treasurer, re-elected Treasurer. On motion duly made and seconded Bro. J. Gilbert, P.G. Tyler, Middlesex, Tyler, was unanimously re-elected Tyler. The auditors were appointed. The audit was agreed to be held at the offices of the W.M. elect, H. A. Dubois, Accountant, of 1, Gresham Buildings, Basinghall-street, City. The splendid harmonium, supplied by Bro. George Kenning, was much admired, and pleased all who saw and heard it play. The work was well and ably done, as might be expected from the two worthy brothers who presided, a letter of apology from Bro. Col. F. Burdett, R.W.P.G.M., Middlesex, regretting his absence, was read, several propositions for joining, and new members were received. The lodge was then closed. There was not any banquet or refreshments.

BROWNRIFF LODGE OF UNITY (No. 1424).

On Saturday, December 27th, the brethren of this lodge met at three p.m., at their lodge room in Buckley Hall Soldiers' Institute, Chatham, to witness the ceremony of Installation of Bro. J. A. Bates, R.A., as W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Samuel Cole, P.P.G.P., most ably and efficiently performed the duty of Installing Master. Bros. W. H. Cole, P.M., was appointed Senior Warden, *pro tem*; F. Seabrook, P.M., as Junior Warden, *pro tem*; Capt. George Watson, P.M. and P.G.R., as Master of Ceremonies. It is a most gratifying fact that no lodge in this province has progressed with such rapidity as this in so short a time—only twelve months since its consecration by the R.W. Bro. Major-General Brownrigg, C.B., Prov. G.M. for Surrey. Unfortunately, he was unable to attend

at its anniversary, as he—with his son, Capt. Brownrigg—was in Ireland; but letters were read, explaining their absence, and expressing regret in not being able to do honour to the assiduous and persevering brother, Quartermaster Samuel Cole, R.E., the first W.M.; and well he has done his duty. There were several provincial officers present. The officers of the lodge for the year ensuing were duly invested:—Bros. Samuel Cole, I.P.M.; Jervis, S.W.; Simmons, J.W.; Rev. Hill, Chaplain; Thompson, Treas.; Moorhouse, Sec.; McCoy, S.D.; Fowler, J.D.; Cottrell, I.G.; Wells and Brown, Stewards; Oram, Tyler. Before the business of the lodge was concluded, those brethren whose names are upon the warrant as founders were called to the pedestal by the W.M., and had each presented to them a very handsome jewel, to remind them of the interest they had taken in the lodge's foundation. The several brethren acknowledged their thanks in suitable terms. After the business was concluded, the brethren adjourned to the library, where a splendid banquet was ready, which was done ample justice to by them. The wines were excellent. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, the "Health of Bro. Samuel Cole," was most enthusiastically received, and he very feelingly replied and thanked the brethren who had assisted him during his year of office. The health of the Past Masters was suitably acknowledged by Bro. Capt. George Watson, P.G.R. We must not forget to mention that the health of Bro. Major-General Brownrigg, C.B., was heartily drunk with real Kentish fire. After a most happy evening, during which some excellent songs were rendered by Sergt.-Major Bro. Cotterell, the meeting broke up at 9.30, p.m., all pleased with the proceedings of their St. John's Day.

INSTRUCTION.

UNION MASONIC CLUB OF INSTRUCTION.—The above club was formed 12 months since to meet a want long felt in the neighbourhood, and we may say is now in good working order. The usual weekly meeting was held on Thursday, the 18th ult., at Bro. Lake's, the Windsor Castle, Victoria Station. The chair was occupied by Bro. Henry Smith, W.M. Lodge 1360, assisted by Bro. E. L. Cockerell, P.M., and several other brethren. After the usual Masonic business had been completed, it was proposed and seconded, and carried unanimously that the meeting night be altered to Friday, at 8 o'clock, so as to avoid clashing with the Ebury Lodge of Instruction, which meets on Thursday evening, in the neighbourhood. It was then resolved that the next meeting be held on Friday, the 2nd January, 1874. Brethren are invited to attend. It is worthy of notice that one of the rules of this Club is as follows:—That as soon as the funds reach the sum of £5 and £10 10s. alternately, it will be balloted for, and the member who gets the draw will become a Life Governor of one of the Masonic Charities.

Scotland.

ST. JOHN'S DAY IN EDINBURGH.

St. John's Day having this year fallen on Saturday, the great Masonic Festival was in most lodges postponed till Monday the 29th ult., when according to use and wont, the brethren met in their respective lodge-rooms for the annual election of office-bearers and the celebration of the festival. Most of the lodge rooms in the metropolitan district were tastefully decorated with evergreens and flowers, and presented a gay and lively appearance. The annual election and installation of office-bearers being over, the brethren of the various lodges dined together, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been proposed and responded to with that enthusiasm which is characteristic of the Craft, the remainder of the evening was for most part spent in "jocund mirth and festive glee."

The time-honoured custom of each lodge sending deputations to the sister lodges to congratulate their new office-bearers and convey expressions of good feeling, was carried out

with even more than usual cordiality, a fact which may be owing to the large number that have been initiated to the order during the past year, as also to the popularity among the brethren of most of the gentlemen who have been chosen to the Masters' chairs.

The following is a list of the principal office-bearers of most of the lodges in the metropolis for the ensuing year:—

THE LODGE OF EDINBURGH (MARY'S CHAPEL), No. 1.—Baillie Muirhead, R.W.M.; W. J. C. Abbott, P.M.; W. G. Roy, D.M.; George Dickson, M.D., S.B.; E. W. Nightingale, S.W.; R. F. Shaw Stewart, J.W.; J. R. Campbell, Treas.; James Webster, Sec.

LODGE CANONGATE AND LEITH, (No. 5).—John Laurie, R.W.M.; W. D. Johnson, P.M.; George Hudson, D.M.; James Dykes, S.M.; E. Drummond, S.W.; Alexander Ralston, J.W.; David Ewart, Treas.; David Laird, Sec.

LODGE JOURNEYMAN, (No. 8).—Peter Sinclair, R.W.M.; G. C. Douglas, S.W.; John Ronaldson, J.W.; Wm. Barton, Treas.; John Cameron, Sec.

LODGE ST. DAVID'S, No. 36, (the lodge in which Sir Walter Scott was initiated).—W. Weymss Kennedy, R.W.M.; C. G. C. Christie, P.M.; J. Harkom, D.M.; Henry Murray, S.M.; W. Edwards, S.W.; S. B. Steele, J.W.; W. Smith, Treas.; W. Steele, Sec.

LODGE ST. LUKE'S (No. 44).—H. Y. D. Copland, R.W.M.; Harvey, D.M.; Mansfield, S.M.; Gordon, S.W.; Dunlop, J.W.; Wilson, Treas.; Bostock, Sec.; Rev. Bro. Faithful and Dr. Gray, Chaplains; Anderson, S.D.; Lord Cardoso, J.D.

LODGE EDINBURGH ST. JAMES (No. 97).—Dr. J. R. Turnbull, R.W.M.; Robert Buist, P.M.; James C. Tod, D.M.; A. Sangster, jun., S.M.; Walter Fraser, S.W.; H. Macpherson, J.W.; Wm. Hannah, Treas.; Thos. Millar, Sec.

ST. JOHN'S MUSSELBURGH (No. 112).—M. Mackenzie, R.W.M.; Robert Dudgeon, D.M.; James Smart, S.M.; A. Mitchell, S.W.; J. Britton, J.W.; R. Archibald, Treasurer; W. Muirhead, Secretary.

LODGE ST. STEPHEN (No. 145).—R. S. Brown, R.W.M.; R. Wadler, D.M.; H. B. Stanislas, S.M.; James Walker, S.W.; W. W. Mooney, J.W.; J. A. Elliot, Treas.; William Greig, Sec.

LODGE EDINBURGH DEFENSIVE BAND (No. 151).—George Porland, R.W.M.; T. H. Douglas, P.M.; John Beveridge, D.M.; Daniel Grant, S.M.; Thomas Ritchie, S.W.; Moses Tanner, J.W.; William Reith, Treasurer; William Bisset, Secretary.

LODGE ROMAN EAGLE (No. 160).—G. Laing, R.W.M.; Dr. Cairns, W.P.M.; John Craig, W.D.M.; J. Mann, W.S.M.; J. Gowan, jun., W.S.W.; B. Miller, W.J.W.; W. Anderson, Treasurer; E. M. Wilkins, Secretary.

LODGE TRAPALGAR (No. 223).—Robert Scott, R.W.M.; Peter Bell, P.M.; David Stalker, D.M.; J. Fotheringham, S.M.; William Barry, S.W.; David Turner, J.W.; A. Hoy, Treasurer; F. Scott, Secretary.

CELTIC LODGE OF EDINBURGH AND LEITH (No. 291).—J. D. Wormald, R.W.M.; Kinnear, P.M.; Christopher Thomson, L.T., P.M.; Arthur Livingstone, S.M.; George G. Russell, Senior Warden; Bryan C. Waller, Junior Warden; Alexander Hay, Treasurer; James Walker, Secretary.

LODGE ST. CLAIR (No. 349).—Thomas Sim, R.W.M.; Alexander Henry, P.M.; Henry Harding, S.M.; J. P. Hutton, Senior Warden, John Dawson, Junior Warden; A. M. Bruce, Treasurer; John Taylor, Secretary.

THE RIPLE LODGE (No. 405).—Thomas Ford, R.W.M.; J. T. Douglas, P.M.; A. T. Apherpe, D.M.; W. M. Bryce, S.M. and Treas.; James Reid, S.W.; James Thomson, J.W.; John C. Bryce, Sec.

Bro. J. T. Douglas was re-elected R.W.M. of Lodge St. Andrews, No. 48; Bro. J. Harrison, for Portobello Lodge, No. 226; and Bro. D. Swainson, to Lodge 392.

streets of the town. Captain Henry Moray, of Abercainy, was elected R.W.M. of the lodge.

CRIEFF.—The members of Crieff St. Michael's

Lodge, after transacting the usual business, had a torch-light procession through the principal

EDINBURGH.—Lodge St. Clair (No. 349).—St. John's day having fallen on a Saturday, the brethren of the above lodge held their annual election and festival on Monday the 29th Dec., when the following office-bearers were unanimously elected:—Bros. T. Sim, R.W.M.; A. Henry, (of Rife fame) P.M.; H. Harding, S.M.; J. P. Hutton, S.W.; J. Dawson, J.W.; A. M. Bruce, P.M., Treas.; J. Taylor, Sec.; G. Watson, Chaplain; J. Greenaway, S.D.; M. Schnitzler, J.D.; J. Laverick, B.P.; J. Grey, first Steward; G. S. Mitchell, second Steward; R. Smart, first S.B.; J. Irvine, second S.B.; R. Hogg, I.G. Bro. Baikie, who has filled the important office of Tyler for upwards a quarter of a century was again re-elected to that office, and the following brethren were elected members of the Committee, Past Masters Butti, and Grant, Bruce, Brown, Cow, Veitch, and Dobie. The R.W.M. then appointed Bro. Baird, to the office of D.M. After the election the brethren adjourned to the refectory, where about forty sat down to an excellent and sumptuous repast, purveyed by brother Gray, who displayed his usual artistic skill. The R.W.M. was supported by four P.M.s of the lodge, and among the guests were Bros. Schop, R.W.M. Canongate, Kilwinning, Bro. Merser, P.S.R.C. and Bro. Manners of Lodge Caledonia. The evening was enlivened with song, toast, and recitation, Past Master Bro. Henry, and Bros. Hogg, Greenaway, Dobie, and Manners kindly contributing their best efforts. Circumstances having prevented the attendance of the director of music, Bro. C. Stewart, Bro. Manners kindly consented to preside at the pianoforte, he also delighted the brethren with several exquisitely rendered airs on the concertina. In the course of the evening the R.W.M. received and replied to congratulatory addresses from deputations representing thirteen lodges in the district, showing the popularity and high esteem in which he is held by the sister lodges. Altogether the meeting was a most successful and enjoyable one, and the admirable way in which the new office-bearers performed the duties of their respective offices, together with the enthusiasm of the brethren, bespeak a future fully as brilliant as the past.

GLASGOW.—Mother Kilwinning Lodge (No. o.).—The annual festival of this most ancient lodge is always looked forward to as one of the great events in Scotch Masonry, and the meeting on Monday, the 22nd ult., was no exception to the general rule. In the absence of the R.W.M. Col. Mure, who in virtue of that office is Prov. Grand Master of Ayrshire, the chair was taken by Bro. Warley, P.G.S., and the following candidates were proposed by Bro. J. Tweed, S.M., making in all 40 members that he has proposed in the lodge. The present list was Messrs. George Grant, R. Johnston, J. Mello, and John Sutherland; and there being no objection, Bro. Wiley acted as Master, and Bro. Wenton duly conferred the degrees upon them. The lodge then proceeded to the election and installation of office-bearers. The following brethren were duly proposed and unanimously elected, viz.:—Col. Mure of Caldwell, R.W.M., and as such Provincial Grand Master for Ayrshire; R. W. Cochrane Patrick, of Woodside, Deputy Master; W. Ralstoe Patrick, of Trearne, Substitute Master; Roger Montgomerie, advocate, Edinburgh, Proxy Master; John Johnston, S.W.; J. Salter, J.W.; Rev. W. Lee Ker, Rev. John Sims, and Rev. A. Inglis, Chaplains; Robert Wylie, Secretary; John Whinton, Treasurer; Jas. Gibson, S.D.; J. Crawford, J.D.; James Sudden, S.S.; John Allan, J.S.; Charles Aitken, I.G.; and James Melvin, T. The brethren reassembled in the evening in the Eglinton Arms Hall to celebrate the festival of St. Thomas. The following is an extract from a letter received by the secretary from Col. Mure, dated Cannes, France, December 19, 1873:—"I regret extremely that I shall not have the pleasure of presiding at our annual meeting this year—circumstances over which I have no control prevent me from being in Scotland at this time."

time on Monday pray offer to the brethren in lodge assembled my most hearty congratulations and best wishes of the season, and assure them that, though I cannot be present with them, I often think of all the fraternal feelings with which they have ever evinced to me; and while I feel proud of the loyalty they have always shown, cannot help but believe that our mutual exertions for the good of the Craft, have during the last few years, not been altogether unsuccessful." The Deputy Master, Bro. R. W. Cochrane Patrick, was then called upon to perform the duties in the Grand Orient, and conducted the usual festivities with great tact and ability. The members resident in Glasgow though not so numerous as on some former occasions, were yet efficiently represented by Bro. John Turner, S.W., R. J. Smith, G. Grant, R. Johnston, J. Malvin, and J. Sutherland. In the course of the evening large and respectable deputations were received, headed by the respective R.W.M.'s, from the following lodges in the Ayrshire province, viz.:—St. John Kilwinning, Kilmarnock, 22; St. Andrew's, Irvine, 149; St. John Kilwinning, Beith, 159; Thistle and Rose, Stevenson, 169; Blair, Dalry, 330; St. John Royal Arch, Saltcoats and Ardrossan, 320; Neptune Kilwinning, Ardrossan, 442; and Burns St. Mary, Hurlford, 505. Eloquent and suitable addresses were delivered in the course of the evening by Bros. Patrick, Mackay (Kilmarnock), W. D. M'Jannet (Irvine), J. M. M'Cosh (Dalry), Rev. W. Lee Ker, Scobie (Hurlford), &c. The proceedings were enlivened by some excellent vocal and instrumental music. A most pleasant and harmonious evening was spent, and L 12 being announced in the S the lodge was closed according to ancient custom.

GLASGOW.—Cathedral Chapter (No. 67) met in their hall, 22, Struthers-street, on the 23rd ult. In the absence of the Principal, Comp. Wm. Taylor, P.Z., acted as Z.; G. W. Wheeler, H. 73, as H.; Comp. Distin, P.Z., as J. A lodge of Mark Masters was opened, when Bros. Robert Turnbull and Ernest Samuel were introduced and took that degree. A lodge of Most Excellent Masters was then opened, Comp. Martin acting as J.W., and Comp. J. Duthie, conferred on the same two gentlemen that degree. The Chapter was then opened with the above officers and companion Pirday, who was a most efficient 1st S., Comps. Goldie and Bail being the 2nd and 3rd. The ceremony was very efficiently worked, and the chapter was closed in harmony.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.—The Glasgow Early Grand Knight Templar Encampment and Preceptory of Red Cross Knights met in their preceptory, Glasgow, on Friday, the 19th ult. Deputations from the various Early Grand Encampments in Scotland were present, which added considerably to the imposing appearance of the assembly. Sir Knt. Martin, of the Early Grand Encampment, Ayr, presided, assisted by the following officers:—Sir Knts. Pollock, as C.; Spence, C.G.; Ferguson, M.; Mitchell, Adamson, R.; Rev. J. White, Prelate; Fisher, S.B.; Hodge, S.B., and others. The Encampment having been opened in ancient form, communications were read from the following candidates desirous of installation:—Comps. Holt, Walter, J. Walker, Leonard, and A. Webster, being in attendance, were subjected to the usual scrutiny, and, being approved of, were initiated for advancement. The impressive ceremony was ably performed by Sir Knt. Martin, and the perfect manner in which the various officers discharged their duties was worthy of all praise. To produce that reverence and love upon the minds upon the candidates, so that the ceremonies may have a lasting impression upon the memory, the presiding officer should be possessed of freedom of speech, simplicity of manner, and spirited working. This Sir Knight Martin possesses in an eminent degree, so much so that seldom have we listened to beautiful Ritual performed in such an admirable manner. In the way we might state that Sir Knt. Martin is from a good old branch of Templars in Scotland, his father the late Sir Knight P. Martin being to a great extent the promoter of the Early Grand Encampment in Scotland, early this present century, so that that time the Early Grand Encampment were held under the sway of Ireland, their

superiors being the Early Grand Encampment of Dublin, whose Grand Charter dates from 1180, and is signed by the Keeper of the Holy Sepulchre, it also contains the names of the various priories of the provinces of Ireland to whom the Charter is dedicated. The late Sir Kt. P. Martin obtained early this present century a Grand Charter for the use of Scotland, so that encampments could be erected without so much trouble in petitioning the E.G. of Ireland. The Scotch grand warrant is an exact *fac-simile* of the Irish one, and Sir Knt. Martin was appointed Commander of the Order in Scotland. Since then it has flourished down to the present time, apparently intending to act up to its old motto, "We were the first and we shall be the last." The five candidates having been received under an arch of steel and loyally and lawfully dubbed Knights of the Holy Order of the Temple, the encampment was closed. A Preceptory of Red Cross Knights was then opened, when the same candidates were created Knts. of that Order, Sir Knt. W. Martin, M.P.S., and the other officers being in their respective places. This order was also successfully performed by the M.P.S., in his usual faultless style. The preceptory was then closed in due form, when the Sir Knights retired to the banqueting hall, where a repast of a most *recherché* description was provided for them. Sir Knt. James Pollock, of Newmilns, presiding, Sir Knt. Wm. Ferguson, Croupier. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to with satisfaction. The chairman, in proposing the toast of the evening, "Success to the Early Grand Encampment of Scotland," in a neat and appropriate speech, referred to the progress of the Early Grand in Scotland and the many obstacles it had to surmount. Of late years it had been so successful that a number of new encampments had arisen, and before long he only trusted that the many brethren of the Order throughout the country would resuscitate themselves and once more show to the world that they were not dead, but merely resting from the labours of the past. It was a fact well-known to the Sir Knights of the Order that their authenticity, and consequently their legality, had been questioned by the representatives of the Knights Templar acting under the Chapter General, but, as they knew themselves, these charges were altogether without foundation, and, if desirable, could be proven at large, both from written and printed documents in possession of the Grand Encampment. Spurious rites and degrees can of themselves never exist for any length of time, but must sometime or another dwindle down till they disappear for evermore, not so the Early Grand; it has lived through ages untarnished and will still continue to exist in spite of all the combined forces of their neighbours to reduce them in the scale of Knight Templarism. Sir Knt. Ferguson responded in an able and artistic speech, expressing the gratification and pleasure, the Sir Knights of the Glasgow Encampment had in welcoming their brethren from the provinces. It should always be his aim and endeavour to further the interests of the E.G. encampment in Glasgow, and throughout the country generally, there was nothing like unison in a scattered body, and where that was, they could accomplish anything. The vicissitudes of their fortune had already taught them the great lesson of unanimity and economy, and be assured where these are properly practised, nothing but success can follow. Sir Knt. Adamson, Edinburgh, proposed the Grand Officers, and in doing so paid a compliment to the Grand Officers present. Sir Knt. Spence responded appropriately. Sir Knt. Fisher proposed "The Health of Sir Knt. Hodge," and spoke in high terms of the services Sir Knt. Hodge had rendered the E.G. Encampment in Scotland. Sir Knt. Hodge replied feelingly and eloquently. Other toasts followed, and were responded to with pleasure, and with song and sentiment, the remainder of the evening was passed in a most pleasant manner. To the Sir Knts. of the E.G. Encampment in Scotland this is a day ever to be remembered, the harmonious meeting and social parting, happy to meet, sorry to part, and happy to meet again, being feelingly entered upon, the singing was excellent, some being in capital voice, diversified by the artistic accompanying on the organ by Sir Knt.

Head Holt. Altogether a more successful gathering of the E.G. Knt. Templars in Scotland has rarely if ever taken place. "Auld Lang Syne" being given, the Sir Knights separated at an early hour from a meeting to be remembered by those present for many years to come.

Red Cross of Constantine.

BRISTOL.—William Irwin Conclave (No. 17):—The first meeting of this conclave was held on Tuesday, Dec. 16th. Sir Knts. G. F. Tuckey, M.P. Sovereign; Sir Knt. W. Hodges, as Viceroy, E. There were also present Ill. Sir Knts. Capt. F. G. Irwin, Inspector-General of Bristol, and Sir Knt. W. A. Scott, M.P.S. of the Munbee Military Conclave. The minutes of the consecration and dedication of the two conclaves were read and confirmed. The following M.M.'s were then duly installed and proclaimed Sir Knts. of the Order, viz., E. E. Honey, H. W. Lane, W. Dubin, after which the M.P.S. installed the following Sir Knts. to the offices attached to their names; Sir Knts. J. T. Hallam, S.G.; W. Munro, J.G.; J. M. Hunt, H.P.; A. G. Williams, Treas.; G. Tonkin, Recorder; E. E. Honey, Prefect; H. V. Amor, Herald; M. Ansaldo, Standard Bearer; H. W. Lane, Orator; John Coles, Sentinel. Sir Knt. Hallam proposed a vote of thanks to Sir Knt. G. F. Tuckey, for the very great interest and trouble he had taken in establishing this, the William Irwin Conclave, in the province of Bristol. The Sir Knt. Tuckey, in thanking the Sir Knts. for the compliment they had paid him, said, since he had first seen the light of Masonry, he had made it his study, and he felt it his duty to do all he could to further the Order and carry out its principles, as far as his abilities would allow, especially in this the province of Bristol. He was pleased to see two conclaves of the Red Cross established here, and that it was becoming so popular among the brethren of the various lodges. He could not sit down without especially thanking Ill. Sir Knt. Captain F. G. Irwin for the very valuable assistance he had rendered him. There was not a brother in the province more energetic or more zealous in all appertaining to Freemasonry, he was always ready and willing to render any assistance. He would also thank Sir Knt. W. A. Scott, of the Munbee Conclave, for his able support. He was pleased to be able to inform the conclave that they were in a position to ask for a Provincial Grand Conclave, and the Inspector-General had stated he should open one at the earliest opportunity.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The General Committee of this Institution met at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, the 24th ult. Bro. Major J. Creaton, P.G.D., a Vice Patron and Trustee, presided, supported by Bro. B. Head, P.G.D.; T. W. White, G. Steward, W.M. 21; F. Adlard; S. Rosenthal, P.M. P.G.J.W. Middlesex; H. C. Levander, P.M., P. Prov. G.D. Wilts; George Kenning, V. Patron, [P.M., P. Prov. G.D., Middlesex; W. Watson, P.G. Steward, and other brethren.

The minutes of several Committees having been read by the Secretary, Bro. R. Wentworth Little, the members proceeded to consider no less than fourteen fresh petitions, on behalf of candidates, two of which were deferred, and twelve recommended to the Quarterly General Court on the 10th January, as eligible for election in the following April. The Secretary then reported that out of the eleven unsuccessful candidates at the October election, two had become disqualified by having attained the age of eleven years, and one child had since been admitted by purchase, leaving eight, which with twenty-one new candidates, made the number of approved applicants twenty-nine, and there would be but five vacancies.

It was proposed, seconded, and unanimously resolved that ten additional children be received at the April election, making fifteen in all, and it was further decided that a former recommendation of the Committee for one case out of the

twenty-nine to be placed on the eligible list be withheld, inasmuch as canvassing by circular had been resorted to before the General Court had authorised the insertion of the child's name as an eligible candidate.

THE RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE IN MASSACHUSETTS.

Among the many Masonic Orders of high degree, that have flourished in England, and on the Continent, that of Knights of the Red Cross of Rome and Constantine, has been comparatively recently introduced into America, and on Wednesday, 17th Dec., there was constituted in this city, Roman Eagle Conclave, of this Order, the second in Massachusetts, and which initiates its work with every promise of obtaining high rank in Masonic circles. At five o'clock the Conclave was formally constituted, about twenty-five Masons having previously received the degrees of the Order; the Order is instituted under authority of the Grand Imperial Council of England and Wales, at the head of which is Earl Bective, and there were present to conduct the ceremonies as well as of those of installation of officers, the following representatives of the Supreme Council:—

Eminent and Ill. Sir Knight Samuel H. Herrick, Intendant General of Division of Massachusetts, and Representative of Grand Imperial Council of England; Ill. Sir Knts. William D. Stratton, Viceroy; Andrew S. Smith, Past Sov. of St. George's Conclave, Boston, as Sen. Gen.; William J. Stevens, Jun. Gen.; W. H. Chessman, Grand Marshal; B. Foss, Grand Prefect; J. T. Kimball, Grand Recorder; Chas. L. Ireson; Josiah H. Stearns, Grand Prelate.

The ceremonies were impressive and interesting, and the members highly pleased with the auspicious opening. Later in the evening the large hall of the Masonic Temple was taxed to its fullest capacity, with the audience of Masonic brethren and ladies assembled to witness the the ceremonies of installation. After opening the services the Ill. Intendant called Sir Knight Stratton to the chair, and the ceremonies were conducted by him, and the following officers duly installed over the new Conclave:—

Illustrious Sir Knts. John Haigh, M.P. Sovereign; Caleb Saunders, Viceroy, as Eusebius; G.M. Stoddard, Sen. Gen.; Horace C. Bacon, Jun. Gen.; Andrew Sharpe, High Prelate; S. M. Stedman, Treasurer; E. Frank Page, Recorder; Jas B. Smith, Prefect; Wm. F. Kimball, Herald; Wm. Smith, Standard Bearer; Louis Weil, Sen. Steward; Johnathan Craven, Jun. Steward, Otis Clater, Sentinel.

The singing, by Messrs. Parsons and Osgood, Mrs. Sprague and Miss Dana, with Miss Reed as organist, was one of the most thoroughly enjoyable features of the evening, indeed we doubt if Masonic gatherings anywhere are so exceedingly fortunate in their music as in our city.

After a sufficient period at the tables, the Knights, with the guests to a large number, repaired to Saunders Hall, adjoining, and to the inspiring music of Chapman and Butterworth's band, spent a couple of hours in dancing, merrily concluding a most pleasant and well enjoyed occasion.—*Laurence (Massachusetts) Daily American.*

A MAGNIFICENT FEAST.—Major A. B. Walker, Mayor of Liverpool, has announced that on the night of the marriage of the Duke of Edinburgh he will give a feast to all the aged poor of Liverpool who choose to be present. There is no central hall sufficiently large to accommodate the novel company, and therefore the feast will be in three sections. The meeting place for the North end of the town will be the North Haymarket, that for the centre, St. George's Hall, and that for the South-end at Sefton Hall.

Increasing activity of mind and motion in these modern days have gained ends undreamt of in olden times. For example, Holloway's ointment and pills remove rheumatism, neuralgia, and similar painful maladies—formerly scourges of both rich and poor. The number of testimonials of cures of these classes of diseases effected by Holloway's remedies is unprecedented, and should be enforced on the attention of all sufferers from these complaints. The parts in pain should be fomented for some minutes with warm brine two or three times a day, dried, and immediately well rubbed with the ointment. It will pass into the pores of the skin—as salt permeates meat—ease the local pain, and give the greatest relief.—*Advr.*

Mulum in Parbo, or Masonic Notes and Queries.

MASONIC BIBLIOGRAPHY.

Is anything known of a little pamphlet, entitled "The Principles of Freemasonry explained, or a discourse delivered before the very ancient Lodge of Kilwinning in the church of that place and in the year MDCCLXVI. By a brother. Glasgow, printed in the year MDCCLXVIII., price sixpence."

On the title page, is written in a peculiarly neat hand, to "the Rev. Mr. George Blair, from the author."

Who was the author? And who was the Rev. Mr. George Blair?

I may add the address is dedicated to "George Murdoch, present Grand Master of the lodges in Glasgow."

A. F. A. WOODFORD.

MASONIC RELIC.

"Sir and Brother.—I beg leave to forward you a fac-simile sketch of a very antique brass square presented to me this day by Brother Paine, Provincial Grand Architect. He was contractor, in 1830, for rebuilding Baal's Bridge, a very ancient one in this city, which he has replaced with a very beautiful structure, and on taking down the old one, the period of the erection of which is unknown (though noticed in records in 1558, at the proclamation of Queen Elizabeth), he discovered under the foundation stone, at the English town side, this old brass square, much eaten away; but I have traced the shape, size, and formation of the engraving on both sides, and marked the holes (I suppose for suspending it to collar); the most illegible character is the figure '5,' which might be 3, but history proves it must have been before 1558 at all events; a heart is in both angles. In haste, but ever ready to give information.—I am, &c."

M. FURNELL.

High Sheriff, Limerick.

Dear Sir and Bro.

I have thought it worth while to copy the above from the "Freemasons' Quarterly Magazine" for 1842 (page 289), and believing an exact transcript of the words engraved on the square will probably interest a few of your readers, who may not have an account of the relic, I append a copy from the engraving.

Yours fraternally,

W. J. HUGHAN.

Truro, Nov. 4th 1873.

"I WILL STRIVE TO LIVE
WITH LOVE & CARE
1577
UPON THE LEUL
BY THE SQUARE."

ANOTHER MASONIC WORK.

This year is to be eventful in Masonic literature. Just as we had greeted Bro. Dr. Murray Lyon's "History of the Lodge of Edinburgh," (the grand Masonic volume) we received a short account of a great work, being prepared by our friend Bro. Dr. A. G. Mackay, of the City of Washington, U.S.A. It is entitled "An Encyclopædia of Freemasonry and its Kindred subjects, comprising the whole range of Arts, Sciences and Literature as connected with the Institution," and we know of no one better suited for such an extensive enterprise and labour, than the learned Mason, Dr. Mackay, whose fame is as familiar to Masonic students, and even to the Craft generally as that of the revered Dr. Oliver.

The book will be beautifully printed, and illustrated, in quarto size, and consists of many hundreds of pages. Its appearance may be looked for early in the ensuing year, and as the issue will be limited, the names of intending subscribers may be forwarded at once to Bro. George Kenning, Little Britain. We feel sure the Craft will thank us for drawing attention to this matter, and soon after the work has been published by Moss & Co., of Chestnut-street, Philadelphia, we hope to present a review of its contents in the pages of *The Freemason*. Meanwhile we wish our distinguished Bro. Dr. Mackay, the requisite health and strength in superintending its preparation by the publishers.

W. J. HUGHAN.

AN OLD PENNSYLVANIA MASONIC BOOK.

We acknowledge our fraternal obligation to Bro. William Hodges, of this city, for an old Philadelphia Masonic book, entitled "The Freemason's Companion, or Pocket Preceptor, compiled for the use of the Craft. By John Phillips, P.M. of Lodge No. 2, Phila: printed by Bartholomew Graves, A.D. 1805. Dedicated to R.W. Bro. Israel Israel, G.M. of Masons of Pennsylvania." Among its many interesting and valuable papers are; a history of Freemasonry; the Ahiman Rezon; Resolutions of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, dated November 23, 1795, providing for the creation of a G.H.R.A. Chapter, under sanction of a warrant from the G.L. of Pennsylvania; Rules and Regulations for the government of this Grand Chapter, confirmed in Grand Lodge March 5, 1798; History of Freemasonry in America; Address of Grand Lodge of Massachusetts to their Brother, Geo. Washington, dated Boston, A.D. 1792, with with Gen. Washington's fraternal response; Account of Bro. Washington's funeral; Address upon his life by G.M. Bro. J. B. Smith, of Pennsylvania; Account of the Dedication of the Pennsylvania Freemasons' Hall, Filbert-street, above Eighth, December 27, 1802; A Collection of Masonic Songs, &c. It is thus evident that in this little book of 211 pages there is much information of interest to every Pennsylvania Freemason. We shall shortly cull some extracts from its pages, for the benefit of our readers.—*Keystone.*

Obituary.

BRO. CHARLES SCHNIDER, GRAND TYLER, PENNSYLVANIA.

It is our sad duty to record the death of Bro. Charles Schnider, who for the past six years has filled the appointment of Grand Tyler of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania: Bro. Schnider's health was impaired for some time prior to his death, but he rallied sufficiently to be in his place at the outer door of the Grand Lodge, at its last Quarterly Grand Communication, on December 3rd. He suffered a relapse afterwards, which terminated his life on Friday evening, 12th ult., at the early age of 29 years. In common with the whole Pennsylvania fraternity, we lament his untimely demise. We give below a brief sketch of our deceased brother's life.

Bro. Charles Schnider was born on Oct. 13, 1844, in the old Masonic (late Washington) Hall, on South Third-street, above Spruce. He was educated at Allen's Friends' School, Second and Pine-streets. After leaving school he entered the printing establishment of Messrs. King and Baird, on Sansom-street. He continued at this business until the death of his father, the late lamented and excellent Grand Tyler, Bro. William B. Schnider, who died some six years since. The son (Charles) was then appointed to the position held by his father, Grand Tyler of the Grand Lodge of Masons of this jurisdiction. The appointment was conferred upon him by Bro. Hon. Richard Vaux, the then Grand Master, and dated from 1867.

His Masonic history commenced in the year 1865, when he was initiated into Lafayette Lodge, No. 71. In 1867 he was elected Junior Warden; in 1868 he was chosen Senior Warden, and in 1869 he was Master. He was also a member of Jerusalem Holy Royal Arch Chapter, No. 3; of St. John's Commandery, No. 4; Masonic Knights Templar; of Philadelphia Lodge of Perfection; of De Joinville Council of Princes of Jerusalem; of Kilwinning Chapter Rose Croix, and of Philadelphia Consistory.

The position of Grand Tyler of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has been held by various members of the Schnider family for four successive generations, having descended from great grandfather, grandfather, father, and son. The position of Grand Tyler is one of great importance, and requires a person of great faculty of remembrance, he often being called on to vouch for the admission of persons to the meetings whom he has not met for years previously. In the Schnider family this faculty was developed to an eminent degree. The great-grandfather

of the deceased held the office for eighteen years, his grandfather for twenty-one years, his father for thirty years, and deceased for six years, and during all that period there never was a single false recognition. The deceased leaves a widowed mother, a wife, and a son of seven years of age; and his death will be regretted by the Masonic fraternity at large.—*Keystone*

BRO. CHAS. W. MOORE, OF BOSTON, (U.S.)

We are deeply pained by learning of the death of R. W. Bro. Charles W. Moore, of Boston, Massachusetts, Corresponding Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and editor of the *Freemason's Monthly Magazine*, the oldest Masonic periodical in the United States. He died on Friday 12th Dec., of pneumonia. On the Wednesday evening previous, the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts conferred upon him the rank of Past Grand Master.

Bro. Moore was made a Mason in Massachusetts Lodge, Boston, in February, 1822, and received his third degree in Kennebec Lodge, Hallowell, Maine, during the Grand Mastership of R. W. Bro. Hon. Simon Greenleaf, LL.D., afterwards the famous legal author, and Professor in Harvard University. On October 22, 1822, he was admitted to membership in St. Andrew's Lodge, Boston, and on Oct. 22, 1872, the Semi-Centennial Celebration of his membership was observed by his lodge, and participated in by many eminent Freemasons, with great eclat. In 1825, Bro. Moore inaugurated the first Masonic newspaper in the world—the *Masonic Mirror*, which was subsequently merged into the *Freemason's Magazine*, which he continued to edit with ability until the day of his death. He held the position of Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts for thirty-four years; of Deputy Grand Master for one year, and Corresponding Grand Secretary for six years; until his death.—*Keystone*.

NEW MASONIC HALL AT NEW BRUNSWICK, NEW JERSEY, U.S.

On Monday, November 24th, ult., the public dedication of the handsome new Masonic Hall New Brunswick, N.J., was formally opened by a Choral Concert.

The Hall is located on the corner of George Albany-streets, and occupies seventy-two front by one hundred and fifty-six feet in h. The building is of iron and brick, and presents a very ornate appearance. The style of architecture is the Renaissance, and the design reflects great credit upon the architect. The building is five stories high, and has entrances on both streets. Its main feature on Albany-street is a pavilion ornamented by pilasters, and windows and the seal of the Association, surmounted by a quadrangular dome, thirty-eight feet square at the base and rising one hundred and thirty feet above the pavement. The corner pavilions are each twenty-eight feet square at the base, and rising seventy-two feet to the top of the cornice, and capped by a Mansard roof thirty-three feet high.

The successful erection of the new hall is due in great measure to the untiring energies of Charles Dunham, M.D., Chairman of the Building Committee, seconded by Bro. William G. Esq., who is also a member of the Building Committee, as are also Bros. Goyn, D. and George Rule. The architect is Mr. Hatfield.

The hall has a large lodge room, on the fourth floor, which will be 36 by 48 feet, with a groined ceiling ten feet high, and connects with all the ante-rooms. The banquet room will be 100 feet. A room of the same size in the second story will be used, when completed, by the Templars. There are three main staircases leading to the galleries and upper story, connected by hall-ways in each story. The stairways are seven feet wide, built on iron girders for each story. Each of the hall-ways are five feet in width, and all are arranged in the most secure manner. We congratulate the Craft of New Brunswick on the prospect of their early occupancy of the hall.

Poetry.

A FELLOW-CRAFT'S PRAYER.

By Bro. WILLIAM CARPENTER, P.M., and P.Z.

Merciful Lord, who did'st all things create,
And on whose kind providence all creatures wait;
Wondrous alike in wisdom and power,
Whose glory the heavens shew forth from hour to hour!

Once the bright morning stars together sang,
And all heaven with angel voices rang;
To see another world hung up in space,
With all things furnished for a favour'd race;
Who than the angels are but little lower,
And form'd by Thee to live for evermore.

In the bright paths of nature and of science,
Do Thou me lead, and let my reliance
On Thee be placed as I my course pursue,
Doing in all things what is just and true;
So that the work that's in Thy name begun,
Continued be in me! Then Lord, say,

"Come—
Take thine own place in the Grand Lodge above,
And the full chorus swell of heavenly love."

THE CRAFT THAT HAS WEATHER'D THE STORM.

By Bro. O. MACGREGOR EDWARDS, M.D., (U.S.) No. 1107.

There's a good ship afloat upon life's troubled sea,
Trim, square-rigg'd and fair to the view;
Her timbers are stout as good timber can be,
Her compass unerringly true.

Like the ark ship of old, in dim ages by-gone,
Triumphant she's breasted the wave,
Through Bigotry's midnight, and Freedom's bright dawn,
Commission'd to succour and save.

Chorus:
Then a song and a shout—let them gaily ring out.

While we drink in Masonic due form,
For the stanch, gallant crew, and the officers true,

Of the Craft that has weather'd the storm.
Hurrah! for her colours, 'shook forth to the sky,

Hurrah! for the symbols they bear;
Truth, Honour, and Virtue the balyards, mast high,

With Faith, Hope, and Charity share.
While the lights at her binnacle, crosstrees, and prow

Shine as beacons for every land,
Her crew, 'mid the charm of their mystical vow,

Form a hallow'd, invincible band!
Chorus:

Then a song and a shout—let them grandly ring out,
While we drink in Masonic due form

To the officers true and the glory crowned crew,
Of the Craft that has weather'd the storm.

THE FREEMASON'S ANTHEM.

FOR MUSIC.

God bless the mystic band,
In every home and land,
Direct our way.

In darkness lead us right,
By thy power and might,
And guide us by thy light,
A prayer we pray.

God cometh from above,
Amaranthine our love,
In this blending.

Ev'ry eye is beaming,
Ev'ry heart set teaming,
Ev'ry soul make gleaming,
God defending.

This Wondrous Brotherhood,
Hard to be understood,
Some do confess.
We help all misery through,
Sure as the loadstones' true.
Faithful in what we do,
Assent to bless.

Can true friends be found,
In the wide world around,
Gracious and kind.
Taught by our Rites and Laws,
Ne'er to stand still or pause,
But plead the orphan's cause.
Such is our will.

Firm as a rock we stand,
Stronger than iron band,
For truth and love.
Our trust in God alone,
No other faith we own,
His will through us is shown,
And from above.

Now, our order still defend,
Earnestly we do commend
Its care to Thee.
Increase our means and ways,
Crown with thy heavenly rays
All hearts to sing thy praise
So mote it be.

Masonic Tidings.

Bro. Alexo. Gallico will be installed as W.M. of the St. James Union Lodge, No. 180, on Tuesday, January 13, 1874, at Freemasons' Hall, when a testimonial will be presented to Bro. Stacey, P.M. and Secretary.

We understand that the Right Hon. the Marquess of Ripon, K.G., Most Worshipful Grand Master, has appointed Bro. Thomas Frederick Halsey, of Great Gaddesden-place, Hemel Hempstead, Herts, P.M. 404, 10, P.Z. 404, Past Provincial Grand Senior Warden, as Provincial Grand Master of Hertfordshire, vice the R.W. Bro. William Stuart, who has resigned.

The ceremony of Installation will be worked on Monday evening, January 5th, 1874, at seven o'clock, by Bro. Thomas Austin, W.M. 933, in the Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction, 1443, held at the Lord Stanley, Sandringham-road, Kingsland.

The Prov. Grand Chapter and Lodge of the Royal Order of Scotland, for Lancashire and Cheshire, will be consecrated at Manchester, at three o'clock p.m. on the 23rd instant.

The members of the Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, 602, held at the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales-road, Kentish Town, will work the ceremony of Installation, on Friday evening, January 9th, 1874, Bro. P.M. Wuest, Preceptor, under whose preceptorship the Fifteen Sections were worked on the 5th ult., when a very numerous assemblage of the brethren were present, the large lodge room being crowded to excess.

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The Freemason,

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3, 1874.

THE OLD YEAR AND THE NEW YEAR.

With the New Year, we beg most heartily and fraternally to offer our sincere good wishes to all our kind patrons, and friends, and readers. May 1874 be to them all a year of personal happiness, and Masonic progress, and all that this world of ours counts best and pleasantest, be their lot, and that of all near and dear to them, in the as yet unrolled calendar of the new year.

And a new year, full as it is of pleasant sympathies and hopeful emotions, seems ever also to speak to us with a clear and prevailing message of solemnity and pathos. For a new year reminds us of the old, of that period of our being which, whether in private relationships or public pursuits, is indissolubly bound up with all our individual hopes and fears, and grievances and struggles, and happiness, and sorrow.

None of us, if we are wise, will allow a new year to succeed the old, or take part in the customary gaieties of the season, without, as it were, a short and peaceful looking back on the hours and scenes which have slipped away, or the friends who have left us, and the joys which are no more, on the changes which have affected our home circles, or our public relations, on the void which advancing time has cast on many circles and on the missing links which no longer make up our once united brotherhood of love. Indeed, it is impossible at the close of an old, or the opening of a new year, not to be sensibly impressed with the alterations, which even twelve short months have wrought for us and ours.

Those who were with us for instance, this time twelvemonth, are with us no longer. Those who were standing at our sides, in all their freshness and grace, in all their fulness of old, in all the tenderness of young affection, no longer adorn our humble hearth, or join the gladness of this festive time.

On some households amongst us, sorrow and sadness have fallen in their darkening clouds, and have thrown both dimness and despondency, as well over the cheery associations of youth as over the unfaded energy of ripened years.

So that, say what we will, the advent of a new year cannot be to any of us a subject of unmixed rejoicing, neither would it be well or wise in us, to let go these more sober thoughts, which the lapse of time ever has, and ever must have for the considerate and the true hearted, and the reflecting. There is a voice speaking to us, from the grave of the old year, to which we may all well listen, a voice of kindness and tenderness and gentle recollection, and softening sympathy, which we should not drown in the loud gaiety of the world, or pass by unnoticed in the revelry of the hour.

But we did not intend, and we do not propose to preach a sermon, and therefore we will now proceed in our privileged Masonic greeting to our readers, with this closing 1873, and with this commencing 1874.

During the last twelve months, though our English Freemasonry has gone on the even and peaceful tenour of its way, under our excellent Grand Master, we have had to deplore the loss of our old and time-honoured chief, Lord Zetland.

His death had been preceded during the year that has vanished, by the death of a worthy and valued brother, his relative Bro. Frederick Dundas, and as the seasons came and went, the news of Lord Zetland's decease fell upon the Craft, as a great shock. It was true indeed, that he died full of years and honours, that he passed away peacefully and calmly, in full possession of his faculties to the last, amid the regrets of all who knew, and of many who honoured him.

But we of this English Craft, who had known him so long and well, who had seen him preside so often, so impartially and courteously over our long debates, we who had had good reason to appreciate his deep respect for law, and his unflinching sense of justice, we felt that, in his loss, ours was a void which could not easily be filled up.

Indeed it is almost impossible to estimate yet, the debt of gratitude we owe, as an Order, to our late lamented Grand Master.

While in other countries and under other auspices, Freemasonry has been sometimes marked, neither by a judicious administration or decorous acts, while we in England could not but regret that other ruling bodies did not adopt and imitate our simple laws of purely Masonic aim and organization, we in this good land of ours, were enjoying, under Lord Zetland's firm yet temperate sway, the fullest measure both of material prosperity and peaceful progress.

Kept happily apart and at a distance, in our Craft system, and our lodge gatherings, from the passing polemics, and political controversies of the hour, during Lord Zetland's "regime," while our lodges have increased in a most remarkable ratio, (a hundred per cent,) we have also witnessed the rapid growth of the warm and unselfish principles and practices amongst us, ready benevolence and fraternal charity.

No nobler crown to his long Masonic life, no happier testimony to the progressive and expansive sympathies of Masonic benevolence could be found, than the fact, that the very year which witnessed the removal of our old Grand Master from amongst us, witnessed also the development and extension

£21,000 for our Masonic Charities, by the zealous and kindly members of our English Craft.

True it is, that, under the Marquess of Ripon English Freemasonry moves on with tranquil unanimity, and under his guiding hand, we have no doubt that our Grand Lodge will still continue worthily to represent the dignity and wants of our ancient Craft.

But no consideration of English Masonry today would be complete, which left out of its calculation and view, Lord Zetland's signal excellence as our Grand Master, his unsullied worth, and his happy rule; and no New Year's greeting would be acceptable among our loyal brotherhood, which did not come tinged with that feeling of respectful regret, and affectionate veneration which will ever we feel, characterise the utterance of all English Freemasons, when they talk of him who ruled them so truly and so wisely, for so many and eventful years!

We have had to deplore during 1873 the loss of many other excellent brethren, both at home and abroad.

Among them may be specially noticed, Bro. Labaud Laribière, Presiding G.M., of the French Orient; of Bro. Orr, American Ambassador at St. Petersburg, and P.G.M. of South Carolina; of Bro. Cauchois, an able French Masonic writer; of Bro. Schletter, long editor of the "Freimaurer Zeitung," and the intellectual editor of the "Allgemeines Handbuch" of Freemasonry, of Bro. Otto Franz Obermeier, in Berlin, a young physician, who died at the age of 39, of the cholera, a victim to his professional zeal; of Bro. Wm. Dunnaway, G.M. of Tennessee, and of Bro. Carl Wilhelm, celebrated as the composer of the German song, "Die Wacht am Rhein."

Many of us, too, will recall, to day, many worthy brethren and warm-hearted friends, we never more shall meet either in the lodge assembly, or in the festive circle.

We have already alluded to that remarkable proof of Masonic activity and fraternal benevolence, which 1873 witnessed, namely the large sum raised for our great Masonic Charities, far exceeding any previous year.

But with a new year we feel bound to remind our brethren, that, with the great increase of our lodges and members, come unavoidably increasing demands upon our charitable resources.

What the combined zeal and charity of our brotherhood, will do in this good cause in 1874, time alone will fully shew, but we do not believe for one moment, that, the many warmhearted and benevolent members of our ancient confraternity, will either slacken their efforts, or go back from the remarkable point to which they have reached. On the contrary, we believe, that, 1874 will behold as certainly a testimony of our fraternal goodwill and energy as did 1873.

We have to record in 1873, the appearance of the new serial, *The Masonic Magazine* amongst us, a new candidate for our patronage under an old name.

When we take up to-day a list of Masonic periodicals in all countries, we must be struck with their number.

One list we have seen, contains the names of forty-four monthly and weekly Masonic papers in all languages, and that list is far from being

complete or correct. Perhaps it is not too much to say, that, at no given epoch of the history of Freemasonry, did there seem to be more earnest efforts made, or more considerable sacrifices for the advancement of Masonic literature.

It is a melancholy fact, however, as regards this apparently bright vision, that as a general rule Masonic literature to use a commercial term, "does not pay," and is with very few exceptions carried on at a loss.

Why should this be so?

There is no reason, "à priori," why, with our many lodges, and numerous brotherhood, Masonic papers and serials should not be remunerative, but so it is, and we can only hope, that in that "good time coming," Masonic "litterateurs" and Masonic publishers may reap some little benefit.

But what can you do when, in a lodge of fifty or sixty members, one member takes a copy of *The Freemason*, price 2d., and it is "loaned" to such others of the brethren as care to see it?

So with this new year, let us hope, that, amid their many sterling qualities of head and heart, our good English brethren will awake to the truth, and acknowledge the fact, that, our Masonic literature, to be efficient, must be both well supported and self-supporting, and then we may fairly hope, from an increased circulation of a good and wholesome literature amongst us, that a greater taste for reading Masonic works will be created, and the intellectual character of English Freemasonry will receive a quickening and a development.

May our hopes and anticipations be destined to receive a fulfilment in the next twelve months, and we repeat once more to all our readers, and to all Freemasons everywhere, our heartfelt aspirations for a Happy New Year!

WEEKLY SUMMARY.

Her Majesty is still at Osborne, where she has been keeping Christmas Day. H.R.H. Prince Arthur is also at Osborne for Christmas. Their R.H. the Prince and Princess of Wales have remained at Sandringham.

The home news is not important, the last week being mostly a holiday. The Christmas-Pantomimes have opened, with their usual amount of scenic effect to delight the young, and startle the old.

Long accounts have been received from the Gold Coast, but there is but little decided to report. The Ashantees are retreating, and by this time that fine brigade which has been sent is probably advancing on Coomassie. As the Irishman said of old, "more power to their arms."

An English company has opened, after twenty months of labour, the new Water Works at Odessa.

Dr. Hayman's removal from Rugby, has already led, as we foresaw, to a long correspondence, and threatens to end in legal proceedings.

Abroad we find equally little to note. Poor Marshal Bazaine is gone to the Isle de St. Marguerite, a fact which appears to afford unlimited satisfaction, to some very emotional minds, but which to thinkers, is very sad.

France is peaceful, and we will hope, will soon regain her material prosperity.

In Germany the combat between the Prussian Government, and the Roman Catholic Clergy, is "à l'outrance," and it is said will culminate in the deposition of the Archbishop of Posen.

The Virginus has been given up to the American Government, but some question has arisen, whether she can legally be considered an American vessel.

The report of Commander Braine of the U.S.

Navy, sent to Admiral Scott, commanding the American Squadron on the Havannah Waters, is a very clear statement of the utter illegality of the execution of the non-combatant portion of the crew, as well as of its Captain.

We have to announce the death of Chief Baron Pigott, of the Irish Court of Exchequer, of the Earl of Norbury, and of the Rev. James Lupton, minor canon of Westminster, and of St. Pauls.

A sad steamboat accident is reported from Newcastle-on-Tyne, in which eighteen lives of men and boys were sacrificed.

After a long search two of the bodies have been found in Loch Lomond, from the late fatal catastrophe, namely that of Sir James Colquhoun, and a boy named Anderson. The search is still continued, and it was hoped yet to recover the other bodies.

THE NEW YEAR.

Old Seventy-three has past and gone,
Young Seventy-four is here;
The old year's faded rapidly,
Its young hours now appear,
The rapid sands have soon run out,
Of twelve months more to day,
Another solemn year of time
Has travelled fast away.

And yet, tho' short that span appears,
Tho' soon its hours are gone,
Tho' noiselessly its seasons
Have followed one by one;
How many solemn thoughts and memories
Belong to what has ceased to be,
As now we bid a long adieu
To Eighteen Seventy-Three.

And if to us, as year by year,
We greet a New Year's Day,
Old Time seems passing leisurely
Upon its onward way.

Let's not forget, that still to us,
Each twelvemonth, as it flies,
Would teach us all a goodly lesson,
A truth which never dies.

Twelve months are gone; to us, no more
On earth they can return;
In twelve months more another year
Will leave us cold and stern;
For in those passing seasons,
And in each fleeting hour,
There lades of every mortal life
The swiftly closing flower.

For twelve months come and twelve months
go,

To all as they depart
Bringing a silent witness,
In the memories of the heart,
As we linger often sadly now
By the graves of vanished years,
And strew their mounds with the garlands
Of dead hopes, and falling tears.

Spurn not the message then to-day,
A New Year brings to you,
For it has a voice most eloquent,
Most tender and most true,
As it turns away from the hillock,
Where its dead are lying still,
Shielded from every care and fear
From loneliness and ill.

Yes! from many a humble grave to-day,
From the withered hours of time
From this sad and weary world of ours,
From this sorrow-suff'ring clime,
Faith points in hope ecstatic
To heaven's roseate ray,
And whispers in all of love and trust,
Of an eternal New Year's Day.

A. F. A. W.

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Original Correspondence.

CHARITY VOTING.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have read Bro. J. Hogg's letter with close attention, but I feel forced to confess both my surprise at it, and my dissent from it. I think very few would suppose, who heard or read his speech, that, by the words, a "Masonic institution with which he was connected," he alluded to the "Lodge of Benevolence." What the similarity between that valued body and a charitable institution can be, I, for one, cannot understand. The Lodge of Benevolence is purely, so to say, a distributive body, and has nothing to do, either with the collection of funds, or the arrangements of an institution. A worse analogy could not well be found.

I also entirely differ from Bro. Hogg, as to his calm proposal to take away the voting rights of all the subscribers to the Masonic charities, and to give the selection to the elected members of the Lodge of Benevolence, or to some similar central body.

For ten years I had the honour to preside over the Charity Committees of West Yorkshire, and in that capacity had to consider and study carefully the whole question of our Masonic charities. I feel quite certain, that, had Bro. Hogg as much practical acquaintance as it has been my lot to acquire, respecting their actual working, he would at once retreat from the position he has so hastily taken up, namely, that of suggesting a hopeless and impracticable change.

Our Masonic charitable institutions are on the whole, working very well, and much of their extended support arises from the fact of the candidates being able to receive and profit by local efforts and individual exertions. Were everything left to the stereotyped forms and routine proceedings of a central committee, much of the provincial interest and zeal would soon evaporate, or concentrate itself on a local charity, or a provincial institution.

Having watched the working of our system carefully for many years, I am certain of this, that, on the whole in the long run, the proper candidates get in, and sure I am sure of this too, that if any cases do not succeed, it is either from some defect in the case itself, or that the zeal and energy of its supporters have not been properly or sufficiently called into play.

I do not see what possible good could accrue, though I do fancy a considerable amount of harm could be done to our Masonic charities, were Bro. Hogg's suggestion seriously entertained, as, however, well-intentioned, it is, I feel convinced, that, it is impracticable. That one or two reforms may be introduced into the working of our educational institutions, I for one am not prepared to deny, but they are purely within the competence of the house committees, and of the general body of subscribers, but certainly in no sense, in my humble opinion, could the reforms suggested by Bro. Hogg tend to the present or future welfare of our Masonic charities.

I am, yours sincerely, and fraternally,
A. F. A. WOODFORD, P.G.C.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I see by last week's *Freemason* that the Rev. P. G. D. Perrott, *M.A.*, has been elected Head Master of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, but I miss the familiar prefix "Brother" before his name.

I beg to call your attention to what no doubt is an error, a slight one no doubt, but still an error; for I feel sure that the committee could not have thought of appointing a Head Master who was not a Mason, when there were so many Masonic candidates of high attainments from whom to select.

Who, I ask, would be most likely to cultivate amongst his pupils a love of the grand old brotherhood which shelters and educates the offspring of its indigent members—he who had spent his life in Masonry or, he who, though

advancing to middle life, has thought so little of our noble institution as to deem it unworthy to receive him into its ranks? Like Brutus, "I pause for a reply."

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HONORARY MEMBERS.

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

We have an understanding in our lodge that honorary members have a right to vote on all occasions, except when any money is voted for any purpose, and that they have a right to hold any office.

I am, yours fraternally,
J.W.M.

SCOTCH CHARITIES.

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

A few weeks ago you commented with a great deal of truth on the backwardness of the Grand Lodge of Scotland in establishing and maintaining Institutions like those of which England is so justly proud—her Benevolent Institution and the Schools for Boys and Girls. I was in hopes that some abler pen would have taken up the subject, some one who from his position in the Craft might have had greater weight amongst Scotch Masons, for I am convinced that it only wants to be brought properly before the brethren to meet with a favourable response. In proof of this assertion, and also to show to our English brothers that we do not quite forget the Masonic Charities, as well as to place on record the good which even one humble member can accomplish, I will briefly state a few facts. In the early part of this summer Bro. Jacob Bright, a P.M. of Prudence Lodge, 632, New York, found himself ill, and unknown. In the streets of Glasgow, he accidentally met with Bro. Charles Richmond, a poor man, but a true Mason, who at once treated him as a brother, giving him food and paying for his lodging; but Bro. Bright, though deeply thankful, did not like to trespass too much on his kindness. He therefore went to get work as a dock labourer till his failing strength prevented him earning any thing. He had with him no diploma or any other documentary proof of the statement that he had been either a Mason or the Master of a lodge, Bro. Richmond did not wait for this though, he wrote to some friends in New York, and Bro. Mitchell, himself a P.M., having a sister going to New York, also instituted enquiries, but before an answer arrived the brother was removed to the Royal Infirmary, to a bed always kept by Lodge 332. While here he was attended to by Bro. Richmond and his wife, who deserves to have a Mason for a husband, for three times a week she went nearly three miles to see him and take him little comforts.

But it pleased the G.A.O.T.U. to call him to the Grand Lodge above. The two Bros. named, with Bro. Cunningham, of 116, and Harper, 408, in a few hours and from a few friends collected enough to bury our departed brother, and had a surplus of over £14, as the Treasurer of the Provincial Benevolent Fund found a coffin and hearse, and the Clyde Lodge, who have a large grave of their own, allowed him to rest in front of the granite monolith that bears 408 engraved on it, to mark the resting place of those of her members who have not vaults of their own. A committee has been formed to serve for like contingencies in future, and the £14 invested. This short narrative shows not only that the spirit of benevolence exists amongst our private members, but also that we have lodges with public graves, and others who provide beds in the hospitals for those who may require them, and further that we have also a Provincial Benevolent Fund. It therefore only requires that those in the purple, our rulers in Edinburgh, and their representatives in the provinces, should bestir themselves to utilise this feeling and make it national, so that we may get rid of the reproach that as a grand body they do so little for the Masonic charities. It only wants them to put on the effort, there are plenty of Charles Richmonds in Scotland, with as good hearts and longer purses, if they are only properly applied to. I trust, Sir, you will return

to the subject and stir up those in power to greater activity, for undoubtedly, "Charity is the brightest gem that adorns the Masonic profession."

I am, yours sincerely and fraternally,
G. W. W.

Glasgow, Dec. 29th, 1873.

FREEMASONRY IN ITALY.

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To our worthy Bro. Alex. Gallico, London.
Beloved Brother.

The Virtuosi Lodge, Lodge, G.O. of Leghorn, under the auspices of the Sup. Lodge G.O., having its seat in Palermo, is always happy when the triumph of Masonic principles and ideas is secured. Feeling this, it unanimously voted two addresses, the first one to our Prov. Bro. G.M. of the G.O., Sup. Couns. of Brazil in the valley Lavradio, Viscount Di Rio Bianco, now President of the Council of Ministers of the Brazilian Empire, who powerfully defended our brothers against the demands of the irreconcilable priests. The other address is to Sir Henry Richards, who on the 8th of June succeeded, in your Parliament, in obtaining the triumph of the grand Masonic idea of permanent international arbitration.

Be so kind as to publish both these addresses in your esteemed Masonic newspaper, and while begging you to accept in the name also of the Grand Lodge Ancient Virtuosi, the best thanks, I greet you with the mystical fraternal love, and remain,

Yours fraternally,
ANSELMO CARPI, 33°
Orator.

Via della Pace, 14.
(Seal.)

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The Grand Lodge Areop, and Anziani Virtuosi, under the auspices of the Supr. Couns. G.O. of Italy, having its seat in Palermo, to the Honorable Sir Henry Richard, M.P.

Greeting and Brotherhood,
G.O., of Leghorn, the 8th day of the 8th month of the year of the true light 5873, commonly indicated as 1873.

The splendid result obtained by your good self in the House of Commons on the 8th of June, 1873, has filled with joy the hearts of all us Freemasons of the respectable lodge Anziani Virtuoso, G.O. of Leghorn, as by your obtaining the acknowledgment that International arbitration shall become the absolute rule in the new law of nations, you co-operated to the end that this principle of so many ages, and insisted upon so vigorously by Freemasonry, should finally become a solemn fact.

Accordingly, Dear Sir and Bro., we brother Masons of the respectable lodge O. of Leghorn, both as Italians and in the name also of all our brothers of the Ancient and Accepted Scotch rite, under the auspices of the Supreme Council, having its seat in Palermo, genuine friends of peace and liberty, hereby tender to you the feelings and expressions of our deep respect and admiration, and we beg your acceptance of our best wishes for your happiness for so noble an achievement, and remain,

Respected Sir and Brother,
Your obedient Servants,
(Signed) Franco Andreat, Ven. 33°
E. Cardinali, 2nd.
Anselmo Carpi, Speaker.
Giacomo Terranino, Sec.
R. Piperno, 30°.

(L.S.)

Universal Freemasonry.
Italian Branch.

Liberty, Equality, Brotherhood.

The Respectable Lodges Areop., and Ancient Virtuosi, under the auspices of the Supreme Council Grand Orient of Italy, having its seat in Palermo, to the Noble and Powerful Com. Grand Master of the G. O. of the

JAN. 3, 1874.

Supreme Council of Brazils, Valley of the Lavradio, Viscount of Rio Bianco.

Greeting and Brotherhood.

Or. of Leghorn on the 8th day of the 8th month of the year of the true light 5873, commonly called 1873.

This Respectable Lodge was deeply moved on learning from the public papers the noble conduct observed by you in resisting the overbearing of the priests against our Brethren.

Your conduct was that of a true Mason, and praiseworthy, as by your eloquence you proved that Freemasonry emanates from Light and wishes progress and truth.

The Respectable Lodges Areopagus and Ancient Virtuosi, of the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scotch Rite, having its seat, in Palermo could not be indifferent to your conduct, but unanimously decreed the resolution which we hereby cheerfully communicate to you, giving you the pleasing intelligence that your name is already entered in the Album of the Honorary members of this Respectable Lodge, with the tr. myst. grip, whereby we fraternally greet you.

The Ven.

(Signed) Franco Andream, 33°.

Notary Antonio Cer, 33°, 1st.

E. Cardinali, 3°, 2nd.

Anselmo Carpi, Orator, 33°

The Sec. Giacomo Terracine.

R. Piperno, 39°, Seal and Stamp Keeper.

(Seal)

Notary.—A. Cer, 33°.

Extract from the Book of Architecture of the Respectable Lodge Ancient V. of the G. O. of Leghorn, at the meeting held on the 24th day of VIII. month of the year of True Light 5873, commonly known as 24 September, 1873.

Whereas it is the duty of a true and good Mason to oppose, to the best of his ability and with all his might the overbearing and usurpation of the clergy.

Whereas further, the clergy is doing its utmost to render the altar the seat of ignorance and superstition, and to revive the inquisition with all its horrors and excommunications, considering that the Gr. Com. G. O. and Supreme Counselor of Brazils in the Valley of Lavradio, Viscount of Rio Bianco, President of the Council of Ministers of the Brazilian Empire vigorously defended the rights of Freemasons against the tyranny of the clergy.

And Whereas he succeeded in securing before the representatives of the country the triumph and rights of Freemasons, and to bring under the arm of the law the bishops, our implacable enemies.

Whereas he thus fulfilled a duty and rendered real service to our institution. Whereas the rev. Grand Com. G. O. Viscount of Rio Bianco, by this his noble deed, has deserved the goodwill of the Great Widow.

The Lodge Areopago, Cap. A. V. O., of Leghorn, of the Ancient and Accepted Scotch Rite, by order of the Supr. Conns., veng its seat in Palermo,

RESOLVES,

at greetings of true admiration and deep-felt congratulations be and are hereby sent to the and Powerful G. Com. Grand M. of the Valley of Brazils, in the valley of the Lavradio, count of Rio Bianco:— that, as an acknowledgment of his noble conduct, this lodge is proud of inscribing him among its honorary members.

That this resolution be at once transmitted to noble Bro. G. Com., and G.M. of Rio Bianco, contained and found in accordance with the Statutes of Leghorn, this... day of VIII. month, of the year of the true light 5873, commonly known as 1873.

October, 1873.

(Seal)

Henry Richard, M.P., has recently sent following reply to the address presented to the Lodge Anziani Virtuosi, by order of G.O. of Palermo, in reference to his address of 8th July last, on international arbi-

Hotel Bretagne, Vienna, 7th Nov., 1873.

Dear Sir,

Owing to my absence it is only now that I have received the communication of the worthy society represented by you, wherein they congratulate me for the success of my motion in the House of Commons on the 8th July.

Be so good as to tender my thanks to the gentlemen belonging to your Masonic Order of Leghorn, for the kind words and hearty sympathy addressed to me, and to assure them that it has given me sincere pleasure to receive such an address after the difficulties I have encountered in the English Parliament in upholding the principles of reason, justice, and humanity.

In future my work will be weak in comparison with the support which the generous Italian nation will surely give to this principle.

I have the honour to remain, dear Sir,

Yours very respectfully,

(Signed) HENRY RICHARD.

A. Carpi, Esq., Speaker of the Lodge Anziani Virtuosi, Leghorn.

VISIT OF THE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE TO THE PORTSMOUTH LODGE (No. 487).

There was a large gathering of Freemasons at the Masonic Hall, St. Mary's-street, Portsmouth, on Monday, 22nd ult., to celebrate the opening of the premises of the Portsmouth Lodge, No. 487, after their restoration. The new lodge room is generally admitted to be one of the finest in this part of England, both for the convenience of its arrangements and its acoustic properties. In the restoration of the building the present W.M. of the Portsmouth Lodge (Bro. George S. Lancaster) has been untiring in his exertions, and it is mainly to his energy that the lodge is indebted for its completion during the present year.

In order to give additional eclat to the ceremony of Monday, the W.M. had invited the attendance of the Provincial Grand Master, (Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P.) and the officers of Provincial Grand Lodge, besides several other distinguished Masons of Portsmouth and the neighbourhood. The lodge was opened at 4.30., the W.M. presiding, with Bros. J. Astridge, A.S., as Senior Warden, and J. Maltby, Junior Warden, the other officers of the lodge present being Bros. Ubsdell, I.P.M.; E. M. Wells, P.M., and Treasurer; M. E. Frost, P.M., Secretary; T. Moore, S.D.; E. Bunting, J.D.; W. Barnes, Organist; George Bond, I.G. The Provincial Grand Master was accompanied by the following officers of Grand Lodge:—Bro. J. R. Stebbing, D.P.G.M.; the Hon. Somerset Calthorpe, No. 175, S.G.W.; Henry Cawte, No. 1069, J.G.W.; M. E. Frost, No. 488, G.T.; W. Hickman, No. 130, G.S., P.G.A.D.C., Eng.; J. E. Le Feuvre, No. 130, G.S.; G. H. De Fraine, No. 257, G.S.D.; E. Sheppard, No. 76, G.J.D.; Dyson, No. 394, G.S.W.; Sleeman, W.M., No. 903, G.S.B.; G. Stewards: Bros. Moore, No. 487; C. Cox, No. 394; R. J. Rastrick, No. 1,069, and H. F. Cox, No. 804.

The Past Provincial Grand Officers present were—Bros. J. Ogburn, P.P.G.W.; H. Ford, P.P.G.W.; S.D. Forbes, P.P.G.W. Essex; J. Morgan, P.P.G.R.; Bradbear, P.P.G.R.; W. H. Ford, P.P.G.W.; J. J. Galt, P.P.G.D.; E. G. Holbrook, P.P.G.D.C.; Tuohy, P.P.G.D.C.; G. Rake, P.P.G. Supt. of Works; A. Cudlipp, P.P.G.D.C.; T. Batchelor, P.P.G. Supt. of Works. The lodges in the locality were represented by Bros. Legh Bailey, W.M. 257; S. R. Ellis, W.M. 342; Capt. Trower, W.M. 1428; R. Brown, W.M. 1069; Francis, W.M. 804; Martin, W.M. 1461; C. B. Whitcombe, P.M. 903; and among the other brethren present were Bros. R. D. King, 447; J. Thompson, 654; Bradford, 1069; Bourke, 355; J. J. W. Moody, 1069; H. J. Guy, 1069, and others.

The attendance of the members of the Portsmouth Lodge was also unusually numerous, and included Bros. Sherman, J. E. Ivinry, G. Wendover, H. Threadingham, F. N. Cunningham, C. Groom, E. Lancaster, Anderson, R. W. Beale, J. Clay, Ahronsberg, and others.

A P.M.'s jewel, of the finest workmanship,

was presented to the W.M. (Bro. Lancaster) in the lodge, by the Prov. G.M. In making the presentation the R.W. Prov. G.M. spoke of the lodge room, as now restored, in terms of the highest praise, and said it was a credit, not only to the Freemasons of Portsmouth, but to the province generally. He then referred to the services of the W.M. during the past year, which were deserving of the gratitude of his lodge, and said it afforded him great pleasure to be present on that occasion. He then presented the jewel to Bro. Lancaster, amidst the applause of the brethren. The jewel bore the following inscription:—

"Portsmouth Lodge, 487. Presented to Bro. G. S. Lancaster, P.M., by the brethren of the Portsmouth Lodge, 487, as an acknowledgment of his zeal and constant attention to the duties of the lodge during his year of office, 1873; also to commemorate the restoration of the lodge premises, of which he was mainly instrumental."

Bro. Lancaster acknowledged the presentation in feeling terms, and said he had endeavoured to carry out the duties of his office to the best of his ability.

The lodge having been closed, a *recherché* banquet was served in the new supper room, which was attended by about 80 of the brethren, and was presided over by the W.M., who was supported by the P.G.M. and the other distinguished visitors.

"The Queen and the Craft," "The Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Marquess of Ripon, K.G.," "H.R. Highness the Prince of Wales, P.G.M.," and "The Right Worshipful the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, and the Officers of Grand Lodge," were given from the chair by the W.M.

In responding to the latter toast, Bro. W. Hickman, Prov. G. Sec. (P.G.D.C. of England), said Lord Carnarvon was well known to most of the brethren present as one who was highly esteemed in every relation of life, whether they regarded him when performing his high functions in Grand Lodge, or when coming amongst them and adding lustre to their assemblies in the provinces, or when fulfilling his important duties in the Imperial Legislature, or when coming among them to promote the arts and sciences and the general welfare of the people. Everywhere he was welcomed, and he was one of those who added lustre to the kingdom over which our gracious Queen reigns, and added stability to this great Empire. He believed that the other officers of Grand Lodge endeavoured to fulfil their respective duties to the best of their ability, so that Masonry might not only advance, but influence the minds of all who came within its sphere. He believed that in this province Masonry was advancing, and was now placed upon a very solid basis. Their Prov. Grand Master, took very great and earnest care of all that concerned the province.

The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P." was next proposed by the Worshipful Master, who remarked that the brethren took it as a great compliment that the R.W. Prov. G.M. had honoured them with his presence. He had distinguished himself, not only in the Masonic fraternity, but as a member of the greatest institution in the country—the House of Commons—and when they found a brother like him in the position of Provincial Grand Master, who was willing to give up a certain amount of time to the benefit of Masonry in general, they ought to be very grateful to him.

The R.W. Prov. Grand Master, Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., who was greeted with much heartiness, said he begged to express his sincere and warm thanks to them for the very cordial manner in which they had received his health. It gave him the greatest gratification to attend there, and, indeed he should be most unmindful of the interests of Masonry in that province if he did not take an opportunity, when it was in his power, of attending an important lodge in such a large centre of Freemasonry as Portsmouth. The W.M. had alluded to his public duties, and, no doubt, they took up a great deal of one's time and rendered it, perhaps, impossible to devote so much time to Freemasonry, however much one might desire to do so, as he otherwise would. But if they managed their

time properly, there was a time for a great many things, and he must say that among the duties which he strove to carry out was his duty to Freemasonry. He might not do it to the extent he ought, but still he always tried to do his best. It had given him the greatest pleasure to attend that lodge, and to see the flourishing way in which it was carried on. He saw, in an important town like this, the Portsmouth Lodge flourishing and like to flourish in the future, and he could not too much congratulate the brethren of this locality upon the event. It was extremely gratifying to those who had the honour to rule over the Craft to see lodges in their province flourishing. In the present day it was extremely necessary for the brethren to devote their utmost attention to promoting the efficiency of their respective lodges. Freemasonry was increasing to an unprecedented extent; but they had a deep responsibility cast upon them. Freemasonry had existed, as they knew, almost from time immemorial; it had flourished, more or less, at different times, but it had never been suffered to dwindle into insignificance. Attacks had been made upon their Order in previous ages, and they were not exempt from those attacks now. Their order stood arraigned before different tribunals, but the attacks made upon it only recoiled in the same manner as the waves did from the shore. They knew why—because they trusted to those principles which had been the mainstay of the Order in former ages, and which would be in the future. Let them, then, be specially careful not to give cavillers and objectors any ground on which to rest their objections. Let every brother feel that he had a stake in the matter, and take a pride in promoting, in his individual capacity, the efficiency of the Order to which he belonged. If any brother were to do an unasonic act, anything wrong, which the principles of their Order would reprobate, he ought to feel not only that he was doing something wrong according to his individual judgment, but that he was bringing a stigma upon the Order. In the same way any one who joined their Order, having previously within him an incentive to do right, the principles there inculcated would lend an additional weight to the impulses of nature. He believed that a brother who paid deep attention to their principles could not fail to be powerfully influenced by them, and if that was the case, objections which were made to them from other quarters must in the end be powerless and fail to have the slightest effect. In other countries, as well in this, Freemasonry was flourishing. There might be countries where it was not of the like importance that it was in England, but he was certain of one thing—that Freemasons in every part of the world did regard Freemasonry in England as of the highest importance. Let then, English Freemasons, be especially careful to promote the same respect for themselves. There was nothing, probably, which contributed more to promote good feeling between the respective nations than the amicable intercourse which Freemasonry gave them an opportunity of enjoying; there never was a period in the history of the world when the facilities of intercourse gave the opportunities to the Freemasons of different nations of cultivating amity and good will so much as at the present time, and he trusted that from Freemasons, numbering so many as they did in every part of the world, in the end greater good feeling among the nations would result. He knew they could not fail to produce some happy and lasting effects. He would only once more thank them most sincerely for the kind manner in which they had received them. He hoped success would continue to attend the Portsmouth Lodge, and he assured them he should be encouraged in the discharge of his duties by the very kind support extended to him by the brethren of every lodge in the province which he had the honour and gratification of presiding over.

The W.M. next proposed "The Very Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. J. R. Stebbing." He referred to the fact that Bro. Stebbing was a member of the Portsmouth Lodge, and expressed the pleasure he felt at seeing him present.

The very Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master (Bro. J. R. Stebbing) made a very feel-

ing and able reply. He referred to his long connection with the lodge, he having some thirty-two years ago constituted and consecrated it, and he said nothing pleased him more than to see the lodge not only flourishing but in the occupation of premises worthy of its great historic name, and of the success which had attended it. It was very pleasing to find that they always drank the health of the Provincial Grand Officers and of the officers of the Grand Lodge, because, although Masonry did not depend upon grand lodges, as men of order they paid due attention to their Grand Officers. The Very Worshipful Deputy Prov. Grand Master then gave some information with respect to the past history of Freemasonry and its influence upon the arts and sciences at different periods, referring to St. Paul's Cathedral as a perpetual monument of the triumph of the principles of Masonry. In the course of an eloquent peroration the Deputy Provincial Grand Master exhorted the brethren to regard it as a sacred duty to transmit to posterity the fire of its youth and the undying excellence of the principles of Freemasonry.

Bro. J. J. Galt gave "The Visitors," and Bro. Legh L. G. Bailey, W.M., No. 257, in responding, congratulated the W.M. on having been successful in his endeavour to restore the lodge, which reflected the highest credit on himself and the brethren connected with it, and also upon the province. He thanked the Prov. G.M. and the Deputy Prov. G.M. for their remarks, saying it was the principles of Masonry which they ought to keep steadily in view, and if they lost sight of them their Order would become as "sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal."

Bro. Phillips, No. 173 (Yorkshire), also responded. Speaking from a long experience, he could state that their lodge was hardly to be equalled in the provinces, as regarded space and acoustics, but he remarked upon the want of suitable accommodation.

The R.W. Prov. G.M., in giving "The Worshipful Master of Portsmouth Lodge, No. 487," said he knew full well the feelings entertained towards him by the members of the lodge, and therefore it was a very easy task for him to introduce the toast. Their Worshipful Master had had a prosperous year, and they knew how much his exertions had tended to the efficiency of the lodge. It was a great advantage to a lodge when it had a Worshipful Master whose ability enabled him to discharge his duty well, and he was sure every member felt that their fullest thanks were due to the W.M. for his exertions during his year of office.

The Worshipful Master, in responding, said that when twelve months ago he accepted office, he felt he was accepting a very great responsibility, but he had endeavoured to do his duty. It was a satisfaction to him to see that meeting that night. They had had anxious moments, but when, shortly after his election to the post of W.M., his esteemed friend Dr. Frost took him round the building and shewed him what could be done he felt it was the right thing to accomplish, and made up his mind to do his utmost to carry it out. He gave "The Present and Past Wardens of the Province, and Provincial Grand Officers."

Bro. the Hon. Somerset Calthorpe, Prov. G. S. Warden, said there were many thoroughly efficient Masons amongst the present and past officers who did their work most creditably, and it would be extraordinary if such were not the case, when they had such brilliant examples as the P.G.M. and the D.P.G.M., who he ventured to say, even in their presence, were second to none in the excellent way in which they performed their various duties.

The Deputy Prov. Grand Master next proposed "The Past Masters of the Portsmouth Lodge, No. 487, and Prosperity to the Lodge," coupled with the names of P.M.'s Ubsdell and Forbes, who responded.

Among the other toasts were "The Worshipful Master Elect of the Portsmouth Lodge," proposed by the W.M., and responded to by Bro. J. Maltby, and "The Officers of the Portsmouth Lodge, No. 487," proposed by the Worshipful Master, and responded to by Bro. E. M. Wells.

Bro. F. G. Bradbear, Past Provincial Grand

Registrar, and Past Provincial Grand Organist kindly presided at the piano, and also sang several songs, contributing, as usual, very materially to the enjoyment of the company.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, January, 9, 1874.

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

Saturday, January 3.

General Committee Boys' School, at 4.
Lily Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, Surrey.
Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. G. Dilley, Preceptor.

Monday, January 5.

Lodge 12, Fortitude and Old Cumberland, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
" 25, Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall.
" 73, Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
" 83, United Lodge of Prudence, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street.
" 144, St. Luke's, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue.
" 188, Joppa, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
" 1319, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall.
Chap. 28, Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall.
Mark Lodge 139, Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction (1445), Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland, at 7.
Bro. T. Austin, Preceptor.
Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.
Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.
Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern, Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gotthel, Preceptor.
British Oak Lodge of Instruction, Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.
St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street (opposite the Pantheon), Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.
Wellington Lodge of Instruction, White Swan Tavern, Deptford, at 8; Bro. C. G. Dilley, P.M. 1155, Preceptor.
St. John of Wapping Lodge of Instruction (1306), Gun Tavern, High-street, Wapping, at 8; Bro. T. Mordock, Preceptor.
West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
Metropolitan Mark Lodge of Instruction, Coach and Horses Hotel, 323, Strand, at 8.

Tuesday, January 6.

Colonial Board, at 3.
Lodge 7, Royal York Lodge of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall.
" 9, Albion, Freemasons' Hall.
" 172, Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall.
" 217, Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
" 255, Harmony, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond.
" 705, St. James's, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.
" 1257, Grosvenor, Calelonian Hotel, Adelphi.
" 1259, Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tavern, Commercial-road.
" 1298, Royal Standard, Marquess Tavern, Cannon-bury.
" 1381, Kennington, Surrey Tavern, Kennington Oval.
" 1397, Anerley, Thicket Hotel, Anerley.
" 1412, La Iberia, Hill-road, St. John's Wood.
Chap. 169, Temperance, White Swan Tavern, Deptford.
Mark Lodge 1, St. Mark's, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue.
Yarborough Lodge of Instruction, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8; Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.
Domatic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tavern, Grosvenor-park, Canberwell, at 8.
Faith Lodge of Instruction, Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Preceptor.
Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Lord's Hotel, Lord's Cricket Ground, St. John's-wood, at 8.
Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.
Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. Crawley, Preceptor.
Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st. Within, at 7.30; Bro. Bolton W.M. 1227, Preceptor.
St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, New-street, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (55), Wheatheaf Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey (P.M. 180), Preceptor.

Wednesday, January 7.

Lodge 511, Zetland, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
" 1430, Earl Spencer, Freemasons' Hotel, New Wandsworth.

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

United Strength Lodge of Instruction (128), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.

Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction (1288), Finsbury Park Tavern, Seven Sisters-road, N., at 8; Bro. P. Dickinson, Acting Preceptor.

Thursday, January 8th.

Lodge 19, Royal Athelstan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.

" 91, Regularity, Freemasons' Hall.

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

" 263, Bank of England, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.

" 534, Polish National, Freemasons' Hall.

" 657, Canonbury, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.

" 806, Dalhousie, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street.

" 1076, Capper, Marine Hotel, Victoria Dock.

" 1288, Finsbury Park, Seven Sisters-road, Holloway.

" 1311, Emblematic, Tulse-hill Hotel, Tulse-hill.

Chap. 140, St. George's, Globe Tavern, Royal-hill, Greenwich.

" 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.

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

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

Whittington Lodge of Instruction (863), Crown Tavern, Holborn, at 8; Bro. Lewis Alexander, P.M. 188, Preceptor.

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

Key Lodge of Instruction, Bro. Palmer's, 12, Pensonby-st., Millbank.

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

Highgate Lodge of Instruction (1366), Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.

Friday, January 9.

Lodge 157, Bedford, Freemasons' Hall.

" 177, Demanc, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street.

Chap. 33, Britanic, Freemasons' Tavern.

K. T. Preceptory Mount Calvary, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.

St. George's Lodge of Instruction (140), Globe Tavern, Royal-hill, Greenwich.

Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.

Belgrave Lodge of Instruction (749), Coach and Horses, Strand, at 8; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.

Stability Lodge of Instruction (317), Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st., at 6 p.m.; Bro. H. Muggeridge, Preceptor.

Famuse Lodge of Instruction (730), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.

Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.

Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tavern, Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.

Judith Couits Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park, at 8; Bro. Geo. W. Verry, Preceptor.

Islepton Lodge of Instruction, White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., Preceptor.

Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1298), the Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. W. F. Rogers, Preceptor.

Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-road, at 8; Comp. W. West Smith, Preceptor.

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

Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Bro. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.

United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Antelope Tavern, Lion-road, Brixton, at 7.

James's Lodge of Instruction, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-road, Bermondsey, at 8; Bro. Howes, P.M., Preceptor.

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

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Monday, January 5.

Lodge 1380, Skelmersdale, Blundellsands Hotel, Great Crosby, at 6.

Chap. 605, De Tabley, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, at 6.

Everton Lodge of Instruction (823), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 7.30.

Mark Lodge 65, West Lancashire, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.

Tuesday, January 6.

Lodge 178, Antiquity, Royal Hotel, Wigan, at 6.30.

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

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

Wednesday, January 7.

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

" 1013, Royal Victoria, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.

" 1413, West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk, at 6.

De Grey and Ripon Lodge of Instruction (1356), 140, North Hill-street, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 7.30.

Harmonic Lodge of Instruction (216), Mona Hotel, James-street, Liverpool, at 8.

Thursday, January 8.

Lodge 216, Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, at 4.

" 786, Croxteth United Service, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.

" 1035, Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, at 6.

Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction (1182), 150, Park-lane, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 7.

Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 8.

Friday, January 8.

Lodge 1289, Rock, Rock Ferry Hotel, Rock Ferry, at 6.

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Monday, January 5.

Lodge 332, Union, 179, Buchanan-street.

" 129, St. Mirren, Mason's Hall, Paisley.

Chap. 119, Rosslyn, 25, Robertson-street.

Tuesday, January 6.

Lodge 34, St. John's, St. John's Hall, 213, Buchanan-st.

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

" 87, Thistle, 213, Buchanan-st.

" 437, Govandale, Portland Hall, Govan.

Wednesday, January 7.

Lodge 178, Scotia, 170, Buchanan-street.

" 275, Shamrock and Thistle, 22, Struthers-street.

Chap. 113, Partick, Freemasons' Hall, Partick.

Thursday, January 8.

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Friday, January 9.

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Lodge 5, Canongate and Leith, 35, Constitution-street, Leith, at 8.30.

" 36, St. David, Ship Hotel, East Register-street, at 8.

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Thursday, January 8.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

GUERNSEY.—Doyle's Lodge of Fellowship (No. 84).—On the 30th December, this lodge met for the purpose of installing its W.M. for the ensuing year. The W.M., Bro. Kinnersly, 18°, opened the lodge at 3.30 p.m., and was supported by Bros. Payne, S.W.; Randall J.W.; Bishop, S.D.; Wilkins, J.D.; Nicolle, I.G.; Marquand, S.; and a large muster of brethren of the lodge and visitors. The lodge having been opened in the first and second degrees, Bro. Kinnersly, who had been re-elected on the last regular night (the S.W. on account of ill-health refusing to take the chair) was re-installed in the chair of K.S., by Bro. Gallienne, P.D.G.M. for Guernsey. The board of Installed Masters being closed the brethren were re-admitted, and the W.M. was proclaimed and saluted in due form. He then invested his officers, as follows:—Bros. Gallienne, I.P.M.; Randall, S.W.; Lt. Col. Bishop, J.W.; Hutchinson, Treasurer; Clarke, Sec.; Wilkins, S.D.; Nicolle, J.D.; Truman, I.G.; Hutchesson, D.C.; Marquand, S.; Manager, Tyler. The brethren, between 50 and 60 in number, afterwards adjourned to Gardner's Royal Hotel, where an excellent banquet was served up in the large dining room; the "menu" left nothing to be desired, and the decorations of the room had been most tastefully carried out by Bro. and Mrs. Gardner. The W.M. was supported on his right by Bro. Gallienne, 18°. P.D.P.G.M. for Guernsey, and on his left by Bro. Balfour Cockburn, 30°. The loyal toasts were duly given, and heartily honoured, the "Health of the W.M.," proposed by Bro. Gallienne, was enthusiastically received, and in responding, the W.M. congratulated the brethren on the flourishing state, not only of this lodge, but of Masonry in general in this Island, (one proof is, that three years ago Guernsey had one vote for the Boys' School, and now gives 24). "The Visitors' Toast," to which Bro. Balfour Cockburn responded, was most heartily received, and the other toasts, interspersed with some capital songs, having been duly honoured, the brethren separated at an early hour.

MARGATE.—Union Lodge (No. 127).—This old established and flourishing lodge held its annual Installation meeting on Friday, the 2nd inst., at the Lodge Room, King's Head Hotel, Margate. The lodge was opened in due form with solemn prayer by the W.M., Bro. Alfred Wootton, P.G.S. Kent, assisted by his officers. Upwards of 30 members of the lodge and visitors, amongst whom were Bros. J. Terry, 18°, Sec. Royal Benevolent Institution; Finch, P.M. 429, P.P.G.D.C. Kent; W. M. Hill, P.M. 429, P.P.G.S.D.; W. Smeed, P.G.S.W. Middlesex; A. Ralph, W.M. 784, S. Kent; B. Hiscock, W.M. 1209; W. Nich, P.M. 429, P.P.G.S.D. Kent; and J. R. Ant, I.G. 813. After the minutes of the regular lodge were read, confirmed, and read, the W.M. proceeded to instal Bro. Knight Treves, W.M. elect. A board of officers being opened Bro. Treves was duly installed into the chair of K.S. The board of officers was then closed, the brethren admitted, and the newly installed W.M. duly proclaimed and saluted in the different degrees. The W.M. then appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year, viz., Bros. E. Harnett,

S.W.; J. W. Smith, J.W.; in whose absence Bro. Vickers was invested pro tem., W. C. Brasier, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Kent, Treas.; Rev. G. Lewis, Chaplain; W. Wallace, Sec.; F. L. Silani, S.D.; John Reeve, J.D.; William Crawford, I.G.; Alfred Aubrey, Organist; S. S. Chancellor, D.C.; Walter Gurr and J. H. Brown, Stewards; Cullum Marchant, Tyler. Bro. A. Wootton, as installing officer, gave the addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren in a most impressive and forcible manner, Bro. W. C. Brasier then proposed, and Bro. E. Harnett seconded, that, a P.M. jewel be presented to Bro. A. Wootton, I.P.M.; carried unanimously. The lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, when about 30 brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet, (placed on the table by Bro. John Smith, the host, in his usual handsome manner) under the presidency of the W.M. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts, (including the P.G.M., and D.P.G.M., and all officers past and present) were given from the chair. The health of the newly installed W.M. was then proposed by Bro. I.P.M. A. Wootton, and was most heartily responded to by all present with true Masonic fire. The W.M. thanked the brethren for the very kind manner in which the toast had been received, and hoped that Union Lodge, 127, would still merit a continuance of that success it had already gained. The other principal toasts were the I.P.M., P.M.'s, and Treasurer of the lodge, the Visitors, the Officers of the lodge, the Masonic Charities, (which was very ably responded to by Bro. J. Terry), the Ladies, Bro. Smith, the host, and all poor and distressed Masons. Several brethren then handed in their names with subscriptions to the Masonic Charities. Some excellent songs were sung during the evening, and the brethren separated about eleven o'clock, after passing a most enjoyable evening.

LION AND LAMB LODGE (No. 192).—A meeting of this old lodge was held at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, on Thursday, the 1st of January, 1874, presided over by the W.M., Bro. Francis Trott, assisted by his officers as follows:—Bros. George Abbott, S.W.; George Newman, J.W.; W. Goodyer, P.M., Treas.; J. G. Marsh, P.M., Sec.; T. Cohn, S.D.; Charles Arkell, J.D.; E. Jones, I.G.; George Parker, Dir. Cer.; E. King, P.M., Steward. The lodge having been opened in the three degrees, Bros. Clark, Parker, and Poulton were raised to the sublime degree of M.M. This, the first day of the new year, was the auspicious occasion for installing the newly-elected Master of the Lodge, Bro. George Abbott, of the City Railway Terminus, Cannon-street, who had so worthily filled all the offices of the lodge, including that of S.W., to the satisfaction of the members, who unanimously elected him to the highest honour a lodge can confer upon any of its members. Bro. Henry Muggeridge, P.M. (the oldest member and father of the lodge), then occupied the chair for the purpose of installing the said brother, the interesting ceremony being performed with his usual ability—so well known to members of the Order far and near. The newly-installed W.M. then appointed his officers as follows:—Bros. George Newman, P.M. William Preston Lodge, S.W.; W. Goodyer (re-elected by the lodge), Treas.; J. G. Marsh, P.M., Sec.; Thos. Cohn, J.W.; Charles Arkell, S.D.; E. Jones, J.D.; Henry Legge, I.G.; E. Roberts, P.M., Dir. Cer.; E. King, P.M., Steward. We need scarcely say that the appointments gave general satisfaction. The Installing Master then concluded the beautiful ceremony of installation by giving the usual addresses to the Master, Wardens, and brethren. A notice of motion was given to present Bro. Trott, the retiring Master, with a P.M.'s jewel of the value of ten guineas; also to vote to each of the three Masonic charities, as recommended by the audit committee, the sum of ten guineas. There being no further business of particular interest, the lodge was closed in due form and adjourned. The brethren then repaired to a sumptuous banquet laid in the pillar room, which was ably presided over by Bro. George Abbott, the W.M. The cloth having been removed, the Master gave the usual Masonic toasts with great zest, that of "The Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Officers" being

responded to by Bro. Raynham W. Stewart; P.G.D., and Bro. John Emmens, P.G. Pars. The toast of the evening—"The newly-installed W.M."—was proposed by his predecessor, the I.P.M., which was received with much enthusiasm, and elicited a most appropriate and promising speech from the chair. Bro. Henry Muggeridge, P.M., returned thanks for the P.M.'s. The W.M. then proposed "The Masonic Charities," coupling the same with the three Secretaries, viz., Bros. F. Binckes, R. W. Little, and J. Terry, all of whom, we are glad to say, were present. Bro. Terry returned thanks for the three charities in an appropriate and eloquent speech. The toast of "The newly-appointed Officers," having been given, Bro. R. W. Stewart, with the permission of the Master, proposed "Prosperity to the Lion and Lamb Lodge." The Tyler's toast then concluded a most agreeable meeting on New Year's Day, 1874. Amongst the members present we noticed the following:—Bros. E. Roberts, P.M.; John Johnstone, P.M.; E. King, P.M.; George Kenning, P.M.; J. G. Chillingworth, J. G. Chillingworth, jun.; J. H. Fuller, W. T. Rickwood, George Taylor, F. Fellowes, S. T. Lucas, W. Smale, W. F. Bates, T. Gardner, B. Perkins, W. Regan, John Curle, R. E. Bright, J. B. Clements, F. Baker, W. R. Baker, T. Fisher, George Hall, F. Jackson, R. G. Dixon, W. Ramsey, S. Edwards, Alfred Lewis, Henry Davis, S. Haynes, G. Bartholomew, A. G. Marks, J. G. Rollins, W. Waring, Henry Abbott, J. Kent, C. Cann, and J. G. Marsh, jun. The visitors who honoured the lodge with their presence were—Bros. R. W. Stewart, P.G.D. England; J. Emmens, P.G. Purst. England; F. Binckes, P.G. Steward (Sec. Boys' School); R. W. Little, Prov. G. Sec. Middlesex (Sec. Girls' School); J. Terry, P.P.G.S.B. (Sec. Royal Benevolent Institution); W. F. Smith, W.M. 862; H. Cohn, 1421; H. Dyne, J.W. 396; T. H. Fox, P.M. 21 and 192; C. W. Ashdown, P.M. 1421; J. H. Webster, I.G. 1309; Charles Jardine, J.W. 140; A. H. Tattershall, P.M. 13 and 140; J. H. Weedon, P.M. 715; T. B. Dodson, 840; C. H. Murr, P.M. 857; J. K. Pitt, 463; J. G. Russell, W.M. 22; H. B. Dunn, 28; and J. G. Warwick, 202.

YORK.—York Lodge (No. 236).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Duncombe-place, York, on Monday, Dec. 15. Present, Bros. the Rev. H. V. Palmer, W.M.; Farrer, P.M., P.P.S.G.W. North and East Yorkshire; Lawton, P.M., P.P.G.R.; Cowling, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Treas.; Davison, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; Todd, P.M., P.P.G.O., Sec.; Cooper, P.M., P.P.G. Sup. of Works; Hartley, P.M.; Southwaite, P.M.; Walton, P.M. 123 and 1337; Balmford, S.W., W.M. elect; Rawlings, S.D.; Monkhouse, J.D.; Camidge, P.P.G.O., Organist; Baskett, I.G.; and a large number of brethren and visitors. The minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed and a candidate initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry, the chair was taken by Bro. Cowling, P.M., when Bro. Balmford, S.W., P.P.G.O., and W.M. elect, was presented by Bros. Farrer and Lawton, P.M.'s, to receive the benefit of installation. After the ancient charges had been read by the Secretary and responded to by the W.M. elect, the ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. Cowling, who for many years past has acted as the Installing Master of this lodge. The newly installed W.M. was duly proclaimed and saluted in the three degrees, and afterwards appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year, viz., Bros. Swann Maltby, S.W.; F. Rawlings, J.W.; Rev. W. Valentine, Chaplain; W. Cowling, P.M., Treas.; J. Todd, P.M., Sec.; F. J. Monkhouse, S.D.; G. C. Baskett, J.D.; J. S. Camidge, Organist, J. Cooper, P.M., M.C.; and G. Browne, I.G. The addresses to the several officers were effectively given by the W.M., and the lodge was then adjourned to the 30th December, on which day the festival of St. John the Evangelist was celebrated by a numerous company of the brethren, and visitors from other lodges, dining together at the Masonic Hall. The W.M., Bro. Balmford, presided, supported by his officers and by Past Masters Bro. March, (Lord Mayor of the City of York), Palmer, Cowling, Davison, Hartley, Cooper, Todd, Southwaite, and Lowray, and Bros. Haigh

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THE NEXT ELECTION FOR THE
GIRLS' SCHOOL.

Our readers will have perused with much satisfaction the report of the proceedings of the House Committee of the Girls' School, on the 24th Dec., and the recommendation to be submitted to the quarterly General Court summoned for January the 10th.

By that report it appears, there are now 29 candidates for the April election, though of these one case is to be withdrawn on account of previous canvassing. While we quite agree with the House Committee in principle, and feel that those injudicious friends may receive a proper reprimand from the Committee, yet we are inclined to think and to hope, that the child should not be made to suffer for the faults of others.

Perhaps having called attention to the subject publicly, and having openly condemned such hasty and irregular proceedings, the quarterly General Court may adopt the entire list of 29 candidates.

At first, according to the present arrangements, only five vacancies were declared, but such a number, with the existing amount of accommodation and the funded capital of the school, was clearly insufficient either to meet the wants of the brotherhood, or to do justice to that excellent Institution itself.

Accordingly, a resolution was unanimously carried, that, ten additional children should be elected in April next, making in all, fifteen, and such resolution is to be submitted to the Quarterly General Court on the 10th of January.

Of its success we need, let us hope, have no doubt, as its seasonableness is unquestionable, and its propriety we may add, self-evident.

The election of fifteen candidates, will still leave fourteen to come up again at the October election, and between this and October, it is, we fear, fully certain that, several more candidates

will inevitably appear. The Girls' School stands in a very different position to the Boys' School, having, happily, such a large funded capital intact, and, therefore our English Craft fairly expects, that, the House Committee will not, by any mistaken notions of economy, or an adherence to former calculations of numbers and vacancies, fail to meet the pressing demands of our largely increasing brotherhood. It seems to us, that, before long, the House Committee of the Girls' school will have to consider the propriety, of still further permanently enlarging the school accommodation, as there is no reason, why, with the income belonging to the school from invested capital, and from the annual donations of our ever ready Craft, three fourths of the candidates annually, should not at least be elected into the Institution.

The Girls' School is in itself an educational seminary, of which as an Order we may well be proud, and which for its efficiency, and thorough practical character, its adaptation to the requirements of our fraternity, and the position and training of the children themselves, is we sincerely believe without an equal in this country.

It has always commended itself to the warm feelings of Freemasons, and we feel sure it will always do so, as long as it is conducted on the same wise, consistent, and large-hearted principles, which have marked its past work and administration.

In these days however, of active educational efforts, and earnest philanthropic interest, would it not be well (we say it in all deference to the very excellent actual house committee), to have a fresh election of members of the same every year? That is to say, could not a proportion retire annually for one year, so as to allow fresh metropolitan and provincial members of the Order to participate in the good work?

We throw this out merely as a friendly hint, as we live in an age of great reform, but we should not be doing justice to our own feelings, or to those of the Craft at large, if we did not express clearly to-day, how much we feel the success of the Girls' School is owing to the ability and zeal of its most efficient head Governor, and to the active and continuous interest and successful supervision of the House Committee. It has a most active and able Secretary in the person of our well-known Bro. R. W. Little, and we can only hope for his assiduous efforts and important duties, all of prosperity and success,

THE RECENT ADDRESSES FROM THE
VIRTUOSI LODGE, 90, OF LEGHORN.

In our last number we published, at the request of Bro. Anselmo Carpi, of Leghorn, two addresses from the Virtuosi Lodge, of Leghorn which is also called a Grand Lodge, though we apprehend not in our sense of a Grand Lodge. These two addresses are sent, one to Mr. Richards, M.P., in recognition of his efforts in favor of international arbitration, the other to our Br. Lavradio, Viscount of Di Rio Bianco, G.M., the Grand Orient Supreme Council of Brazil in the Valley, and President of the Brazilian Council of Ministers, for his active defence

[AN. 10, 1874.]

Freemasonry against the unwise attacks of the Roman Catholic Hierarchy in Brazil.

In admitting such addresses into the columns of *The Freemason*, we are not bound or affected in any way, either by their verbiage or their opinions. But, in order to prevent any possible misconception, or misconception, we think it right to notice them to day, and to add, that we in this country, have nothing to do as Freemasons, with any matter appertaining to either politics or religion, as such. We neither express any opinion, nor do we in any way interfere or tolerate a discussion of the passing polemics of the hour, whether party or denominational.

When then the Italian "Orator," our worthy Bro. "Carpi," states boldly that such an address is offered to Mr. Henry Richards, M.P., on account of the triumph of the "Grand Masonic idea of permanent international arbitration," we can only point out to our readers to day, that, whatever may be the "Grand Masonic Idea," of the Italian Freemasons on the subject, we have no such "idea," as we are not warranted in expressing such an opinion, as English Freemasons.

The question of "International Arbitration," is a passing political subject, with which we have no connection, and about which we could not legitimately express our views as Freemasons, and we are entirely of opinion, that the less Freemasons concern themselves with such matters, which belong to other lawfully constituted assemblies, properly to discuss and settle, the better it will be for Freemasonry.

All Freemasons are lovers of peace, and opponents of war, but we are not at all prepared to say that any particular view of arbitration is "the grand idea of Masonry," as, though Freemasons, we are still Englishmen, and as such we most surely object, and probably always will object to "peace at any price."

But, as we said before, we do not feel that, as Freemasons, we have a right to discuss the matter at all, which may well be left to competent authorities and a proper tribunal.

We sympathize deeply with the Brazilian Freemasons in their unjust persecution by the mistaken policy of the Roman Catholic prelates in that country.

We do not think it wise to adopt all the strong expressions of our good and energetic Bro. Carpi, as we feel ourselves persuaded, that, great as is the justice of our cause, as Freemasons, and so self-evident the folly and perversity which actuate the present Roman Catholic attack on our Order, that, we can afford to meet with all forbearance and dignity, and self-restraint, remembering ever the good old adage, "*magna veritas et prevalebit.*"

WEEKLY SUMMARY.

The Queen is still at Osborne, where H.R.H. Arthur remains on a visit.

The Duke de la Rouchfoucauld Bisaccia, the Ambassador to this country, has been appointed to her Majesty by Earl Granville.

The Prince and Princess of Wales are still at Sandringham, but leave for St. Petersburg on the 14th of January.

H.H. the Duke of Edinburgh left England on his happy journey, and a telegram

announces his safe arrival at St. Petersburg. May all of good attend his august *Fiancée* and himself on their matrimonial voyage.

The usual kindly distribution of Christmas gifts to the labourers and domestics in the Royal households have taken place at Osborne, Windsor, and Sandringham.

The marriage of Miss Gladstone, daughter of the Premier, with the Rev. E. Wickham, headmaster of Wellington College, has taken place at Hawarden. And the marriage of the Duke of St. Alban's with Grace, second daughter of the well-known Mr. Bernal Osborne, M.P., has also been celebrated at Killaloe Church, Newton Anner, Clonmel.

Mr. Pettie has been elected R.A., to fill the place of the lamented Sir E. Landseer whose remarkable pictures are now collected by the Royal Academy for public inspection.

The Hayman correspondence continues in profuse quantity without, as it appears to us, much practical good. If anything is proved, it is the very questionable value of the system of "governing bodies" of our public schools. A somewhat similar controversy seems to be beginning at Eton, with reference to the proposed "supersession" of some of the under teachers by Dr. Hornby.

The news from the Gold Coast is not much, though any day may bring us some important tidings. The troops are at sea, awaiting an order to land, in good health, and we may be quite certain "ready for the fray." We have to deplore the loss of Lieutenant Alfred Charteris, of the Coldstream Guards, on the staff of the army, the gallant son of a gallant father, who died at sea of fever on board the *Simoom*. Much sympathy will be felt for Lord Elcho.

The investigation as to the loss of the *Ville du Havre* has taken place, and it seems as if in the collision, that unfortunate ship had "starboarded" instead of "ported" her helm, and so the *Loch Earn* struck her nearly "amidships."

Abroad the news is very limited, but the French Government has requested the prelates to moderate their language when dealing with matters which affect their neighbours, but otherwise all is tranquil in France.

There is nothing new from Germany, except that the ecclesiastical and civil controversy continues to be vehemently urged, and that happily the Emperor of Germany is much better.

In Spain a military coup d'etat has put an end near Cromwelliano, to the Constituent Cortez, and the Castelar Administration. General Pavia and Marshal Serrano, (the Duke de La Torre) seem to be masters of the situation, so far. It is not impossible that Don Alphonso, the son of Queen Isabella, may be raised to the throne by the Spanish army. In the meantime the bombardment of Carthage continues, and General Moriones seems to be in a scrape, as the Carlists are apparently again surrounding him.

The surviving crew and passengers of the *Virginius* have been given up to the American officer commanding the *Juniata*, Commander Braine, much to their joy. They were in a deplorable state from dirt and neglect, and want of clothes, but were warmly received and most kindly treated, by the American officers and sailors. The *Virginius* itself has in the meanwhile foundered at sea, and we have no doubt, but that "Uncle Sam" indulges in a quiet chuckle.

We have to announce the death of General Sir A. Roberts, Colonel of the 101st regiment; of General Robert Sloper Piper, and of Major John Bent, of Exeter, an old officer of the 5th Fusiliers, who died the other day, aged 92. Sir Richard Glasse's death is also mentioned, who was well-known for his successful labours in connection with the first Atlantic Cable. The medical profession has suffered a loss by the sudden decease of Dr. F. C. Webb, the editor of the *Medical Times* and *Gazette*. Mr. Mark Phillips has also passed away, formerly well known in Parliament as member for Manchester.

THE CONVIVIAL BOARD.

On this interesting subject we have received the subjoined communication from the versatile pen of our esteemed friend and brother, William Kilpatrick, of Hiram's (symbolic) Lodge, No. 97, England (now of this city).

The topic is one with which we claim some familiarity. It will bear ventilation in this country, and as the Craft here are no strangers when called "from labour to substantial refreshment," the question will come home to Masons of the Hautes Grades, as well as those of the inferior and more populous bodies.

Hence we, with great pleasure, give place to the entire article in this department, and shall be pleased to hear from those who differ with its conclusions, or of any suggestions to make in the way of response:

While Freemasonry is the same all the world over in its essential elements of brotherhood and charity, there is a very great difference in the manner of conducting the business of the organisation in various countries. For instance, in America, or at least in the State of New York, it is the law that "no lodge shall introduce intoxicating liquors within its lodge-room, or any room adjoining;" (vide Constitution, Art. XI., Sec. 25), while in England, Ireland, and Scotland, the "convivial board" is a *sine qua non*—if the expression be permitted—at every regular meeting of the lodge. True, lodges are not to meet in taverns or public houses where it is practicable to meet elsewhere, nor are intoxicating liquors admitted into the lodge-room; but the prevailing rule is that a "refreshment" room adjoins the lodge-room, and at the close of labour the brethren are called to refreshment, in the actual sense of the term. In fact, a very important part of the lodge furniture are the utensils used at the convivial board—the decanters, glasses, punch kettles, sugar bowls and tongs, and all the other et ceteras necessary at a carouse. And at the annual elections of lodge officers the position of Steward is considered one of considerable importance, his duty being to keep the cupboard well stocked with the "ardent" and the edibles required for the different palates.

There are few of your readers who have not read Douglas Jerrold's famous "Curtain Lectures," first published in the columns of the *London Punch*. The indignation of Mrs. Caudle, when she discovered that her spouse had become a Mason, was very great.

"I suppose," exclaimed the voluble lady to her lymphatic partner, "I suppose you'll be going to what you call your lodge every night now. Lodge, indeed! Pretty place it must be where they don't admit women! Nice goings on, I dare say. But it's only another excuse to get away from your wives and families, that you may feast and drink together, and call one another brethren. Brethren, indeed! That's the secret, and nothing else."

The truism uttered by the garrulous Mrs. Caudle some thirty years ago is a fact to a large extent at the present day, when the "convivial board" is a flourishing institution as of yore. But the members of the fraternity in the Old country are beginning to profit by the good example set them on this side the Atlantic, and the clause in the Constitution I have quoted above is being introduced into many of the lodges. An instance of this occurred a few weeks ago in London, where the key-note was sounded, which is likely to be taken up in every lodge throughout the length and breadth of the land. The brethren of the Great City Lodge met at the Cannon-street Hotel, and, after the usual lodge work was done, they adjourned to their banquet room, where, instead of the accustomed sumptuous dinner, with the costly concomitants of champagne, etc., there was spread a frugal meal of bread and cheese and ale. The W.M. presided, and all the officers and visitors partook of the repast, and when the cloth had been removed the president explained to the visitors that the lodge had determined to give up one banquet (which cost between 200 and 300 dols.), and to give the amount thus saved to the charity fund of the lodge. Most of the visitors, including several prominent Freemasons of England, spoke and expressed their delight at the novel banquet; and

the members of the lodge were so gratified at the unexpected success of the experiment, that it was proposed to give up four of the six monthly banquets, and so increase the charitable fund to about 800 dols. The proposal was well received, and after the usual toasts had been duly honoured, the list went round for individual subscriptions to Masonic benevolent institutions, when over 250 dols. was subscribed and more promised.

When it is considered that the lodge here spoken of numbers among its members many of the nobility and merchant millionaires of the "modera Babylon," this innovation, so to speak, must be heralded as the *avant courier* of a new era in British Freemasonry. The example was not only well timed, but comes from the most influential lodge in England, and therefore the most uninterested personally in charitable matters.

I have no doubt but this "new departure" will cause a revival in Freemasonry in Great Britain and Ireland, as every person who is conversant with the Order must admit that the convivial board has often been the rock on which many a noble Masonic craft has come to grief, and has often acted as a deterrent to many an aspirant after Masonic light, sometimes causing him to hold aloof from the organization altogether.

And much as the practice is to be condemned, it is nowhere so much abused as in Scotland—the "land of Knox and whisky drinking"—where there are few Masonic halls in existence, and where the brethren almost invariably meet in taverns. In that country the lodge keeping the best table is the most patronized by the visiting brethren, the convivialities often extending to the "wee short hours ayont the twal."

But as Masonry boasts of the practice of every social and moral virtue, and tries to make all her sons true and trusty, good citizens, and virtuous members of society, it is the duty of every individual member of the Craft to promote in every way anything that conduces to brotherly love, peace, and goodwill among men. As Freemasonry advances, so also does civilization, and the time, I trust, is not far distant when Masonic halls, libraries, reading rooms, &c., will be as numerous as churches, and the brethren as numberless, so to speak, as the sands of the sea shore. The old country lodges have made a move in the right direction. That the example set by the Londoners may spread far and near, and be productive of good fruit, is the fervent wish of every true Mason.—*New York Dispatch*, Dec. 21, 1873.

CONSECRATION OF A NEW LODGE AT MANCHESTER.

On Wednesday, 3rd December, 1873, a new lodge was consecrated at Mrs. Kershaw's, the Lamb Inn, Oldham-road, Manchester, under the title of "Lodge of Truth No. 1458."

The ceremony was excellently rendered by Bro. William Romaine Callender, D.P.G.M. of East Lancashire, assisted by a goodly number of the P.G. Officers, and evidently made a deep impression upon the minds of all the brethren who had the good fortune to be present.

The consecration being over, Bro. John W. Turner, of the Ulverstone Lodge, Huddersfield, was then duly installed as first Worshipful Master, by the D.P.G.M., who, with the assistance of Bro. P.M. Caldwell, one of the best workers in this province, invested the following brethren as officers:—Bros. James E. Hall, S.W.; Henry Smith, J.W.; Thomas Tyers, P.M., Treasurer; Charles Pearson, Secretary; G. H. Needle, S.D.; J. W. Hartley, J.D.; Charles J. Kent, I.G.; Thomas Wallis, P.M., Tyler.

This business done, a most sumptuous banquet was served by the hostess (Mrs. Kershaw,) to which the brethren did ample justice.

Some fine glees were sung by Bros. William Dumville and Lister, of the Cathedral, Manchester, and Bros. Miller and Pearson, which charmed the evening harmoniously and pleasantly away.

The district in which the lodge is situated is a very populous one, and it is believed the lodge will be both prosperous, and a credit to the province.

Bro. James Batchelder's accompaniment to the glees on the pianoforte was perfection. He also played one of his pianoforte solos, so well as to prove him to be a thorough master of the instrument.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The third meeting of the Board of Stewards appointed to carry out the coming Festival, was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, the 7th inst., present: Bros. Major William Platt, Grand Junior Warden, Chairman; Limpus, Constable, Moss, Kenning, Cochrane, Stevens, Edenshaw, Jones, Richards, and about thirty other brethren. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, the tender of Bro. Seymour Smith was accepted for the musical arrangements, the amount being £31 10s., for which he will provide 500 books of words, the use of two grand pianos, with the services of two pianists, and ten professional singers. Bros. Edenshaw and Hensworth, were appointed wine Stewards, the Secretary announced that the number of Stewards was now 124. The meeting was then adjourned to Wednesday, the 21st inst., at 3 o'clock, a vote of thanks to the chairman closed the meeting.

SURREY MASONIC HALL.

At a recent meeting of the Directors of this Company, the tender of W. J. Oliver, for the erection of the building, was accepted and the lodges on the Surrey side of the water, will therefore ere long be in a position to avail themselves of the advantages of the building, which has been specially designed for the accommodation of the Craft, will so amply afford them. Messrs. Pain and Clark, the architects of the company, have received instructions to make the final arrangements, and the building operations will be immediately proceeded with. The necessary steps for the laying of the foundation stone are under consideration, and probably early in March the ceremony will be performed in due Masonic form by an important member of the Craft. We understand that shares in the company have been readily taken up and that the list will be closed at an early date.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION FOR AGED FREEMASONS AND WIDOWS OF FREEMASONS AND MARK MASTER MASONS.

The energetic Bro. Thos. Sabine, has issued the following circular to which we willingly give insertion:—

16, GRAND PARADE, BRIGHTON,
August 1872.

SIR AND BROTHER,

I do myself the honour of informing you, that with the consent of the Grand Mark Lodge, I have undertaken to represent the "Degree of Mark Master Masons" at the Anniversary Festival in Aid of the Funds of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, which will be held at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, London, W.C., on the 28th January, 1873.

This institution deserves the support of every Mark Mason, as shown by the following statement:—The funds of the institution assist in supporting 115 aged Freemasons and 92 widows of Freemasons, of whom 14 men and 19 widows find shelter in the asylum at Croydon. The men receive £36 and the widows £28 per annum. The total sum required to meet this outlay and expenses, is upwards of £7,000 per annum, towards which the permanent income only reaches a sum of £2,000, leaving a deficiency to be made up by the voluntary subscriptions and donations of the Masonic body of £5,000 a-year. To assist in meeting this deficiency I have undertaken, as a Steward representing the degree of Mark Master Masons, to endeavour to obtain subscriptions, and I plead most earnestly on behalf of those who in the winter of life have need

of the practical sympathy and protection of all true Masons. It is, I submit, a Masonic duty to remember the needs of our aged brothers and sisters, most of whom have in earlier life enjoyed the happiness and contentment of plenty; but, from circumstances of unforeseen calamity, misfortune, or illness, they have been reduced to such a position in life as compels them to rely on the assistance of their more fortunate and prosperous brethren. This assistance may be widely extended to the few without materially making a great demand on the many. It must be a source of satisfaction to the true-hearted Mason to experience the honourable pride that he is doing something to soothe the pillow of sickness and affliction, and to render happiness and comfort to the aged, during their few remaining years of life. I therefore beg of the many thousands who range themselves under the banners of the 170 Mark Lodges, to lend a helping hand, and thus show to the whole Masonic world that Mark Masons do not ignore those great principles of Charity and Benevolence which pervade the teachings given at every step taken in Freemasonry.

At a meeting of the Grand Mark Lodge, held June, 1873, the following resolution was unanimously passed:—

"That the sum of £45 be voted from the funds of this Grand Lodge to 'The Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, &c.,' and be placed on the list of Bro. Thos. J. Sabine, P.A.G.D.C., who has offered to represent the Mark Degree as Steward at the festival in January 1874."

I most sincerely hope you will do me the favour of following the example thus set by the Grand Mark Lodge, and assist me in the work which I have undertaken for the credit and advancement of the degree of "Mark Masonry."

I trust, that on behalf of the institution for which which I am now pleading, the Mark Masons under the English Grand Mark Lodge will assist me to the utmost of their power and enable me to take up a larger sum than I did as Steward representing the Mark degree in May, 1873, for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, when my list amounted to upwards of £200.

I remain, Sir and Brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,

THOS. J. SABINE, 18^o,
P.M. 73, Treasurer 1423, P.Z. 73, Honorary Member of the Beadon Chapter, No. 619. Mark Lodges 22 (P.M.), 75, 164, P.A.G.D. of Ceremonies, Registrar De Warrenne Preceptory K.T's., Grand Registrar and Vice-Chancellor Provincial Priory of Sussex, and a Life Governor of all the Masonic Institutions.

Cheques to be crossed "Union Bank, Brighton."

Post Office Orders to be made payable at the General Post Office, Brighton, and crossed.

Stamps received for small sums:

Subscriptions or Donations may be sent direct to Bro. Terry, No. 4, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C., and the name and address of the Brother or Lodge sending should be sent (at the same time stating the amount) to Bro T. J. Sabine, as above.

FIRST LIST.

	£	s.	d.
August, 1873.			
The Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons (completing the Vice-Presidency of the M.W.G.M., for the time being)	45	0	0
Bro. Thos. J. Sabine, Mark Lodges 22, 75, 164, P.A.G.D. of C., &c ...	10	0	0
The Royal Sussex Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 75, Brighton	10	0	0
J. J.	10	0	0
Bro. E. Lewis, Mark Lodge No. 75, Brighton	1	1	0
Bro. S. R. Ade, P.M. 315, Secretary Mark Lodge No. 75, Brighton	4	1	0
The Southwark Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No 22, London ...			
The Southdown Mark Lodge, No. 164			

Royal Arch.

FAITH CHAPTER (No. 141).—This newly established chapter, which, during its brief existence of about twelve months has manifested such signs of vitality that a prosperous future may be safely predicted; held a convocation at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C., on Thursday, the 1st inst. at which notwithstanding it being New Year's Day, the majority of the companions were present, presided over by Comps. W. E. Gompertz, Scribe E.; N. Gluckstein, Scribe N.; J. Constable, acting P.S.; and J.H. Ross, 1st Asst. The minutes of the last convocation were unanimously confirmed. Comp. E. Gottheil then proceeded to install the three Principals, viz.: Comp. T. Mortlock, Z.; C. C. Taylor, H.; N. Gluckstein, J.; the newly installed Z appointed the Officers as follows: W. E. Gompertz, Scribe, E.; C. F. Hogard, Scribe N.; M. Bamberger, Treasurer; J. Constable, P.S.; the latter appointed Comps. Ross and Pinder as his two assistants. The following brethren were newly exalted into R.A.M., viz.: Kendall, 141; Ples, 141; and Henson, 180. Notice of motion was given by Comp. Constable to raise the annual subscription to one guinea and a half, and the chapter was closed; the companions then adjourned to banquet, served in the most satisfactory manner by Comp. Smith. The usual loyal and R.A., toasts were given. Comp. E. Gottheil then proposed the health of the M.E.Z. in praiseworthy and truthful terms, and in conclusion remarked, "There are some brethren, who, when first admitted amongst us are most enthusiastic; they attend Lodges of Instruction and bear every appearance of future ornaments to our honourable fraternity, but after having gathered such laurels as their abilities would procure and their ambition, gratified by receiving such decorations (too frequently unmerited), quietly drop out from the line of Masonic duty; and there are unfortunately some, who, often accepting tokens of distinction and brotherly love, are base enough to speak disparagingly of our institution, the genius and grandeur of which they fail to understand, and the beneficent influences thereof, their stunted intellect will not permit them either to grasp or comprehend, but Comp. T. Mortlock, our M.E.Z., happily is not one of this class, for many years past he has proved his love and adherence to our noble institution by an unceasing willingness to show his best energies where work was to be performed, and judging from his past conduct, will most assuredly continue to further the interest and prosperity of the Craft, and that the Faith Chapter would most certainly prosper under his guidance. It need be hardly remarked that the toast was drunk with great enthusiasm. The toasts of Comps. Taylor and Gluckstein, as usual, were given and responded to. The E.Z., in proposing the toast of the P.Z., E. Z., remarked that his zeal in the cause of Masonry, and his admirable conduct at all times, would continue to secure for him the respect of every person with whom he was associated and wished him many years of happiness with to wear the handsome jewel with which his companions had been pleased to decorate him. The toast of the visitors was ably responded to by Comp. T. J. Lacey, who commended the chapter upon its excellent work and stated that he had not heard in any of exaltation throughout rendered in a repressive and efficient manner. The remainders were given and responded to, and the evening was made further pleasant by harmony, contributions of Comps. Mortlock, Taylor, Ross, and Constable. The Companions adjourned at 10.30, after having spent a very pleasant evening.

inauguration of Lord Mayor Brooks, Sir John Barrington, one of the town's appeared without his robes, Alderman called attention to this breach of etiquette moved that the fine of £1, provided for in the bye-laws, should be imposed. The motion passed amidst much merriment.

Masonic Tidings.

LIFE GOVERNORSHIP-BALLOTS FOR THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

We understand that our esteemed Bro. John Constable, of 13, Sise-lane, London, (E.C.), has successfully managed a new plan of adding to the funds of our charities by starting subscriptions of one shilling each for tickets entitling the owners to participate in a ballot for life governorships of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution on Jan. 31st, at the Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street. Bro. Constable is anxious to circulate at least 2,000 such tickets at one shilling each, and as that number has not yet been attained, may we ask the brethren who cannot well contribute their guineas, to at least forward their shillings without delay, and thus help onward a good cause, and encourage an active labourer on behalf of our charities. The ballot taking place on the 21st inst., affords plenty of time for those who sympathise in the endeavour to enable brethren of small means to join in helping the institution, to introduce the subject to the members of their lodges, and we hope Bro. Constable will introduce the same plan for life governorships of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls and Boys.

The Prince of Wales was installed as W.M. of the Prince of Wales' Lodge, at Willis's Rooms on Tuesday the 4th inst.

Alexander Keith, 29^o, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Nova Scotia, died at Halifax, recently, at the advanced age of seventy-four years. Bro. K. has, during a long and not uneventful life, been an untiring devotee at the sacred altar of Masonry. He has gone to his great reward full of years and honour, leaving behind the rich heritage of his great reputation. Peace to his ashes!

The Grand Council of the United Orders of the Red Cross of Constantine, and appendant Orders, will give a grand ball on Wednesday, February 11, 1874. Full particulars will be shortly announced.

The 15 sections will be worked Bro. E. Gottheil, on Friday, the 16th inst., at 7 p.m., at the Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction, Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria Park. We hope the brethren will meet in strong force, and support so able and worthy an exponent of Masonic knowledge.

Reviews.

The Almanack and Diary for 1874, issued by Moses & Son, the tailors, is one of the most complete and cheapest works of its kind. Among its many attractions will be found, a list of foreign moneys, with their average equivalents in English currency. It also contains a list of the Ministry, City of London Corporation Officers, London Bankers, &c. It may be had at any of the bookstalls on the Metropolitan Railway for the small charge of one penny.

Messrs. Letts and Son's Diaries and Office Calendars deserve, and will have, we are confident, a large sale. We recommend them, for their information is both useful and advantageous.

Victor Hugo has just completed a new Romance entitled "93," full of stirring incidents connected with the first French Revolution. We understand that it will be published in England (commencing early in February) in the columns of "The Graphic," and will be illustrated by some of our foremost artists.

The Prince of Wales, in response to an invitation from the Benchers of the Middle Temple, has selected Mr. Watts, R.A., to paint the portrait of His Royal Highness, which the benchers desire to place in the Middle Temple Hall.

ANONYMOUS MUNIFICENCE.—During the past year we have had the pleasure of recording the distribution of no less than eighty donations of £1,000 each, and one of £5,000 to London charities, in addition to a multitude of sums of smaller amount.—*London Mirror.*

Poetry.

MASONIC LIGHT.

What art thou? strange mystic light,
Peering thro' the shades of night,
Making all things bright and fair,
Scatt'ring darkness in the air.

From whence art thou peerless stream,
With thy holy daz'ling gleam
Showing all things clear as day
Driving clouds and gloom away.

Art thou from Sinai's height?
Where the Glory shed its light,
Art thou from the Holy Land?
Th' abode of the chosen band.

Where wert thou born? what's thy name?
Hallow'd is thy sacred Fame,
Wert thou cradled in the East?
Yes! the star of Beth'lem's feast.

Tell me, pray, from whence thou art?
That such blessings can impart.
I'm the essence from above,
My name, Universal Love.

Down the stream of Time I've ran,
With Creation I began;
Lost, then found in Jesse's Son,
Emmanuel, th' chosen one.

Come then, faithful mystic band,
'Tis your Architect's command,
See thou love mankind at large
This my last and final charge.

T. BURDETT YEOMAN, 715.

The ladies of Edinburgh have resolved to present the Princess Marie with an album, containing portraits of Scottish artists, on the occasion of her marriage with the Duke of Edinburgh.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, January, 16, 1874.

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

Saturday, January 10.

- Quarterly General Court, Girls' School, at 12.
- Lodge 108, London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
- " 176, Caveac, Westminster Palace Hotel, Westminster.
- " 1328, Granite, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 1361, United Service, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond.
- " 1426, The Great City, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.
- " 1457, Bagshaw, Bald Faced Stag, Buckhurst-hill.
- Lily Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, Surrey.
- Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. G. Dilley, Preceptor.

Monday, January 12.

- Quarterly General Court, Boys' School, at 12. (See Advertisement).
- Lodge 5, St. George's and Corner Stone, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 29, St. Alban's, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
- " 30, Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 90, St. John's, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
- " 193, Confidence, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
- " 879, Peckham, Maismore Arms Tavern, Park-road, Peckham.
- " 1366, Highgate, Gatehouse Hotel, Highgate

Chap. 22, Mount Zion, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st. Red Cross Conclave 2, Plantagenet, Caledonian Hotel, Robert-street, Adelphi.

Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction (1445), Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland, at 7. Bro. T. Austin, Preceptor.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Metropolitan Mark Lodge of Instruction, Coach and Horses Hotel, 323, Strand, at 8.

Tuesday, January 13.

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

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

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

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

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

" 548, Wellington, White Swan Tavern, Deptford.

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

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

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

Domatic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tavern, Grosvenor-park, Canberwell, at 8.

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

Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Lord's Hotel, Lord's Cricket Ground, St. John's-wood, at 8. Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.

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

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

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

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

Wednesday, January 14.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at 3.

Lodge 11, Enoch, Freemasons' Hall.

" 13, Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, William-st.

" 15, Kent, Freemasons' Hall.

" 147, Justice, White Swan, High-street, Deptford.

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

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

" 781, Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, Limehouse.

" 1017, Montefiore, Freemasons' Hall.

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

Chap. 1260, Hervey, Britannia Hotel, Walham Green.

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

United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.

Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction (1288), Finsbury Park Tavern, Seven Sisters-road, N., at 8; Bro. P. Dickinson, Acting Preceptor.

Thursday, January 15.

Lodge 23, Globe, Freemasons' Hall.

" 55, Constitutional, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.

" 63, St. Mary's, Freemasons' Hall.

Lodge 169, Temperance, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.

" 179, Manchester, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.

" 181, Universal, Freemasons' Hall.

" 813, New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton.

" 1139, South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood.

" 1278, Burdett Courts, Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria Park.

" 1287, Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall.

" 1365, Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton.

Chap. 733, Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.

K. T. Preceptory E. Observance, 14, Bedford-row.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Highgate Lodge of Instruction (1366), Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.

Friday, January 16.

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

" 201, Jordan, Freemasons' Hall.

K. T. Preceptory 48, Kemey's Tynte, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.

St. George's Lodge of Instruction (140), Globe Tavern, Royal-hill, Greenwich.

Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.

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Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.

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MASONIC MEETINGS IN LIVERPOOL, &c.,
For the Week ending Saturday, January 17, 1874.

Monday, January 13.

Lodge 292, Sincerity, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.

" 447, Mersey, 1, Hamilton-square, Birkenhead, at 6.

" 1250, Gilbert Greenall, Masonic Rooms, Warrington, at 6.30.

Chap. 148, Elias Ashmole, Chapter Rooms, Warrington, at 6.30.

Red Cross Conclave of Instruction, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 7.

Tuesday, January 13.

Lodge 241, Merchants', Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 5.

Chap. 721, Grosvenor, Barr's Hotel, Chester, at 6.

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

Wednesday, January 14.

Lodge 1094, Temple, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.

" 1256, De Grey and Ripon, 140, North Hill-street, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 6.

Chap. 673, St. John's, 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 6.30.

St. John's Lodge of Instruction (673), 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 8.

Neptune Lodge of Instruction (1264), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 8.

Thursday, January 15.

Lodge 203, Ancient Union, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.

" 605, Combermere, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, at 6.

" 1299, Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, at 5.

Friday, January 16.

Lodge 1350, Ferrom-Hesketh, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW.

For the week ending Saturday, January 17, 1874.
All the Meetings take place at 8 o'clock.

Monday, January 12.

Lodge 102, St. Mark, 213, Buchanan-street.

" 219, Star, 12, Tron-gate.

" 541, Marie Stuart, Masons' Hall, Crossbill, Tuesday, January 13.

Lodge 413, Athole, 213, Buchanan-street.

" 419, Neptune, 35, St. James-street.

" 440, Robert Burns, Bailliestown.

" 441, Glasgow, 22, Struthers-street.

Chap. 69, St. Andrew's, 170, Buchanan-street. Wednesday, January 14.

Lodge 354, Caledonian Railway, 213, Buchanan-st. Thursday, January 15.

Lodge 27, St. Mungo, 213, Buchanan-street.

" 360, Commercial, 19, Croy-place.

" 465, St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall, Ganga-road.

Chap. 87, Shamrock and Thistle, 22, Struthers-street. Friday, January 16.

Lodge 408, Clyde, 170, Buchanan-st.

Chap. 109, Sir William Wallace, Cross Keys, Johnstone.

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For the Week ending Saturday, January 17, 1874.

Monday, January 12.

Lodge 145, St. Stephen, St. James's Hall, Writers' Court, High-street, at 8.30.

Tuesday, January 13.

Lodge 1, Mary's Chapel, Waterloo Hotel, Waterloo-place, at 8.

" 151, Edinburgh Defensive Band, Masonic Hall, Blackfriars-street, at 8.30.

Wednesday, January 14.

Lodge 2, Canongate Kilwinning, St. John's Chapel, St. John's-street, at 8.

Chap. 1, Edinburgh, Freemasons' Hall, George-street, at 8.

Thursday, January 15.

Lodge 48, St. Andrews, Freemasons' Hall, George-street, at 8.

" 226, Portobello, Royal Hotel, Bath-street, Portobello, at 8.

Red Cross Conclave, 103, St. Giles', Masonic Hall, Blackfriars-street, at 8.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Crat Masonry.

CANTERBURY.—Royal Kent Lodge of Antiquity (No. 30).—The ceremony of installing the W.M. elect, Bro. Walter Downing, in the chair of K.S., took place at the Sun Hotel, Chatham, when a large gathering of the brethren assembled to witness the ceremony, which was most impressively performed by Bro. Coles, P.M. of the above lodge; Bro. Captain Watson, P.G.W., performed the duties of Director of Ceremonies in his usual efficient manner. After the installation about forty brethren sat down to the banquet, which was placed on the table with our host's usual liberality. On the part of the Earl, Carnarvon and the rest of the Grand Officers being proposed by the W.M. Bro. Dickens responded, and made a most touching appeal on behalf of the charities, to which being Bro. F. W. Edwards's, I.P.M. year of office this, the oldest lodge out of the London district, granted the sum of £50.

Borov.—Anchor and Hope Lodge (No. 37).—The installation meeting of this ancient lodge (established in 1773) was held in Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton, on Monday, 5th January. There was a numerous attendance of the members, the lodge being also honoured for the first time by the presence of the R.W. Provincial Grand Master, Col. Starkie. Amongst others present were Bros. James Pilkington, W.M.; Wm. Slater, S.W.; James Walker, J.W.; and the whole of the officers of the lodge, also Bro. John Tunstall, Prov. G. Sec.; G. P. Brockbank, P. Prov. G. Deacon; J. H. Winder, P. Prov. G. Pursuivant; Reuben Mitchell, P. Prov. G. Sword Bearer; Samuel Isherwood, K. W. Knowles, Robert Harwood; Thomas Wilson, James Newton, and George Galloway, P.M.'s. Amongst the visitors present were Bro. Thomas Entwistle, P.M. 221, Prov. G. Supt. of Works; Robert Whittaker, P.M. 678, Asst. Prov. G. Director of Ceremonies; William Hewitt, W.M. 221; John Harwood, W.M. 140; J. W. Taylor, P.M. 231; John Lamb, P.M. 178; William Hamer, P.M. 350, and others. The lodge being opened in the first degree, the minutes were read and confirmed, the lodge was then opened in the second degree, when the W.M. resigned the chair to Bro. John Tunstall, Prov. G. Sec.; who proceeded with the ceremony of installing the W.M. elect, Bro. William Slater. When all below the rank of installed Masters had retired, the W.M. elect was duly installed into the chair of K.S., in the presence of no less than 22 brethren who had previously been installed as Masters of lodges. The brethren were then admitted, and after the usual salutations, the lodge was closed to the first degree, when the following officers were invested.—Bros. James Walker, S.W.; W. H. Horrocks, J.W.; Rev. F. Brindley, Chaplain; John Sharples, Treasurer; E. Ainsworth, Sec.; R. K. Freeman, S.D.; James Brown, J.D.; J. H. Winder, Master of Ceremonies; James Welch, Organist; Samuel Crowther, I.G. The charges to the W.M. Wardens and brethren, were delivered by Bro. Thomas Entwistle, Prov. G. Supt. of Works. After the transaction of some

formal business the lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. After the cloth was drawn the W.M. presided, supported by the R.W. Prov. G. Master, and the other brethren, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and heartily responded to, the proceedings being enlivened by the presence of a good glee party, consisting of Bros. Dumville, Bailey, Smith, and Lister.

WARRINGTON.—Lodge of Lights (No. 148).—The annual meeting of this lodge took place on Monday, December 29th, at the Masonic rooms, Sankey-street, at three o'clock in the afternoon. The W.M., Bro. William Sharp, was supported on the occasion by Bros. Gilbert Greenall, P.M., Past Senior Grand Warden of England; W. Monop, P.M. S.W.; W. H. Robinson, J.D.; W. Woods, P.M., Treas.; J. Pickthall, D. Wilkins, John Laithwaite, Thomas Grime, T. M. Pattison, Thomas Tunstall, John Armstrong, Thomas B. Carter, John Harding, W.M. elect; John Pierpoint, Charles Crosier, J. Rymer Young, James Taylor, J. Bancroft, and James Hannah, Tyler. The visitors on the occasion were Bros. D. W. Finney, P.M. 1250; John N. Sharpe, 33; J. Whitlow, P.M. 941; C. B. Robinson, 145; George Bacon, Hon. Sec. 297; W. Pollett, W.M., 1250, and W. S. Hawkins, P.M. 1250. The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meetings read and confirmed; the ballot was then taken for Bro. Gartside as a joining member. The lodge was then opened in the second degree, when the W.M. called upon Bro. Mossop, P.M., in the absence through illness of W. Bro. John Bowes, P.M., P. Prov. G. Reg. Cumberland and Westmoreland, to undertake the duty of Installing Master. Bro. John Harding, Past Senior Warden, and W.M. elect, was then duly presented for the benefit of installation and the ancient ceremony was rendered in an able manner. The following officers were appointed and invested.—Bros. W. Sharp, I.P.M. and Treas.; John Pierpoint, S.W.; John Laithwaite, J.W.; Rev. H. P. Steadman, M.A., Chaplain; Thomas Tunstall, Hon. Sec.; W. H. Robinson, S.D.; D. Wilkins J.D.; Thomas Mee Pattison, Org.; J. Pickthall, I.G.; and James Hannah, Tyler. Bro. Sharp, I.P.M., proposed, Bro. W. Wood, P.M. seconded, and Rev. W. Bro. Greenall, and others supported the following resolution, "that a vote of thanks and a gold P.M. jewel be presented to W. Bro. John Bowes for his services as Hon. Sec. for the past twelve years," which was carried unanimously. Bro. W. Sharp having intimated that he had undertaken the office of Steward at the forthcoming Festival of the Institution for Aged Freemasons and their Widows, the lodge unanimously voted five guineas to his list. There being no further business, the lodge was closed with the usual solemnities, and the brethren adjourned to the Paten Arms Hotel for the banquet, which was of the most recherche character, and did the host, Bro. Jabez George Hughes, every credit. After the cloth was withdrawn a long list of toasts was gone through, and the speeches were relieved by some excellent glees and songs, under the direction of the Organist, Bro. Thos. Mee-Pattison, assisted by Bros. W. Wood, D. Wilkins, and Thos. Tunstall. R.W. Bro. Gilbert-Greenall, P.G.W. of England, in proposing the toast of the W.M. said he did so with much pleasure, inasmuch as he had known Bro. John Harding, long and intimately, and entertained the highest respect for him. The lodge had conferred upon Bro. Harding the highest honour it had to bestow, and he felt confident he would so discharge the duties as to merit their confidence and esteem. He wished every success to his mother lodge, and prosperity to the new W.M., and he called upon all present to drink Bro. Harding's good health with every sentiment of affection and esteem. The toast was drunk with enthusiasm. The W.M., in responding, said he must ask the indulgence of the brethren, because he felt that he could not adequately express his gratitude for the very kind manner in which the R.W. Bro. Greenall had introduced his name to the brethren, and the very cordial manner in which it had been received by all present. He assured the brethren that he felt proud to occupy the position of W.M. of the

Lodge of Lights, a position which his grandfather filled more than fifty years before. He hoped he rightly and fully appreciated his new responsibilities, and certainly he should do his utmost to discharge them so as to advantage the lodge. He again tendered his warmest thanks for the kindness shown him. The W.M. in proposing the next toast, "The P.M.'s and Officers of No. 148," said a W.M. was almost helpless in a lodge, unless he could command able support. It fell to his lot to be supported by a band of Past Masters "well skilled in our noble art and lovers of the Craft" and with reference to his officers he believed they would one and all do their best to promote the interest of the lodge, and at all times render him punctual, able, and willing assistance. He then proposed "The Past Masters and Officers of No. 148," which was received in a truly Masonic manner. The I.P.M., Bro. Sharp, and Bro. John Pierpoint, S.W., responded. The remaining toasts having been proposed and duly acknowledged, the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close and the brethren separated in harmony.

NEWPORT (ISLE OF WIGHT).—Albany Lodge (No. 151).—The brethren of this lodge assembled on Tuesday, the 2nd inst., at the Masonic Hall, Lugley-street for the purpose of installing the W. M. elect, Bro. Edward Thomas Trew Hellyer, S. W. The ceremony of installation was preceded by passing a brother to the second degree, and the initiation of a gentleman, the scion of an old and much respected family in the island. At the conclusion of the above-named ceremonies, the Worshipful Master, Bro. George King, resigned his gavel to Bro. Past Master C. T. Allée, the Installing Master, who, as a skilled workman, performed the ancient ceremony in a most able manner, the musical part being effectively performed by the Organist, Bro. Thomas Kentfield, jun. After the ceremonial, the newly-installed W.M. proceeded to invest his officers, the Junior Warden being advanced to the senior chair, Bro. the Rev. E. W. Watts, M.A. (Master of the Grammar School), appointed to the office of Junior Warden, and Bro. the Rev. J. H. Hughes, M.A. (formerly of the Apollo University Lodge, Oxford), to the office of Chaplain, *pro tem.* At the close of the lodge business the brethren adjourned to the banqueting-room (lately substantially repaired and re-decorated) to banquet, the viands having been provided and served in a most satisfactory manner by Bro. Past Master James Read, of the Wheatsheaf Inn. After grace from the Chaplain, the brethren retired for a few minutes to their lodge room, and on returning to the banqueting room found that the Stewards in the meantime had re-arranged the tables, on which Mrs. Read had placed the fruits of the season; a pianoforte had also been introduced. The W.M., on resuming his gavel, commenced his list of toasts by proposing "The Health of her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen." Responded to with traditional Masonic loyalty by the brethren, and afterwards, accompanied on the pianoforte by Bro. Kentfield, the brethren sang a portion of the National Anthem. The second toast "The Grand Master of England, the Most Hon. the Marquess of Ripon, K.G.," was most loyally responded to, and the toast to "The Health of the Past Grand Master, Bro. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales," was welcomed with the same enthusiasm as that of Her Majesty, the brethren, led by Bros. E. Wyatt and S. Pring, accompanied on the piano by Bro. Kentfield, singing "God bless the Prince of Wales." "The Deputy G.M. of England, Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, and the Officers of Grand Lodge;" "The Provincial Grand Master of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight;" "The estimable Bro. W. W. B. Beach, Esq., M.P.;" "The Deputy-Provincial Grand Master, the indefatigable and much respected Bro. J. Rankin Stebbing (late Mayor of Southampton);" and "The Provincial Grand Officers;" were toasts most loyally responded to; the next toast being of a more homely character, "Long life and every happiness to the Mayor of Newport, Bro. W. B. Mew, (initiated in the Albany Lodge in February, 1846, and continuing a subscribing

member from that date), one of three Mayors of Newport registered on the roll of this Lodge." This toast received that hearty fraternal response customary amongst Freemasons when expressing their regard for one whom they estimate so highly for unassuming usefulness to the community of which he is the chief magistrate, and whose kind heart is proverbial. By request the W.M. allowed the gavel to pass into other hands, when "The Health of the Worshipful Master of the Albany Lodge" was proposed, whose qualification for the honourable office to which he had this day been installed was well known to the brethren who had attended ceremonial practice, and the brethren have expressed their confidence by unanimously electing him to the chair, the duties of which have already evinced that their confidence had not been misplaced. The W.M., thanking the brethren, proposed "The Health of the Immediate Past Master," at the same time soliciting the kind assistance of his worthy predecessor, and the continuance of the Past Master's generous support during his year of office, and proposed "The Health of Past Master Bro. George King," in conjunction with the Past Masters. The I.P.M. felt that his humble services in the chair had fallen far short of that he proposed to himself when taking office, but he had, to the best of his ability, performed those duties. It was said for the Senior Past Masters of the lodge, Bros. G. Dashwood and Joseph Poore, both of whom were present, and had been subscribing members for upwards of forty years—the former having attended forty installations, and the latter more than forty—and they had not missed attendance at Lodge during that period of time, excepting when prevented by illness, which they were thankful did not prevent their being present to witness the ceremony that day. On giving "The Health of the Officers of the Lodge" the W.M. remarked that he should look for that assistance from them, without which a Master could not properly conduct the duties of the lodge, but he felt confidence in those brethren he had that day invested to office, and that they would render him every assistance in their power. The toast of "The Visiting Brethren," was acknowledged by the Rev. Bro. J. H. Hughes, in a most feeling and fraternal spirit. Glees, recitations, sentiment, and song added much to the evening's entertainment, which terminated with the Tyler's toast.

STIMOUTH.—Lodge Perseverance (No. 164). On Wednesday, the 7th inst., the annual festival of St. John was celebrated at the Masonic Hall, London Hotel, when the W.M. elect, Bro. William Hine Haycock, was installed by Bro. B. T. Hodge, 30, P.M., P.G.D.C., with his well-known ability. Amongst the brethren were J. Ingleby Mackenzie, P.M. 372, P.P.G.D.; S. Jones, P.M. 112, P.P.G.D.; H. B. Stark, P.M. 106 P.P.G.O.; W. E. Stone, P.M. 372, P.G.J.W.; J. March, P.M. 847; A. Freeman, P.M. 372; W. H. Banfield, J.W. 847; S. Warren 372; W. Pile, P.M.; J. Northcott, P.M.; Herbert Orchard, W.M. 164; W.M. Mitchell, J.W.; Henry Dawe, Sec.; W. Carter, J.D.; R. Perryman, I.G.; W. Prout, T.; Fras. Halse, S. Wheaton, S. Cummings, P. Evans, R. King, and W. J. Rogers. The W.M. elect, having been presented by Bro. Jones, and duly installed, Bro. Mackenzie presented the working tools. The W.M. then informed the brethren that he had a pleasing duty to perform, namely, that of presenting to his predecessor Bro., J. Albert Orchard a testimonial of regard and esteem, subscribed by the officers of the lodge, which he hoped that brother would be pleased to accept and thereupon placed on Bro. Orchard's breast a very handsome gold P.M.'s jewel. Bro. Orchard, who was taken by surprise at this unexpected presentation, was so much affected as to be able to say but very few words in acknowledgment. The W.M. then invested the following brethren as his officers. Bros. J. Albert Orchard, I.P.M.; Henry Dawe, S.W.; Wm. Mitchell, J.W.; G. Board, Sec.; John Barber, S.D.; Wm. Carter, J.D.; R. Perryman, I.G.; William Prout, Tyler; F. Halse and S. Sweatton, Stewards. Bro. B. T. Hodge was unanimously re-elected Treasurer. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the ball room, where a

sumptuous banquet was partaken of, the viands being of the choicest description, and the arrangements reflected great credit on the host, Bro. Rogers.

STONEHOUSE.—Lodge Sincerity (No. 189).—The annual banquet of Lodge Sincerity was held on Tuesday, 6th inst., and was attended by a very large number of the Masters of the various lodges in the Three Towns, to all of whom an invitation by the W.M. was extended—an exceptional feature in a gathering of the kind—as well as by a good number of the members of the lodge, and other brethren. The V.W. Bro. J. Latimer, W.M., P.P.G.S., presided, and he was supported on the right by the R.W. Bro. L.P. Metham, D.P.G.M., P.G.D. of England; and on the left by Bro. Col. Elliott, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., amongst the officers and others present being Bros. John Sadler, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; T. S. Bayly, P.M., P.P.G. Treas.; J. E. Risk, P.P.G.C.; T. W. Lemon, P.G.C.; C. Leigh, P.M. 1205, P.G. Sec.; Josiah Austin, P.M. 1090, P.P.G.O.; Samuel Jew, P.M. 105, P.P.G.T.; J. B. Gover, P.M. 70, 1247, P. P. G. A. D. C.; C. J. Gibson, P.M., P. P. G. J. D.; R. H. Rae, Sec., 139, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; E. A. Davies, P.M. 1099, and P.P.G.S. Works; W. Bros. Schultze, E. Manley, W.M. 230; Dr. Thomas, I.P.M. 1247; J. Chapman, W.M. 1462; J. Bartlett, W.M. 159; D. Cross, W.M. 1205; W. H. Gillman, W.M. 1099; W. J. Austin, W.M. 1212; C. Watson, W.M. 954; J. R. Lord, W.M. 1247; Joseph Manning, W.M. 156; R. B. Twose, W.M. 105; J. Oxley Oxland, S.W. 1205; J. E. Moon, D.C. 189; W. T. Monkhouse, 189; W. Tester, 189; J. E. Curteis, J.W. 189; S. Jones, Secretary 1212; J. Lewis, 189; William Harries, J.D. 1205; T. Waldo How, J.D. 189; G. Jackson, I.G. 189; J. E. Scott, 189; R. B. Oram, 189; A. Latimer, S.D. 189; T. W. Hussey, 189; T. W. Hussey, 189; W. T. Eascott, 1099; J. H. Taylor, 189; G. Croydon, 189; J. T. Fouracre, 189; and R. J. Laity, 189. The banquet was of the most excellent description, reflecting the highest credit on the *cuisine* of the "Duke of Cornwall," and the proceedings, which were of the most enjoyable character, were enlivened by the rendering of several songs, and the delivery of recitations by some of the brethren, and musical selections on the pianoforte by Bro. Moon, and accompaniments by Br. A. Latimer. After the usual loyal toasts had been duly noticed, the W.M. stated that he and the Secretary had received from the P.G.M., the Rev. J. Huyshe, the Earl of Mount Edgumbe, Captain Tanner Davy, and Bros. Coates and Rodd, letters expressive of regret at their inability to be present on the occasion. The health of the M.W. the G.M. of England, the Marquess of Ripon, was then proposed by the W.M., who in so doing, expressed the pleasure they felt as a body in having in their present G.M. so able a nobleman and so amiable and worthy a successor to such an eminent man as the late Earl of Zetland. The Grand Officers of England were next noticed, the W.M., in giving this toast, drawing attention to the fact that they had the pleasure of having amongst them that evening two brethren who had been Grand Officers. The V.W. Bro. Metham in responding to the toast, said in the Grand Lodge they at present had the very pick of Masonry, and he had never been in Lodge without admiring the way in which the work was there performed. The W.M. next proposed the healths of Bros. the Rev. J. Huyshe, P.G.M., and G. R. Metham, D.P.G.M. This toast, he said, would commend itself to every Mason in the province, for they all felt a warm affection towards their G.M., and regarded him as one of the best of Masters and the truest of friends. He regretted that the engagements of the G.M. prevented him from being amongst them, but the following letter which he (the W.M.) had received from him would explain the cause. The G.M. wrote:—"Believe me when I say that I am really very sorry that I am not able to accept your very flattering invitation for the 6th of January. During the whole of the week I shall have my house full of visitors staying with me, and I cannot with any pro-

priety, be absent for a whole night from my house, which, of course, I must be if I were present (as I should like to be), at your banquet. I am the more sorry to decline your hospitality, because such an entertainment is unique in the province; and I should have been exceedingly glad to have had the privilege of being present at such a gathering. Pray tell all my brethren who will assemble under your presidency the deep regret which I feel at not being with them on such an interesting occasion, and assure them that they have my heartiest good wishes for their prosperity here and their eternal welfare hereafter." With regard to Bro. Metham, he could only reiterate what he said, the other night in the absence of that distinguished member of the Craft; of the many orations he had delivered, explaining in them, for the knowledge of the outer world, the benefits arising from Freemasonry, of the active part he had taken in raising the Province to a high degree amongst the Provinces of the country, for his sustentation of the great Masonic charities of the country, and of his continuous services, for each and all of which the W. Bro. was entitled to their warmest thanks. Bro. Metham, in response, expressed regret at the absence of the R.W. Bro. Huyshe, but was glad to see he joined with them in the holding of such meetings as the present, which he himself was of opinion were most valuable to them as a body, and which he trusted would never be done away with. Although in their excess he saw a great deal of evil, yet, in their occasional occurrence he saw much good. He was gratified at being received as he had been by Lodge Sincerity, and at the same time he had to apologise to them for not coming amongst them so often as might be wished. His was a hard working life, and he found some little relaxation necessary to fit him for his every-day work. He hoped, however, it would not be thought, either by his fellow townsmen or his brother Masons, that he did anything, either in his position as a townsman, or as a Mason, that had not a tendency in some way to promote Masonic good feeling. He trusted he should always be found at work, and that whenever he did disappear from this earthly scene it would be found that he had been worn out, and that he had not rusted out. He would ask his brethren to follow him in the advice he had to give them, to his younger brethren especially. He would ask them in all their daily avocations to practise the principles of Freemasonry. It was so easy to practise them, because it was so very easy to do that which was a pleasing thing. He had found an infinite pleasure and relief from all the anxieties and troubles and difficulties which they all in common with himself had met in the course of their lives, in finding it so easy, as every Mason would, whatever his profession or avocation might be, to put his finger upon some society, some charity, and help it forward, and, in so doing, practising Freemasonry. He did not think it was truly Masonic for them to sit there or to go into their lodges without something like that at their backs. If they only did a little individually, when they made up the sum total they would find that Freemasonry had performed a great deal at the end of the year, and he would beg his brethren to look at this, and see how much they could advance Freemasonry by so acting. The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the G.M. of Cornwall, the Earl of Mount Edgumbe. His lordship was a distinguished and worthy member of the Craft, and had occupied the chair with pleasure to himself and to his lodge. It must have gratified them all to have seen him appointed to his present position, and it pleased him (the W.M.) to find that that appointment had given universal satisfaction in Cornwall. That province was now in a flourishing state, and at Hayle and two or three other places they were constructing lodges of the most beautiful description, superior to any he knew in the country. Bro. P.M. Col. Elliott responded. He was present when their noble brother was installed in his present office, and he experienced great pleasure at seeing the manner in which his lordship at once grasped the position in which he was placed, assumed the office, and performed his duties so ably, that he was the right man in

the right place. The Province of Cornwall, he thought, might well be proud of him who preceded over it. Bro. Twose next gave the toast of the P.G. Officers. In so doing he expressed the gratification he experienced on finding that the W.M. had extended his invitations to the banquet to every Master of the Three Towns—and he only hoped that this recognition of the other lodges in the district as now inaugurated would be followed up on future occasions. Bro. Lemon responded. The W. Bro. Metham then said there was one honour that attached itself to a man in a position like that he held, and that was the privilege of claiming the right to propose the toast of "The Health of the W.M. of Lodge Sincerity for the time being." He was glad to see Bro. Latimer in the chair of Lodge Sincerity, knowing that he would do it honour. Much of considerable social standing had occupied the chair in times past; it was a lodge which out of all England had given most officers to the Grand Lodge, it had given more P. Officers, and there was no lodge in which there had been so many men, who were desirous of doing their duty in a just, honourable, and upright manner. He believed Bro. Latimer would pass through the chair fulfilling his duties in a similar way, and would give not only satisfaction to Lodge Sincerity, which was a minor consideration, but also to the Province, and, above all, to the principles of the order. The W.M., in responding, said he felt he had had a great honour conferred upon him, an honour, that was unsought for by him, and that had only been placed upon him through the kindness of his brethren. He felt extremely gratified at the kindness he had received on every hand. He thought that was a very great manifestation of the fraternal feeling which the Order inculcated in all its high moral teachings, and it was that feeling which had influenced him to bring about a re-union amongst the W. Masters of the three towns. In giving the "Visiting Brethren and Sister Lodges," the W.M. thanked the numerous visitors for their attendance, saying in extending his invitations, and thus giving the whole of the lodges, through their masters, who were for the time being the representatives of the lodges, a friendly recognition, he thought it was the best way of bringing about the re-union he desired, and he was glad to see that he had been so successful. Bro. Twose responded on behalf of the visitors by expressing the great gratification they all felt at the fraternal feeling thus exhibited. The Wardens, the P. Masters and assistant officers of Lodge Sincerity, responded to by Bros. Curteis, Rae, and Bayly, and our poor and distressed brethren having been duly noticed, the lodge was closed, and a most pleasant evening's proceedings brought to a termination.—*The Western Daily Mercury.*

WINDSOR.—Etonian Lodge (209). The annual festival of this flourishing lodge was held at the Royal Adelaide Hotel, on Tuesday, the 8th inst. In the unavoidable absence of the W.M., Bro. J. Wilson, P.M., presided. The minutes of the preceding meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. A. Pears was examined on the usual questions leading from the first to the second degree, which having been most satisfactorily answered, he retired to be prepared. The lodge was then opened in the second degree, and Bro. Pears re-admitted and duly passed to the degree of a fellow craft. Bro. G. W. Dixon, W. Bro., was then presented to the W.M., as the W.M. elect for the ensuing year. Bro. Dixon having pledged his submission to the ancient usages, the lodge was opened in the third degree, all brethren below the rank of an Installed Master then retired, and a board of eleven P.M.'s was elected. Bro. Dixon was then installed into the chair of K.S. by Bro. L. Bryett, W.M. Ranelagh Lodge, No. 834. The brethren having been admitted, saluted the new W.M. in the three degrees. The following officers were invested in the W.M., Bros. J. H. S. Reid, I.P.M.; W. Bladen, S.W.; J. O. Carter, J.W.; J. Pullen, Treasurer; J. Strange, P.M., Secretary; G. Stacey, P.M., Organist; W. R. Denne, S.D.; J. Crowhurst, J.D.; J. Cauvin, O.G.; G. Cave, S.D.; C. D. Hume, D.C.; R. Roberts, S.; E. Johnson, S. Bro. Wilson then delivered the addresses to the W.M., Wardens and

Brethren. The working of the installing officers, Bros. Wilson and L. Bryett, and also the investiture of officers by the new W.M., was to our thinking as nearly better perfect as possible, and they were highly complimented by numerous brethren present. Bro. Stacey, P.M., then proposed, and the W.M. seconded, that Bro. R. H. Gibbons, P.M., the retiring Secretary, be elected an honorary member of the lodge, in consideration of his past services, carried *nem. con.* Bro. J. O. Carter, J.W., then proposed and the W.M. seconded, that Bro. T. Hiscock, I.G. 866, be admitted as a joining member. The Auditors, Bros. I. O. Carter and C. D. Hume, then presented the balance-sheet for the past year. There being no other business before the lodge, it was closed by the W.M., and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. The usual toasts having been duly honoured, the brethren separated at an early hour, after having held a most successful meeting. The following brethren were present—Bros. G. W. Dixon, Prov. G. Steward Berks and Bucks, W.M.; W. Bladen, S.W.; I. O. Carter, Prov. G. Steward Berks and Bucks, J.W.; J. Pullen, P. M., Treasurer; J. Strange, P. M., Secretary; G. Stacey, P. M., Organist; J. Crowhurst, J.D.; J. Cauvin, I.G.; C. D. Hume, D.C.; R. Roberts, Steward; E. Schiemaun, Steward; J. H. S. Reid, I.P.M.; J. Wilson, P.M.; Hailey, P.M.; R. H. Gibbons, P.M.; L. Bryeth, W.M. 834; J. McIlwham, P.P.G. S.B. Middlesex, and P.M. 946; W. S. Nicholes; A. Pears; C. Barkshire; Duffield; Webster; Riches; H. Stollens; J. Pennicoth and others. Visitors—Bros. Young, P.G.S., 60; G. Grisbrook, W.M. 771; W. H. Brigham, S.W., 771; G. Foley, P.M. 771; J. Berry, S.W. 866; W. Johnson, J.W. 865; J. Hiscock, J.G., 865; Maughan, S.D. 865; H. Craven, 257; J. W. Lyon, 865; Large, 771.

LIVERPOOL.—Harmonic Lodge (No. 216).—The installation of Bro. J. Ismay, W.M. elect of this lodge, which took place on Thursday, the 8th inst., at the Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, was a most interesting meeting, and attended by a large and distinguished assembly of brethren. This was at once a well-earned compliment to the brother about to be entrusted with the reins of Masonic government for the coming year, and an evidence of the vitality and continued high character of the Harmonic. The lodge was opened according to ancient and solemn form, between four and five o'clock, by Bro. J. Beasley, W.M., who was supported by the following officers and brethren:—Bros. J. McKune, P.M.; J. Skeaf, P.M.; J. Jones, P.M.; T. Armstrong, P.M.; G. Rigby Smith, S.W.; J. Ismay, W. Laidlaw, P.M., Treas.; A. C. Moore, Sec.; G. Fowler, S.D.; W. Dwertryhouse, J.D.; W. H. Quirk, I.G.; D. S. Davies, S.; W. F. Naylor, O.; W. H. Ball, Tyler. Dr. Kisch, J. Busfield, W. Lennie, Cain, Councillor D. Campbell, Dr. E. N. Sheldon, and amongst the visitors were Bros. J. J. Rose, W.M. 249; and Hargraves. After the transaction of some business of the usual routine character, including the confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting, the chair of K.S. was taken by the installing Master, Bro. J. McKune, P.M., a position which he has previously filled with great credit to himself and satisfaction to the lodge, who proceeded in a masterly manner to instal the W.M. elect, Bro. J. Ismay, presented by Bro. J. Beasley, I.P.M., and Bro. J. Jones, P.M. After the W.M. had been impressively and effectively "chained" in accordance with ancient usage, the following officers were subsequently appointed and invested for the ensuing year—Bros. A. C. Moore, S.W.; G. Fowler, J.W.; W. Laidlaw, Treas.; W. Dwertryhouse, Sec.; W. H. Quirk, S.D.; D. S. Davies, J.D.; E. Evans, I.G.; J. A. Jones, S.; Rev. J. R. Jenkins, Chaplain; W. F. Naylor, Org.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. Mr. H. Simpson, a journalist of eminence, and very highly esteemed amongst his companions in literature, having been balloted for and declared duly elected, was initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the Order, by the newly-installed W.M., in an absolutely perfect and most impressive style, which elicited the admiration and approval of every one present, and augurs well for the

efficient working of the lodge for the ensuing year. The brethren then adjourned to the dining hall of the hotel, where a sumptuous banquet was served in first-class style by Mr. Ludlow, the courteous and indefatigable manager. The "Harmonic" is peculiarly and particularly strong in its musical talent, and therefore the harmony furnished during the evening was far above the average. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to with the greatest enthusiasm.

SOUTH MOLTON.—Loyal Lodge of Industry (No. 421). The installation of W.M. and celebration of the festival of St. John the Evangelist took place at the Freemasons' Hall, South Molton, on Tuesday, the 6th January. The lodge was opened in due form and with prayer in the first degree, when the results of the last lodge were read and confirmed. The lodge was then opened in the second degree, when Bro. H. W. Higgins, S.W., the W.M. elect, was presented by Bro. Sanders, to receive the benefit of installation. The newly installed Master, having been proclaimed and saluted in the three degrees, appointed the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year, viz.:—Bros. Snow, S.W.; L. Richard, J.W.; Ponsford, S.D.; F. Day, J.D.; G. Huxtable, I.G.; S. A. Kingdon, Treasurer; R. Paige, Secretary; J. Bickell, jun., Director of Ceremonies; Rd. Kingdon, Tyler. The lodge was closed in due form with solemn prayer. The brethren then adjourned to the Unicorn Hotel, where a banquet was served at Bro. Cole's, P.M., P.G.P., at 4.30, in his usual sumptuous style. After the cloth was removed the usual loyal toasts were proposed and responded to. "The Queen and the Craft;" "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales;" "The Most Worshipful G.M. the Marquess of Ripon;" "The Prov. G.M. and Officers;" "The W.M.;" "The I.P.M.;" "The Newly-elected Officers;" "The Visitors" and the Tylers' toast. About 28 sat down, and a most agreeable evening was passed.

WIGTON.—St. John's Lodge (No. 327).—On Monday, Dec. 29, the anniversary of this lodge was celebrated. The lodge was opened in due form at "high twelve," by Bro. James Porter, P.M., P.P.G.S.D., of the Wigton St. John's, and Lodge Concord, Preston, who, in the unavoidable absence of Dr. Shannon, W.M., P.G.A.D.C., officiated as W.M. of the lodge, and also as the Installing Master, which impressive ceremony he went through in his usual thoroughly finished and effective style. Bro. Bowman, S.W., was the brother who had been selected to fill the W.M.'s chair for 1874, and Bro. Porter duly installed him as such. The new W.M. then appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year as under:—Bros. McMechan, S.W.; W. H. Hoodless, J.W.; John Robinson, S.D.; T. Ross, J.D.; C. Y. Wright, I.G.; and Martin O.G. Bro. Richardson, Treasurer of the lodge for many years, was again elected the Treasurer for the ensuing year, and Bro. Lazonby was invested as Secretary. At about three o'clock the brethren sat down to the annual banquet, which is in the sixty-sixth held by the brethren of Wigton St. John's Lodge, when a repast was set out which reflected infinite credit on Mrs. Martin and Bro. Martin, the host and hostess of the Lion and Lamb, where the banquet was held. The chair was taken by Bro. Lemon, P.M., and the vice-chair by Bro. McMechan, S.W. Supporting the chairman were Bro. Bowman, W.M., and Bro. Shannon, P.M. Near to the vice-chairman sat Bro. Porter, P.M., and Bro. G. Carrick. Amongst the brethren present were: Bros. Halifax, P.M.; Bewes, P.M.; Gate, P.M.; J. Pearson, P.M.; Lazonby, Secretary; W. Carrick, P. H. Taylor, P.M.; Isaac Pattinson, J. Hall, John Robinson, S.D.; Wright, I.G.; and Martin, Tyler. On the removal of the cloth, the chairman proposed, "The Queen," "The Prince of Wales," and "The rest of the Royal Family," and "The Most Worshipful the Grand Master of England, the Marquess of Ripon, and the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon," all of which were received with the usual loyal or Masonic honours. The Vice-Chairman proposed "The Right Worship-

ful the Provincial Grand Master of Cumberland and Westmoreland, the Earl of Bective," which was warmly received. "The Worshipful Master of Lodge 327" was then given from the chair, the newly elected W.M. receiving high praise for his attention to his Masonic duties from the Chairman. Bro. Bowman, responded in suitable terms. "The Immediate Past Master of Lodge 327, Bro. Shannon," was then proposed by the chairman, to which Bro. Shannon replied at some length, pointing out what had been done in the lodge during his year of office. Bro. Lazonby, proposed "The Provincial Grand Officers, Past and Present," to which Bros. Lemon, Gate, and Porter, responded. Bro. Lemon, in the course of his remarks, said he had attended above forty St. John's Day anniversaries of the lodge. "The Installing Master, Bro. Porter," was proposed by the Chairman, who complimented Bro. Porter on the masterly manner in which he had gone through the ceremony. Bro. Porter having responded, the health of Bro. G. Carrick, was proposed and duly acknowledged, after which the toast of "The Grand Masters of Ireland and Scotland," was proposed and responded to by Bros. Shannon and Bowman. Bro. Lazonby proposed "The Masonic Charitable Institutions," and The Memory of Deceased Brethren," which closed the list of the toasts. The agreeableness of the evening's proceedings were much added to by the excellent singing of Bros. Lemon, Shannon, G. Carrick, Porter, and W. Carrick. The company broke up at 8 o'clock, after spending a most agreeable evening.

DARWEN.—Harmony and Industry Lodge (No. 381).—On Monday last the annual festival of St. John the Evangelist was held at the Lodge room, New Inn. Previous to the banquet the installation of W.M. and his officers was performed by Bro. P.M. Franklin Thomas, of Lodge 269, Blackburn. The following brethren were duly installed, William Almond, W.M.; John Wardley, S.W.; D. Ainsworth, J.W.; McGregor, S.D.; B. M. Cromack, J.D.; W. H. Hargreaves, I.G.; P. M. Hutchinson, O.G.; Geo. Martin, Treasurer. Law P.M.; Roberts, Sec.; Thos. Grime, P.M., I.P.M. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts followed the banquet, and the evening was spent in a most enjoyable and rational manner, the toast to the host, John Gregg, and the hostess, Mrs. Gregg, bringing up the rear of a long list.

YARBOROUGH LODGE (No. 554).—The installation meeting of this popular East-end lodge was held in the Lodge Room, at the Green Dragon Tavern, Stepney, on Thursday, 8th inst., Bro. H. Morrison presiding, supported by Bros. H. Coard, S.W. and W.M. elect; J. Hood, J.W.; J. Berry, S.D.; H. Cotter, acting J.D., and I. Allen, I.G. There were also present the following Past Masters of the lodge, Bros. Vesper, Wynne, Kindred, Misseton, Stevens, Moseley, Roberts, Barnes, Chadwick, and Verry. The names of three candidates for initiation were submitted to the brethren and the ballot in each instance proved favourable to the intending neophytes, but the ceremony of initiation, as also other workings, was by arrangement postponed to prevent overtaxing the energies of the officers and to afford the members of the lodge ample opportunity for enjoyment after labour. The arrangements alluded to inadvertently left the Secretary, Bro. H. Moseley, to convene the meeting at a much earlier hour than the occasion necessitated, and when the W.M. proceeded with the ceremony of installation, a certain nervous hesitation, occasioned no doubt by the probable delay, characterised his remarks in opening. Progressing with his subject this temerity wore off, and his language in addressing the newly installed Master, Bro. H. Coard, and his Wardens, was distinguished by a firmness of style, and a sustained intensity of expression well in keeping with the theme of the words. We shall here observe that Bro. Coard, W.M., has appointed Bros. Hood and Berry, to aid him in his working in the respective positions of S. and J.W., with Bros. Cotter, S.D.; Allen, J.D., and Torr, I.G. In his position as W.M. Bro. Coard justified the expectations of the brethren, and his exertions were fully appreciated. At the conclusion of the installation ceremony, the

brethren adjourned to their new dining hall, where the host, Bro. Walters, had provided an entertainment, at once *recherché* and attractive. The cloth having been removed, and the usual loyal and other toasts responded to, the W.M. expressed the pleasure it afforded him at being deputed to present Bro. Morrison, the I.P.M., with a token of esteem from the brethren of the lodge, which assumed the tangible shape of a handsome gold jewel. Bro. Morrison acknowledged the gift in appropriate terms, and alluded to the very many happy hours he had spent with the brethren. The toast of "The Masonic Charities" was responded to by Bro. Stevens, with remarks upon the noble institutions of which our order boasts, and inviting the brethren to reflect on the many unforesseen causes that have reduced our distressed brothers, while he appealed for aid in the cause of our afflicted brother, whose cause he will espouse at the next ensuing election. In his rendering of the ballad, "The old year's gone," Bro. Graves evinced true and intrinsic merit with an earnest intensity necessary to portray the different phases of the song, while conjointly with Bro. H. Thorn, much taste and power was displayed in the duet "Larboard Board," Bro. Vigers exhibited great power of voice in "Speed me on my bark" and the musical arrangements lacked nothing in the hands of the organist. The Tyler's toast was drunk about ten o'clock.

ULVERSTONE.—Lodge of Furness (No. 995).—This lodge celebrated the festival of St. John the Evangelist at the Masonic Temple, Ulverstone, December 29th, 1873. The brethren assembled at three p.m., when, in the absence of the W.M., the lodge was opened by the I.P.M., Bro. Pearson, P.G. Purs. The minutes were read and confirmed, and the lodge opened up, when Bro. T. Dodgson, P.M., P.G. Steward Cumberland and Westmoreland, ascended the throne, and proceeded with the installation of the W.M. Elect, Worshipful Bro. Roger Dodgson, P.M. 1390, P.P.G.S.B. Cumberland and Westmoreland, in which he was assisted by Bro. Pearson, P.G. Purs., and Bro. J. Case, P.M., P.Z., P.P.G.J. During the installation the chairs of Senior and Junior Wardens were occupied by Worshipful Bros. H. Cook, P.P.G. Reg. Cumberland and Westmoreland, and Thos. Wylie, P.P.G.J.W. The ceremony of installation was most impressively performed, and greatly admired by the large assemblage of brethren. After the usual proclamations, the W.M. invested the following officers for the ensuing year viz:—Bros. J. Postlethwaite, Sec. 1390, S.W. 1398, S.W.; Aymer Ainslie, J.P., J.W.; Rev. L. R. Ayle, Chaplain; J. H. Matthews, I.P.M.; G. Brocklebank, Treasurer; G. Hartley, Sec.; W. Whiteside, I.G. 1390, W.M. 1398, S.D.; F. Bell, J.D. 1398, J.D.; R. Pearson, P.M., P.G. Purs., D.C.; H. Gunson, I.G.; J. Harper, Organist; Sergeant Major Paxton, S.S.; J. Geldart, J.S.; J. Robinson, Tyler. The lodge was closed at 5 o'clock, and the brethren, to the number of 50, adjourned to the house of Bro. Smith, Sun Hotel, where a banquet worthy of the occasion, and in Mrs. Smith's well known style, was partaken of. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to, the visitors remarking that they had never seen the ceremonies so ably worked. The musical arrangements were entrusted to Bro. Harper, Organist, assisted by Bros. Parker, Dr. Robinson, J. H. Matthews, P.M.; R. Casson, F. Bell, and others, all well known for their musical talents. Amongst the visitors present were Bros. Wylie, P. Prov. G. J.W.; H. Cooke, P. Prov. G. Reg. C. and W.; J. Mills, P.G.S.B. C. and W.; J. W. Turner, W.M. 1458; J. Tyson, Sec. 119; J. Meredith, J.W. 1390, and others.

LIVERPOOL.—Prince of Wales Lodge (No. 1025).—The annual meeting of the brethren of this lodge for installation and other purposes, which was held at the Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, on Thursday evening, the 8th inst., was eminently successful, being attended by an unusually large number of the "purpled" officers of West Lancashire and Cheshire. The lodge was opened according to custom and approved forms by Bro. G. Stradford, W.M., and the usual joint officers as the supporters in their several positions.—Bro. G. Morgan, P.M., Colin

McNab, S.W.; R. W. Crosby, J.W.; J. B. Bunting, P.M. Treas.; A. Willis, Sec.; J. Salmon, S.D.; W. Westbury, J.D.; T. Fozzard, P.M., D.C.; A. Salmon, I.G.; L. Peake, S., and W. Crawford, Tyler. Amongst the brethren who were present were the following:—Bro. T. J. McWean, J. W. McWean, W. J. Rées; D. Davies, J. Salmon, H. Tyrer, W. Longtake, R. Williams, W. Harrington, J. Eaves, R. R. Yorshaw, J. W. Lynn, W. Smith, W. Fothergill, T. Askew, C. Peake, F. H. Cox, J. Marshall, E. Sепton, J. Richardson, J. Smith, S. E. Jones, R. Ingham, J. Donkin, M. Yeoman, T. P. Hayes, J. R. Gaunt, J. Laws, J. J. Byers, E. D. Peake, J. Davies, D. Robertson, S. Balmer, C. C. Simpson, S. Griffin, J. Kennedy, H. Balmer, J. Appleton, and J. Ramsted; and amongst the more distinguished visitors, were Bros. Captain Berry, S.W. 1393; G. de la Perelle, P.G.D.C.; C. H. Hill, P.G. Reg.; S. G. Ibbes, P. Prov. G.S.B.; J. Hamer, P. Prov. G. Treas.; E. Friend, P. Prov. J.G.D.; J. P. Platt, P. Prov. J.G.W.; J. Evans, S.W. 220; J. Healing, P.M. Treas. 1264; W. H. Charlesworth, 300; H. Burrows, 673; J. Skelly, 673; H. Horspool, 1094; J. L. Jones, 594; T. North, 216; R. Fairclough, 1356; T. A. Jackson, 1207; W. Vaughan, 724; J. Heyes, 220; and A. Woolrich, 241. A number of candidates were initiated with striking effect, by Bro. G. Sculthorpe, W.M., after which the chair was taken by Bro. T. Tozzard, P.M., who proceeded to instal Bro. John McNab, as the W.M. for the ensuing year, the whole of the impressive ceremony, as well as the investiture of officers, being performed in a most complete and careful manner. The following brethren were subsequently nominated by the W.M. as his staff of officers for the coming year:—Bros. R. Crosby, S.W.; J. Salmon, J.W.; J. B. Bunting, Treas.; J. Williams, Sec.; W. Westbury, S.D.; A. Salmon, J.D.; L. Peake, I.G.; and M. Crawford, Tyler. The lodge was afterwards called from labour to refreshment, when a capital banquet was served in one of the rooms upstairs, under the presidency of the W.M., who proposed the customary loyal and Masonic toasts with great felicity. The toast of "The Right Worshipful P.G.M., D.P.G.M., and Provincial Grand Officers of West Lancashire," was responded to by Bro. G. de la Perelle; and the same proposed with regard to the Cheshire Province by Bros. Platt and Friend. "The Army, Navy, and Volunteers," was acknowledged by Bro. Captain Berry; and "The West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution" (given by Bro. Fozzard,) by Bro. Gilbert G. Walmsley. A new toast, "The Hamer Old Men's Benevolent Fund," admirably submitted by Bro. P.M. Fozzard was received with the utmost enthusiasm, and after Bro. P.M. Morgan had made an eloquent and forcible reply, the sum of twenty guineas was voted from the funds of the lodge on behalf of the charity. The I.P.M., Bro. Sculthorpe, gave the "Health of the W.M.," who responded in pointed and effective terms. The other toasts were—"The Installing Master," given by Bro. Newell, and acknowledged by Bro. Fozzard; "The I.P.M.," by the W.M., and replied to by Bro. Sculthorpe; "The Past Masters," coupled with the name of P.M. Morgan; "The Officers," acknowledged by Bro. Crosby, S.W.; and "The Visitors," coupled with the name of Bro. Dr. Hughes. A very pleasant evening was spent, several capital songs being given.

BISHOP AUCKLAND.—Wear Valley Lodge (No. 1121).—On Friday, 9th inst., the members of this lodge celebrated the annual festival of St. John, when the W.M. for the ensuing twelve months was installed. Among the visiting brethren were Bros. E. H. Rahn, P.M. No. 970 and 1230; Wm. Brignall, P.M. 124, (Master of Granby), and P. Prov. G. Reg. Durham R. M. Cooke, P.M. 1230, Barnard, and others. The routine business of the lodge having been transacted, the W.M. elect, Bro. George Siddons was presented to the Installing Master, Bro. J. H. Rahn, P.P.G.D. Durham, who performed the impressive ceremony in a very able manner. The W.M. then invested his officers as follows:—Bro. J. C. Henry, W.M.; William Brown, S.W.; William Hines, J.W.; William Crowder

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Sec.; Andrew Allan, S.D.; Thos. W. Kilburn, J.D.; George, I.G.; and John Dowson, Tyler. The brethren afterwards sat down to an excellent dinner, at the Talbot Hotel, under the presidency of the newly installed Master. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and heartily responded to. The new Master has served the offices of Secretary, Treasurer, and S.W., and has always given an unflinching attention to the interests of the lodge since its formation.

THE GRANIT CITY LODGE (No. 1426).—The usual meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday evening, Jan. 13, at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, and was numerously attended. Bro. James Stevens, W.M., presided, supported by Bros. Weedon, S.W.; Townend, J.W., the rest of the officers, brethren, and visitors. The business was as usual very heavy, and occupied the lodge from three o'clock in the afternoon until nearly ten o'clock at night. The lodge having been opened in due form, and with solemn prayer, and the minutes of the last lodge read and confirmed, the lodge was opened in the second and third degrees, and Bro. Lambers, Hannaford, Hugo, Hooker, and Townend were raised to the sublime degree of M.M. The next business was to pass Bros. Robinson, Taylor, Dolan, and Carter to the second degree. The next business was a ballot for Messrs. Edward Cochran and Henry Gradon, which being unanimous in their favour, and they being in attendance, were regularly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry, all the different ceremonies being most ably performed by the M.W. Master. Some other business was disposed of, and the brethren adjourned for light refreshment; when a number of toasts were drunk and the evening was spent in complete harmony. The W.M. will represent the lodge as Steward at the coming Festival for aged Freemasons and their Widows, and it is believed that the list he will hand in will by no means damage the reputation of the Great City Lodge.

Mark Masonry.

ST. MARK'S LODGE (No. 1).—This lodge met at Bro. Gosden's, Mason's Hall Tavern, Moscow-avenue, City, on Tuesday, the 6th inst. Bro. George Kenning, W.M., presided, and was supported by Bros. Rev. W. B. Church, P.M., S.W.; T. B. Yeoman, J.W.; Rev. P. H. Ernest Brette, D.D., S.O.; H. C. Levander, P.M., Treas.; R. Wentworth Little, P.M., Sec.; T. Cubitt, I.P.M.; Charles Horsley, S.D.; E. B. Thelley, J.D.; John Boyd, R. of M.; F. Walters, P.M.; H. A. Dubois, I.G.; Rev. J. M. Vaughan; W. E. Newton; G. Newman; and Bro. Brook-Smith, a visitor. Bro. the Rev. M. Holden, M.A., was advanced to the degree of Mark Master, after which, the Ark, Link, and Wreath degrees were conferred upon several members, and the lodge was closed. An excellent repeat followed the labours in lodge, and the W.M. during the course of the evening presented a P.M.'s jewel to Bro. T. Cubitt.

Scotland.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF GLASGOW.—This body met on Thursday, 8th inst., in the Masonic Hall, 213, Buchanan-street, Glasgow, 42 of the 25 lodges in the province, being represented. In the unavoidable absence of the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Walter Montgomery, of Queenshill, the chair was taken by P. A. Barrow, D.P.G.M., who informed them the business to come before them on that day was the nomination of officers for the coming year. He had the commands of the Provincial Grand Master to re-nominate those whose appointment rested with him; and he was also pleased to be able to testify to the ability and punctuality of the whole of the brethren who had, during the past year, filled the various posts of honour in the Grand Lodge. The nomination was then proceeded to and in every case was unanimous. The

following were, therefore, declared to be duly elected for the next twelve months:—Walter Montgomery, Neilson, P.G.M.; Frederick A. Barrow, D.P.G.M.; James Steel, Substitute P.G.M.; John Baird, P.G.S.W.; David Kinghorn, P.G.J.W.; Rev. George Burns, D.D., Provincial Grand Chaplain; Dr. Penny, D.D., Junior Provincial Grand Chaplain; A. Mc Taggart, M.A., P.G. Sec.; J. B. Walker, P.G.T.; Thomas Halket, P.G.S.D.; G. Thallon, P.G.J.D.; J. Ritchie, P.G. Architect; R. Robb, P.G.M.; H. Allison, P.G.J.; Alexander Bain, P.G.B.B.; James Balfour, P.G.D.C.; Jno. Miller, P.G. Director of Music; James Gillies, P.G.S.B.; William Philips, P.G.I.G.; George Sinclair, Treasurer of Provincial Grand Benevolent Fund; and James Pollock, P.G. Tyler. The Acting P.G.M. announced that the installation would take place on the 27th, when he hoped the P.G.M. would be with them. The Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed in due form.

GLASGOW.—Caledonian Railway Lodge (No. 354).—This lodge met on Wednesday, 7th inst., Bro. J. Shaw, R.W.M., presiding. After the transaction of some private lodge business, the R.W.M. conferred the second degree in so highly a creditable manner, that it elicited great applause, and augurs well for the year of office on which he has just entered. At his request, Bro. G. W. Wheeler raised Bro. A. Buchanan to the third degree. Bro. Dolman acted as J.W., and J. Stafford, J.W.

THE TEMPLE AND HOSPITAL.

The anniversary meeting of the Mount Calvary Preceptory or Early Grand Encampment of England was held at the London Tavern, on Friday, the 9th inst. Knt.-Comp. D. M. Dewar, the E.P., presided, and amongst those present were Past Preceptors (or E.C.s, to use the older and more euphonious word) F. Binckes, W. Paas, S. Rosenthal, and J. Stohwasser, also W. Roebuck, E.P. Elect, John Hervey, Major Barlow, Rev. W. J. Shepherd, G. Neal, and W. Forster, and visitors, Capt. J. Watson, United Preceptory, Manchester, and R. Wentworth Little, E.P. Designate Holy Palestine Preceptory, London. After the usual preliminaries, the worthy and esteemed E.P. Elect was installed, and invested his officers, after which the Preceptory was closed, and the Knight Companions sat down to a banquet, and enjoyed the evening in the old Knight Templar style.

THE ROSICRUCIAN SOCIETY.

The Metropolitan College of England met at the Freemasons' Tavern, on Thursday, the 8th inst. Frater R. W. Wentworth Little, P.M.G. and S.M. presided, and a large number of fratres were present. Bros. R. Berridge, Rev. Dr. Ernest Brette, Wm. Forster, E. S. Norris, and T. W. Coffin were admitted to the grade of Zelator. Several promotions were announced, after which the elections of officers for the ensuing year were held. Frater W. Carpenter was chosen as M.G.; J. Weaver, D.M.G.; Rev. W. B. Church, E. Stanton Jones, T. Burdett Yeoman, T. W. White, S. Rosenthal, T. Cubitt, and Stephen Carey, Ancients; H. G. Buss, Treas.-Gen.; W. R. Woodman, M.D., Sec.-Gen.; K. R. H. Mackenzie, Assist. Sec.-Gen. There was a keen contest for the position of 7th Ancient which was awarded by a majority of two. A design for certificates was exhibited, and the reading of an interesting paper by Fra. Mackenzie terminated the business.

MASONIC BALL AT PRESCOT.

The sixth annual Masonic ball, carried out by the members of the ancient Lodge of Loyalty, No. 86, Prescott, was held on Thursday evening, the 8th inst., at the Assembly Rooms, Prescott, and as has been the case in all previous years, the proceeds will be given in aid of the funds of that most deserving charity, the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution.

The annual festive gathering of the brethren

and friends of the old Loyalty, is always of the most enjoyable character, a perfect spirit of good feeling and brotherly unity actuating every one, and the gathering of 1874, deserves a place beside those which have preceded it. Although the weather was of the most uninviting nature, being wet and thoroughly disagreeable, the ball was honoured by the principal Masonic and non-Masonic residents in and around Prescott, several also journeying from Liverpool, for the purpose of being present.

Bro. J. W. J. Fowler, P.M., P. Prov. G.A.D.C. again acted as the Honorary Treasurer, and Bro. Fowler, jun., as Honorary Secretary, both doing their duties most efficiently. The room was tastefully decorated, and as all the brethren appeared in full-dress Masonic clothing, with the jewels and insignia of their different orders, the gathering was exceedingly brilliant and attractive. Dancing was commenced shortly after nine o'clock, to the music of Mr. Martin's band, and was kept up with great spirit until an early hour.

The refreshments, supplied by Mrs. Lloyd, of the King's Arms, Prescott, were of the choicest and most satisfactory kind.

LORD SKELMERSDALE "AT HOME."

As landlord, neighbour, or head of an important province, no gentleman in his distinguished station enjoys more deserved popularity than Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, R.W.P.G.M. for West Lancashire; and the reason for this ultra-popular position is not difficult to find. Remembering that he occupies an honourable position, his conduct is invariably in keeping with the character of that position. Since his installation as P.G.M., less than a year ago, he has succeeded in not only confirming the high esteem felt for him by every brother in the province at his appointment by the M.W.G.M., but has greatly strengthened his popularity by the invariably courteous and friendly way in which he has conducted the affairs of the province. The changes introduced into the personnel of the Provincial Grand official list at the recent meeting at St. Helen's, were almost without a single exception, acceptable and satisfactory to the brethren generally, and the promises which his lordship has given to visit, at no distant date, every lodge within his province, augurs well for the future and continued favour of his Masonic reign.

As a landlord, he has given frequent proofs of liberality, and displayed more than once a generosity of disposition, which is too rarely to be met with in these days of money-making and money-keeping. More than one instance of his generosity in these "hard times" to tenants has come to our knowledge, all tending to show that his nobility of position has been quite in keeping with the nobility of his nature. As a friend and neighbour, ever since his return from America, he has also given sufficient proofs of friendliness and goodwill. Recently, at his lordship's country seat, near Ormskirk, he invited the principal townsfolk and tradesmen to a ball at Latham House, where mere ceremonial was utterly thrown aside, and where his lordship entered with as much zest into the evening's enjoyments as the youngest and least distinguished, Lady Skelmersdale vying with him as the hostess of the evening.

Again, as part of the Christmas festivities, he more recently entertained a large and notable circle of friends at Latham House, when private theatricals were given as the chief attraction, the two-act comedy of "Woodcock's Little Game" and the celebrated comediotta "Cut off with a Shilling" forming the programme, and his lordship playing a part in each with the greatest zest. The other characters were all supported by distinguished relatives of Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, and both pieces were admirably represented. Between the first and second pieces the guests were entertained at a supper, of the most recherché description.

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THE RIGHTS OF VISITING BRETHREN.

Since the question affecting Bro. Bigg's complaint, by the Middlesex Lodge, has been under consideration, we have looked carefully into the Book of Constitutions, and think that now we see the whole matter clearly and completely, and can place it before our readers in a satisfactory and convincing manner. First of all, what are the authorities data and constitutional regulations on the subject?

Many of our readers will remember, that, by virtue of the "summary" of the "antient charges," read to every "Master-elect," as printed in the Book of Constitutions, the W.M. for the time being is bound to see, that, "no visitor shall be received" into his "lodge without due examination, and producing proper vouchers of his having been initiated in a regular lodge." Such is the undoubted duty of the W.M., on the one hand, and the undoubted antient and universal law of the Craft, on the other.

If there be some little ambiguity in the use of the word "vouchers," which may be interpreted to mean both printed and parole, and to include alike the Grand Lodge certificates, and the personal voucher of some member of the Lodge, yet, as a fact, we believe that the general rule of the order has been to require—due examination of a stranger, and the production of a Grand Lodge certificate.

There are three regulations, in the Book of Constitutions, bearing specifically on the subject of "Visitors," but we need only concern ourselves with No. 1.

That runs as follows: "No visitor shall be admitted into a Lodge, unless he be personally known, recommended, or well vouched for, after the examination by one of the present brethren, and during his continuance in the lodge, he must be subject to the bye-laws of the Lodge. The Master of the Lodge is bound to enforce these regulations."

It would almost seem, that, in the recent discussion this stringent constitutional regulation of our Craft has been somewhat overlooked, and we ourselves must even plead guilty to the "soft-impachment." For this is a clear direct enactment, by which the W.M. of every lodge is bound to see, not only that the visiting brother is duly "examined by one of the present brethren," but is perfectly known, recommended, or "well vouched for" by one of those present.

Hence, then, it necessarily follows, that, the W.M. of the Middlesex Lodge was really "dans son droit" in all that he did, and that, after all, the usage of the Middlesex Lodge is in accordance with the Book of Constitutions.

The only mistake the W.M. seems to have made, and that may be more in appearance than reality, is, that, he rested his advice to Bro. Bigg on the bye-laws of the lodge, and not on the Book of Constitutions.

But having said this, we feel bound to observe, that, the general rule of our lodges has certainly been to relax somewhat the stringency of the regulation. Having often been present when visiting brethren have applied for admittance, the course pursued has been this, the custom, we make bold to say, of 99 out of every hundred lodges in the Order.

If the visitor has come with his Grand Lodge certificate, and can satisfy the examining Bro. or brethren, he is straightway admitted, even though he be not personally known to any brother present; and while on the one hand, we feel, that after all, practically, the W.M. of the Middlesex Lodge was right, if he did not know Bro. Bigg, we yet feel compelled to say, that the *lex inscripta* of the Order, which admits all duly registered Masons after due examination, has hitherto worked so well, we would fain hope, except in very peculiar cases, our lodges will

not fall back on the very stringent regulation of the Book of Constitutions on this "vexata questio."

HONORARY MEMBERS.

A good deal of correspondence has recently taken place in our columns relative to honorary members, their actual position and rights, their privileges, and voting powers, in our lodges.

Of honorary members our Book of Constitutions knows nothing, and makes no mention; consequently, there is, and can be, no authoritative law on the subject. There is undoubtedly a custom in the Craft in many lodges, though not in all, to admit honorary members, a custom somewhat questionable, and a right somewhat dubious, perhaps, according to the regulations of the Book of Constitutions which relate to the "admission of members." But still the custom exists, and has existed for some time, and no doubt, in some cases, the difficulty may arise as to what are the exact rights of honorary members.

Now it is clear to us, taking all the constituent regulations and prevalent system of our Order into account, that, the rights of honorary members represent what mathematicians call an "unknown quantity."

They are in fact, to use another familiar expression, "Vox et præterea nihil."

Honorary members are honorary members,—and nothing more and clearly have no right to vote on any question—affecting the lodge, to which they are not subscribing members.

All their privileges consist in attending the lodge, sharing in its festivities, and paying their own cost of expenditure whenever they join the banquet.

But as subscription to the lodges is the basis of all Masonic membership, and the guarantee of all individual privileges in the lodges, it is quite clear, that paying no subscription, honorary members stand on an entirely different footing to the paying members of the lodge.

It has been said, that, they can vote on all questions, except those on which money is involved.

But this proposition is erroneous, and involves a great fallacy.

It is quite clear, that, if they can vote at all, they can vote on all subjects, but if they cannot vote on money questions, they cannot vote on any matter at all.

Take for instance the election of W.M. Supposing, that, the numbers are nearly equal, does the brother who propounds the last-mentioned theory mean to contend, that the election could be decided by non-paying members?

Is it not patent to all, that, such a result must be reversed, on appeal to the Board of General Purposes?

Hence we fear, that, we must come to the conclusion, that as regards our lodges, honorary members have no rights at all, except such as are secured to them by the lodge bye-laws, and that, as regards the Craft at large, as governed by the wise provisions of our excellent Book of Constitutions, however excellent really in themselves, they are practically "nondescript."

But a Lodge, with the full consent of its members, can confer any rights upon them, which do

not militate with the the Book of Constitutions, and here we must leave the matter to-day.

WEEKLY SUMMARY.

Her Majesty is still at Osborne.

The Confirmation of H.R.H. Princess Beatrice, by the Archbishop of Canterbury, took place at Whippingham Church, on January 8, in the presence of the Queen and their Royal Highnesses the Prince of Wales, the Prince and Princess Christian, Prince Arthur, and Prince Leopold.

Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, attended by Lady Emily Kingscote, Lord and Lady Suffield, Lieutenant-Colonel Tesdale, Lieutenant-Colonel Ellis, Mr. F. Knollys, and Captain the Hon. Oliver Montagu, left Marlborough House on Saturday evening, en route for St. Petersburg.

His Royal Highness Prince Arthur, attended by Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Howard Elphinstone and Major Pickard, accompanied their Royal Highnesses.

H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh has safely arrived at St. Petersburg, where he has been most warmly received by the Emperor, the Imperial Family, and the Russian people.

H.R.H. the Duke of Cambridge was assaulted in St. James's-street, by a Captain Charles Studdert Mansell, late of the 2nd Foot, on the 6th of January. It is only charitable to hope and to believe that the unfortunate man is insane. His Royal Highness appears to have shown the greatest dignity and forbearance towards his assailant.

The equestrian statue of the late lamented Prince Consort was unveiled in the presence of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Duke of Cambridge, the Lord Mayor of London, and other notabilities, at the western entrance of the Holborn Viaduct, on Friday the 9th. The statue is given by a donor, generally unknown, and executed very effectively by Mr. Charles Bacon. The speeches of the Lord Mayor and of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, were most interesting and well-received.

On the 8th, the coffin of Napoleon the Third was transferred to the sarcophagus in the little mortuary chapel at Chislehurst, with a short religious ceremony. The sarcophagus itself, is a gift of Her Majesty the Queen to the widowed Empress. That excellent and august lady, attended by her son, was present in the Mortuary Chapel, and a considerable number of distinguished adherents to the empire assembled to do loyal homage to the memory of their old master.

In general news we have little to record Lord Ilchester has succeeded Lord Cowper as Captain of the Hon. Corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms, and Lord Monson has been appointed Treasurer of the Royal Household.

Mr. Dorington has been elected M.P. for Stroud in the place of Mr. Winterbotham; and Mr. Townley appointed Lord Lieutenant of Cambridge in the place of Lord Hardwicke.

The Castro trial continues, and its end seems still far off. Old fashioned people feel, that, twenty-one days in summing up a defence is a serious tax on patience and propriety. It is delightful to contemplate the amount of costs a "grateful country" will have to pay. A most extraordinary correspondence appears in the Times, as between Mr. Whalley, M.P., and Jean Luic.

Another claimant has started up in Scotland, for the Eglington estates, and we fully expect to have now a succession of wonderful claimants, and still more startling claims, like for public and private property.

The legal profession, as well as the public, use a great deal by the retirement of Sir Samuel Martin. Those of this present, or rather, perhaps of an older generation, will long fondly remember his outspoken honesty, his unsullied integrity, and his increasing desire to be just, and administer the law, both in the letter and in spirit.

A curious case has been heard before that able Judge, Mr. Justice Keating, an assessor for the shop of Exeter, at Exeter. It seems a pity that Mr. Chancellor Philpotts could not restrain conscientious feelings, as it reminds us of what has been called in French, "une tempête en un verre d'eau."

Abroad, the news is still not important. In Germany the Roman Catholic Church is very militant indeed, and Prince Bismark shews clearly that "there's life in the old dog yet," to use a very homely proverb. But a war of conscience, or what is taken to be conscience, is always a very difficult one to wage, and we doubt much the efficacy of penal enactments, in such matters.

The elections for the German Parliament are meanwhile quietly proceeding.

In France the Ministry have been placed in a minority, and have resigned, but having obtained a vote of confidence, have resumed their portfolios.

Marshal and Madame McMahon gave their first ball at the palace of the Elysée, on the 14th when the fair "Parisiennes" would think much more of agreeable partners, than of disagreeable votes of the "Chambres des Deputés."

In Spain the military pronunciamento has so far succeeded, and is apparently quite approved of by Spaniards. Madrid tranquil, Carthagea bombarded, Moriones "in a fix," such seem to be just now the "Cosas de Espana."

The young King of Siam has abolished prostration on the "Kotoo," as it is called, and promises to be an enlightened ruler.

We have to announce the death of General Baron de Ros, of the Countess of Stanhope, of the Dowager Countess de Clifford, of General Sir James Chatterton, and of Mr. Henry Glassford Bell.

The Times also reports a very serious accident on the Great Northern Railway, at Barkstone Junction, by which two persons have been killed, and eight more or less seriously injured.

FREEMASONRY IN IRELAND.

THE NEW CONSTITUTIONS. PROPOSED LAW No. 133.

As it is pretty generally understood that we shall soon be called on to re-discuss and re-decide the question of the retention or expurgation of the above most objectionable rule in our proposed new constitutions, I avail myself of the friendly columns of *The Freemason*, to bring before the Order in general, and our Irish brethren in particular, a few reasons why we should at the very earliest opportunity expunge a statute, which, as has very forcibly been put in a recent editorial of this paper, never should have been permitted to find a place among the laws of "Free and Accepted Masons."

It is hardly necessary to quote the law in extenso, as probably nearly all your readers who take any interest in the subject, are by this time tolerably familiar with it. Briefly, it proposes to compel the Grand Lodge of Craft Masonry to suspend, expel, or restore any brother, suspended, expelled, or restored, by the Grand Royal Arch Chapter, the Great Priory of Knights Templar, the Grand Chapter of Prince Masons, or the Supreme Council of the 33° for Ireland, "without any further enquiry or investigation."

The principle attempted to be again forced on Grand Lodge for acceptance, is so utterly un-masonic, and so entirely subversive, not only of Masonic, but of general jurisprudence, that it seems almost a waste of time to argue the question, but as there is a compact, if not a very numerous, section of Irish members, who seem determined to enforce their particular views as being most for the advantage of the Order in general, I propose to notice a few points that naturally present themselves in examining the subject.

We are told by some, that the law referred to, is what is called a "Reciprocal Treaty," that the "Foreign Bodies," whose mandate we are called on, unquestioning, to obey, but ask us to do for them what they bind themselves to do for us, and we are threatened that if we do not pass this law, those other orders may possibly pay no attention to sentences of suspension or expulsion pronounced by Grand Lodge, and may retain Masons so suspended or expelled, in their community. Is this line of argument to be taken as serious? Is it not perfectly plain, as laid down

by Bro. Mackay in his "Jurisprudence, that suspension or expulsion from Craft Masonry necessarily involves suspension or expulsion from all the so called "higher degrees," of which the offending party may be a member, but that the converse, is not, and should not be the case. But assume for a moment that the implied threat be made a fact, and let us suppose that a brother who has been expelled from the Craft, retains his position as a member of the Royal Arch Order for example. It is unquestioned that suspension or expulsion, from Freemasonry is a punishment applied only to serious Masonic crimes, the latter punishment being admittedly irrevocable, and equivalent to Masonic death. Can the members of the Royal Arch Body, composed as it must be of Blue Masons, sit in chapter with one who has been cut off, for serious offences from the Craft? or if they even so far forget their duty, as Masons, as to contemplate so doing, why should their conduct in the matter disturb the serenity of Grand Lodge? The Craft being freed from the presence of an unworthy member, whose conduct called for such condign punishment, if so called "higher orders" choose to tolerate such characters in their ranks that is their own affair, and Grand Lodge has no occasion to trouble itself further in the matter.

But again, if the law be passed, Grand Lodge will stand in a very inferior position to the other grand bodies, whose dictates it must however unhesitatingly obey without inquiry, even when those bodies order Grand Lodge to cut off a member, whose Masonic career may appear to Blue Masons unblemished. The members of those orders referred to, being of necessity Craft Masons, can be perfectly acquainted with all the charges and evidences brought forward in Grand Lodge, against a member accused of any Masonic offence, but the members of Grand Lodge are not to ask, nor would they be informed if they did, of what it is a member of the other bodies has been accused, and on what evidence he has been convicted.

The idea of reciprocity, with this fact borne in mind, has a tinge of the comical about it. We are told indeed, that a member is never suspended or expelled from those other bodies, save for a strictly Masonic offence, and we are expected to jump to the conclusion, that no brother can be cut off from fellowship in those orders, except for a crime, that would, if he were tried in Craft Masonry, involve a similar sentence. If so why not try him for the crime in Grand Lodge? Let all Masonic offences be examined and adjudicated on by the Craft. If the offence be a special one, such as a deliberate breach by the member, of his obligations in the order he belongs to, Grand Lodge cannot of course ask as to what special point he has offended in, but it can, and it ought, to be told, that the member has been ostracised as a punishment for wilful crime, after a trial by his peers, and with that fact officially before it, Grand Lodge may safely be left to do its duty in the matter.

The term Masonic offence, is besides, a very vague one. For instance, resistance to the powers that be, would be regarded by those powers as a Masonic offence, and yet it is quite possible that circumstances may at some time arise in those other bodies that would render resistance a necessity and a duty, and is Grand Lodge to be bound hand and foot, to strengthen by its power the hands of those who in those higher bodies may, by their misgovernment and imprudence, provoke an opposition which they may be strong enough to put down summarily by the very simple argument of suspending or expelling their opponents? I trust not.

The proposed law is altogether unnecessary. We have already, in rule 30, protected the interests of those other orders, and have gone very much out of our way as Craft Masons to secure for them a monopoly of the privileges they enjoy. The High Grades in Ireland, if this rule had not been passed, would have been exposed to the risk of two dangers. A "foreign jurisdiction" might invade their territory, and confer on Irish members, certain degrees, the possession of which is supposed to make a brother Masonically happy, or there might be a secession from the ranks of some of those "ineffable" degrees, and the seceding parties might issue counter manifestoes, and show a culpable want of that delicate

appreciation of existing qualifications in candidates, for which the present orthodox grand bodies are so remarkable.

From those two dangers Grand Lodge has fully guarded the bodies referred to, by providing in rule 30 that all assemblies of Freemasons in Ireland, purporting to be Masonic, are unlawful and prohibited, unless held under a warrant or constitution from some of the grand bodies recognised by it, and as a consequence providing for the suspension or expulsion of any Irish Mason who may take part in, or join any such unlawful assembly held in Ireland.

Seeing then that proposed law 133, is, on the face of it, a serious interference with the liberty and independence of Grand Lodge, that the principle involved in its adoption would be completely opposed to Masonic jurisprudence and Masonic equity, and that it is quite unnecessary for the protection of the rights of the existing grand bodies, the question naturally arises, why is it sought to impose it on Grand Lodge.

There are two reasons which, whether admitted or denied, seem to me to be at the bottom of the strenuous efforts, undoubtedly being made, to get this rule adopted. One is, that if it continues to be part of our Constitutions, that the bodies popularly, though erroneously, supposed to be "high degrees" in Freemasonry, can by officially communicating their decrees on certain cases compel Grand Lodge, "without any further enquiry or investigation," to carry those decrees into effect against those under its jurisdiction, a tenable status is given to those bodies in Grand Lodge, and the holders of those decrees acquire in Grand Lodge a fictitious importance.

The other, and possibly the more important motive, appears to be, that such a rule would arm the governing bodies of those orders, not only with their legitimate authority over the members of those degrees, but with the obedient power, of Grand Lodge in addition, and when we bear in mind that as we advance upwards in Irish Masonry, the true Masonic element rapidly diminishes, and the unmasonic and anti-Masonic principles as rapidly develop, we cannot be too cautious how we give the rulers of those orders power to hold over the heads of their members "in terrorem," the authority of Grand Lodge, as an inducement to passive obedience in these degrees.

There are many Masons in those "Foreign Bodies" who might be disposed to take an independent position in what may be called their politics, if the greatest punishment to which they were liable for so doing, was the forfeiture of the privileges of that particular order, but who would think twice, before they would run the risk of a sentence which would, if this law be passed, send them out to the world branded as expelled Freemasons, without giving or allowing an explanation of the circumstances of the case. The members of the "High Grades" who retain Masonic independence, should for their own sakes be at their post in Grand Lodge when this law comes on for discussion, to help us to break at once and for ever, the power of the so-called "High Grades" over Craft Masons.

The tendency of all our recent legislation, and internal arrangements here, has been in the direction of drawing a distinct line of separation between Craft Masonry and its modern additions. It is not very long since the funds of the various bodies were separated. Previously the funds of the Royal Arch and Knight Templar orders were under the control of Grand Lodge. Now, the accounts of each grand body are distinct, and three of the other orders pay rent, as tenants to the Grand Lodge. With regard to the 4th grand body, the Supreme Council 33°, it is not a tenant of Grand Lodge, but by some mysterious process it has been made a tenant, for the use of rooms required in working the degrees under its control, to the Grand Chapter of Prince Masons, which as such pays a rent to Grand Lodge for apartments, gas, and attendance, the amount of which is simply absurd, and must I fancy, sooner or later, be at least doubled.

A still greater change came into operation on the 1st inst., by the removal of the office work of the new Templar Order from the general office to a special room, where in future, all Templar business is to be transacted, and as an arrangement is pending by which the office

routine of the Prince Masons and 33° are also to be transacted in the new department, the result will be to confine the regular business of the general office to that connected with the Craft and Royal Arch Orders.

If rule 133 be struck out, as I hope and believe it will be, but one more change appears to be necessary to complete the separation of the Craft from degrees which have little in common with it, and much opposed to its principles, and inimical to its welfare.

The change alluded to, is the appointment of a different Grand Master for each of the distinct grand bodies, thus assimilating them to the English practice. Of course no change of this kind would be sought for or desired while our present venerated Grand Master is spared by the Great Architect to rule over us. He has, himself, however, wisely initiated it by resigning the leadership of the Templar body in favour of the Prince of Wales. Another strong argument against Rule 133, is to be found in the fact that the body alluded to, "the Religious and Military" Orders of the Temple and Malta, is not a Masonic body at all, and must not, therefore, be tolerated if it attempts to interfere with the rights and privileges of Freemasons. It is true that it restricts its membership to members of the Masonic institution; but that does not constitute it, inherently, a Masonic order. It is, henceforth, to be a chivalric order, and seems disposed to try to carry out the aspirations of one of its apostles, who, some time since, proclaimed, with dignified enthusiasm, that if the idea wrought out by Freemasonry of "a brotherhood of men" was a grand one, the idea to be wrought out by the new Order of the Temple—namely, "a brotherhood of gentlemen"—is still grander. Possibly so, if practicable. Meanwhile, seeing that the two fundamental principles of universal Freemasonry are, the equality of its members, and their unquestionable right to worship God as their conscience dictates, there can be nothing in common between it and a system where social position is intended to be indispensable, and where every candidate must profess a particular religious faith. It is not necessary to wait and see the result of this chivalric experiment. The leaders of the new Order have themselves cut the cable that bound them to Freemasonry, and whether their venture be a splendid success or a ridiculous abortion, is beside the question. One thing, however, Craft Masons should bear in mind. Many of them are members also of the Templar body, and it is not only quite possible, but very probable, that ere long questions will be raised in that body which will compel them to take sides in a division that is almost certain, and I would impress on them the wisdom of preventing Grand Lodge being dragged into a quarrel which it does not understand, and about which it cannot get any proper information. Let the "High Grades" manage their own affairs as they please, but do not place at their disposal the power and executive authority of Grand Lodge to be exercised at their bidding without knowledge and without question.

Finally, let there be no compromise in this matter, (accept no amendment. The rule is a bad one, strike it out.)

It is just possible that some of the brethren who are so desirous of retaining rule 133 may endeavour to bring to bear an influence which has been recently applied in another case, and rewarded by a temporary success. The Grand Master, whom all parties sincerely respect, may be induced to give a personal opinion in favour of this rule, and may be persuaded that it is of vital importance to retain it. If this course should be taken, it will be necessary to remember that our most esteemed Grand Master, has to depend for his knowledge of what is going on among us, on reports conveyed to him by those with whom he is immediately brought in contact, and if from their standpoint, those who are striving to purify Freemasonry in Ireland from abuses which have unfortunately crept into it, appear rather as Revolutionists than Reformers, it is of course only natural that similar views should arise in the mind of the G.M. I would earnestly deprecate any such course being taken, but if it should be followed, and pushed too far, the blame is on the head of those who would

thus force us to make choice between our love for the individual and our loyalty to the principles of our institution.

I do hope that such a contingency may not arise, but that the question will be fairly and honestly fought out. I, for one, have little doubt as to the result.

JOSEPH H. WOODWORTH,
P.M. Commercial Lodge 245.
Dublin, 5th January, 1874.

Original Correspondence.

THE CONVIVIAL BOARD

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The extract from the *New York Dispatch*, on the subject of the Convivial Board (given in yours of the 10th) is sufficient to fill every right-minded brother with disgust; the allegations and deductions therein made are unwarrantable, untrue, and unworthy the pen of a true Mason. It is almost futile to go into a defence of the assertions Bro. Kilpatrick has thought fit to advance, for every English Mason knows that the charges are unfounded and only the emanations of a versatile brain, and bearing the impress of claptrap and falsehood.

The volubility of Mrs. Caudle, was, I presume intended by Douglas Jerrold to show the ignorance of the lower order of women, and why Bro. Kilpatrick should have introduced such a simile cannot be conceived, but may possibly have some slight application to brethren north of the Tweed.

I repudiate the assertion that the key note of charity (for this is really what is meant) was sounded in the Great City Lodge. Let those who desire to know where the key note of charity was sounded apply to the records of our institutions and there will be found a ringing and deafening reply to the writer's insinuations. Most lodges are in the habit, when circumstances require it, and when an act of benevolence has to be achieved, to forego a banquet or two during the year, but it is not usual with them to have it cried from the house-tops, so that the nations of the earth may know how virtuous they are, and what an amount of self denial they are capable of practising.

As to the assertion that the lodge spoken of numbers many of the nobility and millionaires of the modern Babylon, it is simply ridiculous, and as "to the most influential and disinterested lodge," it is another wild proclamation, and proves the weakness and ignorance of the writer. The lodge in question has not been in existence more than six months, and is not at present either Subscriber, Life Governor, Vice-President, or Patron of either of the Masonic Charities. The next time Bro. Kilpatrick wishes to promote brotherly love, and serve our charities, let him seek more honourable means than outraging principles of which he has exhibited his entire ignorance as well as deviated from the truth.

I am, fraternally yours,

JOHN CONSTABLE,
S.W., 185.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In the following remarks upon an article, by Bro. W. Kilpatrick, quoted from the *New York Dispatch* in your issue of January 10th, I much desire it to be understood that I am not by any means an advocate for indiscriminate carousing. Neither do I wish to be looked upon as an example of abstemiousness. I, however frankly acknowledge a partiality, shared, I will venture to assert, by the vast majority of my English brethren, for the pleasant gatherings which take place when the lodge is closed, for there the rare opportunity occurs, to enjoy with those we esteem, a few hours of social intercourse, free from daily cares, without indulging, as is suggested, in habits indictative of the gourmand or sot.

I did fancy a long experience in English Freemasonry had enabled me to attain a general

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knowledge of lodge business, the furniture thereof, and the duties of the various officers; but the news waited to us from the other side of the Atlantic has dispelled the illusion. I was not aware that a very important part of lodge-furniture consisted of utensils used at the convivial board, including all the et ceteras necessary at a carouse; nor did I know that the office of Steward is considered of the highest importance, his duty being to keep the cupboard well stocked with the ardent and edibles. But we live and learn. The notion of holding up American Freemasons, as patterns worthy of imitation, is, to say the least, curious, since Bro. Kilpatrick himself informs us, that, (in order I presume to restrain brethren there and keep them decorous) it was deemed necessary to prohibit intoxicating liquors being brought into the lodge.

In England no such enactment is required, as, although an unwritten law, it is implicitly obeyed; and a brother would no more think of conveying intoxicating liquors into a lodge than dream of taking it into a place of worship.

The writer further informs the readers of the *Dispatch* of an event which occurred at the Great City Lodge in London, namely that the brethren agreed to do without one of the usual banquets and give the amount saved to the charity fund of the lodge.

From this fact he prognosticates that "the keynote sounded by the Great City Lodge consisting of Nobles and City Millionaires (?) is likely to be taken up in every lodge throughout the length and breadth of the land." For my part I do not think it at all likely. Englishmen generally will not content themselves to sup on bread, cheese, and beer; while they can well afford to enjoy such luxuries as venison and champagne; I have no means of judging the feelings of American brethren upon this topic; it is, however, notorious that the average American brethren are dyspeptic and do not possess the Englishman's power of digestion. It is quite possible the American Freemason may prefer intellectual refreshment and cold water; to a more substantial repast, but then tastes differ. The correspondent of the *New York Dispatch* has evidently but a slight acquaintance with the position of the Craft in England when he avers that this "new departure" of the great City Lodge (which, by the way, is not necessarily new, other lodges may possibly have done a similar thing, without trumpeting it forth to the four quarters of the globe) will cause a revival in Freemasonry in Great Britain, the fact being that at no time of its history has the Order been more flourishing and prosperous. Why Bro. Kilpatrick should publish such random allegations as are contained in the article in question is hardly possible to conceive, unless we suppose him to have fashioned his diction and opinions to please the idiosyncrasies of the people he happens to visit.

But why this crusade against Masonic dinners? Why, of all people in the world, should a Freemason rest satisfied with coarse and meagre fare, when he is able and willing to pay for delicacies? Is it just and fair to denounce masonic banquets, while we find other societies, be their purpose social, political, civic, parochial, benevolent, and even religious, indulging in similar "indiscretions." Nearly every public event of importance is celebrated by some such festivities. Almost daily we find in the newspapers reports of parliamentary dinners, civic dinners, banquets innumerable, upon every possible occasion, numbers of them in aid of charitable institutions, even the ceremony of installation of the Lord Rector of a great University is supplemented by a great feast where I am certain the "edibles" and the "ardent" played no unimportant part. Then why is the Freemason alone to practise so great an amount of self-denial. Is it because he is niggard in his charitable contributions, as the records of the Grand Lodge reply. It is an insult to question the generous liberality of the English Freemason. Is the giver to divest himself of all his superfluous wealth and deny himself every enjoyment, that the recipient might be pampered. From general experience it is just to infer that the abolition of refreshment performing four, five, and sometimes six hours labour in the lodge will tend to diminish attendance of our lodge meetings. A con-

summation certainly not to be wished. For Freemasonry to continue in its present successful course, it must be made as attractive as possible. Members of our honourable Craft are as a rule "true and trusty," and good citizens; but they are not likely to take the trouble of travelling many miles for the purpose of receiving lessons in moral conduct, when the same commodity, albeit in different form, can be obtained nearer home. But when, besides the moral advantages which are to be gained in the Lodge, there is a prospect of lively and brotherly intercourse a goodly muster of Brethren will invariably assemble.

Now, admitted, as Bro. Kilpatrick very properly points out, that Masonry inculcates every virtue under the Sun; and that it is the duty of every member of the Craft to promote in every way anything which conduces to brotherly love, peace, and goodwill among men. Nor can it be denied that as civilization advances, so does Freemasonry (by the way, presumably notwithstanding our banqueting propensities); granting also that American Freemasons are immaculate, and the members of the Great City Lodge virtuous, but why, oh why, should the rest of the brotherhood have no more "Cake and Ale."

Yours fraternally,
E. GOTTHEIL,
P.M. and P.Z.

Obituary.

BRO. T. WORMALD, F.R.C.S., FORMERLY OF NO. 2, LODGE OF ANTIQUITY.

We extract the following from the *Times* :—
"Mr. Thos. Wormald died suddenly at Gomersall, Yorkshire, the residence of his brother, on Sunday, December 28, in his 72nd year. He had filled most of the important offices and appointments open to the members of the profession. He commenced his professional studies under the celebrated John Abernethy, surgeon to St. Bartholomew's Hospital, to whom he was apprenticed at the Royal College of Surgeons. Having completed his hospital studies, he presented himself for examination, and was admitted a member of the College of Surgeons on the 5th March, 1824. He had previously assisted as Demonstrator of Anatomy at his hospital, and, in conjunction with the late Mr. M'Whinnie, published some anatomical diagrams of great use to students. After this he visited the continental hospitals to see the surgical practice and treatment of cases. In due time, he became assistant-surgeon to St. Bartholomew's Hospital, but, owing to the long tenure of the office of surgeon by his predecessor, was not appointed full surgeon until nearly the time for the compulsory resignation of the office, which he only held for a few years; he was, however, immediately appointed consulting surgeon to the hospital, holding the appointment until his death, and ever taking the deepest interest in the welfare of the hospital, its patients, and the large class of students, by whom he was much respected. In the Royal College of Surgeons he filled all the highest offices, having been elected in the first batch of Honorary Fellows of that institution on the 11th of December, 1843, and in 1849 he was elected, in conjunction with the late Messrs. Hodgson, Pilcher, and Bishop, a member of the Council. In 1857 he was appointed Hunterian Orator, when he delivered an admirable oration before a large audience; the discourse was published at the expressed desire of the Council, by whom he was elected the following year a member of the Court of Examiners. In 1865 he received the highest honour his colleagues could confer on him—the President's gown, and he performed the duties of this office to their entire satisfaction. He continued in office only a short time, and, in possession of an ample fortune, divided his time between Bedford-row, where he had practised many years, and his country residence—Bengeo, but latterly Epping House, near Hertford. Mr. Wormald leaves a widow, three daughters, and three sons. With the exception of the works already mentioned, and a few papers in the *Transactions* of the Royal Medical and Chirurgical Society and the *Medi-*

cal Times, he did not contribute anything to surgical literature, but he has left a collection of valuable notes and cases."

The remains of this lamented gentleman were interred in the Highgate Cemetery on Monday week. His funeral, attended only by his sons; sons-in-law, and other near relations, was, as became his own wishes and retiring disposition, of a simple and unostentatious character. The service was read by the Rector of Bengeo, in whose parish he had formerly resided with his family, for many years.

Bro. Wormald's removal has left a blank, which cannot be readily filled up. In his busiest days, when his connection with St. Bartholomew's Hospital made a daily visit to London essential, he still appointed a time in each week when the poor could consult him gratuitously, and upon these occasions it was not unusual to find his gates surrounded with patients all anxious to secure the benefit of his great surgical skill. This practice was continued in his retirement to Epping House, and hundreds can testify not only to the permanent benefits arising from his prescriptions and advice, but to the sympathy and kindness with which every real case of suffering was met.

Bro. Wormald died at Gomersall, in Yorkshire, in his 72nd year. The sickness of a brother, to whom he had been instrumental in imparting considerable relief, had taken him there about three weeks before the attack which ended in his own removal. Thus to the end of life was fulfilled his great desire to do good to others, by enabling them to profit by that profound medical and surgical knowledge which in the providence of God had been so bountifully dealt out to himself. Bro. Wormald's connection with St. Bartholomew's Hospital, of which he continued a consulting surgeon, had an existence of well nigh half a century.

BRO. JOHN HARRIS.

We regret to announce that Bro. John Harris, P.M., P.Z., Lithographic Artist and Fac-similist, died in Croydon, on Dec. 28, 1873. He was initiated on the 10th February, 1818, in the Lodge Good Intent, No. 413, and served the various offices, (that of W.M. four years). He joined the St. James's Union Lodge, No. 180, subscribing to the same 15 years. He then joined the Royal York Lodge of Perseverance, No. 7, acted as Secretary for 10 years; and afterwards joined the Albion, No. 9, having been a subscribing member for 40 years. In 1823, he designed the tracing boards, approved by the late M.W.G.M., His Royal Highness the Duke of Sussex, K.G., &c. In August, 1856, he became totally blind from paralysis, and in 1860 he became an inmate of the Royal Benevolent Institution, Croydon. He has left a widow in advanced years, who will now be a candidate for the annuity.

MASONIC BIBLIOGRAPHY.

Under the above heading in last number of *The Freemason*, Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford asks who was the author of a pamphlet, entitled "The principles of Freemasonry explained, etc.," published at Glasgow in 1768. The author was the Rev. Alexander Gillies, a member of the Lodge Montrose. He was the first recorded honorary member of Mother Kilwinning, and his admission is thus minutely—"Kilwinning, 20th Dec. 1766. Mr. Alexander Gillies, preacher of the gospel, formerly entered in another lodge, having this day preached before the brethren in the Church of Kilwinning, to their great edification, and with universal applause, the brethren, in consideration of the learning, sobriety, and sound divinity of the said Mr. Gillies, do unanimously receive and admit him as an honorary member of the Mother Lodge of Kilwinning, and he obliges himself to obey the rules of the lodge. Alexr. Gillies. Claud Thomson, Master." George Murdoch, to whom the sermon was afterwards dedicated, was then Lord Provost of Glasgow, and a Past Master of Glasgow Kilwinning. The circumstances under which he became "Grand Master of the Lodges in Glasgow" are referred to in my "Historical Notes on Scotch Lodges," in *The Freemason*, Nov. 1, 1873.—D. MURRAY LYON.

Masonic Tidings.

His Grace James, Duke of Abercorn, has been elected to and accepted the post of Senior Grand Warden, in Grand Lodge of Ireland, vice Lord Athlumney, deceased, the Grand Masters Lodge are making great preparations for a banquet to entertain their noble brother who was so popular as Viceroy under the last Government.

The fifteen Sections will be worked in the Star Lodge of Instruction, No. 1275, at the Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road, on Saturday, the 24th of January, by Bro. David Rose. Lodge opened at 6.30 precisely.

The usually quiet town of Richmond was en fête on Thursday, 8th inst., the occasion being a double marriage. The bridegrooms were David Davidson, Esq., and Robert Alexander Houstoun, Esq. The brides being the daughters of Bro. Col. Francis Bordett, Prov. Grand Master of Middlesex. An account of the interesting proceedings will appear in our next.

Mutuum in Parbo, or Masonic Notes and Queries.

BRO. KINNERSLEY'S HISTORY OF No. 84.

We were much interested in reading a capital sketch of Bro. Kinnersley's History of "Doyle's Lodge of Fellowship, Guernsey, which appeared in *The Freemason* on Nov. 8th."

We sent to a friend to procure us a copy but not having heard as yet, we shall assume the "Review" in question to be correct as to the following:—Warrant granted by the "Antients" for a lodge at Guernsey, 24th June, 1763, No. 116. We find this lodge was in existence at the "Union" of 1873, and was then numbered 141 "Orange Lodge Jersey."

We are told that the same Grand Lodge issued a warrant 9th March, 1784, No. 222 for the "Mariner's Lodge" which was "erected in the island, under the same name, though now bearing the number 168 ever since.

Bro. Kinnersley then informs us that the "Doyle's Lodge of Fellowship" was formed on the 22nd Sept. 1806, also by the "Antient" as No. 536.

How the latter can be true we are at a loss to imagine, for on turning to the list of the "Antient" lodges we find No. 336 was held at the "Buckingham Arms, Stonehouse, Plymouth."

There was also at that time in Guernsey, under the "Antients" (A.D. 1813), 334, "Lodge of Harmony," 337; "Lodge of Unity, Bro. Gilliard's," and 343, "The Fourth Garrison Battalion," all of which ceased to exist before the alteration of the numbers in 1832. We have examined into the apparent discrepancy, and offer the following explanation for the information of our good Bro. Kinnersley, and his zealous friends of the "mystic tie" at Guernsey.

"Doyle's Lodge of Friendship," when under the "Antients" was neither 334, 336, 337, nor 343, but actually "No. 98," and owing to its position of the roll, was more likely to have been warranted about 1760 than so late as 1806.

We append the various numbers of the "Doyle's Lodge of Friendship," according to the various alterations, from its constitution to the present time:—

Under the "Antients" up to 1813.	No. 98.
At the "Union" of 1813.	No. 123.
	1832. No. 99.
	1863. No. 84.

It is a curious fact that the "Doyle's" Lodge of Fellowship accepted a warrant from the older Grand Lodge (the "Moderns") in 1810, as No. 615. We do not know whether Bro. Kinnersley alludes to it or not. Such "double-dealing," however, was not unique in the experience of lodges, for the able historian of the "Royal Gloucester Lodge," No. 130, Southampton, (W. Bro. J. Rankin Stebbing, P.G.D., and D. Prov. G.M.), affords intelligence of a similar act on the part of that distinguished lodge prior to the "Union," and it is probable others did not object to do likewise. The reviewer in speaking of Sir John Doyle being initiated, passed, raised, and had the Past Master's degree

conferred upon him on one and the same night, remarks, "This was allowed under the old constitutions, and is even now done in America." We should like to know where four degrees are given in one night in America. It certainly will be news to our brethren in the United States. It is probable only the P.M.'s degree is referred to, and if so, excepting, we think in Pennsylvania, "passing the chair" is not worked in any Craft Lodge in America.

W. J. HUGHAN.

ARK MARINERS' DEGREE.

In the "Statutes and regulations for the Government of Royal Ark Mariners" (London, 1871), we notice the following.

"During some part of the eighteenth century Royal Ark Masonry was much in favour and practised. It has been discovered that in the year 1772, a Grand Lodge was re-constituted, and a warrant is in the possession of the Supreme Grand Commander of the Order, together with several documents relating to Ark Masonry and the Excellent Master's degrees, which have always been allied with it." "In London it has been worked from the year 1772, and long previously to the present time." "this Grand Lodge has had a continuous working long before and since 1793.

We have been examining into the antecedents of the degrees in any way connected with the Mark and Royal Arch Degrees, and desire to draw the attention of Masonic students to the above. We do not know who the writer is that compiled the introduction to the Statutes of Ark Mariners, and we therefore venture to ask for information through the columns of *The Freemason*.

1. We are not aware of any evidence to prove the existence of a Grand Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners before 1172, or even so early as that period.

2. No warrant that we have heard of as being in the possession of the S.G. Commander dates prior to the last decade of the eighteenth century.

3. We have never been able to discover any particulars respecting the "re-constitution," (or even the Constitution) of a Grand Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners in 1772.

4. We are not aware that the Excellent Masters' Degrees have always been allied with the Royal Ark Mariner, and having copies of minutes of the former dating before the latter can be traced, we think the statement made in the statutes must be an error. However, we suspend our final judgment until an opportunity has been afforded for the production of evidence.

4. What records are there of the Ark Mariner's Degree being worked in London in 1772?

5. What records are there of the foregoing degree being worked in London long before the year 1772? We shall be glad to have an answer to these queries, which are now written with the sole desire to receive "light," and if the extraordinary assertions in the interesting little Book of Regulations can be substantiated, then clearly the Royal Ark Mariner's degree has not yet been duly honoured. We believe our zealous and esteemed Brother Robert Wentworth Little is well informed respecting the Ark Mariner's Degree, and we solicit his reply, as also a similar favour from other competent public men.

W. J. HUGHAN.

The Great Fair at the Agricultural Hall is still visited by thousands of persons nightly, who seem to thoroughly enjoy the "Fun of the Fair." We advise all our readers who have not yet been to pay a visit at once. The splendid collection of wild beasts, including the lion cubs born on Christmas day, are alone worth the admission money, to say nothing of the Richardson's Show, marionettes, ghost shows, waxworks, merry-go-rounds, talking fishes, and the hundreds of other amusements.

ANOTHER ROYAL COURTSHIP.—The London correspondent of the *Irish Times* says:—"The cousin of Prince Louis of Hesse, is, if report can be relied upon, an aspirant for the hand of Princess Beatrice, the youngest daughter of her Majesty, and, what is more, is likely to be successful."

BRO. ABEL SMITH'S ANNUAL TREAT AT THE HERTFORD WORKHOUSE.

The somewhat monotonous existence of the inmates of the Hertford Union Workhouse was relieved on Tuesday, by two entertainments, which were given for their special recreation; and if cheerful countenances and hearty applause are to be regarded as evidences of pleasurable sensations, then there can be no doubt that both young and old thoroughly enjoyed themselves on Tuesday, and as thoroughly appreciated the efforts which were made for their amusement. At four o'clock in the afternoon a gigantic Christmas tree, some ten feet in height was lighted in the large dining hall, to the great delight of the juveniles. The tree was most profusely decorated with useful and ornamental presents, and being capably illuminated really presented an exceedingly pretty appearance. At the appointed time the tree was stripped of its fruit, which was distributed amongst the younger inmates of the house, who were pleased enough at receiving the numerous toys.

The hall was then cleared, and soon afterwards the inmates were seated at the tables enjoying a most liberal tea, which had been set before them, and to which they did full justice, each person being supplied with as much tea, cake, and bread and butter as he or she considered necessary for their bodily sustenance. The old women each were presented with a warm shawl, and comforters and mittens were distributed amongst the others inmates of the house. After tea the tables were cleared, and at seven o'clock the inmates reassembled in the dining hall to listen to an amateur musical entertainment, which had been specially got up for their enjoyment. In addition to the inmates of the house there was also a large company of visitors present.

The programme was most ably and efficiently gone through; the applause was very hearty, and all appeared delighted with the successful nature of the entertainment. We may here remark that the expense connected with the whole of the afternoon and evening proceedings was most kindly and liberally defrayed by Bro. Abel and Lady Susan Smith. At the close of the concert hearty votes of thanks were passed to Bro. Abel and Lady Susan Smith for their beneficence, to the performers for their services, and to the Master and Matron of the house for their efforts to promote the comfort of the inmates. We had almost forgotten to observe Mr. and Mrs. Stratford (the master and matron of the house) were each presented with a very handsome book by Bro. Abel and Lady Susan Smith. The efficient services of some of the other officials also received appropriate acknowledgment.

THE ATTRACTIONS OF REGENT-STREET.—

Among the brilliant displays which adorn Regent-street, there are none which attract more attention than the establishment of Mr. Ahlborn, in the Quadrant. Mr. Ahlborn has added largely to his establishment by the purchase of the hotel adjoining Quadrant House, at a cost of no less than £20,000. These extensive premises will be the most complete in Regent-street, and will contain an assortment, the richest and most unique, of the latest novelties. Mr. Ahlborn has expended an enormous outlay on a collection from the first houses in France of the richest silks and satins, which may fairly be said to be unsurpassed by any other throughout the world.—*Morning Post*.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.—DISEASES OF THE CHEST.—

The daily increase of deaths from these causes is positively appalling. During the last few weeks, from the hot days and cold nights, many aged and delicate persons have died of bronchitis, inflammation of the lungs, and other chest complaints, perfectly remediable at their outset. Let no one afflicted in the chest hesitate for a moment to use Holloway's potent remedies. Properly used, they will mitigate each symptom, and avert those disastrous consequences grievously noted by the Registrar-General. Rub the ointment thoroughly over the chest at least three times a day, and take the pills exactly according to the printed instructions affixed to each box and pot. Immediate relief and permanent cure will result.

Poetry.

WHY CHIME THE BELLS SO MERRILY?

Words by Mrs. Herbert Hodges.

Inscribed, by permission, to the Lady Susan Smith,

Why chime the bells so merrily
From yonder grey church tower,
And why do sounds of mirth awake
The solemn midnight air?

The Old Year's past, and thus they bid
Its joys and griefs farewell;
And welcome in the New Year Morn
As though 'twould care dispel.

Why chime the Bells so merrily
In midnight's lonesome hour?
They strike within my soul a chord
Of strange and solemn power,

Can I, too, bid the past farewell
Without a sigh or tear,
And welcome in the New Year's morn
Without a thought of fear.

Ah! yes, for though past sins arise
In hues of scarlet dye,
A Saviour's love hath banished them,
E'en as the year gone by.

Then let the Bells chime merrily,
And bid the New Year come:
For each one as it speedeth by
Leaves me but nearer home!

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, January 23, 1874.

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

Saturday, January 17.

- Lodge 714, Panmure, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
- " 1394, Sphinx, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge.
- " 1364, Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Hackney.
- " 1425, Hyde Park, Westbourne Hotel, 1, Craven-road, W.
- Manchester Lodge of Instruction (179), Yorkshire Grey, 77, London-street, Fitzroy-square.
- City Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, Surrey.
- City Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. G. Dilley, Preceptor.

Monday, January 19.

- 1, Grand Master's, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street.
- " 21, Emulation, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
- " 58, Felicity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.
- " 185, Tranquility, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.
- " 710, Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
- " 863, Whittington, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street.
- " 901, City of London, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.
- " 997, Royal Albert, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 1201, Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 12, Providence, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
- Leopold Lodge of Instruction (1445), Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland, at 7. Bro. T. Austin, Preceptor.
- Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 8; Bro. Bockett, Preceptor.
- City Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.
- den Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern, Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
- Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gotheil, Preceptor.
- h Oak Lodge of Instruction, Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.

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

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

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

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

Metropolitan Mark Lodge of Instruction, Coach and Horses Hotel, 323, Strand, at 8.

Tuesday, January 20.

Board of General Purposes, at 3.
Lodge 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge.

" 95, Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

" 162, Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall.

" 165, Honour and Generosity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.

" 194, St. Paul's, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.

" 205, Israel, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.

" 435, Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall.

" 704, Camden, Bull and Gate Tavern, Kentish Town

" 857, St. Mark's, Duke of Edinburgh Tavern, Brixton.

" 1441, Ivy, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge-road.

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

Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tavern, Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 8.

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

Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Lord's Hotel, Lord's Cricket Ground, St. John's-wood, at 8. Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.

Dalhouse Lodge of Instruction, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. Crawley, Preceptor.

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

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

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

Wednesday, January 21.

General Communication, Grand Chapter, at 3.

Grand Stewards' Lodge.

Lodge of Benevolence, at 6.

" 140, St. George's, Trafalgar Hotel, Greenwich.

" 190, Oak, Freemasons' Hall.

" 619, Beadon, Greyhound Hotel, Dulwich.

" 700, Nelson, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich.

" 969, Maybury, Freemasons' Hall.

" 1044, Wandsworth, Spread Eagle Hotel, New Wandsworth.

" 1349, Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars.

" 1382, Corinthian, George Inn, Cubitt Town, E.

Chap. 10, Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall.

" 192, Lion and Lamb, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.

" 217, Stability, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street.

" 1269, Stanhope, Thicket Hotel, Anerley.

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

United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.

Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction (1288), Finsbury Park Tavern, Seven Sisters-road, N., at 8; Bro. P. Dickinson, Acting Preceptor.

Thursday, January 22.

House Committee, Girls' School, at 4.

Lodge 34, Mount Moriah, Freemasons' Hall.

" 60, Peace and Harmony, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.

" 65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.

" 66, Grenadiers, Freemasons' Hall.

" 99, Shakespeare, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.

" 766, William Preston, Cannon-street Hotel.

" 871, Royal Oak, White Swan Tavern, High-street, Deptford.

" 1421, Langthorne, Swan Hotel, Stratford.

- Chap. 5, St. George's, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 141, Faith, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street.
- " 177, Domestic, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street.
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For the Week ending Saturday, January 24, 1874.

Monday, January 19.

Lodge 721, Independence, Barr's Hotel, Chester, at 6.

Everton Lodge of Instruction (823), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 7.30.

Chap. 32, Jerusalem, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 5.

" 995, Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverstone.

Tuesday, January 20.

Lodge 667, Alliance, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.

" 1276, Warren, Stanley Arms Hotel, Seacombe, at 6.

" 1225, Hindpool, Hartington Hotel, Barrow-in-Furness.

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

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

Wednesday, January 21.

Lodge 537, Zetland, Masonic Chambers, 9, Hamilton-square, Birkenhead, at 5.

" 823, Everton, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.

" 1182, Duke of Edinburgh, Coffee House, Wavertree, at 5.

" 1086, Walton, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, at 6.

" 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys Hotel, Eccles.

" 1353, Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster.

Chap. 880, Unity, Wheatsheaf Inn, Ormskirk, near Liverpool, at 4.

Harmonic Lodge of Instruction (216), Mona Hotel, James-street, Liverpool, at 8.

Thursday, January 22.

Lodge 594, Downshire, 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 1325, Stanley, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool, at 6.
 Chap. 292, Liverpool, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 1086, Walton, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, at 6.
 Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction (1182), 150, Park-lane, Liverpool, at 7.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW.

For the week ending Saturday, January 24, 1874.
 All the Meetings take place at 8 o'clock.

Monday, January 19.

Lodge 332, Union, 170, Buchanan-st.
 St. Mungo Encampment, K.T., 213, Buchanan-street.

Tuesday, January 20.

Lodge 31, St. John's, St. John's Hall, 213, Buchanan-st.
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 " 437, Govandale, Portland Hall, Govan.

Wednesday, January 21.

Lodge 519, Maryhill, 167, Main-street, Maryhill.

Thursday, January 22.

Lodge 27, St. Mungo, 213, Buchanan-street.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH.

For the Week ending Saturday, January 24, 1874.

Monday, January 19.

Lodge 44, St. Luke's, Freemason's Hall, George-st., at 8.

Tuesday, January 20.

Lodge 36, St. David's, Ship Hotel, E. Register-street, at 8.
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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

DOMATIC LODGE (No. 177).—On Friday evening last the installation meeting of this very popular lodge was held at Anderson's Hotel, where a very large gathering of the members of the Craft assembled to witness the installation of Bro. Frederick Kent into the chair of K.S. Immediately after the reading of the minutes, the ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. P.M. Brett, (than whom there are very few if any members in the Craft better qualified to work this beautiful ceremony) in an impressive manner, and all present must have been highly gratified at the Masonic treat Bro. Brett afforded them on Friday. After the newly installed Master had been duly proclaimed according to ancient custom, he proceeded to appoint his officers as follows:—Bros. Everett, S.W.; Treadwell, J.W.; Wilking, S.D.; Palmer, J.D.; Chapman, I.G.; Buscall, D.C.; Joseph Smith, Treas. Through the lamented death of Bro. Towner, the lodge has for some little time been without a Secretary, and this office was now filled up by the appointment of Bro. Willing. The important ceremony of appointing and installing the officers having been completed, the ordinary business of the lodge was proceeded with, and Bros. Jennings, Vinal, Plenderleah and Braid, were raised to the sublime degree of M.M. Bros. Currie, Lightfoot, Brown, Watson and Strange, were next passed to the degree of F.C., after which Mr. John Willis, Mr. Edward Purchase, Mr. J. W. Torrance, and Mr. Abel Simmer, being candidates for initiation, were balloted for, and the ballot being declared in their favour, were duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the first degree. The business of the evening was brought to a close by admitting on ballot, Bro. F. C. Bartlett, of the Victoria Lodge, Quebec, as a joining member of the Domatic Lodge. The members and their numerous visitors then repaired to the banquet room, where a noble repast was served by mine host, who knows so well how to provide those who, from their necessarily recent attendance at Masonic banquets, are adepts at the art of dining and therefore, not the people to be satisfied with anything but the best. The only inconvenience felt arose from the multitude of the diners, which rendered some crowding unavoidable, and a pocket full of soup a thing unheard of, or the back of a popular singer staid with gravy a spectacle not unseen. But what are inconveniences of this kind when we seek to do honour to those whom we revere? We English submit to such daily, when this is our object, and therefore these little mishaps were endured on Friday, with commendable good humour. We understood there were not far short of one hundred and fifty members of the Craft present at banquet, among whom were many very eminent Masons. We shall not attempt to record the names of the members of this lodge are so numerous, and it is quite possible that some of the names of some of the visitors may be omitted. Those we observed were s. Cottebrune, G. Faust, Eng.; Eve, G.S.V. W.; Major Campbell, Gower, George. Kei-

ning, P.M. 192; J. D. Massey, 173; Beckett, Dalhousie; Lawler, 511; Sidney Thornton, Pomeroy, Higgins, 1381; Codner, Globe, Bingham, 56; Dwarber, 55; Bocking 34; Stephens, 1365; Tessett, 1365; Wheeler, Hoggard 205; Basnett 22; Vine, 173; Scott, 55; Row, Fidelity; Dawson, 186; Webb, 71; Kell, Hook, St. Lie, 1158; Brandt, and Vine. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been duly proposed and honoured those which more particularly concerned the Domatic Lodge were proceeded with. Bro. P.M. Joseph Smith, the Treasurer of the lodge, rose to propose "The Health of their newly-installed W.M." He was sure that it was a toast that they were all desirous, anxiously desirous, to honour, because he was sure that they not only all esteemed Bro. Kent, very highly for the manner in which he had wrought in times past, but that they anticipated with regard to the time to come that Bro. Kent would be all that they could desire in a W.M., during his year of office. He would remind them that Bro. Kent was initiated in that lodge, and that he had fulfilled all the offices up to the chair, and now the meeting had conferred upon him the highest honour by making him their W.M. All W.M.'s are not gifted alike. Some evince special ability in their working, some are particularly genial at the banquet. They had the evidence of their senses that in the latter capacity their new W.M. excelled, and he thought he might venture to say that Bro. Kent would be found able to perform all the duties of the lodge. He reminded them that this was a very large lodge, and he held that the larger the lodge the higher was the honour of being elected its W.M. At the same time, however, the responsibilities were heavier. Every Master should endeavour to excel those who have gone before him, and to improve upon what they have done, and to show that Bro. Kent intends your comfort as well as your interests, he would tell them that their new W.M. had proposed that the Domatic Lodge should have a Masonic ball, that their chief's idea was that they ought not to be selfish, but that they should have an entertainment in which their wives and daughters might take part, and he had set his heart upon making the proposed ball a great success. He had moreover come to the praiseworthy resolution of not leading the lodge into debt, and this perhaps was the best part of the whole business, though they might think it selfish of him (Bro. Smith) to say so, being the Treasurer, for their W.M. had said that if the funds of the Lodge would not bear the expense he would be very willing to bear it himself. The toast was drunk with enthusiasm, and the W.M., in returning thanks said that ever since he became an officer of that lodge his idea had always been to be original, whenever it seemed right, to do something different to what had been done before. He thought he had done right in coming up to that chair, and he assured the brethren in all sincerity that his object would be to sink his individuality for the benefit of the lodge. There was nothing like unity in a lodge; if they would only bear it in mind they would never do wrong, never misunderstand each other. With the view of acting in unison, he had called a meeting of his officers, and they had promised that whatever he might suggest he should have their support. He thought that so far as they had gone they had had an exceedingly pleasant evening together, but his idea was that Masons ought not to be selfish; he was always pleased when he heard Masonry well spoken of by the ladies, and he believed that they would be helping forward Freemasonry by having entertainments in which the ladies could join. He believed that the result would be that husbands and brothers would be urged to join a body that, apart from and beyond its work of charity, not only sought its own enjoyment, but endeavoured to add to the happiness and social intercourse of their wives, their daughters, and their sisters. It was therefore that he had suggested the idea of a ball, that they should forget themselves in contributing to the happiness of their ladies, though they should not forget themselves when the ball took place. He thanked the brethren for the manner in which they had drunk his health; he trusted there would always be unity between

them; let them go through his year of office hand in hand with him, so to speak, to do the best they could for the lodge, and then he was sure they would get on very well together. The W.M. then proceeded to propose "The Health of the Past Masters of the Lodge," coupling with it the name of the I.P.M., Bro. Tims, about whose conduct in the chair he spoke in terms of commendation, adding that the brethren had deputed him to present Bro. Tims with a P.M. jewel, as a mark of their esteem, and it gave him much gratification personally to invest him with it. Bro. Tims having made a suitable reply, "The Health of the Initiates" was proposed and drunk with the usual honours, after which the health of "The Officers, the Treasurer, and the Visitors" were proposed and very heartily responded to, and the proceedings, as usual, were brought to a close with the Tyler's toast, which however, was given from the chair and not, as usual, by the Tyler himself. During the evening some excellent vocal music was contributed by some of the members and guests, among the latter of whom was Bro. Dawson, who though still suffering from the effects of a severe cold sang his beautiful song "Violets," with great sweetness and effect. There were also one or two very good recitations by one of the members, and this pleasant meeting did not terminate till a late hour.

ST. JAMES'S UNION LODGE (No. 186).—This lodge's first meeting of the year was held on Tuesday, the 13th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. W. Smithett, W.M. in the chair. It was also the lodge's first meeting of the season, when the ceremony of installing the W.M. elect had to be celebrated. The choice of the brethren having fallen upon Bro. Gallico, a very worthy member of the lodge, who has shown himself a very zealous Mason during the whole period of his membership, there was a very large attendance of brethren to witness his installation into the chair of K.S., which ceremony was performed (as it always ought to be performed) by the outgoing Master. Besides the installation, the ordinary business of the evening consisted of four initiations (for this being installation night the passings and raisings had been deferred until the next lodge meeting) but as two of the candidates were absent, the initiation of Mr. Kirk, and Mr. Frederick Wright was the only work, besides the installation which the W.M. had to perform, before occupying the honourable position of I.P.M. Messrs. Kirk and Wright having been initiated, Bro. Gallico was presented to the W.M., and having assented to the Masonic principles laid down in the Book of Constitutions and pledged himself in the usual form, he was presented to a Board of Installed Masters and inducted into the chair. The ceremony of installation or proclamation was very ably performed, by Bro. Smithett, and it gives us much pleasure to record the fact that the installation of his W. successor by the Master himself appears to be growing into fashion, and it certainly is a very much better fashion than the somewhat lazy one of deputing the performance of this important rite either to an instructor or to an unusually zealous P.M. Having been installed and proclaimed, the new W.M. proceeded to appoint his officers as follows:—S.W., Bro. Parsons; J.W., Bro. Gillard (but as this brother is at present abroad Bro. P.M. Buht was deputed to act for him in his absence); Treasurer, Bro. P.M. Robinson; Secretary, Bro. P.M. Stacey; S.D., Bro. Arnott; J.D., Bro. Smithett, jun.; I.G., Bro. Pillinx; Wine Stewards, Bro. Jackson, P.M., Bro. Hart, and Bro. Van Duren; D.C., Bro. J. R. Stacey, P.M.; Tyler, Bro. Gilbert. Bro. Gallico, the W.M., installed the officers in a very able manner, and confirmed the expectations on his account in every respect. The large attendance of members and friends was no doubt also greatly increased by a very interesting notice which appeared upon the summons in addition to the other business of the evening, which was the presentation of a testimonial to Bro. H. A. Stacey, P.M., the Hon. Secretary of the Lodge. At the proper time, Bro. Jackson, P.M., rose and said: "Worshipful Master, Brothers Senior and Junior, Wardens, and brethren, I claim your attention to myself for a few moments, and ask you to bear

with me while I speak for any sins of omission or commission of which I may be guilty; for I speak not of and for myself alone, for though I shall endeavour to express my own sentiments, I speak also in the character of the mouthpiece of the lodge, and as the representative of the feelings of its members. Had I the oratory of Demosthenes, backed by the reasoning of Plato, and the learning of Socrates, I should not be able to do more than justice to the subject in hand, but although I have not these qualities, I do possess the qualities of genuineness and sincerity, and must rely upon them to enable me to perform my task aright. I assure you I highly appreciate the honour you have done me in selecting me to present the testimonial to our Bro. Stacey, but although I do so, I must say that I also look upon the privilege as being my right; I feel entitled to it because I am the oldest P.M. of the lodge next to Bro. Stacey himself, and therefore, though not qualified by talents to do it, I was so through the length of time during which I have had the opportunity of appreciating his good qualities and his good services. In the performance of his duty a man will be influenced by the character of the duty, or by his own temper or disposition, and where there is a hard duty to be performed one man may take it as a matter of fact, and although doing it well he may lack energy; others might forget the hard and fast duty in the ardour of their dispositions, but for myself I will endeavour to steer a middle course. The duty I have to perform is not like that of a commander leading the devoted band on to storm a breach or to a forlorn hope, who must feel that however victorious he may be he will scatter death, desolation, and misery around him. I have the pleasure of leading on a compact and united band to a victory not to be gained by them, but already gained by our worthy Secretary, by his excellent fulfilment of the duties of his post, and the kindness and urbanity of his manners. I followed him in the chair. It was a great privilege to follow such a Master, not that I could excel or even emulate him, but having such an excellent example before me, and such excellent advice to follow, it would have been hard to go out of the path of duty. No words of my own could so well express the sentiments of the lodge towards him as the words inscribed upon the testimonial, which, I think, are exhaustive on that subject, and reflect great credit on those who composed them. They are as follows:—“This testimonial, together with a silver inkstand, and a clock and bronzes, was presented by the brethren of the St. James's Union Lodge, No. 180, to Bro. Henry Alfred Stacey, P.M., P.Z., at the lodge meeting held at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on the 13th January, 1874, in testimony of their appreciation of his valuable services as Honorary Secretary for the past 14 years; for the uniform acts of kindness and urbanity of manner he has at all times evinced during his long connection with the lodge, extending over a period of 25 years; and also for the interest he has displayed upon all occasions in the promulgation of Freemasonry. Signed, on behalf of the brethren, Alfred Stoner, P.M., P.Z., Treas.; H. T. Robinson, P.M., Hon. Secretary.” Bro. Stacey, in the name of the lodge I have very great pleasure in presenting you with this slight mark of their esteem, and may the recollection of this often tend to alleviate any troubles of mind you may occasionally feel, and add a pleasure to your path through life. In handing it down to your children I trust that they may profit by the excellent example you have given them. I trust that your connection with us may be long, and that when at length your mortal term is ended you may ascend to the great lodge above, where the world's great architect “lives and reigns for ever.” Bro. Stacey:—“W.M., S. and J.W., Bro. Jackson, and brethren, I am extremely sorry that I am not good at making a speech, and that I really cannot find words to express to you my feelings on the present occasion. It is five and twenty years ago since I was initiated in this lodge, and I am now the only one out of the then members of this lodge remaining alive. I have taken a rather active part in the concerns of the lodge;

for love I have done it; solely and purely for love of Freemasonry and admiration of it. I have always felt an interest in the prosperity of this lodge, and in making the members of the lodge comfortable. I may say that since I have joined the lodge I have seen some 360 gentlemen initiated into it, but I am sure I never expected that you would have deemed me worthy of this handsome testimonial for my past services. Words fail me to express my feelings. Believe me that I am extremely obliged to you, and I shall always highly value this testimony of your approval, and I do more sincerely thank you for your kindness to me.” The lodge then voted five guineas to the Royal Benevolent Institution, Bro. Storer being about to act as Steward at the next festival. At the conclusion of the business of the evening the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous repast, to which some 96 brethren sat down among whom were the following visitors: Bros. C. J. Matier, P.G.W. Greece, and P.G. Steward, Scotland; T. Beard, P.M. 101; McGill, 347; Jonas, 742; Blundell, 741; Styles, Smart, Hughes, Layton, Gallico, Kempster, Coulton, W. W. Browne, Koch, J. H. Stacey, Edenherm, Moore, Harding, Perry, B. W. Perry, Baylis, Taylor, Binckes, Baxter, Noyes, Godfrey, South, Allen, Taylor, and Willmet. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded in a very generous spirit, and we regret that we have not space for the many excellent speeches which were made in connection with them. Suffice it is to say that on the toast “Prosperity to the Masonic Charities,” being proposed, coupled with the name of Bro. Binckes, that worthy brother, with his usual untiring energy, failed not to seize the occasion to point out to young Masons their duties as regards their great institutions. Without wishing to prejudice them in favour of that to which he is especially attached, he urged them to give to all, but on no account to forget the Boys' School, that being the only unendowed institution, and being at the same time a very important one as it must be regarded as a nursery of future Freemasons. He pointed out, as he never fails to do, that though there were about 40,000 or 45,000 Freemasons, the Masonic Charities were in the main supported by some five or six thousand of that number and the remaining say five and thirty thousand might be sure that he would never relax his efforts to gain them also as practical supporters of the institutions for which it was both his duty and his pleasure to plead. This is but a slight sketch of a very excellent speech, but then Bro. Binckes always does speak well and very much to the purpose. During the evening there was some very excellent music, both vocal and instrumental, contributed by the members of the lodge. We cannot close our report without bearing our testimony to the great ability with which Bro. Gallico, though a foreigner, conducted the affairs of the evening both in the lodge-room and at the banquet table, and can but foresee that he will be a worthy successor to his predecessor.

SOUTH SHIELDS.—St. Hilda's Lodge (No. 240).—On Wednesday, January 7th, the Worshipful Master, Officers, and brethren of St. Hilda's Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, held their annual festival of Mr. J. Butchby's, Golden Lion Hotel, King-street, South Shields. There was a numerous attendance of the brethren, and it is only due to Mr. and Mrs. Butchby, the host and hostess, to say that the entertainment provided for the several guests was of the most recherché character, and well merited the encomiums so liberally bestowed. Bro. R. E. Thomson, W.M., occupied the chair, Bro. J. S. Wilson, S.W. in the vice chair. There were also present, Rev. D. E. Evans, Chaplain; Past Masters Wm. Wright, J. Hinde, G. Lawson, J. Ditchburne, J. S. Denham, Thomas Potter, St. Hilda's Lodge; W. Brignal, jun., P.M. Marquis Granby Lodge, 124, Durham; J. Ward, W.M., Past Master; Brown, St. George's Lodge, North Shields; J. T. Dickinson, W.M., Past Master, Hope; and E. Foster, and T. Baker, St. Bede's Lodge, Jarrow; G. C. Scarlaw, 208, Scotland; Cloughton, J.W.; T. G. Mabane, S.D.; J. J. Athey, I.G.; J. H. Morton, T. Lumney, Stewards; G. S. Shotton, Secretary, and others. In the absence

of the Past Master Roddam, the duties connected with the office of Director of Ceremonies were ably discharged by Past Masters Lawson and Ditchburn, who were most attentive in looking after the requirements of the company. On the removal of the cloth, the chairman rose amid applause to give the first toast—“The Queen,” but previous to doing so expressed the high satisfaction he had in seeing so large an attendance of the brethren. The toast was received with applause. The chairman next gave the “Princess of Wales and the Royal Family.” He then gave “Army, Navy and Volunteers, including therewith the health of Lieutenant Mabane, of the Third Durham Artillery Volunteers,” who responded. The Chairman next gave the “Most Worshipful Grand Master of England,” The Most Hon. the Marquess of Ripon, and the officers of the Grand Lodge,” “The R. W. Provincial Grand Master of Durham, Bro. John Fawcett,” and “The Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge,” associating thereunto the names of Bro. Brignal, P.G.R., and Bro. Denham, P.G.W., who responded. The Chairman then gave “R.W. Prov. Grand Master of Northumberland, the Right Hon. Earl Percy, M.P., and the Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge.” “The Health of the Worshipful Master of St. Hilda's Lodge” was next given, and was received with cheers, accompanied by the best wishes of the brethren for the success of Bro. R. E. Thomson, who made an appropriate response, in which he spoke of the many excellencies of Freemasonry, and of his earnest desire to maintain the pre-eminence of the lodge and generally of the Craft. The following toasts were afterwards given and responded to:—“The Health of the I.P.M. of St. Hilda's Lodge Bro. Potter,” “The Visiting Lodges,” “The Officers of St. Hilda's Lodge,” “Our Absent Brethren,” and others. After spending an exceedingly pleasant evening, the brethren separated in love and harmony.

BIRKENHEAD.—Mersey Lodge (No. 477).—The annual installation in connection with this lodge in Cheshire, took place on Monday afternoon, the 14th inst., at the Masonic Chambers, 35, Argyle-street, Birkenhead. Bro. J. Griffiths, W.M., opened the lodge, and there were present to assist Bros. R. Gracie, P.M.; S. Jones, I.P.M.; H. Martin, P.M.; J. M. Radcliffe, I.M., (acting Treasurer); J. Adams, S.D.; T. Dixon, Sec.; D. Fraser, I.G.; W. M. Asher, D.C.; and T. Rodan, Tyler. The members present were, Bros. T. Brown, H. Sabine, W. Pilford, E. P. Haddon, W. Lockyer, J. H. Bowne, G. Nelson, J. Jones, W. Bennett, E. Erans, W. Simms, J. Ecales, J. Houston, D. H. Whalley, R. Humphreys, J. Woolley, J. Pain, W. J. Lee, P. B. Hollyoake, J. Williams, R. Ridyard, R. Rhodes, W. Hopkinson, J. S. Cewett, G. Cook, C. Marsh, W. H. Hume, T. E. Tomlinson, J. Rice, J. Thompson, H. E. Field, J. Ibeson, A. Mitchell, and W. Worrall, jun. There were present as visitors W. Bulley, P.P.J.G.W.; W. P. Platt, P.P.J.G.W.; A. Samuels, W.M. 1350; T. Leighton, P.M. 1035; E. Davies, S.W. 605; J. J. Rose, W.M. 249; E. Jones, 605; J. J. Aden, 605; J. B. Jackson, 215; W. Lownsborough, 823; J. Acton 823; W. H. Cooper, 823, W. Bulley, jun., 537; and D. J. Little, 1021. After Messrs. J. Smith, Hamilton, Blenchley, and Baird had been initiated by Bro. J. Griffiths, W.M., the chair of installing Master was taken by Bro. W. P. Platt, P.P.J.G.W. (in the unavoidable absence of Bro. E. G. Willoughby, P.M., through illness), who proceeded to place Bro. R. Gracie, P.M., in the position of W.M. for the ensuing year. The whole of the ceremony was performed in a most effective manner, and the charge given by him to the following officers, invested by the W.M., were equally impressive and complete.—Bros. J. Griffiths, I.P.M.; D. Fraser, S.W.; T. Dixon, J.W.; J. M. Radcliffe, W.M. 605, Treas.; S. Jones, P.M., Sec.; V. Pulford, S.D.; W. M. Asher, J.D.; R. Rhodes, I.G.; A. Mitchell, D.C.; W. H. Forde, S.S.; W. Worrall, jun. Bro. T. Rodan was again unanimously re-elected and invested Tyler of the lodge. After several communications and propositions had been extended to the lodge was closed in season and harmony, and a most excellent collection of money was made at the time.

the Woodside Hotel, by Bro. Harbridge, at which between 60 and 70 brethren were present. The several loyal and masonic toasts were given in pointed terms by the W.M., that of the "M.W.G.M., M.W.D.G.M. the P.G.M. and Grand Officers of Cheshire" being responded to by Bro. W. Bulley, P.P.J.G.D., who referred especially to the great interest taken by Lord De Tabley in the whole of the lodges in the Province, and particularly in the Mersey Lodge. In the course of the evening a handsome P.M.'s jewel was presented by the W.M. to Bro. J. Griffiths, I.P.M., who acknowledged the gift in suitable terms. The other toasts were given and responded to with great felicity, and the evening was greatly enlivened by excellent harmony from several of the brethren. The jewel presented to Bro. Griffiths was furnished by Bro. Kenning, of London and Liverpool, whose choice stock was well represented by the sample.

SEACOMBE.—Combermere Lodge (No. 605).—Another installation in Cheshire took place on Thursday, the 15th inst., when the brethren of the Combermere Lodge, No. 605, met for the purpose of installing their W.M. elect, Bro. Ellis Davies, at the Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, on the opposite shore of the Mersey, from Liverpool. There was an unusually large gathering of the members of the lodge and visitors. Bro. J. M. Radcliffe, W.M., presided at the opening of the lodge, and he was very efficiently supported by Bros. J. T. Lea, P.M.; H. Davies, P.M.; E. Davies, S.W.; E. J. Haddon, J.W.; J. Sillitoe, Treasurer; T. Leighton, Secretary; T. Shaw, I.G.; J. E. Jones, S.; and T. Redan, Tyler. Amongst the brethren present were Bro. R. Gracie, W.M. 477; H. Martin, P.M. 477; E. Jones, H. Roberts, T. Gregory, J. Denton, C. Staley, J. Spier, W. Dobie, T. Ambler, W. Ellison, H. H. Banks, J. Jones, E. H. Harris, M. McNerney, T. Strothers, and W. Smith. The list of visitors included the names of Bros. H. Bulley, G.S.B. of England; W. Bulley, P.P.J.G.D.; F.K. Stevenson, P.P.G.S.; T. Platt, P.P.J.G.D.; C. H. Hill, P.G. Reg., W.L.; J. Skeaf, P.G.O., W.L.; H. Williams, P.M. 249; J. J. Rose, W.M. 249; J. M. Eccles, W.M. 1325; Captain W. J. Newman, W.M. 786; T. H. Ward, W.M. 1276; R. W. Holt, P.M. 1276; D. Fraser, S.W. 477; J. Taylor, S.D. 1276; T. Dixon, J.W. 477; W. M. Asher, J.D. 477; W. Bulley, jun., 537; C. Leighton, S.W. 1325; E. Chater, 1094; H. O. Jones, 537; C. Haswell, 203; W. H. Hime, 477; J. Roberts, 292, &c. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, after which Bro. Radcliffe, W.M., nominated three candidates in a very impressive and effective manner. Bro. W. Bulley, P.P.J.G.D. (in the absence through sudden illness, of Bro. Horbury, P.M.), then took the chair, and Bro. Ellis Davies was presented for the benefits of installation as W.M. The ceremony of installation, as well as the charges to the several officers, could not possibly have been performed in a more masterly and impressive style, eliciting the universal admiration of the brethren present. The newly installed W.M. subsequently invested the following as his corps officers during the year of his Masonic reign: Bro. J. M. Radcliffe, I.P.M.; E. J. Haddon, W.M.; M. McNerney, J.W.; J. Sillitoe, Treas.; T. Leighton, Sec.; T. Shaw, S.D.; E. Jones, P.M.; J. Jones, I.G.; T. Gregory, D.C.; E. H. Harris, and H. R. Banks, Stewards. Bro. T. Redan was unanimously re-elected Tyler of the lodge. Before the lodge was closed, Bro. H. Bulley, G.S.B. of England, presented Bro. Radcliffe, I.P.M., with a very handsome gold P.M.'s jewel, in the name of the members of the lodge, in preference to the [very valuable services which had rendered to the "Combermere" during the course of such a jewel by the unanimous vote of the members showed that the I.P.M., during his year in the chair had won the entire approval of his brethren, and he (Bro. Bulley), said that the recipient would long live to enjoy the esteem of his brethren. Bro. Radcliffe said he could not possibly find words to express his thanks to the brethren of the Combermere for their handsome gift, but he would endeavour to do his duty in the future as in some

measure to repay them for their kindness. Hearty good wishes for the W.M. were expressed by representatives of other lodges, and after several propositions for initiation had been made the proceedings were brought to a close. About 50 brethren afterwards sat down to a sumptuous banquet, provided by Mrs. Stokes, of the Seacombe Hotel, and a very pleasant evening was spent with toasts and songs. Bros. T. J. Hughes, C. Haswell, and J. Skeaf, contributed in the latter department. The jewel presented to Bro. Radcliffe was a beautiful 18-carat hall-marked jewel, set in real pearls, was supplied from Bro. G. Kenning's well-known Masonic depot, at 2, Monument-place, Liverpool, to which it did the utmost credit as an artistic production.

WHITTINGTON LODGE (No. 862).—The ordinary monthly meeting of this lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel on Monday, the 19th instant. The business to be transacted comprehended the passing of Brothers Sedgwick and Boothers, which was duly performed by the W.M. Bro. Frederick Smith. After this the lodge was opened in the third degree when the W.M., after the usual examination, most impressively raised Bro. Frederick H. Roberts and Bro. R. P. Tate to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. The lodge was resumed in the first degree, when Bro. Kenneth R. H. Mackenzie was unanimously elected a joining member. The brethren then adjourned to a capital banquet, over twenty members of the lodge being present. The visitors were Bro. David McGill (No. 347), Bro. J. S. Landy (No. 45), and Bro. W. Edesheim (P.M. No. 967, M.E.Z. 77). The usual toasts were loyally honoured and the brethren separated at a reasonable hour, after a very instructive and enjoyable evening.

BUCKHURST HILL.—Bagshaw Lodge (No. 145).—The regular monthly meeting of this new lodge took place on Saturday, the 10th inst., at the Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, Essex. The chair was taken by Bro. J. Tanner, W.M., who was supported by his officers, viz., Bro. J. Clarkson, S.W.; J. R. Cover, J.W.; Samuel Lilley, Sec.; D. Reed, S.D.; T. W. Nicholson, J.D.; W. Holloway, I.G.; W. Babington, D.C.; W. A. Heath, Steward, together with other members and several visitors. The Lodge on this occasion was honoured by the presence of Bro. R. J. Bagshaw, the Prov. Grand Master. The business of the lodge was the raising of Bros. Edward Thompson and Kearley, which was carried through by the W.M. in a very impressive manner. The Prov. G.M. in expressing to the lodge the honour they had done him, by naming the lodge after him, was pleased to find the same in such working order, and he felt sure that the lodge would flourish under the management of such good Masons as he saw around him, and if they would allow him to become a member he should be very pleased to do so; this intimation was received with great pleasure by its members. A vote of thanks was passed for the attendance of the Prov. G.M., and the lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet served by Bro. H. Lock, with excellent taste. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, and a pleasant evening passed, which will long be remembered by those present.

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BEADON CHAPTER (No. 619).—At the Masons' Arms Tavern, Masons'-avenue, Basinghall-st., City, the regular meeting was held on Thursday, 22nd inst. The chapter was opened by Companions W. Smeed, P.Z., as Z.; G. A. Smith, H.; F. Walters, P.Z., as J.; A. Avery, P.Z. J.W. Halsey, P.Z., and other Principals. The minutes of the previous convocation were read and unanimously confirmed. Ballots were unanimous in favour of the ten candidates for exaltation, and five being present, were duly exalted. The ceremony being so well rendered by Companions W. Smeed, P.Z. as Z.; J. W. Halsey, P.Z. as H.; F. Walters, P.Z. as J.; W. H. Green, J. as P.S. Companion W. Smeed installed G. A. Smith, Z.; W. H. Green, H.; R. H. Williams, J.; and invested A. Avery,

P.Z., Treasurer; F. Walters, P.Z., S.E.; J. H. Hannsworth, S.N.; W. Seaman, P.S.; E. Coste, 1st A.S.; J. Wyle, 2nd A.S.; W. Y. Laing, Janitor. A companion was appointed Steward at Festival of Benevolent Institution. Several propositions were received for exaltation, and the chapter duly closed. A banquet and dessert followed.

MOUNT LEBANON CHAPTER (No. 737).—On Thursday, January 8, at the Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, the regular convocation of this well-established chapter was held. There were present Comps. J. T. Moss, M.E.Z.; E. Harris, H.; J. H. Butten, J.; A. D. Loewenstark, P.Z., Treas.; F. Walters, P.Z.; Loewenstark, P.S.; G. J. Loe, 1st A.S.; J. W. Baldwin, and A.S.; R. Walls, P.Z.; J. R. Austin, F. J. Timms, H. A. Dubois, A. P. Stedman, S. W. Seyfang, J. H. Spencer, and others. Amongst the distinguished visitors were: Comps. Charles Horsley, P.G.R. Middlesex; W. Smith, P.Z. 246; J. B. Langley, 176, and others. The heavy agenda, containing 15 names, was only relieved by the exalting of Bros. J. Wells, 1326; G. Reynolds, 1326; J. S. Sweasey, J.D. 1423; C. Roach, 1423. Apologies were received from the absent candidates, excusing and regretting their non-attendance, which was caused by circumstances entirely beyond their own control. This being election night, the ballots were then taken for the officers for the ensuing year, and resulted in the unanimous election of Comps. E. Harris, as J.D.; J. H. Butten, H.; H. A. Dubois, J.; T. J. Sabine, P.Z., Treasurer; F. Walters, P.Z., S.E., M. D. Loewenstark, S.N.; J. W. Baldwin, P.S.; W. J. Laing, Janitor, (re-elected.) The usual five guinea P.Z.'s jewel was voted from the chapter funds to Comp. J. T. Moss, in recognition of his services rendered to the chapter during his year of office. Several candidates were proposed for next meeting.

Scotland.

GLASGOW.—St Rollox Chapter (No. 144) met in the Freemasons' Hall, Garngard-road, on the 10th inst., the new 1st P. Comp. R. Bell, presiding for the first time. A lodge of Most Excellent Masters was opened, R. Bell, M.E.M.; G. W. Wheeler, S.W.; J. Annand, J.W. Comp. J. Guthrie, P.Z., 97, conferred this degree on Bro. A. Stewart, the M.E.M., R. Bell, delivering a lecture on the trestles. A Royal Arch Chapter was then opened, F. Bell, Z., requesting Comp. Halket to act in his place. The offices were thus filled: Thos. Halket, Z. 113, as Z.; R. Bell, H.; Jas. Duthie, P.Z. 67, J. G. Wheeler, H. 73, 1st S.; J. Pirday, 67, 2nd S.; J. Annand, acting Scribe E. The ceremonies were conducted in that quiet careful manner that characterises Comp. Halket's working. At the conclusion of the ceremonies the acting Z. expressed his conviction that though this was the largest chapter in the province he was sure in the careful hands of their new Z., Comp. R. Bell, he was sure there was a fine career of prosperity opening out before them.

GLASGOW.—Theis Chapter (No. 122) met on Monday last at 35, James-street. A lodge of Mark Masters was opened, T. Park as R. W.M.M.; J. Scott, S.W.; J. Mackay, J.W. The candidate being a seafaring man was then entrusted with the secrets of the most excellent degree, Comp. G. W. Wheeler, at the request of the 1st principal working the degree. A Holy Royal Arch Chapter was then opened, J. Park, Z.; G. W. Wheeler, H.; J. Scott, J.; J. Johnston, Scribe E.; J. Clutworthy, 1st S.; and Comp. J. Gunn, T.; when the same gentleman was exalted in this degree. Afterwards Comp. G. Hamilton, of 73, was affiliated as a member of the Thetis Chapter.

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THE NEW IRISH GRAND LODGE CONSTITUTIONS.

Our attention has been seasonably called by our able Bro., P.M. J. H. Woodworth, to the proposed but objectionable Law No. 133.

As we understand the matter, on a point of order, the previous debate and decision have been adjudged to be informal, and the discussion is to commence "de novo" when next the Grand Lodge meets, on proposed Law 133, and other laws in the New Book of Constitutions for Ireland. Very weighty are our Brother Woodworth's objections to such an enactment, the parallel of which we venture to think never have been suggested to any Craft Grand Lodge before.

For "ipso facto" it violates every principle of Masonic jurisprudence, nay, even of secular legality and equity. In the first place, it is very like that famous law of old, which condemned a man first, and tried him afterwards.

In the next place it positively refuses a hearing to a member of the Craft, in his own Grand Lodge, and condemns him, unheard and irrevocably, on the sentence of an extern court, and of an alien tribunal.

It is proposed to be defended, it seems, on the ground of a "compact," or "concordat" with other coequal jurisdictions.

Now this position we entirely deny, and

challenge as being both utterly unmasonic and untenable.

If, indeed, the clause was defended on the ground, that the laws of the three Craft Grand Lodges of England, Scotland, and Ireland, were so to say, interchangeable, and that a sentence of expulsion by one Grand Lodge was to be communicated to each Grand Lodge, and that equal penalties would attach in each jurisdiction even then, the unchanging principles of human justice, would, we think, dictate the propriety of an appeal, or at any rate a hearing, before the sentence of one Grand Lodge took effect in the jurisdiction of another.

But, in this case, four bodies, however august or important, which have nothing to do with the Craft Grand Lodge itself, and their decisions are to be binding on, and unchallenged by, the members of the Craft Grand Lodge of Ireland.

Indeed, the rôle of the Grand Lodge of Ireland under such circumstances, is a very passive and not a very dignified one.

The Irish Grand Lodge is to register "sub silentio" the decision of another body of men, of whom many may not even be subscribing members of any Craft Lodge!

Altogether we never remember to have seen or read such a thoroughly unmasonic proposition. How in 1874, such a law could be framed, and above all submitted to Irish Craft Masons, we cannot pretend to understand or to explain!

We do not think, that, our good Bro. Woodworth need at all labour the question, in what position an expelled Craft Mason will be as regards the high grades. Our opinion long has been, that, with every possible respect and goodwill for the high grades, we have nothing, as Craft Masons, to do with them, or they with us,—and that, they should legislate for themselves, while we legislate, as Craft Masons, for ourselves. This is, we think, the only possible position for us mutually to take up, and most consistent with reciprocal courtesy and respect.

According to the general Regulations of Royal Arch Masons in this country, viz., No. 10, page 51, "when the Grand Lodge or any other competent authority in the Craft, shall suspend or expel any brother who is a Royal Arch Mason, the Grand Chapter shall, immediately on such suspension or expulsion being communicated, proceed to declare such companion suspended or expelled from his Arch Masonic functions, for the period while such Craft suspension or expulsion continues." Thus, curiously enough, in England, the Grand Chapter registers the decision of the Craft Grand Lodge, in respect of a Craft brother who is a Royal Arch companion; whereas, in Ireland, by an inversion of the "natural order of things," it is proposed to make the Grand Lodge register the decision of the Grand Chapter, and of four alien, but apparently co-equal bodies. In England we wisely acknowledge the undoubted superiority and supremacy of the Craft Grand Lodge.

We therefore heartily echo our able correspondent's words, in the expression of our hopes, that, the good sense and discriminating judgment of our Irish brethren, will reject unhesitatingly this most dangerous innovation of a present Grand Lodge of Ireland, and will

CHARITY VOTING.

Our objections to some proposed "reforms," as they are called, in our great charitable institutions, especially in regard to voting, (and which reforms seemed to us somewhat crude and un-called for, and impractical), have been both strengthened and increased by the recent meeting of the subscribers of the British Orphan Asylum, and reported in the *Times* of January 17th.

The views which we had in some preceding leading articles modestly put forward from our own humble and personal experience, seem to have been the views of a very large meeting, and to be shared in by those whose reputation as men of business, stands very high indeed in the City of London. When among others we may mention Mr. Henry Huth, Mr. Thomson Hankey, and Mr. Alderman Figgins, M.P., we feel sure that our readers will agree, that, from their high character and practical experience, they are deserving of attention and consideration, for the opinions they think it right to express on this important subject. The Rev. T. J. Rowsell, who is well known for his earnest labours and his practical sagacity also spoke on the occasion adversely to the reformers while the views of Mr. Banting, whose short address was read by Mr. Osborne, deserve to be calmly weighed and carefully considered.

Notwithstanding our able Bro. Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C., endeavoured earnestly to obtain the support of the meeting for his reforming suggestions, an overwhelming majority of a crowded assembly, determined to stand "super vias antiquas."

And, to confess the truth, we do not see what else they could well do. To our minds, the argument is unanswerable, which we ventured originally to put forward, and which we see is supported by so high an authority as Mr. Rowsell that the proposal in 1874, to take away the election practically from the subscribers, and vest it in a committee, savours too much of despotism and oligarchy, to be at all acceptable to Englishmen; and, notwithstanding the remarks of our excellent Bro. Simpson and Sir R. Alcock, we venture to think that Dr. Davis's speech is a complete answer as to the supposed necessity or value of these proposed alterations.

That some slight reforms may be needed, may perhaps be true, but, the changes proposed, would entirely alter the character of our great and admirable charitable institutions, and would, we feel persuaded, seriously interfere with their present and future prosperity. Much misrepresentation has been sedulously put forth, as regards the organization of the charities, and the motive of the managers, in resisting the proposed reforms, while many of the allegations made as to special charities, turn out on enquiry to be greatly exaggerated, and even completely unfounded.

Lord Lytton, in a letter to the *Times*, complains of the expense of an election, and no doubt if all canvassing be done away with, some saving will accrue. But we venture to express an opinion, with great deference to his lordship, that, such a policy would, after all, be only "penny wise and pound foolish," inasmuch as

it is often by this very publicity, and canvassing—nay, expense—that new subscribers are obtained for the several charities, and the merits of the charities themselves are made thereby more generally known.

We doubt greatly, after some experience on the subject, whether a committee to select the candidates, would give satisfaction to the subscribers, and we doubt also equally, whether much, if any, improvement can be made in the present system of elections, whereby as a general rule, the deserving candidates almost always succeed.

As we have said before, the test of the most deserving candidate is a very difficult one to lay down, and in this free and outspoken country, such will almost always be looked at and decided in the light of individual opinion.

We therefore concur, with the result and assolution of the meeting we have alluded to, as we feel convinced that, these great and off-hand changes are neither called for, or expedient, in the interest of the Charities, or of those the Charities so greatly benefit.

WEEKLY SUMMARY.

Her Majesty is still at Osborne.

Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, after having been hospitably entertained at Berlin by the Crown Prince and Crown Princess of Germany have safely reached St. Petersburg with Prince Arthur. They reached the Warsaw station with their respective suites at half past two on the afternoon of the 15th January. Their Royal Highnesses were received at the frontier by Russian officers of high rank, deputed by the Emperor and by the British Military Attaché, and were greeted at a station called Luga, more than 85 miles from St. Petersburg, by the Cesarewitch and Cesarevna, who had left the capital early in the morning by special train. The Emperor, surrounded by the Imperial Family of Russia and by the Ministers and high functionaries of the Empire, received the English Princes and Princess on the platform of the Warsaw Station. His Majesty and the Prince of Wales and Prince Arthur exchanged the Royal kiss. The band of the Ismailovski Regiment played "God save the Queen" and "God bless the Prince of Wales." After greetings and introductions the Imperial and Royal party drove from the station to the Anitchkoff Palace in a number of close carriages and sleighs. The broad streets were lined with people, and, although there was not a London crowd, there was a very good imitation of an English cheer as the first carriage drove away, containing only the Czar and Prince of Wales sitting side by side. H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh has been assiduously visiting the various establishments, and has held a reception at the Russian Admiralty. From all accounts his charming fiancée and himself, have to lead a very active life, according to the following report:—St. Petersburg has been busied this week solely with preparations for the Royal wedding, all actual festivities having been postponed until the arrival of the Prince and Princess of Wales and the other principal guests. No fewer than eighteen entertainments will be given to the bride and bridegroom. The Czar will give three balls, at the principal of which 3,000 are to sit down to supper, and which is intended to surpass in magnificence anything previous of the kind. There will be a ball given by the Cesarewitch, two others by the Emperor's two brothers, the Grand Dukes Constantine and Nicholas, and one by His Majesty's sister, the Grand Duchess Marie. Lord Loftus, our Ambassador, is preparing a splendid *fete* for the wedding, besides a grand dinner before the marriage. Theatrical and operatic performances and a parade of troops will also form part of the Court gaieties. The British residents at St. Petersburg intend to offer an address of congratulation to the Duke

and Duchess, and will then present the Russian Lifeboat Institution with two lifeboats in the names of the bride and bridegroom, having decided on this gift instead of a present of gold and silver plate to the Royal pair.

Captain Mansell has been committed for trial to the Central Criminal Court, by Mr. Newton, for his shameful assault on the Duke of Cambridge. It seems that he had sold out of the army, receiving full compensation for his commission. His chief complaint seems to have been, that he was not promoted, but the result proves, that he was most unfit for command.

Dr. Kenealy has at last finished his wonderful defence, and Mr. Hawkins, Q.C., has begun his rejoinder. Let us hope, that, his speech, marked as it is sure to be by his usual ability, will be distinguished by point and brevity. Most Englishmen, and Freemasons especially, regret that the attack on Lady Radcliffe's fair fame has been repeated in any shape whatever, even though that attack was made more by way of covert insinuation, than by direct declarations. The good name of a woman especially is a very sacred thing, and ought never to be lightly dealt with, or slanderously, assailed.

Mr. Whalley, M.P., appeared at Bow-street, at Jean Luie's examination on remand, but Sir Thomas Henry declined to read his letters or hear his speech. What the eminent chief magistrate would have said had that eccentric individual attempted to "sing," we are completely unable to conjecture or to say.

By a curious coincidence, Mr. Guildford Onslow, M.P., also appears in the *Times* with reference to a photograph of the famous "grotto," but to which, strange to say, the photograph bears little or no resemblance. Mr. Guildford Onslow says it is only the difference between summer and winter—leaves and no leaves; but, as Mr. Samuel Weller would have said, it is no doubt owing to the "haye" of the photographer.

Mr. Cowen has been returned in his father's place as M.P. for Newcastle-on-Tyne, by a considerable majority over Mr. Hamond; and the enquiry into the last Taunton election has been commenced there, but is not yet concluded.

From the Gold Coast we hear that Sir Garnet Wolseley has crossed the Prah, and is advancing on Coomassie: as good old Field Marshal Radetzky used to say of his grenadiers, "when once they get to work it will be soon over," so we can say of that fine brigade under Sir G. Wolseley's leadership.

Marshal and Madame Mac Mahon's reception at the "Elysée" turned out as we expected, a great success, and the Parliamentary difficulty seems over for the present. Let us all hope that happier days are in store for France, and above all for Paris.

In Germany the Papal Brief as published in the *Cologne Gazette*, and indeed elsewhere, about the election of a future Pope has made a great sensation, but whether it is not to some extent apocryphal remains yet to be seen. There seems to be a little difference between portions of the Latin verbiage, and if the transmitter, as it has been averred, has reproduced it from memory, that may account for the variations in style, &c.

Cardinal Antonelli has been ill with gout in the stomach, but is better, Pio Nono could ill afford just now to lose his able adviser.

Carthagens has at last fallen, and over 2,500 of the Intransigentes with their leaders, are now in Algeria "internés" by the French Authorities. The Numancia iron-clad is to be restored to the Spanish Government, and as a large number of those now in Algeria are "convicts" for civil delinquency, they will probably be also given up, to the Spanish authorities. Those who are merely political refugees will remain in Algeria most likely for the present.

The Carlists seem to be concentrating for a great action near Bilbao.

We have to announce the death of Cadwallader Lord Blayney, and of Sir Montagu J. Chomley, M.P.

Revelations.

"Veritas: A Revelation of Mysteries, Biblical, Historical and Social; by means of the Median and Persian Laws." HENRY MELVILLE. Edited by F. Tennyson and A. Tudor. London: A. Hall and Co., 25, Paternoster-row, 1874.

Many of our readers will probably, as well as the writer of this review, remember some remarkable papers, with still more remarkable illustrations, which in 1869 appeared in the then "Freemasons' Magazine," signed Henry Melville.

The subject was a most recondite one, about which necessarily many and probably divergent opinions would be held, not however in any ill-feeling to, or want of respect for the writer, and we do not think, that any of our good brethren in England, can fairly under any circumstance be denominated as our late lamented brother terms some of his opponents, "Masonic Scorpions." The truth is, that, at the time the communications appeared, the attitude of the Craft was simply one of astonished hesitation. The views propounded were so peculiar, the conclusions so startling, that despite the evident learning and sincerity of the writer, many were unable to accept either the data which he put forward, or the claims which he made!

Indeed, like all discoverers of "new theories," or the excavators of long forgotten lore, our brother seemed somewhat strongly to feel that he did not succeed in making his way with our Masonic authorities. He complains of the apathy of our old friend Bro. White, (a more kindly and zealous Mason never lived in his working days), and passes on him a sentence from Dr. Oliver, equally imaginary and unjust. Neither in later years did, our able brother make headway with subsequent officers of our Grand Lodge.

Our acute Bro. McIntyre, G. Registrar, could not "understand" his system, the Marquess of Ripon could not attend to matters, which "lie beyond the scope of ordinary Masonry," but, favoured by Mrs. Lane, the subject was remitted, by the Duke of Leinster's direction to "a special Irish Committee," consisting of very eminent men, namely the Deputy Grand Master, the Hon. Judge Townsend, and George Chatterton, Esq. This committee, however, the writer says, treated his discoveries with "silent contempt," "proving clearly" to his mind "that men may become very exalted Masons without necessarily becoming fraternal." In the meantime our able brother has passed away, he has not unfortunately lived to see the publication of his work, which has been edited by F. Tennyson and A. Tudor, at a cost, we have been informed, of £450.

Despite all Bro. Melville's great learning, we fear that his work is still, and will remain a sealed book to very many.

As we understand his own explanations of his own views, we think we can clearly and succinctly place them before our readers.

We trust, that in doing so, we are not repeating the example of the famous German savant who said when he was dying, "I have left but one person, who understands my teaching, and he does not understand it at all."

Bro. Melville's "idea," or discovery is then simply this.

He supposed that the religions of the Buddhists, of the Chinese, of the Mahomedans, indeed all religions, ancient as well as modern, had but one foundation, and that astronomical, celestial, astro-Masonic. He thought moreover that he could construe 2,400 biblical passages, celestially, and that the knowledge thus acquired constituted the lost mysteries of Masonry.

This view, our brother sought to uphold and substantiate by many and elaborate illustrations, mostly derived from "astronomical configurations or representations of the ancient mysteries," a symbol of belief in the primeval world!

Now, there is, no doubt, much that is interesting, striking, and we may add startling, in such a theory, so earnestly propounded, and so carefully elaborated.

And, therefore as Masonic students, we welcome the appearance of "Veritas," and think

that the "editors" deserve well of the Craft, for submitting it to their notice!

We trust, that, many besides ourselves will study the volume for themselves, as indeed among other points of Masonic Archaeology, the connection of the "Mysteries of the Ancients," really and truly with Freemasonry, ought never to be wholly overlooked.

As regards the merits of the discovery itself, we like Bro. McIntyre, whose opinion on this, as on most Masonic subjects, is a very good one, "cannot at present" quite "understand," either its scientific reality, or its practical bearing.

That the Bible is to be read astronomically, is a very difficult proposition for any one to accept, or that, such a word—as "Wall" for instance, might indicate a "celestial partition or a celestial colure," is we confess, beyond our grasp.

Still, the connection of the old forms of belief, the ancient religion of mankind, and the myths and traditions of a long buried past, of astronomical symbols, and of astrological formulæ, with some of the inner life and labours of our Masonic adepts has in itself much to interest the thoughts, and attract the attention of all educated Freemasons.

The work of our Bro. Melville, recondite and mysterious as it is in truth, and all but incomprehensible to many, has no doubt its germ of truth, and its claim of real and valid importance, for all Masonic students.

For Bro. Melville, we think, has done this, he illustrates in his own way, the old and important truth, that, all religions had a common origin and that the debased forms of superstition, and the grotesque exhibitions of idolatry, are but declensions from, or perversions of, the anteluvian and original religion of the descendants of Seth.

This is an old Masonic idea, and Bro. Melville may have aided to strengthen the conviction in some minds, that, in Freemasonry, in its esoteric form, and exoteric teaching, we have a perpetuation, transmitted through long generations, for some wise purpose of Almighty God (as was undoubtedly the case with the mysteries of all nations originally), of some teachings of Divine Truth, and Wisdom, and Love, intended to illumine the world in which we live with their own celestial light, and to prevent the obliteration of the Name of God Most High from among the thoughtless and the profane of the children of men.

Culture in Parbo, or Masonic Note Queries.

MASONIC RELIC

It may interest many of your readers to know that a short time ago a portion of the ruins of Melrose Abbey gave way, revealing a crevice in which was found, embedded in the masonry, an old wooden mallet, wormeaten and decayed. Its appearance is such as to leave no doubt of its antiquity. The position in which it was found, and the appearance of the mallet itself, seem to justify the conclusion that it was accidentally, or otherwise, dropped by some workman at the time when the building of the abbey was in progress. Of course much of the original beauty of the mallet has disappeared, but, judging from the still beautiful carving, the curious characters and mysterious hieroglyphics, its superior make and the wood of which it is made, it is supposed to have belonged to no less a personage than the architect and Grand Master.

The mallet in question was a few days since forwarded to Glasgow, and presented to the Glasgow, Melrose St. John's Lodge, No. 1, where visiting brethren, after contributing a given sum to the Benevolent Fund of the lodge, will be allowed to inspect it.

Glasgow, Jan. 12, 1874.

ALEX. KIDMAN.

P.S.—It is understood that the valuable relic in question will be photographed, copies of which may be easily obtained from the R.W.M. of the lodge, Bro. Thomas Stratford, 31, Robertson-street, Glasgow, who I am sure will be happy to give any further information.—A.K.

MASONIC BIBLIOGRAPHY.

In continuation of the above, which I think a capital department for Masonic Students, I forward the following, which I saw in Mr. Geo. Bumstead's list of second hand books (of 10, King William-street, W.C. I never remember seeing or hearing of such a book before in the Craft.

"CLELAND (John) THE WAY TO THINGS by Words, and to Words by Things; also Two Essays, the 'one on the Origin of Musical Waits at Christmas, the other on the Real Secret of Free Masons, 8vo, bds., clean uncut copy, scarce in this state, 13s."

I did not write for it at the time the catalogue was issued, owing to an oversight, so I suppose it is gone now.

I am glad to see Bro. D. Murray Lyon, has answered the query of Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, as I know no one else who could have done so.

We were vain enough to search amongst our notes, but failed to obtain a clue.

W. J. HUGHAN.

CONSECRATION OF A NEW LODGE AT PENISTONE.

A new Masonic lodge—to be called the Wharnclyffe Lodge No. 1462—was consecrated at the Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone, on Saturday evening, in the presence of a large assemblage of the brethren, from various parts of the province.

In the unavoidable absence of the Marquess of Ripon and Bentley Shaw, Esq., D.L., the Provincial Grand Lodge was presided over by the Rev. E. B. Chalmers, M.A., P.M. of Sheffield, Provincial Grand Chaplain, 139.

The Lodge was opened by Bro. John F. Moss, P.M., of the Royal Brunswick Lodge, Sheffield who, acting as Deputy Provincial Grand Registrar, afterwards, in due form, called upon the Deputy of the Provincial Grand Master to consecrate the lodge. Bro. Henry Smith, Provincial Grand Secretary, produced the warrant from the Grand Lodge of England, and Bro. W. H. Brittain, P.M. 139, acting as Provincial Grand Superintendent of Works, reported on the correctness of the lodge appointments.

The ceremony of consecration was then proceeded with in ancient form by the Rev. E. B. Chalmers, and amongst those who took part in it were Bros. J. Denton, Prov, G.D.C.; Freeman, Prov. G.W.; Matthews, P.M.; Collinson, P.M.; codhead, Hawksley, W.M.; and Underwood, 139.

The W.M. designate, Bro. W. Smith, 139, P.M. of Luddersfield, was afterwards duly installed by Bro. Ensor Drury, of Sheffield, P.M. and Prov. Grand Warden. The Right Hon. Lord Wharnclyffe was invested as Senior Warden of the newly constituted lodge, and his lordship was very warmly applauded on being placed in the chair. Bro. Bottomley-Firth (barister-at-law) was appointed Junior Warden; Bro. Esketh, Secretary, and Bro. J. Jefferson Smith, being one of the Deacons.

A banquet followed, at which there was a numerous company.

Obituary.

BRO. JOHN KIRK.

We regret to have to announce the lamented death of Bro. John Kirk, P.M., which took place at his residence at Plumstead, on the 9th inst. He was initiated in the Pattison Lodge, No. 94, and afterwards was one of the founder and the first W.M. of the Granite Lodge, No. 1328, which has now attained a flourishing position in the Craft, and among a large circle of Masonic and other friends his memory will long be cherished with affectionate regard.

BRO. S. H. PERRIN.

The death of Bro. S. H. Perrin, of 15, King-street, Cheapside, took place at his residence at Lewisham, last week, at the early age of 34. Although Bro. Perrin had only been in practice, as a solicitor, for a short time, he was much respected. Several City friends attended his funeral. He was a member of the City Club and of the Metropolitan Lodge of Freemasons, City Street, London. He was a devoted husband and a

SURREY MASONIC HALL.

We are much gratified to be able to announce that at length the directors of this Company find themselves in a position to forthwith commence the erection of the Hall at Camberwell, and to proceed with the building with all proper dispatch. At the meeting of the board, held on the 14th inst., after the appointment of Bro. Edwin Sillifant, as Secretary, and the completion of other routine business, Bro. J. Oliver, whose tender had been accepted, was instructed to make all necessary arrangements for the laying of the foundation stone in March next, when it is anticipated that the ceremony will be conducted by a most distinguished member of the Craft. The share list is now rapidly approaching completion, and it is contemplated that an early date will be appointed for closing the same. It is therefore advisable that those who may desire to associate themselves with this undertaking should make immediate application for remaining unallotted shares. Weather permitting, the South London brethren may during the next few weeks see the necessary excavations and the builders preparations for the forthcoming ceremony.

DOUBLE WEDDING AT RICHMOND.

The merest stranger visiting Richmond on Thursday morning must have been struck with the holiday appearance of the principal streets. Strings of flags spanned the thoroughfares, and banners fluttered in the breeze in all directions, many of the houses being made gay by a stray piece of bunting. The few straggling gleams of sunshine which made their way through the clouds gilded on signs of out-of-the-way rejoicing. Had his curiosity led him so far, he would have judged from the preparations at the parish church (the carpet laid along the pavements and an awning stretching from the church door to the church-yard gate) that a marriage was on the tapis. Had he been content, however, with drawing his own conclusions, he would have gone away with but half the truth. He would not have known that a somewhat uncommon occurrence—a double wedding on a scale of magnificence which has not been seen, even in Richmond, for many years—was to take place that morning. Yet such was the case. Thursday was the day fixed for the nuptials of the two elder daughters of our justly popular neighbour, Lieutenant-Colonel Francis Burdett, of Ancaster House, Richmond; and the *bourgeoisie*, with a commendable spirit of emulation, "dressed" their houses in the way we have indicated in order to do honour to the auspicious event; and to show their sympathy with the Colonel and his family.

The wedding was, as we have said, a double one—Miss Flora Frances Burdett, the Colonel's eldest daughter, was married to Duncan Davidson, Esq., the "younger" of Inchmarlo, Aberdeenshire—that is to say, the eldest son of Patrick Davidson, Esq., the present laird—and Miss Clara Constance Burdett, the second daughter, bestowed her hand on Robert Alexander Houston, the eldest son of Colonel Houston, of Clerkington, East Lothian.

The wedding was fixed for a quarter past eleven, and long before that hour the church was filled in every part. Half the seats in the nave were set apart for the use of the wedding guests and the privileged few who were favoured with tickets which entitled them to admission within the charmed circle; and the rest of the sacred floor, including even the galleries, was occupied by a crowd of curious spectators. The costly dress of the ladies of the hymeneal party (the colours of which were at once rich and sober; they consisted of violet of every shade, blue, and white), combined with the Christmas decorations of the church, imparted a beauty and variety of colour to the scene, as charming in effect, as it is chaste in design.

Mr. Davidson entered the church soon after ten o'clock. He was attended by Mr W. F. Davidson, R.A., his brother, who acted as his best man, and by four other groomsmen—Major Bill; Mr. Alan Mackenzie, the younger, Kintail; Capt. Rickman, R.N.; and Capt.

Hales. With commendable punctuality, Mr. Houston arrived on the scene, at a quarter past eleven. His groomsmen were—Messrs. M. H. Houston (best man) and Wallace Houston, his brother, the Hon. C. Ruthven, the Hon. D. Murray, and Master Burdett. He had entertained his friends at a final bachelor's dinner at the Roebuck Hotel on the previous evening. The bridegrooms awaited the arrival of their ladyloves at the altar rails, with what patience they could summon to their assistance. And their patience was in the present case doomed to a sore trial. The ladies availed themselves of the privilege always—and especially on occasions of this kind—accorded to the fair sex, the right to be unpunctual, to an extent not often insisted upon. Half-past eleven struck, and the long hand of the clock had passed the VIII., but still they did not come. The organist (Mr. Abbott) played Mendelssohn's aria, "O rest in the Lord," and filled up the interval with a number of cleverly extemporised voluntaries; and the wedding party and spectators were evidently getting anxious, in spite of the fact, revealed by a pretty general consultation of watches, that the church clock was too fast, when just as the hand was approaching the IX., the strains of Handel's, "O! had I Jubal's lyre," announced the fact that the ladies had come, and that the wedding procession was being formed in the western porch. The said procession made its way up the centre aisle in the customary order, the organist playing the tune to the hymn (No. 65, *Ancient and Modern*), "Jesus, the very thought is sweet," which was to have been sung by the congregation, who, however, were so entranced by the good looks and charming toilets of the ladies that they forgot to use their voices.

Arrived at the altar, the ceremony was proceeded with without delay, the Rev. J. W. Reeve, of Portland Chapel, Baker-street, tying the nuptial knot for Mr. Davidson and Miss Burdett; and the Rev. W. M. Sherrard, rector of Kilcullen, County Kildare, consummating the happiness of the other couple. The Colonel gave both brides away. While the party were in the vestry performing the very necessary operation of signing the register, Mr. Abbot played, Mendelssohn's "Wedding March" and Handel's "Happy we;" and as they left the church, he struck up, "See the conquering hero comes." The first words which met the eyes of the newly-married brides, as they passed through the vestry door on their return into the chancel were those of the inscription along the front of the western gallery of the church, "Behold! I bring you good tidings of great joy." And no doubt each felt the joy that, in her case, true love had surmounted all the obstacles which want of smoothness in its course—for it is not always smooth—might have placed in its way, and that no impediments had been admitted to the union of true hearts. Just at that moment the church bells took up the refrain, and spread the "good tidings" far and wide.

Leaving the church the party returned to Ancaster House, the residence of Colonel Burdett, where a really splendid *déjeuner* was served by Mr. Ferrar, of the Queen's Hotel, Richmond.

The tables were ornamented with quite a profusion of silver and glass, and a number of choice plants, with white blooms, in ornamental pots, supplied by Mr. Herbst, besides a couple of monster wedding cakes. Everything was of the daintiest and choicest description; the hams, cakes, &c., bore the initials of the newly-married couples and their parents, and the boar's head was quite a model one. The colonel, of course, presided; he was supported on either side by his newly-married daughters (before each of whom was a bunch of lilies of the valley and a basket of "forbidden fruit") and their husbands and bridesmaids, the party numbering, in all, nearly a hundred.

The customary toasts were drunk, special honour being done to "The Brides and Bridegrooms," and the happy couples left Richmond on their bridal tours, amid a perfect shower of slippers, we are sorry to say, of rain also. Mr. and Mrs. Davidson drove to the Victoria Railway Station, en route for the Continent; and Mr. and Mrs. Houston to Waterloo, for Southampton and the Isle of Wight. We had almost forgotten to state—but "it is never too late to

mend"—that before sitting down to breakfast, Mr. Byrne took a good photograph of the wedding group in their bridal attire; and that the upholstery in the house and at the church was executed under the direction of Mr. Piggott.

The wedding presents were both numerous and costly—those of each bride filling a room.

Immediately after the ceremony the news that the knots were fairly tied, was despatched to Scotland by telegraph, and bonfires were lighted, guns were fired, and bells rung on the estates of Inchmarlo and Clerkington in commemoration of the double event. The servants and labourers on each estate were entertained to a dinner and ball, and the healths of the young couples were drunk with all the honours.—*Richmond and Twickenham Times.*

Original Correspondence.

RIGHTS OF VISITING BRETHREN.

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Your leading article of the 17th inst. on the above subject has taken me by surprise, and certainly I cannot endorse the decision you have arrived at. If the rule means that no visitor can be admitted without being personally known or recommended by one of the present brethren what can be the use of the words "after the examination by one of the present brethren?" You will, I think, hardly contend that when the visitor is known and vouched for, it is still necessary he should undergo an examination before being admitted.

It seems to me the following is intended by the rule in question. If the person applying for admission is not known by any present, he is then to be examined, and if the brother appointed to examine him can vouch for his being a Mason he shall then be admitted.

Perhaps some of our brethren who have previous editions of the Book of Constitutions will refer to them and ascertain whether it is not a mistake putting a comma between "for" and "after," as if so the sentence would read "unless he be personally known, recommended, or well vouched for after the examination by one of the present brethren."

As this question is a very important one, affecting as it does so materially the rights of visitors, I hope before it is allowed to drop we shall have some authoritative decision on the subject. Yours fraternally,

M. J. M.

INSTRUCTION.

BURDETT COURTS LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

—The fifteen sections were worked in the above lodge on Friday the 16th inst. Bro. G. Gottheil, P.M. 141 presided, assisted by Bro. Verry, P.M. 554 as S.W., Bro. J. Constable, S.W. 185 as J.W., Bro. Mortlock, P.M. 174 as P.M., Bro. Crouch, I.G. The following brethren worked the sections:—Bros. Raven, Lazarus, Crouch, Fieldwick, Coles, Gross, Verry, Christian, Berry, Hoyard, Pindar, Vorry, Wallington, Constable, Mortlock. The proceedings commenced at twenty minutes after seven and the whole of the work, together with the ordinary business of the lodge, was completed a few minutes after ten. This speaks well for the efficiency of the members of the lodge, and the highest praise is justly deserved by Bro. Verry its excellent preceptor, who is unremitting in his attention to the lodge, which just before his advent, and whilst under the guidance of a brother who was certainly not the "right man in the right place," was on the point of drooping out of existence, but the tact, courtesy, ability and perseverance of Bro. Verry has so far succeeded as to place the lodge in a fair way to resume its former prosperous position. The brethren in the neighbourhood ambitious for advancement in the order are fortunate in the opportunity which this lodge offers for qualifying themselves, under the guidance of this able preceptor.

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Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, is especially full and valuable; and their various Lodges, Councils, Preceptories, Conclaves, and Chapters, are carefully recorded, and nothing of importance seems to have been omitted with these rites—information, by the way, which cannot be obtained in any other publication, and which alone is sufficient to make the Calendar a great success. The "Cosmopolitan" is also thoroughly worthy of its name, for intelligence is afforded of the chief officers, and of the names, numbers, and localities of nearly all the Grand Lodges in the world. Within the compass of 250 pages there is matter enough compressed, clearly and closely printed, to fill several ordinary sized volumes. We conclude by expressing our earnest hope that the support afforded it by the brethren of the "mystic tie," will be commensurate with its usefulness, accuracy, and compactness.—*Freemason*.

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vice to visiting brethren and others. Indeed, the work is as valuable and important to members of the various branches in the Masonic world as the *Post Office London Directory* is to business men and enquirers.—*Sunday Times*.

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Craft Masonry.

MOUNT LEBANON LODGE (No. 73).—The installation meeting was held on Tuesday, January 20th, at Bridge House Hotel, Southwark. Bro. G. J. Grace, W.M., opened the lodge. The minutes were confirmed. Bro. G. Free, I.P.M., installed, A. L. Dussek, S.W., as W.M., who appointed as officers, J. S. Gomme, S.W.; J. H. Wilkins, J.W.; E. Harris, P.M., Treas.; G. Free, P.M., Secretary; J. H. Butten, P.M., S.D.; C. Rayden, J.D.; T. Knott, P.M., I.G.; P. H. Ebsworth, P.M., M.C.; D. Rose, P.M., W.S.; W. Y. Laing, P.M., Tyler. Two gentlemen were proposed for initiation at the next meeting. The Stewards to represent this lodge at festivals for 1874 are—J. H. Butten, P.G.A.D.C., Middlesex, P.M., S.D., for Benevolent; G. Morris, P.M., for Boys, and I. J. H. Wilkins, J.W. for Girl's. A six-guinea P.M.'s jewel was given to Bro. G. J. Grace, I.P.M. Lodge closed, banquet, desserts and coffee served. Present—Bros. F. Walters, P.M., Dr. Dixon, P.M., and the others already mentioned. About thirty visitors were present, and we noticed Bro. J. Conitts, P.G.P., J. Terry, Secretary of Benevolent; Lazarus, and others.

LONDON OF TRANQUILITY (No. 185).—A numerous meeting of the members of the above lodge assembled at Cannon-street Hotel, on Monday, the 19th inst. The chair was occupied by Bro. N. Moss, W.M. The other officers present were, Bros. J. Constable, S.W.; Ross, J.W.; D. Barneld S.D.; D. Posener, G. The usual preliminaries having been disposed of, Messrs. Pare, Anthony, and Judge were admitted into the Order with the usual ceremony. Bro. Humphrey was passed to the 1st degree, after which, Bros. Grover, and Phillips had the privilege of being permitted to participate in the mysteries of the sublime degree. The whole of these ceremonies were very ably aided by the W.M. Then followed the election of W.M. for the ensuing year, which was fully anticipated, in favour of Bro. John Constable, W.M. The W.M. announced the unanimous election to the S.W., in flattering terms complimented the W.M. upon his Masonic abilities, trusting that a successful year of office might be in store for him. He was sure for what he knew of Bro. Constable, that he would perform the duties with to himself and to the satisfaction of the lodge. The W.M. elect replied in brief and appropriate terms. Bro. John Peartree was read Treasurer, and Vesper Tyler. A vote of thanks, granted by the committee of the benevolent lodge, to a member of the lodge, was conducted. The lodge being closed the brethren proceeded to refreshment, after which the usual and Masonic toasts were briefly given and all eloquence being reserved to do tribute to the toast of the evening, namely the W.M. elect, which was received in a manner flattering to Bro. Constable, and showing in him who he is held by all the members of the lodge. Bro. Moss, W.M.,

spoke of him in glowing terms, alluding more especially to the services rendered and the remarkably rapid progress the W.M. elect has made in a comparatively short time, both in his position in the craft and in his perfect acquaintance with the duties of the various offices through which he has passed. Bro. Constable could scarcely find words sufficiently expressive of his gratitude to the W.M. and the brethren for so many expressions of kindness and affection; he would, however, assure them that as it always has been so will it continue to be his study to carry out in their entirety as far as his abilities will permit the fundamental principles of the Order. He trusted to receive the support of each member on all occasions in his endeavours to strengthen the bonds of brotherhood, as well as in his resolves, by continued application and perseverance to increase the fair fame and good position which the lodge enjoys in the Craft. The toast of the initiates was responded to by Bro. Pare, who said he was deeply impressed with the ceremony in which he took part for the first time, hoped that by emulating the good example placed before him to become a useful member of the Order, and trusted in time to gather some of the laurels which he saw had been earned by some of his surrounding friends. "Success to the Benevolent Fund" was given by Bro. Saul Solomon, who dealt with his subject with such effect as to induce each initiate to subscribe £1 1s. towards its increase, not that the augmentation of that fund is at all required at present, it being in a most flourishing condition, probably consisting of £1,000 in the funds. Bro. A. Sydney, P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M." who after thanking them for their support during his year of office proposed "The Health of the Past Masters," to which Bro. Sydney replied in a very neat speech, elegantly expressed. Bro. Peartree responded for the Treasurer and Secretary; for the rest of the officers Bro. John Ross replied. The visitors were—Bros. Myers 13, Henson 180, Wood 438, South Coast. Bro. Nardus Gluckstein, P.M. 51, late member of Lodge of Faith, 131, was unanimously elected a joining member of the lodge.

LEICESTER.—St. John's Lodge (No. 279).—The annual festival and installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, the 1st inst., Bro. Clement Stretton, P.P.G.W., W.M., in the chair. There were also present, Bros. Kelly, P.P.G.M., P.M.; S. S. Partridge, Prov. Grand Sec.; G. Toller, jun., P.P.G.R.; F. J. Baines, W.M. 523; J. Halford, W.M. 1391; R. Waite, P.M.; A. M. Duff, P.M.; J. T. Thorp, J.W. 523; R. A. Barber, J.W. 1391; T. A. Wykes, Sec. 523; A. G. Chamberlain and W. Chamberlain, Secretaries 1391, and others. The lodge was opened in due form. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and a satisfactory report of the financial state of the lodge was read and adopted. The hearty thanks of the brethren were accorded to Bro. Weare, Treasurer, for his services during the past year, and he was unanimously re-elected to the same important office. The W.M. then addressed the brethren as follows:—"Before leaving the chair I desire to take this opportunity to tender my best thanks to my officers for the efficient services they have rendered to me during my term of office, and for the kindness and support which I have received from them on every occasion. Of course I am quite aware that it is impossible for business men to be present at every meeting of the lodge; it would be unreasonable to expect it, and although one or two of the officers did not attend quite so regularly as might have been desired, yet I fully believe that every one attended to his duties whenever he was able to do so. My thanks are therefore due to one and all. But, brethren, there is one officer whose duties do not terminate at the close of the lodge. I am not alluding to the Treasurer, who has already received your thanks, but to the officer whose duties so closely connect him with the Master, I mean the Secretary. In Bro. McAllister, I have possessed a Secretary who thoroughly understood his work and performed it in a manner deserving the highest eulogiums. He entirely relieved me from all anxieties respecting the conduct of the business of the lodge. If

at any time any matter required my attention, I was sure to receive a reminder from Bro. McAllister, and in fact had it not been for his proffered assistance, I would not the second time have undertaken the duties of the chair. I trust, therefore, brethren, that I may not be considered as making an invidious distinction in asking to be allowed to present Bro. McAllister with a Secretary's jewel. Addressing the Secretary, the W.M. continued—I have great pleasure in placing this jewel on your breast and I trust that the feeling which now animates us may pervade our hearts for the remainder of our lives. This jewel is of beautiful design and exquisite workmanship, and bears the following inscription:—"Presented by Bro. Clement Stretton, to Bro. James Malcolm McAllister, St. John's day, 1873." It was supplied as a special order, by Bro. George Kenning, the well-known jeweller, 2, 3, and 4, Little Britain, London. Bro. McAllister feelingly tendered his grateful thanks to the W.M. for the valuable presentation, and deprecated any extra service on his part, while merely discharging the prescribed duties of the office with which the W.M. had been pleased to invest him. He expressed the deep obligations the lodge owed to Bro. Stretton for having undertaken the direction of its affairs for a second year at a time when death and other changes had removed the principal officers, and alluded to the extended exercise of that truly Masonic virtue, charity, which had so distinguished the rule of Bro. Stretton and cast such a halo of attachment around the brethren as to render the termination of his command a subject of profound regret. The W.M. elect, Bro. A. Palmer, was presented to Bro. Kelly, P.P.G.M., installing Master, by Bro. Stretton, W.M., as being well skilled in the Craft. The ancient charges were read over by the Secretary, and the W.M. elect having signified his submission thereto, he was regularly installed and invested with the badge of office. The ceremony was ably conducted by Bro. Kelly, P.P.G.M., who for the lengthened period of thirty-one years, has, with few exceptions, regularly performed this important duty. Bro. Palmer, W.M., then proceeded to appoint and invest his officers as follows: Bro. C. Stretton, P.P.G.W., I.P.M.; J. W. Smith, P.P.G. Std., S.W.; J. M. McAllister, P.P.G. Supt. of Works, J.W.; Rev. J. H. Smith, Chaplain; W. Weare, P.P.G.S.D., Treasurer; G. W. Statham, Secretary; C. E. Stratton, S.D., S. Cleaver, J.D.; T. Scampton, I.G.; C. Bembridge and T. Dunn, Tylers. A hearty and cordial vote of thanks to Bro. Stretton, the retiring W.M., expressive of the grateful appreciation of the integrity and fidelity with which he had discharged the onerous duties of Master, terminated the business of the lodge, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. The brethren were much indebted to Bros. A. Palmer, T. Wykes, J. T. Thorp, R. Taylor, and the brothers Chamberlain, for the time spent in harmony and good feeling, and the old adage that "He who begins well has half finished his work," proves a happy demonstration of the success attending the first effort of the newly installed Worshipful Master.

BRADFORD.—Lodge of Hope (No. 302).—The annual re-union of this lodge was held on Friday, the 18th inst., in the Masonic Hall, Godwin-street, and fully sustained the prestige of this ancient lodge for its hospitality and catering for the enjoyment of the lady friends of the brethren at this festive season. The arrangements, so far as we could see, were all that could be desired, and gave the greatest satisfaction, the playing of the quadrille band being highly extolled, and was everything that could be desired by the most fastidious terpsichorean. The brethren, and Bro. B. Broughton, W.M. may congratulate themselves for having provided such an evening's amusement as has seldom been surpassed in the Lodge of Hope. The re-union was numerous attended, and we noticed amongst the company, Bros. M. Rhodes, P.M., P. Prov. G.S.W., (the Mayor of Bradford); W. T. McGowen, M.M., (Town Clerk); T. Hill, P.M., P. Prov. G.J.W.; J. Gaunt, P.M.; A. M. Matthews, P.M.; J. Green, P.M.; H. Butterworth, P.M.; C. H. Taylor, P.M.; A. Hunter, P.M.; J. D. Sugden, P.M.; W. W. Barlow, P.M.; G. O. Richardson, P.M.; C.

Brook, W.M. Harmony; J. Procter, W.M. Eccleshill; J. Foster, W.M. Pentalfa; Geo. Althorp, W.M. Shakespeare; S. P. Firth, F. Willey, J. G. Hutchinson, and F. W. Booth, of the Chapter of Charity. The brethren also, as is their annual custom, gave a juvenile ball on Monday evening following, to their children and their friends, which also afforded a great amount of pleasure as well as amusement, all the children being presented with a small souvenir, which seemed to give them great fun and hilarity, and will no doubt often be associated in their young thoughts with the pleasant evening spent amongst their Masonic friends.

SOUTHAMPTON.—*The Lodge of Peace and Harmony* (No. 359).—The brethren of this lodge celebrated the festival of St. John on Monday, the 19th inst., when Bro. G. H. Burtenshaw was installed as the Worshipful Master for the year ensuing. Bro. Alderman Payne, Past Master of the lodge, and one of those who assisted to resuscitate it on its removal from Romsey to Shirley, now upwards of a quarter of a century since, performed this duty in the presence of some thirteen or fourteen Installed Masters, the Deputy Prov. Grand Master and Prov. Grand Secretary, Bros. Stebbing and Hickman (two of the Past Grand Officers of England), Bro. W. Bemister, P.M., and, as a Mason of more than forty years' standing, the "father" of Masonry in Southampton; Bros. Rooth, Alfred Miner, Weston (2), Wilkinson, Barford, Thomas, Waters, Coles, Adams, &c. For the admirable and impressive manner in which this duty was performed, Bro. Payne was awarded a most cordial vote of thanks. The Worshipful Master afterwards invested his officers as follows:—Bros. Clark, S.W.; C. Dyer, J.W.; Stebbing, Treas.; Alfred Miller, Sec.; Bemister, Direc. of Cer.; Martin, S.D.; Cross, J.D.; John Gidden, I.G.; Biggs, Tyler; and Norris and Vane, Assistant ditto. Bro. Dartnall served the banquet in the evening, which was attended by upwards of 50 brethren, and gave great satisfaction; some most interesting addresses were delivered bearing upon the past history and present prospects of the lodge, which is one of the largest in the province; and Bro. Sharpe, the Prov. Grand Organist (who had also taken part in the earlier ceremonies of the day) giving some selections, in his most able style, upon the fifty guinea harmonium just purchased by the Royal Gloucester Lodge. Though the lodge of Peace and Harmony during the past year unfortunately lost its Master by death its influence in the town and district has been maintained, Bro. Coles, the I.P.M., having been indefatigable in his exertions and cordially supported by the Past Masters and officers of the lodge.

LIVERPOOL.—*Alliance Lodge* (No. 667).—The brethren of this lodge assembled in great numbers at the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Tuesday afternoon, the 20th inst., the special business of the afternoon being the installation of Bro. William Charles Bulman, the W.M. elect. The chair was taken about half-past three o'clock, by Bro. J. E. Skillicorn, W.M., who was ably supported by Bros. J. Devaynes, P.M.; J. Bolton, P.M.; W. C. Bulman, S.W.; T. Ockleshaw, J.W.; W. Doyle, P.J.G.D., P.M., Treas.; J. E. Jackson, Sec.; G. S. Willings, S.D.; R. Foulds, J.D.; J. Ellis, I.G.; H. Firth, S.; P. Ball, Tyler. Amongst the members present were the following:—Bros. J. Wainwright, H. Eastham, W. Langbottom, J. Yeatman, E. Carter, R. Owens, McDavies, E. Light, J. Archdeacon, D. Weir, D. Lloyd, J. V. Grant, D. S. Buchanan, W. Brittain, Squire Chapman, Y. Reid, J. Romero, T. Peake, W. J. Barry, R. Dangle, R. Bennett. There were present among the visitors Bros. J. Skeaf, P.G.D.; J. Hamer, P.P.G. Treas.; J. B. Lambert, P.P.G.D.; T. Chesworth, P.M. 724; T. Clark, P.M. 673; W. Shortis, W.M. 724; Peter M. Larsen, P.M. 673; T. Jackson, P.M. 580; R. R. Martin, W.M. 1094; J. Loft-house, P.M. 950; E. Rothwell, S.W. 1356; J. Wood, Treas. 1094; J. A. Rodriguez, 195; R. C. Yelland, S.D. 1094; J. Busfield, 216; G. J. Townsend, 1086; K. Fairclough, 1356; T. Evans, 1023; G. Musker, 1182; and D. Morris, 673. After two candidates had been initiated into the mysteries of the Order by the

retiring W.M., the chair of installing Master was taken by Bro. W. Doyle, P.J.G.D., who proceeded to place Bro. William C. Bulman in the position of W.M., to which position he had been elected by the unanimous vote of the brethren. The ceremony, always impressive in almost every circumstance, was specially so by reason of the masterly and effective manner in which it was performed by Bro. Doyle, and the same efficiency marked his delivery of the charges to the following officers, invested by the newly-chaired W.M.:—Bros. J. E. Skillicorn, I.P.M.; T. Ockleshaw, S.W.; J. E. Jackson, J.W.; G. S. Willings, Sec.; R. Foulds, S.D.; J. Ellis, J.D.; T. Yeatman, Org.; Henry Firth, I.G.; Squire Chapman, and A. Bucknall, Stewards. It may be stated that Bro. Doyle had been unanimously re-appointed Treasurer for the third time. Bro. P. Ball was re-elected and re-invested Tyler of the lodge for the ensuing year. The brethren subsequently sat down to an excellent banquet, served in the lodge room, and during the evening a very handsome P.M.'s jewel was presented to Bro. Skillicorn, I.P.M. The jewel, supplied by Bro. George Kenning, of 2, Monument place, 18-carat, hall-marked, was the object of universal admiration, and it was generally admitted that no more chaste and rare specimen of workmanship could have been furnished. The jewel bore the following inscription:—"To Bro. John Edward Skillicorn, I.P.M., this jewel is respectfully presented by brethren of Alliance Lodge, No. 667, of Antient Free and Accepted Masons, in testimony of the warm regard towards him as a man and a Mason. 20th January, 1874." The presentation was made by the W.M. in an excellent speech, and Bro. Skillicorn, acknowledged the gift in a manner at once thoughtful and full of point. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to with unwonted enthusiasm, and capital harmony was furnished by Bros. T. J. Hughes, Evans, Yeatman, and Skeaf, who presided at the pianoforte.

WILLIAM PRESTON LODGE (No. 766).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C., on Thursday the 22nd January, 1874. The following brethren were present:—Bros. W. Worrell, W.M.; R. Brown, S.W.; J. Pringle, J.W.; W. M. Newton, S.D.; E. Archer, I.G.; G. I. Kain, P.M., and Sec.; G. Newman, I.P.M.; B. Abbott, P.M.; J. Newton, P.M.; W. J. Miller, P.M.; R. H. W. Liteman, P.M.; S. Wilkinson, W. J. Roberts, D. Steinman, A. C. Rees, J. Kidman, J. F. Honey, E. Draper, C. S. Cheltnun, C. R. Cutmore, H. F. Partridge, also visitors. Bros. B. Jenkins, 960; H. Garrod, J. E. Wilkinson, P.M. 766; J. Prescott, P.J.G.W.W.L.; W. G. Moore, J.W. 534; J. Williams, P.M., 960 and 36; J. Read, P.M. 720; J. H. Bloomell, 569; Thomas Preston, 1426. The business of the evening consisted of the passing of Bro. Honey, the raising of Bro. Partridge, and the initiation of Bros. W. Johnston, Bro. Francis Ince, and Bro. S. J. Emley, the ceremonies being worked by the W.M. The following motion was duly proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously:—"That this lodge do sanction and support a petition presented to the Grand Chapter of England for a warrant to hold a chapter to be attached to this lodge, and to be called the William Preston Royal Arch Chapter." The sum of £5 5s. was duly voted to the W.M., he having consented to stand as Steward for the lodge at the forthcoming festival of the Boys' School. Several candidates were proposed for initiation at the next lodge meeting. All Masonic business being ended the lodge was duly closed and the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous banquet presided over by the W.M., Bro. W. Worrell, after which the usual Masonic toasts were given, and the evening greatly enlivened by several excellent songs and recitations by various brethren.

DEAL.—*Wellington Lodge* (No. 784).—On Thursday, the 8th inst., the installation of the W.M. of Wellington Lodge, took place in the Lodge Room, Park-street, Deal. This interesting ceremony was very ably performed by the retiring W.M. Bro. A. E. Ralph, whose working was admirable. After Bro. J. M. Browning had been duly installed into the chair of K.S.,

he proceeded to appoint his officers for the ensuing year as follows:—Bros. A. E. Ralph, P.M.; Woon, S.W.; F. J. Mercer, J.W.; Rev. C. E. S. Woolmer, P.P.G.S.D., Chaplain; J. E. Apps, P.M., Treasurer, W. M. Cavell, P.M., Secretary; T. Paul, D.C.; T. J. Woodruff, and F. Fitch, Stewards; T. Norris, Tyler. At the conclusion of the business of the lodge the brethren adjourned to the Royal Hotel, where a sumptuous banquet was served by the respected hostess, Mrs. Allen, in her usual first-class style, the viands and wines being excellent. Amongst the visitors present were Bros. R. J. Emmerson, W.M., Sandwich; Fry, W.M., Dover; Rev. J. B. Harrison, W.M., Walmer; and Brazier, P.M., and Wootton, P.M., Margate. After the cloth was removed, the W.M. gave the usual loyal, Masonic, and patriotic toasts, which were duly responded to by several very able speeches, one by Chaplain Bro. Rev. C. E. S. Woolmer, on the Masonic Charities being especially remarkable for the eloquent appeal to every brother and the Masonic body generally to contribute, particularly pointing out the claims of the Girls' Schools. The remaining toasts having been duly proposed and acknowledged, a very pleasant and agreeable evening was brought to a close.

ROYAL OAK LODGE (No. 871).—On Thursday, Jan. 22nd, at the White Swan Tavern, 217, High-street Deptford, the regular meeting of this prosperous lodge was held. Bro. W. Myatt, W.M., opened the lodge, and was assisted by Bros. C. Andrews, S.W.; S. O. Lewin, J.W.; W. Andrews, P.M., Treas.; F. Walters, P.G. Steward, P.M. Secretary; H. J. Tuson, S.D.; J. J. Parkes, J.D.; H. J. Dawe, as I.G.; John Baxter Langley, M.C.; R. Killick, W.S.; J. Truelove, P.M.; J. Hawker, P.M., and many others. The minutes were read and unanimously confirmed, and signed by the W.M. Ballots, being taken separately, were unanimous in favour of the admission of Messrs. John Christopher Craig, and Frederick Hayward Burr, as candidates for initiation into Freemasonry and members of this lodge, and they being in attendance were duly initiated into ancient Freemasonry. The ceremony was beautifully rendered. Bros. J. H. Rodell, W. Atkins, W. Cockle, W. A. Summers, 1423; and D. Sullivan, 1423, were in an admirable manner passed to the second degree. The veteran Secretary, Bro. Frederick Walters, P.M., took the chair, and in a faultless, solemn, and impressive manner, raised Bros. W. Elgood, and W. Mitchell, 1326, to the third degree. The bye-laws were read. The elections were unanimous in favour of G. Andrews, S.W., for W.M., W. Andrews, P.M., Treas. re-elected Treas.; J. Bavin, P.M. re-elected Tyler; Bros. Good, Hotton, and Elgood, as Auditors. A five-guinea testimonial was voted from the lodge funds, to Bro. Myatt, W.M., for his efficient services rendered to the lodge during his year of office. Ten guineas voted from lodges to charity fund, the initiation fee was increased to eight guineas, and the joining fee to two guineas by the unanimous vote of the lodge. Some candidates were proposed for initiation and some brothers as joining members. In addition to Bro. Leviner Lemo, who represents the lodge as its Steward for loyal Benevolent Institution, Bro. Benjamin James Cole, was also elected a Steward to act in conjunction with Bro. Leviner Lemo, at the festival to be held on Wednesday, January 28th. They were expected to take up an average goodlist. The occupants of the chair who had done the work, viz. W.M. and Secretary were warmly congratulated and complimented, for the correct manner they each had worked the ceremonies in the different degrees. All business being ended the lodge was closed. The usual banquet and dessert were then served. The regular toasts were given and responded to. An agreeable re-union was brought to a pleasant close. The long list of visitors comprised Bros. J. T. Moss, P. Prov. G.D. Middlesex, P.M. 169, P.M. 1356, W.M. 1421; L. Etheridge, 829; H. Gloster, 1326; H. Gtess, 1326; J. W. Baldwin, 1326, J.W. 142; W. Mitchell, 1326; W. A. Simmons, 1423; D. Sullivan, 1423, and others. It was arranged to hold the installation at 4 p.m. on Thursday, February 26th.

BASES.—*Ancholme Lodge* (No. 1000).—The brethren of the Ancholme Lodge met in

the Town Hall, Brigg, on the afternoon of the 5th inst., for the purpose of installing Bro. W. Pigott, as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The ceremony of installation was most ably performed by Bro. Walter Reynolds, P.M., Minerva Lodge, Hull. The newly installed Master appointed Bros. Cave and Fryer as Wardens. The brethren then adjourned to the Angel Hotel, where a sumptuous banquet was provided by Mr. J. G. Kirkham.

STRATFORD.—Langthorne Lodge (No. 1421).—On Thursday the 22nd inst., the first installation meeting of this young and progressing lodge, was held at the Swan Hotel, Stratford, E., where a numerous gathering of local and other members of the Craft assembled to witness the induction into the chair of K.S. of Bro. G. T. W. Mugliston, the S.W. and W.M. elect, and one of the founders of the lodge, last whom as occupant of the chair for the ensuing twelve months, a better selection could not possibly have been made. Shortly after four o'clock the lodge was opened by the whole of his officers, viz.: Bro. G. T. W. Mugliston, S.W.; G. E. Slee, J.W.; Geo. Levick, Treasurer; C. W. Ashdown, P.M. and Sec.; T. S. Morlock, I.P.M.; R. G. Owen, S.D.; B. Cudick, J.D.; M. G. Stevens, D.C.; H. Carter, W.S.; Geo. Hollington, I.G.; and W. Steadman, Tyler. The following members of the lodge were also present, viz.: Bros. the Rev. Jas. Knaggs, E. T. Dix, James Wood, Thos. J. Barnes, Wm. Grover, R. J. Donovan, Thos. T. Kirby, T. S. Taylor, Wm. Shearman, and H. N. Taylor, besides a goodly number of visitors, who had assembled to do honour to the worthy and deservedly popular W.M. elect. The minutes of the last regular meeting, together with those of a lodge of emergency, held on the 8th inst., having been read and confirmed, the report of the audit committee was submitted and duly approved. The Lodge having been opened respectively in the second and third degrees, the W.M. elect was presented by Bro. John G. Stevens, D.C. to the W.M., Bro. Lacey, to receive at his hands the benefit of installation, which beautiful Ceremony Bro. Lacey immediately proceeded to perform, and in the presence of a board of sixteen Installed Masters. Bro. Mugliston was duly placed in the chair of K.S., according to ancient custom. The Board of Installed Masters having been closed, the brethren were re-admitted, and the newly installed W.M., duly proclaimed and saluted in each degree. He then proceeded to appoint and invest the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year, viz.:—Bros. Charles Lacey, I.P.M.; G. E. Slee, S.W.; R. G. Owen, I.W.; Geo. Levick (re-elected) Treasurer; C. W. Ashdown, P.M., Secretary; Benjamin Cudick, S.D.; Geo. Hollington, J.D.; Henry Carter, I.G.; J. G. Stevens, P.M., D.C.; Thos. Taylor, Steward; and W. Steadman, (re-elected) Tyler. The ceremony was then summed and concluded, having been rendered throughout by Bro. Lacey in a manner which elicited the loud applause of the brethren present. The newly installed W.M. then rose and said that the first official duty he was called on in his new capacity to perform, was a very arduous one indeed, and he was quite sure the brethren of the lodge would entertain the same feelings as himself in this matter. He had the happiness and very great pleasure of presenting Bro. Lacey, on behalf of the brethren of the lodge, a very handsome Past Master's jewel as a recognition of his very valuable services as the first W.M. of the "Langthorne" Lodge. They were all aware of the admirable manner in which the duties of the chair had been performed by Bro. Lacey during the past year, and of the exertions of that Brother in endeavouring to obtain a warrant for the lodge, the consequence of a spurious lodge in the town of Stratford some few years since, rendering the place anything but popular with the authorities at Grand Lodge. But, thanks to the efforts of Bro. Lacey, in conjunction with the other founders, the "Langthorne" Lodge had now passed the first year of its existence and was making steady progress, and in the possession of that valuable jewel on his breast, he (the W.M.) earnestly trusted that Bro. Lacey might

long be spared to wear it, and to be numbered amongst the Past Masters of the Langthorne Lodge. Bro. Lacey, in brief but feeling terms, expressed his gratitude to the brethren for this mark of their esteem; and added that so long as it pleased the G.A.O.T.U. to endow him with health and strength his services would always be at their disposal. Letters of apology for non-attendance were read from Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary, and Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G. Chaplain, both of whom are honorary members, expressing regret at being unable to be present, and promising to visit the lodge on some future occasion. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren and visitors adjourned to an adjoining room, where an excellent banquet awaited them, served by the worthy host, Bro. Morley, in capital style. The newly-installed W.M., Bro. Mugliston, occupied the chair, and the genial manner in which the duties of that office were discharged by him during the evening could not fail to convince the brethren that they had the right man in the right place. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given in succession from the chair, and duly honoured. In proposing the health of the W.M., Bro. Lacey adverted to the happy selection the brethren had made in electing Bro. Mugliston to occupy that proud position, and trusted that he might enjoy a happy and prosperous year of office. The toast having been enthusiastically received, the W.M. thanked the brethren for the very hearty manner in which they had been pleased to respond to the toast of his health, and assured them that during his year of office nothing should be wanting on his part to maintain and uphold the honour and reputation of the lodge. "The Masonic Charities," was most ably responded to by Bro. John G. Stevens, who in eloquent terms pointed out the duty incumbent upon every Freemason, to support the Charitable Institutions connected with the order, the result of his appeal being, that nearly every brother present gave in his name as a subscriber to the list which Bro. Stevens will present in his capacity of Steward at the forthcoming festival of the Benevolent Institution for aged and decayed Freemasons, shortly about to be held. Some excellent songs and recitations were given during the evening, which throughout was a most enjoyable one, the brethren separating in perfect peace and harmony soon after 11 p.m. The visitors who honoured the lodge with their presence on this occasion were as follows, viz.: Bros. E. Jex, P.M. 1459; H. G. Sisley, P.M. 1076; A. Robbins, P.M. 1036; S. Watkins, P.M. 212, and 1076; B. B. Brayshaw, P.M. 1076; F. Wakefield, P.M. 548; F. Lattrell, P.M. 1056; H. S. Masterman, P.M. 41; John W. Dually, P.M. 1178; W. Wainwright, P.M. 933; W. R. Marsh, P.M. 933; S. Priestley, S.W. 1074; L. Heath, 180; J. Norman, 174; A. Uloth, 275; E. G. Legge, 1196; J. E. Prior, 1228; H. B. Holliday, J.W. 1076; T. Cobu, J.W. 192; G. F. Henley, 186; G. Lewis, 1376; J. Boulton, 1228; W. C. Jewby, 1076; H. Boyes Mugliston, 1228; and M. Sherwin, 1076. The last named brother presided at the harmonium throughout the ceremony of installation, and also contributed greatly to the harmony of the evening.

IVY LODGE (No. 1441).—The third regular meeting of this youthful lodge, in which, from being well acquainted with the pure Masonic principles which actuate its founders, we feel particularly interested, took place on Tuesday, the 30th January, at the Windsor Castle Tavern, Southwark Bridge-road. At the first meeting of the lodge, three gentlemen were initiated into the Order; at the second, four presented themselves for the same honour; and on this occasion three more were successfully balloted for and admitted, while the seven brethren previously admitted, without exception, were present to receive the degrees to which they were respectively entitled. The lodge, this evening, was opened at six o'clock by Bro. C. Smith, W.M., whose officers were in punctual attendance to his call. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and the lodge was then opened in the second degree, when Bros. H. Cox, T. F. R. Smith, and C. Mott, were examined and intrusted with what enabled them

to demand and obtain re-admission to the lodge, when it had been opened in the third degree. The W.M. worked the sublime degree for the first time in the Ivy Lodge, which he did in a very beautiful and impressive manner. Many of our readers are doubtless acquainted with Bro. Smith's style of working, and they will endorse our remark when we state that his manner of delivering the solemn ritual is not to be surpassed. The lodge was afterwards resumed to the first degree, and Bros. C. Pantlin, G. Skegg, W. C. Ware, and J. Elmer, were examined, and having shown proficiency, were entrusted with sufficient knowledge to enable them to return to the lodge, when resumed to the second degree, and claim the privilege of being Crafted, a rank which was duly conferred. The lodge having once more been resumed to the first degree, Messrs. J. S. Dane, W. Doherty, and Gottfried Plock were separately introduced, and initiated into the order, the W.M. displaying the same excellence of working in the second and first, that he had previously shown in the third degree. After the usual enquiries the lodge was closed in due form and with solemn prayer. Simple refreshments were afterwards served, and a rational and most agreeable evening was spent by the brethren of the Ivy Lodge, and several visitors who enjoyed the advantage of being present on this very interesting occasion. Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Grand Pursuivant, an honorary member of the lodge, was present, as were also Bros. George Matlock, S.W.; J. J. Cantle, J.W.; C. S. Jolly, Sec.; C. F. Poupard, S.D.; Louis Cornelissen, J.D.; W. Ashwell, I.G.; John Noke, No. 87, acting P.M.; and George T. Fox, P.M. and P.Z., Tyler.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

MANCHESTER.—Palatine Chapter Rose Croix.—A special meeting was summoned for Saturday morning, 24th January, in order to allow the members of the Scottish jurisdiction to witness this beautiful ceremony, as worked in England, many of the Scottish brethren being in Manchester and having assisted at the Royal Order meeting the day previous. The Chapter was opened at the appointed hour by Illus. Bro. Hyde Pullen, 33°, as M.W.S.; Major Shadwell Clerke, 33°, as Prelate; Capt. W. D. Smith, 30°, (M.W.S.) as 1st Gen.; Shepher Smith, 31° and G.; C. Fitzgerald Matier, 30°, Master of Ceremonies, and the deputations from the S.G.C. 33° of Scotland, and of England and Wales was announced, and the "arch of steel" being formed the Ill. brethren entered in procession as follows:—W. Mann, 33° Sc.; Dr. Hamilton, 33° E. and W.; L. Mackersey, 33°; Captain N. G. Philips, 33°; Lord James Murray, 33°; and the Sov. G. Com., Bro. Vigue 33°. The ceremony was then proceeded with, the candidate, Bro. Craxton having been previously balloted for. The duties of the various officers were most efficiently discharged, indeed we have seldom if ever been more impressed with the beauties of this degree. Bro. Hyde Pullen, M.W.S.; Major Clerke as Prelate, and afterwards as Raphael; and Bro. Matier as Grand Marshal, were perfect in the ritual, and gave entire satisfaction to the Ill. visitors, who expressed themselves as highly pleased and gratified. The third point was held, and the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous banquet, which was presided over by Bro. McDowell Smith, 30°, M.W.S. In addition to the names already mentioned, Ill. Bros. Rawson, 32°; Fendelow, 32°; Sir M. Nepeau, 32°; Romaine Callender, 31°; Brockbank, 31°; Duffield, 30°; and a host of members of the High Grades, that time or space will not permit us to record. The customary toasts followed, and were heartily responded to by the brothers, many of whom had to leave by early trains for their several destinations, in some cases many hundred miles away. We can only say, we have never been at a more successful meeting, which we believe is the only instance on record of the joint visit of two sister Supreme Councils, 33° to a Chapter of Rose Croix, on which fact we must congratulate the candidate, who may well be proud of this event in his Masonic life. We must also express our thanks

to the Palatine Chapter, and its M.W.S., for the kindness and hospitality with which the visitors were entertained, and our pleasure at the true Masonic feeling which actuated each member.

Royal Order of Scotland.

INAUGURATION OF THE PROV. G. LODGE FOR THE COUNTIES PALATINE OF LANCASTER AND CHESTER.

On the 4th July, 1873, the Grand Lodge of the Royal Order granted a warrant for a Provincial Grand Lodge of R.S.Y.C.S., and also for a Provincial Grand Master's Chapter of H.R.M. for Lancashire and Cheshire, and appointed Wm. Romaine Callender, Esq., J.P., D.L., F.R.S., etc., as Provincial Grand Master. Owing to several unforeseen circumstances, it was impossible to fix an earlier day than 23rd January that would suit the majority of the brethren desirous of being present at this most interesting occasion.

The meeting was held at the Freemasons, Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester, at three o'clock. The Grand Lodge was opened by Bro George Murray, 31°, G. Treasurer, as acting D.G.M. and Governor; Bro. Alex. Hay, 31°, and Wm. Mann, 33°, in the chairs of Senior and Junior G. Wardens, and Bro. J. B. Douglas, 31°, Grand Secretary. These brethren composed the deputation from the Grand Lodge of the Royal Order. The Supreme Grand Council was presented by the Rt. Hon. Lord J. C. P. Murray, 33°, D.G.M. of Scotland; Ill. Bros. S. Somerville of Ampherlaw, 30°, P.G.W., and L. Mackersy, 33°, P.G.M.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of London and the home counties was represented by the following distinguished members of the 33° of England and Wales; Ill. Bros. Dr. Hamilton, 33°; Prov. G.M.; Capt. Philips, 33°; Major Clerke, 33°; Hyde Pullen, 33°, also by Bros. S. Rawson, Prov. S.G.M.; and Rev. A. B. Frazer, Prov. C.P.G.

Among the brethren of high degree present we also noticed, Sir Molyneux Nepean, High Sheriff; Ill. Bro. Vigne, 33°, S.G. Com., of Dorset; Charles Fendelow, 32°; Major Barlow, 32°; G. P. Brockbank; C. Fitzgerald Matier; Thos. Entwistle; John Duffield; John Chadwick; Samuel White; and others.

The following candidates, whose names had previously been approved of by the Executive Committee, were then introduced, and advanced as brethren of H.R.M., namely, Bros. S. Gibb Smith, Dr. Spratley, G. H. Wilsord, J. Martin Ruther, J. T. Tweedale, W. Leader, J. E. Hall, George Higgins, Robert Harwood, Thomas Wilson, and Samuel Chatwood.

The following brethren performed the beautiful ceremony in a manner seldom, if ever, excelled in the annals of the Royal Order: Bros. G. Murray, as T.; Hay, S.W.; Mann, J.W.; Matier, Grand Introductor; Hyde Pullen, Grand Examiner; Entwistle, G. Guard; and Hargreaves, Organist.

The Grand Lodge of the R.S.Y.C.P., was then opened, and the before-mentioned brethren were promoted to the honour of Knighthood, and received the accolade from the presiding officer. The chair was then taken by Lord James C. P. Murray, who called on the Grand Secretary to read the dispensation from Grand Lodge authorising the meeting. This done, Bro. William Romaine Callender was presented and duly installed in the chair of P.G.M., with the usual formalities. The appointment of officers was then proceeded with by the newly-installed P.G.M., who nominated as Deputy P.G.M. Bro. Fitzgerald Matier, P.G.S.W.; Bro. Brockbank, P.G.J.W.; Bro. Entwistle, P.G. Sec.; Bro. Chadwick, P.G. Treas.; Bro. Duffield, P.G.S.B.; Bro. Prince, P.G.B.B.; Bro. Major Wilson, P.G. Marshal; Bro. Moore, D.P.G. Marshal; Bro. Hargreaves, P.G. Std.; Bro. White, P.G.G.; Bro. Gibb Smith, and as Deputy Guards Bros. Sly and Walker. Each brother in turn received the collar and jewel of office, and an appropriate address from Lord James Murray.

A hearty and cordial vote of thanks was then offered to the distinguished visitors, who had come long distances to be present and who had

added so much to the success of this meeting. After a few minutes of routine, the Grand Lodge was duly closed and the brethren separated to meet again at the banquet, which was held at the Palatine Hotel. The chair was taken by Bro. W. Romaine Callender, supported by Lord James Murray on his right, and Bros. Matier and Dr. Hamilton on his left, while dispersed along the tables were the other R.W. and Ill. brethren, whose names have already been mentioned as having been present.

The usual loyal toasts followed, proposed by the chair, and special mention was made of H.H.H. the Duke of Edinburgh and his Imperial Bride. The toast of "The Grand Lodge of the Royal Order" was responded to by Bro. George Murray, one of the oldest surviving Knights in the world, who simply expressed the great pleasure he and the other members of the deputation feel at taking part in the inauguration of the P. G. Lodge of Lancashire and Cheshire under such auspicious circumstances, and under the leadership of a P.G.M. so universally beloved as Bro Callender. He had every confidence that the Royal Order would flourish in the northern district of England as well well as it had done in London. Bro. Lord James Murray, returned thanks for the S.G.C. 33° of Scotland, and Bro. Vigne, for that of England and Wales. In his reply, Bro. Vigne, mentioned that the S.G.C. 33° had elevated Bro. Callender to the rank of 31°, which announcement was received with great applause.

The toast of "Success to the New Provincial Grand Lodge and its P.G.M." was given by Lord James Murray, and responded to by Bro. Callender, who in a most able and comprehensive address, gave an interesting account of the success that had attended the other degrees of Masonry in the province, and expressed his hope, that in like manner, the P.G.L. of Lancashire and Cheshire should, by the laudable spirit of emulation, be second to none in the world, not even to that P.G. Lodge, the health of whose P.G.M. he was then going to propose. He begged to give "The Health of Dr. Hamilton, P.G.M. of London."

Dr. Hamilton returned thanks, and hoped the only rivalry between the two P.G. Lodges would be the desire to excel one another in improvement and discipline. The next toast was "The Health of Bro. Matier, Deputy P.G.M.," which was proposed by Bro. Mann, who thanked him for the untiring energy and zeal displayed by him in the formation of this P.G. Lodge.

Bro. Matier briefly responded, and trusted to give the brethren for the future that satisfaction that from their hearty response to the toast of his health he appeared to have done in the past.

Bro. Vigne then requested permission to propose the health of a neighbour of his from Dorsetshire, "Sir Molyneux Nepean," who is 32° of Scotland, and had travelled all night to be at the meeting.

In responding, the Illustrious Brother mentioned the fact that he had been a Mason for over forty years, and belonged to several English lodges, as well as to Scottish ones. He expressed his great pleasure at being present, and his gratification at the success of the inaugural meeting of the Royal Order in Manchester.

Several other toasts followed, and the brethren separated at an early hour.

Red Cross of Constantine.

LIVERPOOL.—Liverpool Conclave (No. 55).—The usual periodical meeting of this conclave was held at the Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, on Friday, the 16th inst. Eminent Sir Knight H. M. Molyneux, M.P.S., was in his place, and amongst others present were, Ill. Sir Knight J. K. Smith, D.I. General, unattached; Eminent Sir Knight T. Clark, V.G.; Sir Knights W. Doyle, S.G.; R. Brown, J.G.; R. Washington, H.P.; J. Wood, Treas.; R. Young, Recorder; J. B. Mackenzie, P.; P. Ball, Sentinel; H. James, W.; Cron D.W.; Winstanley, I.W.; Robinson, Shakespeare, H. Burrows, No. 77, and others. The business before the conclave was of a formal character. The assembled Knights of the Order afterwards sat down to an

excellent repast, and during the evening the usual loyal and knightly toasts were proposed. The M.P.S., in happy terms, gave "The Healths of Ill. Sir Knight Dr. Smith, (the Chairman of the Ball Committee), Sir Knight D. W. Winstanley, the Secretary, and Sir Knight Brown, the Treasurer," referring in terms of the highest commendation to their valuable services, which had contributed so largely to the satisfactory and successful result of the gathering. The toast was suitably acknowledged. Several capital songs and recitations were given by Sir Knights Brown, Shakespeare, Young, James, and others.

Scotland.

GLASGOW.—Star Lodge (No. 219).—On Monday, 19th inst., there was a large gathering of members of the Star Lodge. The chair was taken by Bro. J. Wilson, R.W.M., who was supported by Bros. J. Allstow, D.M.; J. Logan, S.W.; J. Hearn, J.W. On the dais were Bros. G. Sinclair, P.M. 27; G. Wilson, Chaplain 27; J. Bain, P.G.B.B.; D. Reid, R.W.M. 565; G. Wheeler, 75; and J. Arnold, 455. By the request of the R.W.M., Bro. Bain, P.M., initiated Messrs. Donald McNichol and Pickles, into the mysteries of the first degree, in a very careful manner. Bro. G. Wilson, of 27, then rose and said he had been requested by Bro. G. Turnbull to ask the lodge to accept of the portrait of an old and highly respected member of the lodge, the late Bro. James Campbell. As Bro. Turnbull was too modest to undertake this duty, he had accepted the office with a great deal of pleasure, as for many years he had had the pleasure of being intimately acquainted with their deceased brother, and he was fully conscious of his great exertions on behalf of Star Lodge in the days of her adversity. It was mainly owing to his exertions, and those of Bro. Maxwell (who he was glad to see present), that the Star had finally shone out with such effulgence as now graced its meetings. The R.W.M. said, on behalf of the lodge, he accepted with gratitude this handsome present. He, too, had long had the honour of knowing their lamented brother. The portrait, all must admit, was not only life-like, but perfect as a work of art. It reflected great credit on Bro. Turnbull, first as an artist, and secondly, as a brother of the Order, to make them so valuable a gift. When they remembered that Bro. Turnbull was not even a member of their lodge, but of Mother Kilwinning, No. 9, it enhanced the value of the gift, but now the least thing they could do would be to make him an honorary member. Bro. Turnbull was then affiliated, after which he briefly thanked the lodge for the kind way in which they had received his gift. The R.W.M. then called attention to Bro. Maxwell, the oldest member of the lodge, and for many years a co-worker with Bro. Campbell. Bro. Maxwell replied, thanking them for their kind remembrance of old members. Their day for work was now past, but he was glad to see that the lodge still prospering. The R.W.M. gave "The P.G.L. and the Provincial Fund of Benevolence." Bro. G. Sinclair, Treasurer of the fund, replied, stating that the satisfactory progress the fund was now making. During the two years he had held the office, their fund had increased from £100 to £450. They had now doubled the amount of the former gifts, in all cases where the recipients were found to be worthy. He was proud to say that the Glasgow Provincial Benevolent Fund, was now the first in the Kingdom. The Master said that, though last, not least, he had to call attention to their two "new laid stones." He felt sure from the way in which they had gone through the ceremony, that they would ultimately become good Masons. Bros. W. Nichols and Pickles, suitably acknowledged the compliment, and trusted they should never disgrace the Star or cause its light to be diminished on their account.

An emergency meeting of the Star Lodge was held on Monday, the 19th of January, to reduce the large amount of work on hand, consisting of three initiations, four

ings, all of which were performed by Bro. Gilles in his usual effective style.

GLASGOW.—Thistle and Rose Lodge (No. 73).—On Tuesday, January 20th, there was a very large attendance both of members and visitors. Bro. G. Weston, R.W.M. presided; assisted by G. M. Donald, I.P.M.; Jas. Balfour, P.M. 332, acting S.W.; and McGregor, J.W.; W. Walton T.; and R. Richards, Secretary. On the dais were also Bros. A. Wright, R.W.M. 193; W. Philips, P.M. 275, P.G.I.G.; G. Thallon, P.M. 362, P.G.J.D.; J. Black, R.W.M. 361; and D. Reid, R.W.M. 465. The work consisted of passing and raising. At the request of the R.W.M., Bro. W. Wright, R.W.M. of 103, passed Bro. R. Pearson to the degree of Fellow Craft, after which Bro. Black, of the Saint Clair Lodge, asked to have a gentleman, a native of Sweden, raised to the sublime degree of M.M. Bro. John Hallgren was then introduced, and Bro. G. Thallon, I.P.M. of the St. Clair, performed the ceremonies. Arrangements were made for the forthcoming festival of the lodge, and Bro. Black thanked them for their kindness in raising this candidate for his lodge.

GLASGOW.—Commercial Lodge (No. 360) met in their own Hall, 19, Croy-place, Glasgow, on Friday, the 16th of January, Dr. Martin, R.W.M., in the chair. There was considerable lodge business to transact, at the conclusion of which Bro. Munro said he had now to ask them to give two special votes of thanks to Bro. Adams, their late Treasurer, and to their Worshipful Master. For some time the lodge had been in want of a set of working tools. Bro. Adams knowing this had got a very nice set made for them, and the R.W.M., Dr. Martin, had also purchased a very handsome set in a mahogany case, from Bro. George Kenning's Glasgow House, so they were doubly blest, and he asked them to give a hearty vote of thanks to each of these brethren, who unknown to the lodge, as well as to each other, had thus kindly supplied their wants. The tools were then handed round for inspection, and elicited the commendation of all present. The R.W.M. then requested Bro. Munro, his Depute Master, to work the 4th degree for him, and use the new working tools he had presented. Bro. Thellar was accordingly introduced and raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason, in a very impressive manner, by Bro. J. Munro. Altogether Lodge business may well feel proud of its present position, and of its prospects for 1874.

GLASGOW.—Lodge Union (No. 832).—The annual festival of this lodge was held in the Assembly Rooms, Bath-st., on Friday, the 16th inst. Both the hall and galleries were completely filled by the Masons with their wives and friends. Representatives were present from nearly every lodge in the province, Lodge 408 being very numerous for their numbers. The chair was filled by the R.W.M., Bro. J. McNair, in a neat speech, set forth the beauties of Freemasonry, and also explained the present position of the lodge, which is evidently prospering under the care of the Rev. Ferguson. He gave one characteristic speech, in the course of which he related several instances that had come under his own knowledge of the good of Freemasonry, in a worldly or pecuniary point of view, and the moral duties it inculcated were calculated to lead them into the paths of virtue and wisdom. Bro. Mitchell, P.M., also gave an address on the important duties taught in Freemasonry. The concert was well sustained by several artists employed, and an assembly of dancing was kept up till late in the morning.

GLASGOW.—St. Andrew's Chapter (No. 69) met on Tuesday, the 13th inst. In the absence of the First Principal, Comp. Humphries, Comp. Halket, Z. 113, presided. A lodge of Mark Masters was then when Comp. John H. Fish, master, and W. H. Ellis, master mariner, and J. Gibson, were advanced to that degree, and I. Dobbie, P.Z., performing the ceremony, acting as S.W.; D. Campbell, W. Wheeler, S.D. As those gentlemen about to proceed to sea, a lodge of Mark Masters was opened, and thereafter a

Holy Royal Arch Chapter, J. Halket as Z.; J. Dobbie, H.; D. Campbell, J.; G. W. Wheeler, H.S.; J. Balfour, 2nd. S.; D. Fleming, 3rd S.; W. T. Oliver, S.E. At the conclusion of the ceremonies, Comp. Campbell, as the Senior Officer of the Chapter, proposed Comp. G. W. Wheeler as an honorary member. For the last two years they had been so much indebted to him for his constant attendance and services that he really thought he was one of their own members. He thought it high time he was made one. The Scribe E having seconded the motion, Comp. Wheeler was affiliated by Comp. Halket, and the chapter was closed in due form.

GLASGOW.—St. Mungo Encampment met on Monday, the 19th inst., when business of importance to the future welfare of the encampment was discussed, and a large attendance of the members was requested at the next meeting, when there are six candidates desirous of taking this exalted and chivalrous degree.

INVERNESS.—St. John's Lodge (No. 6).—The annual meeting and dinner in connection with the St. John's Lodge of Freemasons, Inverness, was held within the Lodge Rooms, Caledonian Hotel, on Saturday last. The Right Worshipful Master, Bro. A. Ross, architect, occupied the chair. The following office-bearers were elected for the ensuing year:—Right Worshipful Master, Bro. A. Ross, Architect, Past Master; Bro. Charles Innes, Deputy Master; Bro. Wm. Reid, Architect; Bro. Macewan, Senior Warden; Bro. Walter Carruthers, Junior Warden; Bro. Hugh Rose, Treasurer; Bro. D. Reid, Secretary; Rev. Dr. Macdonald, Chaplain; Bro. Robert Carruthers, jun., Senior Deacon; Bro. George Grant Allan, Junior Deacon; Bro. Wm. Macdonald, Inner Guard, Bros. Charles Spinks and J. Menzies, Stewards.

At several of the lodge meetings in Glasgow, this week, reference was made to the immortal memory of our departed brother, Robert Burns, the anniversary of whose birth occurs this week. We hope to insert some of the reports in our next issue.

GRAND MASONIC BALL IN LIVERPOOL POOL.

The 25th annual Grand Masonic Ball in Liverpool took place at the Town Hall on Tuesday evening, the 13th inst., and proved the most successful in every respect which has been held for several years. As on former occasions, the proceeds will be given in aid of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, and as the attendance was exceedingly large there seems every likelihood that the charity will benefit to the extent of £200. The institution, since its foundation, has done a truly noble work, has long been recognised and patronised as one of the best Masonic charities in the provinces, and the success which has crowned the efforts of those who have devoted valuable time and careful attention to its interests shows how genuine and deep seated is the true Masonic spirit of charity and compassion which prevails amongst the brethren in the province of West Lancashire. Referring to the report for the year 1871, we find that forty-two children were receiving the benefits of the institution during that year, for whose education and advancement in life the sum of £274 3s. 8d. was paid. The number of children on the foundation during 1872 was forty-five, and the amount paid for their education, &c., was £341 1s. 3d., which shows how greatly the demands upon the funds of the Institution are increasing year by year. The total funds of the charity at the close of 1871 amounted to £9,220 6s. 3d., whilst the present statement shows a total of £9,779 4s. 5d., a result which cannot but afford the highest satisfaction to every supporter of the charity.

The Masonic ball of '74 fully maintained its reputation as the "crack" assembly of the season, and the popularity of the mystic Order could not have been better shown than by the exceedingly large and most fashionable attendance. The gathering was in many respects superior to those of former years, and the arrangements, in connection with it were of the most satisfactory character.

The splendid suite of rooms at the Town Hall need no adornment, and therefore, as of old, they were left without being decorated in the smallest degree. But the sight presented about midnight was one of the most dazzling character, and could not well have been exceeded in the brilliancy of its effects. The company began to arrive shortly before nine o'clock, and before the clock had chimed the "witching hour," there could have been no fewer than 800 persons present. The Freemasons appeared in the clothing, jewels, and insignia of their rank and office, and amongst the other orders more or less represented were the Knights of Rome, and of the Red Cross of Constantine, the Knights Templar, the Royal Arch, the Knights of Malta, the Rose Croix, the Mark Degree, &c. All this show of Masonic trappings contrasted strikingly with the invariably elegant dresses of the ladies, and the combination as a whole was of the most brilliant and effective character.

The general arrangements were of the most complete and satisfactory kind, and reflect the highest credit upon the committee, who spared neither time nor trouble in preparing properly for the annual merry meeting. Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, R.W.P.G.M., was the President, and Bro. Hon. F. A. Stanley, M.P., W.D.P.G.M., the Vice-President, Dr. J. K. Smith, P.M. 249 and 1094, who was Chairman of the committee, was most indefatigable in his efforts to make the ball a complete success, and he was well rewarded by the satisfactory and brilliant results. Bro. D. W. Winstanley, P.M. 1094, the Hon. Sec., also worked with a will and wisely arranged matters. Bro. R. Brown, S.W. 1380, who fulfilled the duties of Hon. Treasurer, merits more than a passing note. Not only did he personally labour hard to make the gathering a complete success, but he most generously gave up for some time previously all the spaces engaged by his firm (Messrs. Van Dyke and Brown) in the advertising columns of the theatrical journals for the purpose of giving a place to the advertisement with regard to the ball. This was a truly brotherly sacrifice, and worthy of imitation in spirit. A pleasant feature of the ball were the very handsome badges supplied by Bro. George Kenning, of London, Liverpool, Glasgow, &c., which were the theme of general admiration. The following were the Stewards:—Bros. Laidlaw, Armstrong, Bucknall, T.C. Jones, W. Hughes, Baxendale, Ashmore, Alpass, A. Ballard, Rose, Chudley, Pierpoint, Nelson, Goppel, G. R. Smith, Nicholas, McKune, Callow, Martin, Beasley, Pemberton, Broadbridge, Kenyon, Clegg, G. Turner, R. Wilson, G. Hutchins, R. Pearson, J. Wood, Strother, J. Lloyd, Cron, G. H. Turner, Doyle and Sheen. This important body faithfully and efficiently performed their duties, headed and directed by Bro. Mott, as captain. The duties of Master of Ceremonies were again performed with the courtesy and tact for which Bro. H. M. Molyneux has so long deservedly enjoyed a well-known reputation. During the arrival of the guests, the excellent band of the 1st L.R.V. (by the kind permission of Lieut.-Col. Steble) played a choice selection in the vestibule. The dance music was furnished by the quadrille band of Bro. G. A. W. Phillipp. Bro. W. S. Vines, P.M. 220 and 1299, again supplied the refreshments, which were very choice and plentiful; and the Stewards' supper table—which was admirably laid out—was greatly enhanced by a number of bunches of splendid grapes, sent for the occasion by Bro. J. Meredith, of the Vineyard, Garston.

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EXCOMMUNICATION OF FREE-
MASONS.

In a London contemporary of Thursday last appears the following telegram:—"Brussels, Thursday. The Archbishop of Malines, Primate of Belgium, has issued a pastoral, in which he excommunicates all Freemasons in the kingdom, however exalted may be their position."

This short announcement is pregnant, no doubt, with serious reflections, though happily not likely to be attended by any serious consequences. Religious and devout as are the Belgian people, and devoted to the Roman Catholic Church, there is a spirit of fairness and justice very observable in their public arrangements, as well as in their private sentiments.

The Constitution of Belgium guarantees freedom of conscience to all religious communities, so long as they do not violate the laws of the State, and in such cases, we believe, the Belgian Government supplements the payment of denominational clergymen and ministers, by a proportional grant.

There is nothing, then, in the Belgian Constitution, or in the feelings and sympathies of the Belgian people, to foster intolerance or encourage persecution.

Indeed, in Flanders, amid that Flemish people, with the souvenirs of Alva, and in the country of Horu and Egmoat, it would be impossible, we feel persuaded, to excite or renew a similar spirit of religious intolerance. Why then are the Freemasons assailed? What have they done that they deserve that these vials of Archbishopial wrath should be poured on their humble and devoted heads.

The answer is, simply nothing, but it suits the Romish Church everywhere, at this moment, to represent the Freemasons as forming part of a great secret and political society of rampant Carbonari, and infidel illuminés, whose great end is the overthrow of all constituted authority and especially the destruction of the Roman Catholic Church. A more mistaken view never was propounded, or a greater error committed by those astute men, who as a general rule direct the proceedings of the Roman "Curia."

To say nothing of the indecency of an Archbishop of the Church, whose mission is and ought to be a mission of peace and benevolence fulminating a sentence of excommunication without trial and without hearing, of our harmless brethren in Belgium, and thus holding them up to the religious animosity of all other Roman Catholics, we venture to think that in doing so, the Archbishop is transgressing the laws of the country, and acting, at any rate, in direct defiance to the well-known leading principles of the Belgian Constitution. The excommunication of the Archbishop is an act evident in itself "ultra vires," and a proceeding which the Belgian law knows nothing of.

It is not the sentence of a competent Court of an authorised jurisdiction. The Roman Catholic Church may say, we will not allow

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any members of our communion to be Freemasons, and if they are, they lose the privileges of the Roman Communion, but the Archbishop can have no right whatever, no legal qualification to excommunicate Freemasons generally in Belgium, without rhyme or reason in the lump, so to say, it being known, that, there are many members of the Order who are not Roman Catholics at all.

As an act of authority, therefore, such an excommunication we believe to be utterly "hors de la loi."

It is very doubtful, indeed, whether any ecclesiastical sentence can be promulgated in Belgium, without the consent of the civil authorities, but even if it can be so, the law courts would only recognise a sentence passed after due hearing. We can imagine what our Lord Chief Justice would say and those eminent judges of the Court of Queen's Bench, if our Archbishop of Canterbury proceeded to issue, (which we admit is an absurdity), such a bituminous pastoral, or if any religious body whatever in England, excommunicated any of its members, without any hearing, and simply "Mero motu."

We recommend the members of the Belgian Grand Lodge to raise the question in the Belgian Law Courts by suing the Archbishop of Malines for damages done to them, as Belgian citizens, by the offensive publication of a sentence of excommunication. The Grand Lodge being the recognised representative of the whole body, can do so, and they will then make it clear to their "conciotoyens," that, the laws of their country do not sanction such proceedings, which are now assuming a frequency and position, to make us remember that, "du sublime au ridicule il n'y a qu'un pas."

Most painful are they to all serious and sober-minded people, because endorsing the outburst of a hopeless religious fanaticism on the one hand, or the resuscitation in 1874 of the dark principles of a sinful Inquisition, on the other.

THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The annual festival of this society took place on Wednesday, the 28th ult., but as according to our present arrangements, we shall not be able to give a full account of the proceedings in this impression, we prefer simply to express our earnest hopes, that, this first anniversary meeting of our charities for 1874 may be both a successful and a satisfactory one.

There is no Institution in our Order, or anywhere, indeed, more useful, or more needed in itself, or which does, so modestly and unpretendingly such a large amount of good in the welcome aid it affords to many a struggling and ricken brother, who not only has fallen into the "sere and yellow leaf" of advancing years, but also had to experience the hard lot of failing time, and decayed prosperity.

We sincerely trust, that not only will the sponse of the Craft enable this valuable institution of our Order, to increase its benefits to a still further enlarged number of applicants, but in these "dear days" in which we live, perhaps before long, to augment somewhat the means we offer to those whom age or sickness,

or a reverse of fortune most surely gives a great claim on Masonic Benevolence and sympathy.

We trust next week to be able to inform our readers of a very successful anniversary.

WEEKLY SUMMARY.

Her Majesty remains at Osborne.

The marriage of H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh and the Grand Duchess Marie of Russia, took place on Friday, amid much of religious ceremony, according to the rites of the Greek Church, and all the splendour of the Russian Court, and the rejoicings of the Russian people. Having been married, first according to the ceremonial of the Greek Church, the august couple were afterwards married, also by Dean Stanley, according to the simple ritual of the English Church. After a long day of court ceremonial they proceeded with a small suite to Yarsko Selo, to spend a three days' honeymoon, and having gone through a round of public receptions and festivities at St Petersburg, this week, they are to proceed to Moscow next week, to be again fêted and welcomed there. May all of happiness attend them in their voyage through life. The rejoicings throughout the country have been marked and universal.

Our home news has received a great impetus by the announcement of an immediate dissolution of Parliament. For the next two months our English people will be plunged into all the turmoil and excitement of a political contest. Formerly French writers delighted to term English elections "recurring periods of insanity," but under the new arrangement all seems to proceed with unbroken order, quietness and peacefulness.

Mr. Whalley, M.P., has been very properly censured by Lord Chief Justice Cockburn for contempt of court, and fined £250, but was committed to Holloway Prison for refusing to pay the amount. No one can understand his profound belief in the convict Jean Laie. That very interesting individual seems, by the strange perversity of human nature, still, however, to use a sporting phrase, to find "backers." Beyond this there is little to report.

Sir Samuel Martin has taken leave of the Bar, after a neat touching speech from the Attorney-General, and a feeling and simple reply from himself.

No news from the Gold Coast has arrived, though any hour may bring decisive tidings.

The relief of the Indian population threatened by famine occupies the constant attention of the Government of India. It seems to be hoped on good grounds, that by timely preparation this dreadful scourge may be greatly alleviated, if not entirely removed.

Abroad we have little to tell; Lord Lyons and M. Decazes have signed a supplementary convention to the Anglo-French Treaty of Commerce, on the 24th January.

A scientific expedition is about to start from St. Petersburg for the Amour-Daria, the Grand Duke Nicholas Constantinovitch will accompany it.

The Carlists have taken Portugaleta, and a large number of prisoners. Otherwise Spain is tranquil.

The Dutch seem to be successfully operating against the insurgents in their colonial possessions.

We have to announce the deaths of Lord Stewart de Decies, of the Countess of Loudoun, and of Mr. Adam Black, of Edinburgh.

THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S MARRIAGE.—Last week the West End of London presented a very brilliant appearance. All the club-houses and most of the shops were illuminated and decked with the flags and arms of England and Russia. One of the most striking of these was Quadrant House, Regent-street; the taste of the design and the success with which it was carried out are to be attributed to the originality and skill of the proprietor, Mr. Augustus Ahlborn.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

The usual quarterly meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire was held in the Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds, on the 21st inst. The preliminary lodge was opened in the several stages by the W.M. and officers of the Excelsior Lodge, 1042—Bros. J. W. Beedle, W.M.; S. Stead, S.W.; and George Heuthwaite, J.W.

The Provincial Grand Lodge comprised the Right Hon. the Marquess of Ripon, K.G., M.W.G.M. of England and P.G.M. of West Yorkshire; J. Craven (290), P.S.G.W.; Captain Wordsworth (380), P.J.G.W.; W. H. B. Tomlinson (154), P.G. Registrar; Henry Smith (387), P.G. Sec.; T. Schofield (306), P.G. Purst; A. Titley (304), P.G. Steward, &c. After the Provincial Grand Master had declared the Provincial Grand Lodge opened, and a portion of Scripture had been read and prayer offered, the brethren saluted the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master according to ancient custom.

The Prov. G.M., the Marquess of Ripon, in acknowledging his reception, expressed his thankfulness at being permitted to meet them once more. He said it was about three years since he had the pleasure of meeting the brethren in Leeds; but it gave him pleasure to meet them under the banner of one of the youngest lodges in the province—a lodge, he hoped, that would bring honour on the Craft in the future, as he had reason to believe it had striven to do in the past. In the course of his remarks the Prov. G.M. urged upon the W.M. to use every care lest an evil might crop up of which he had seen an indication, viz., that of admitting persons into the Order in large towns to which those persons do not belong. Too much caution cannot be exercised in that direction. After a passing remark on initiation fees, his lordship congratulated the brethren on the condition of the Masonic charities, but urged those who had hitherto done nothing to make a beginning. Before resuming his seat his lordship informed the lodge that Bro. Dr. Spark, P.P. Grand Organist, had that day presented to the Prov. Grand Lodge a handsomely-bound copy of his valuable work of Masonic music, entitled "The Liber Musicus." In conclusion, his lordship again thanked the brethren for their hearty welcome, which always encouraged him in the discharge of the duties appertaining to his office.

The roll of lodges was then called over, and about fifty lodges were represented by about three hundred brethren.

The Prov. Grand Master said he now rose to discharge a duty painful in the extreme. No Mason in the province of West Yorkshire, nor any other person who had ever come in contact with him, could be otherwise than greatly troubled at the loss which had befallen the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Bentley Shaw. A loss so great, so irreparable as that of his eldest son, could not otherwise than strike down in sorrow the whole family of the D.P.G. Master. Personally he felt very deeply impressed on hearing the painful intelligence. In proposing a vote of sympathy from the lodge he felt sure he expressed the feelings of every brother in the province; and whilst expressing their sympathy they should also express their high estimation of his ability and kindly disposition when among them. They all knew that to one of so warm and affectionate a nature as that of Bro. Bentley Shaw the loss he had sustained would be heavy. Already 50 lodges had presented their deep regret at his loss, and sympathy in his bereavement, and he now proposed that the Provincial Grand Lodge express its deep sympathy with Bro. Bentley Shaw, Past Grand Deacon, and D. Prov. G. M. of West Yorkshire, in his bereavement and deep suffering; and, at the same time, express its appreciation of the great ability he has always displayed in the duties of his office, and his courteousness to all. His Lordship concluded by anticipating the hearty approval by the brethren of the resolution.

The resolution was seconded by Bro. Manoah Rhodes, Mayor of Bradford, who had been appointed to act for the D.P.G.M. in the duties of the day, and carried unanimously.

Amongst the visitors who attended the Provincial Grand Lodge were Bros. J. R. Stebbing, P.G.D. of England; Dr. Bell, D.P.G.M. of the North and East Ridings; — Fabian, P.S.G.W. of Hants; and John Walker, P.G.D., North and East Ridings.

After the business of the lodge a banquet took place at the Great Northern Railway Hotel, Leeds, and at which about 160 sat down. The Provincial Grand Master presided, and after the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been given and duly honoured, the health of M.W.G.M. of England was proposed and enthusiastically honoured.

The Provincial Grand Master responded, expressing his deep sense of the benefits resulting from Freemasonry when its principles were carefully carried out, and its precepts adhered to.

In proposing the health of the visitors, the Provincial Grand Master passed a high eulogium on Bro. Stebbing and on Bro. Dr. Bell, and stated that the province from which Dr. Bell came, and the Craft at large, could ill afford to lose a name which had been honoured in Freemasonry—the name of Zetland. The present Earl of Zetland had now been prevailed upon to take the office of Provincial Grand Master of the North and East Ridings.

Bro. Stebbings replied on behalf of the visitors, saying that his brethren in the south valued highly the Grand Master of the Craft, and he had that day come a journey to see how his brethren treated his Lordship on the soil of his own county and province. That reception, like his own, was as warm and generous as the reputed generous heart of a Yorkshireman could make it.

Various other toasts followed, that of the Marchioness of Ripon and the ladies being, at the request of the acting Deputy P.G.M., proposed by Bro. Dr. Spark, the whole of the brethren responding enthusiastically with cheers and musical honours.

Bro. Lancaster, of Leeds, acted as Prov. G. Organist in the lodge, and afterwards presided at the piano, when Bros. Jos. Tetley, Maw, and others rendered efficient service by their admirable singing.

CONSECRATION OF THE ST. MARYLEBONE CHAPTER, No. 1305.

The interesting ceremony of opening and consecrating a chapter in connection with the flourishing St. Marylebone Lodge, was performed on Wednesday, the 16th inst., at the British Stores, New-street, St. John's Wood, by Comp. John Hervey, the Grand Scribe E., assisted by Comps. T. A. Adams, P.Z., as H.; R. W. Wentworth Little, P.Z., as J., and A. A. Pendlebury as D.C. A procession was formed in the usual manner, and the chapter was opened by the President, the M.E.Z., and the other Past Principals present. Comp. Hervey then addressed the companions on the nature of the meeting, and expressed the great gratification he experienced to know that the parent lodge had progressed so rapidly during the three years of its existence as to be able to form a chapter with such a high promise of equal stability and success. The consecration ceremony was then proceeded with, Comp. H. Parker, Prov. G. Organist, Middlesex, officiating at the pianoforte, and leading the chants. Comp. Little delivered the oration, and the chapter was duly dedicated and constituted. Comp. Samuel G. Foxall, P.Z., was then installed as M.E.Z. Comps. A. J. Codner, P.Z., as H.; and J. J. Pope, P.Z., as J. These companions were, in the order stated, the first three masters of the St. Marylebone Lodge. It was unanimously resolved that Comps. Hervey, Adams, Little and Pendlebury be elected honorary members of the chapter for their attendance and services, a compliment which Comp. Hervey gracefully acknowledged. A large number of propositions for exaltations followed, after which the chapter was closed, and the companions sat down to a dinner, under the presidency of the M.E.Z., Comp. Foxall. The menu and wines reflected the utmost credit upon Bro. Fowler, the host, who was unremitting in his

attention to the comfort of the guests. The cloth having been removed, the health of Her Majesty was given with all the honours, succeeded by the National Anthem. The chief ruler of R.A. Masonry, the Marquess of Ripon, was then proposed and heartily received. After the next toast, which was that of the Grand Officers, Comp. Parker executed a brilliant selection from "La Fille de Madame Angot," which was greatly applauded, and Comp. Hervey responded, concluding with proposing "The Health of the M.E.Z., and success to the New Chapter." Comp. Foxall returned thanks. The next toast was "The H. and J.," to which Comps. Codner and Pope replied. The M.E.Z., then asked the companions to drink "The Health of Comp. Little" whom he eulogised for Masonic zeal and perseverance, and that companion made a suitable response. The other toasts were "The Visitors" acknowledged by Comps. S. Foxall, P.Z. 742; F. K. Stevens, P.Z.; C. B. Payne, P.Z.; and W. Dodd, H. 1194, "The Officers" for whom Comps. Stringer, W.M. 1305, and Austin responded, and the Janitor's toast. Several excellent songs and recitations were given by the M.E.Z., Comps. Stevens and Parker, and the evening was most thoroughly enjoyed by all present. There can be no doubt of the new chapter's success, as its Principals are well-tryed and worthy veterans in the Order.

CONSECRATION OF THE NEW MASONIC HALL AT TIMARU.

One of the greatest events in the history of Freemasonry in Timaru, occurred Nov. 20th, when the ceremony of consecration of the new Masonic Hall, Church-street, was performed. To those of our readers who may not be au fait in Masonic matters in Timaru, it may not be uninteresting if we take a brief retrospective glance to the early days of the lodge here. For some time after the Lodge of St. John was first formed in Timaru, its members had to suffer the inconvenience of occupying a rented room, but finding their numbers increasing, and desiring to possess a meeting place worthy of the ancient Order to which they belonged, a piece of land was leased from Mr. R. H. Rhodes, on LeCren's-terrace, and tenders were invited on June 14, 1866, for the erection of a stone building. Shortly afterwards, an offer was accepted, and on August 30, 1866—the foundations having been completed—the corner stone was laid with full Masonic ceremony by the Acting District Grand Master of Canterbury—Dr. Donald. The ceremony passed off with great eclat, the day being observed as a public holiday in the town. The building then progressed slowly, and the first use made of it was the celebration of St. John's day, on June 24, by the holding of a banquet in the large room. A little while later, and close upon twelve months from the laying of the foundation stone (August, 1867) the building was completed at a cost of about £1,000, and although the inside was elegant and convenient, the appearance of the outside had little to recommend it, besides substantiality.

Nevertheless the building in those days was considered a great town improvement. The members of the lodge continued to use the hall until early in the year 1872, and were then compelled to vacate it in consequence of the cutting for the Timaru-Temuka railway, rendering it unsafe for habitation. The building was razed, and after the Government had paid the amount of compensation assessed by the District Court in January of the present year, a site for a new hall was purchased in Church-street, opposite the English Church. Competitive designs were at once called for a building, and those submitted by Mr. F. J. Wilson, architect, of this town, were selected. The calling for tenders for erection of the building followed, the result being that the offer of Mr. Thomas Parsons was accepted. Work was soon commenced, and on April 14 of the present year the foundation stone was laid by the Worshipful Master, Bro. G. H. Wildie, without Masonic ceremony. From that time till its completion (about three days ago) a period of about eight months, the building progressed without a hitch of any kind, and the

Masons of Timaru are now possessed of a hall which all who have seen acknowledge to be the best in Canterbury.

The building, which covers an area of 54 feet by 50 feet, is composed of bluestone, with a galvanised iron roof. The foundations, averaging a height of about 10 feet, are built in random rubble, as also are the side and back walls, 15 feet in height. In the front wall, about 20 feet in height, the bluestone work is in block rubble, and the facings are in cement in imitation of white stone. The front elevation is in the Grecian style of architecture, and presents a very handsome appearance. Above the entrance to the vestibule is a Masonic emblem in cement, and above that on the coping, worked in the same material is the date of the building of the hall—A.L. 5873. After passing through the vestibule (8 feet by 5 feet) the walls of which are in imitation of white stone, a lobby 8 feet by 7 feet is entered. To the right of the lobby is situated the library and committee room, 19 feet by 12 feet 6 inches, with a recess, 8 feet by 8 feet, as a repository for books. This room is lighted by a large window, and is provided with a fire place. The Worshipful Master's room is at the eastern side of the committee room. Its dimensions are 50 feet by 25 feet in the clear, and its height 17 feet 6 inches. The room is lighted by three large windows and the wood-work around these is well finished, and painted a light blue. The skirting boards are also of the same colour. At the eastern end of the room is the dais, the top of which is gained by three steps, about eight inches each in height. The furniture, the woodwork of which is polished cedar, is of a very superior description, and is a credit to the manufacturer, Mr. W. L. Edwards, of this place. The chairs and couches, the latter extending along two sides and one end of the room, are stuffed, and covered with scarlet repp. In the centre of the room is placed an oblong piece of oilcloth, painted in white and black squares, and the remainder of the floor is stretched cocoanut matting. On the right hand side of the room at the front of the dais, is stationed a neat little American organ, which the lodge has just purchased at a cost of £60. The whole building is very creditably finished, creditable alike to the architect and contractor. The total cost of the building is £1250.

From noon the day was observed as a public holiday in the town, and all places of business were closed. Shortly before twelve o'clock an emergency meeting of the St. John's Lodge was held in the Oddfellow's Lodge Room, preparatory to proceeding to consecrate the Hall, and in addition to the members of the Caledonian Lodge, there were present the following representatives of the Grand Lodge:—Bros. Thompson, Acting Deputy District Grand Master, P.M.; Dobbs; Booth, P.M.; Shakleton, Master elect of the Canterbury Lodge; Mitchell, P.M.; and the Rev. W. H. Cooper.

Just before one o'clock, the procession issued from the Oddfellow's Hall in the usual order.

The procession, which was marshalled by the Grand Deputy Master of Ceremonies Bro. Mitchell, kept excellent order, and presented a very pleasing spectacle. The members were in evening dress, and decorated with full Masonic regalia. A large number of persons assembled to witness the procession, which after moving along Barnard and Sophia-streets, turned into Church-street and came to a halt in the churchyard. Here the procession opened right and left, and the Acting Deputy District Grand Master, who had previously occupied a rear position, led the way into the church followed by the procession and the spectators. The church was soon filled in every part, and service commenced at one o'clock.

The sermon, which was listened to very attentively, was preached by Bro. Rev. W. H. Cooper, Grand Chaplain, the text being taken from St. Paul's 1st Epistle to the Corinthians, xiii. chapter, 13 v.

At the conclusion of the service the Masonic body left the church and proceeded to the new hall, for the purpose of taking part in the ceremony of consecration. After the members of the lodge had become seated, and everything had been got in readiness for the service, the

W.M. of the St. John's Lodge requested the Deputy Grand Master to consecrate the hall. A portion of the Holy Scriptures was then read, followed by the anthem 'Behold how Good and Joyful' (Masonic version.) The first part of the prayer of consecration having been read, perfume was sprinkled on the Hall by the Grand Master, and the second portion of the prayer delivered. A procession then marched round the room, and salt, wine, oil and corn were thrown on the hall, accompanied with appropriate words by the Grand Master, showing the symbolical meaning of the rite. The ceremony of consecration being concluded, the Grand Chaplain congratulated the W.M. and members of St. John's Lodge on the fine hall they were now in possession of. A vote of thanks was given by the W.M. to the A.D.G.M., Bro. Thomson, for his services, which was acknowledged in suitable terms. A vote of thanks to the officers of the Grand Lodge and the D.G. Chaplain, was responded to by Bro. Mitchell. An excellent oration on the nature and objects of Masonry was delivered by the Rev. Cooper, and shortly afterwards the lodge meeting was brought to a conclusion. The doors were then thrown open to the public, and for the space of about a couple of hours a large number of persons inspected the building. The Masonic ball, which was held in the Mechanics' Institute, yesterday evening, passed off very successfully.—*Timaru Herald.*

Original Correspondence.

THE GREAT CITY LODGE, AND THE CONVIVIAL BOARD.

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I had proposed not to take part in the controversy which certain proceedings of the Great City Lodge have called forth; but in view of the remarks contained in your later numbers I consider it a duty to my lodge to endeavour to stop the current of misrepresentation now flowing through your columns:

Our proceedings of the 8th November last were not intended to be made public, and my officers and myself were equally surprised to find on the Monday following our Saturday meeting, that the *Pall Mall Gazette* contained a paragraph referring thereto, and to the subsequent paper, which that paper chose to designate as "banquet."

That paragraph was not correct in all its detail, although it certainly expressed correctly a determination on the part of the lodge to carry out a principle which I am glad to know has many supporters, namely Charity versus Prodigality, or in other words, observing a due medium between avarice and profusion, and holding the scales of justice with an equalise.

But we never for one moment thought of obligating to ourselves the "setting of an example," or the "striking of a key note." We must be very dull Masons indeed if we did not know that the "frugal meal" was before our common to many lodges, notably in provincial towns, and that there was nothing in the proposed arrangement. And before, when the paragraph aforesaid made the end of the press, both metropolitan and provincial, formed the subject of an article in the *Standard*; was quoted far and wide; and held our lodge as introducing an extremely proper, at the same time, novel, experiment (which as not): we almost regretted we had "done by stealth," and really "blushed to find it

am sorry that you should have permitted the publication of the extract from the *New York Dispatch* in your impression of the 13th inst., particularly as regards one paragraph, the incorrectness of which no person could have known better yourself; and I think Bro. Kilpatrick was uninformally as unwise when he so misstates the social status of the members of the City, and the position of a lodge which is a mere baby.

So regret that Bro. Constable should have forgotten his usual courtesy and good

feeling as to assume by his letter of this date, that Freemasons with whom he has associated, and whom he ought to know better, could desire to "cry their virtues from the house-top," or to seek to have proclaimed as noble deeds the performance of a charitable duty. He is right in stating that, being only six months old, the Great City is not either "subscriber, life governor, or vice president of either of the Masonic Charities," but he will be unable to sustain that assertion beyond another week in respect of one charity and, before the end of this year, in respect of either of them. The whole tone of Bro. Constable's letter does not, to my mind, and as I read it, appear to be pervaded by that sentiment of "brotherly love" to the exercise of which he commends Bro. Kilpatrick.

And now, I may say, in conclusion, that the Great City will not regret this controversy, if it should result that the attention of our lodges has been called to the policy of lessening the expenditure for banquets, and increasing the funds of the charities. Bless you! We have "cakes and ales," our feasts and junketings; but we limit the number, copying the example of many sister lodges, and hoping that our adhesion to their policy may strengthen their efforts. Out of six meetings we can be satisfied with three formal dinners, and their accompanying inconveniences; and if a large majority of us are content with three other gatherings, freed from all formality and made thoroughly "jolly" and agreeable by the conviction of duty performed and digestion unimpaired, why, we should be silly indeed if we did not carry out our desire. I know we are very young just now, and shall grow older, and probably wiser as we grow, but I, for one, sincerely hope that the folly (if it is folly?) which we have displayed in our youth, and in this matter, will despite all disparagement and opposition, remain with the Great City, until, with it, "time shall be no more."

Yours fraternally,

THE W.M. OF "THE GREAT CITY," No. 1426.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

It is with a deep sense of pain that I have perused the "Original Correspondence" under this head in your last issue. Neither of your correspondents appear to be members of the lodge the name of which they use so freely, and the motives of which they so glibly interpret. Nor is it apparent that their minds have been illuminated with the simple truth of the matter they write about. The spirit of charity "which thinketh no evil," and is "kind," and which, as we so often hear, should link us together in fraternal affection, is singularly malign in the letters of both your correspondents.

I am not a special pleader for Bro. Kilpatrick, but it is evident that he wrote in good faith, and if he has fallen into error, or made exaggerated statements, be it remembered that "to err is human," and that our brother is on the other side of the Atlantic. At all events, let us refrain from denouncing him in the vituperative terms employed by Bro. Constable. Rather let us point out his mistakes, and strive to correct them with calmness and dignity.

Notwithstanding Bro. Constable has the great advantage of being on the spot, and according to his letter, intimately acquainted with the Great City Lodge, he unfortunately leads our readers to the false conclusion that the lodge in question has taken the unusual course of having its doings "cried from the house-tops, so that the nations of the earth may know how virtuous they are, and what an amount of self-denial they are capable of practising."

Now, I have not noticed that that lodge has vaunted itself in any way, nor can I find a brother who thinks it has. On the contrary, throughout the controversy evoked by its dispensing with a banquet and applying it to charity, it has observed the strictest silence. It is to be lamented therefore that Bro. Constable is so uncharitable, and therefore so unmasonic in his imputations, particularly as he has stepped out of his way to take upon himself the special duty of rebutting Bro. Kilpatrick. Alas! How prone we are to

discover the mote in our brother's eye and to forget the beam in our own.

I believe that the bread and cheese banquet was relished because the brethren thought they were carrying out the duties of the Craft, and without a thought of its being published "to the nations of the earth." The fact that almost every newspaper saw the motive, and commended it, is I think the best answer to your correspondents, and those (if any) who think with them. One would suppose, however, from some of the observations it has called forth, that it was an act of high treason against the Craft. I see no trace of treason; but full evidence of "fidelity," and to other lodges I would say "go thou and do likewise," the uninitiated will then perhaps believe that Freemasonry is not a mere excuse for feasting and drinking, as they have now some reason for suspecting, when they hear of lodges banqueting at every meeting—lodges which have never made a sacrifice for the charities established in their name and so sadly needing their help. There is no doubt that Masonic charities could do without lottery schemes for life governorships if every lodge would practice that virtue which we all profess to admire. I say, therefore, all honour to the young lodge for the step it took, and my deep regret is that brethren professing to have the great cause at heart should scoff at or disparage its early efforts to do its duty. Truly the members of that lodge, the majority of whom can scarcely yet have passed through the three degrees, in their endeavour to do good, "may blush to find it fame," and that blush may well assume a deeper hue when they find that unworthy motives are ascribed to them by brother Masons.

Yours fraternally,

M. M.

RIGHTS OF VISITING BRETHERN.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Bro. M. J. M. is no doubt quite correct in his reading of the rule as to visitors, and that it is a mistake to put a comma between "for" and "after," and I wonder the printer's error was not detected at the time it was made; for if you leave out the words between the commas, it reads, "unless he personally known, —, after due examination by one of the brethren present," which is nonsense. In an old copy I have of the Book of Constitutions, date 1784, the words are "No visitor, however skilled in Masonry,* shall be admitted into a lodge unless he is personally known to, or well vouched for, and recommended by, one of that lodge present." When that wording was altered, years ago, there was no "Lloyd" or "Havers" on the Board of General Purposes, or such an error would at once have been detected. No doubt it was intended that the comma should come after the word "examination." Then again, the word "and" is left out after word "known," although we have it in the old edition. The words should therefore be read—No visitor shall be admitted into a lodge unless he be personally known and recommended, or well vouched for after due examination, by one of the brethren present; and the Book of Constitutions should be altered accordingly.

MAGNUS OHREN,
P.M. 33 & 452, &c.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

It occurs to me that the regulation in the Book of Constitutions to which in your last week's issue, p. 31, you refer as settling the course to be pursued before admitting visiting brethren to a lodge is open to the charge of ambiguity and does not necessarily bear the interpretation you assign to it. It reads "No visitor shall be admitted into a lodge unless he be personally known, recommended, or well vouched for, after due examination by one of the present brethren."

Now this may be considered to give three alternatives (1), that the visitor shall be "personally known," (2) that he shall be "recom-

* Operative Masonry, of course, else how could brethren get admission to a lodge in places they may be visiting, and where they are strangers.

mended," or (3) that he shall be "well vouched for, after due examination by one of the present brethren," the "vouching" presumably being the statement by the examining brother (after his due examination, inspection of G.L. certificate, or otherwise) that the intending visitor is entitled to admission.

This, I take it, would be the only construction the regulation in the Book of Constitutions would bear if the comma after the words "vouched for" were omitted, but it may be argued that even as it stands it can be read in the manner suggested, at least as well as in that adopted in your article.

Yours fraternally, P. M. 663.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As a constant reader of The Freemason for the last four years, since my admission into the Craft, I have carefully perused its columns. For some time past it has contained discussions anent the refusal of the Middlesex Lodge to admit Bro. Biggs. In your leading article of the 17th inst., you incline towards justifying, on constitutional grounds, the treatment of Bro. Biggs by the Middlesex Lodge, and you base this justification upon the "Law of Visitors," page 88, section I, that "No visitor shall be admitted into a lodge, unless (1) he be personally known (2), recommended, or (3) well vouched for, after due examination by one of the brethren present.

Now, as a young Mason, I do not write to criticise, but to obtain knowledge. My opinion, then, is, that division first, "he be personally known," stands altogether distinct from 2 and 3. For, if an intending visitor be personally known, be it to one or all the brethren present in a lodge, no recommendation or voucher is required, in as much as the fact of his being personally known, is at once a recommendation and a voucher; of course I understand that the visitor be personally known, and be known to be a worthy Mason, member of some lodge. In such case there is no necessity to put him to "due examination." This examination may be, if not necessary, expedient.

II. He be "recommended" and we will suppose not personally known. A member of I.M.'s in my lodge are well known to G.L. and P.G.L. Grand Officers, and I have no doubt on me visiting London anyone of them would give me an introduction or "recommendation" to any of his London friends and brethren. These brethren might again "recommend" me to a brother in some lodge assembling on a day or at place when and where. They or any of them might not find it convenient to introduce me personally. I should as a stranger, though recommended, feel it perfectly in order if I were asked for my certificate, and were besides "duly examined."

III. If he be neither personally known, nor recommended, if neither be the case, how can a visitor be "vouched for"? Here I am in a dilemma, and I say, for want of any personal voucher, my voucher is my "passport," i.e. my Grand Lodge certificate, upon presenting which I may, and according to the law laid down in the Book of Constitution, ought to be "duly examined," and having produced my certificate and satisfied my examiners, I shall expect to be permitted to enter the lodge.

I am of opinion, therefore, that the law on visitors was wisely and considerably framed, and without taking the three recommendations in section I., page 86, together, each one will, according to circumstances, be sufficient in itself to meet the case. Moreover, Masonry recognizes a "strange brother," and on page 13, caput 6, it is distinctly stated, "you are cautiously to examine him in such a method as prudence shall direct you."

To sum up, when I was initiated, I was told that certain means (I will call them) are extant by which to know a Mason, and when properly given, will be answered. Further, Masonry is universal, and any brother, a stranger, having proved himself a Mason, will be acknowledged and meet with a fraternal reception by his brethren. Suppose, then, I go to town, where I am not personally known or recommended, how can I be vouched for, except by the production of my Grand Lodge certificate, and by satisfying

my examiners? If these two points will not secure my admission into a strange lodge, what is the good of my certificate; what is the use of my being perfectly conversant with signs, &c.; and where is the universality of the Craft? Would this universality not rather dwindle down to a local coterie?

Yours fraternally,

Yorkshire.

J.D.

LODGE REPORTS.

(To the Editor of the Freemason.)

Dear Sir and Brother,—

From the enclosed slips cut from the Sheffield papers, you will see that the Freemasons here are publishing the reports of their proceedings. I wish to ask you if such is not contrary to the spirit and letter of the Constitutions of our Order; for I remember reading therein some time ago that no Mason should print or publish any report of the proceedings of a lodge, or even give the names of Masons present, without the special sanction of the G.M. or Prov., G.M. under the penalty of expulsion from the Order.

Of course this has no reference to publishing reports in your valuable journal, which is under the sanction of the G.M., &c. &c.

Are our ancient landmarks to be allowed thus to disappear one by one, or is it one of the many innovations that are stealing upon us? For my own part I consider these reports in the common press offensive to good taste, and simply placing our noble art on a level with "Oddfellows," "Frozen-out-Gardeners" or "Druids," &c., and I will be glad if you will take up your pen in defence of our Constitutions. Apologising for trespassing so much on your space.

I am yours truly, and fraternally,

M. M.

Reviews.

The Masonic Calendar for the Province of Durham, compiled by Bro. J. H. Coates, 24, Holmeside, Sunderland, will, no doubt, meet with the success it deserves. It contains a list of Craft Lodges, R.A. Chapters, Mark Lodges, &c., in Northumberland and Durham, with the names of their respective officers.

Masonic Tidings.

In answer to numerous enquiries we are requested to state that the Red Cross Ball, advertised in our columns to take place on the 11th February, is not restricted to members of the Order, the friends of the Stewards being eligible to attend, provided their tickets are properly signed by the Steward to whom they are known.

PRINCE OF WALES LODGE, (No. 1035).—It should have been stated in our report of the installation of W.M. of this lodge that a P.M.'s jewel was during the evening, presented to Bro Sculthorpe, I.P.M.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH LODGE, (No. 1182).—The annual ball in connection with this popular suburban lodge will take place at the Town Hall, Wavertree, near Liverpool, on Thursday next the 5th inst., the proceeds of which will be again devoted to the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution.

The Publisher will be glad to receive remittances from the following, and begs to remind his friends that the subscription to THE FREEMASON is payable in advance.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes entries for J. F., Lagos; E. W. S., Timaru; E. J. S., George Town; J. R., Costa Rica; E. B., Jamaica; J. M. W., Jamaica; J. T. P., Montego Bay; H. L. D., Montego Bay; J. C., Montego Bay; G. R., Curacao; G. D., Cape Coast; S. D., Cape Coast; J. H. W., Bahamas; J. T. M., Jamaica; Lodge 210, Singapore; R. M. W., Basseterre; G. D. H., Cape Coast.

Post Office orders to be made payable to George Kenning, Chief Office, London.

It is very necessary for our friends to advise us of all money orders they remit, more especially those from the United States of America, otherwise we cannot tell where to credit them. Several remain uncredited at the present time owing to no advice having been received.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS. For the Week ending Friday, February, 6, 1874.

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

Saturday, January 31.

Lodge 1293, West Kent, Forest Hill Hotel, Forest Hill. Manchester Lodge of Instruction (179), Yorkshire Grey, 77, London-street, Fitzroy-square, at 8; Bro. H. Ash Preceptor.

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

Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. G. Dilley, Preceptor.

Monday, February 2.

Lodge 12, Fortitude and Old Cumberland, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.

" 25, Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall.

" 69, Unity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.

" 72, Royal Jubilee, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street.

" 144, St. Luke's, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue.

" 188, Joppa, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.

" 256, Unions, Freemasons' Hall.

" 1319, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall.

Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction (1445), Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingalme, at 7; Bro. T. Austin, Preceptor.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

St. John of Wapping Lodge of Instruction (1305), Gub Tavern, High-street, Wapping, at 8; Bro. T. Mortlock, Preceptor.

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

Metropolitan Mark Lodge of Instruction, Coach and Horses Hotel, 323, Strand, at 8.

Tuesday, February 3.

Colonial Board, at 8.

Lodge 7, Royal York Lodge of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall.

" 9, Albion, Freemasons' Hall.

" 18, Old Dundee, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.

" 101, Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.

" 172, Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall.

" 217, Stability, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street.

" 765, St. James's, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge.

" 1257, Grosvenor, Caledonian Hotel, Adelphi.

" 1259, Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tavern, Commercial-road, E.

" 1261, Golden Rule, Cafe Royale, Regent-st.

" 1298, Royal Standard, Marquess Tavern, Cannon-bury.

" 1397, Anerley, Thicket Hotel, Anerley.

Chap. 145, Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall.

" 169, Temperance, White Swan Tavern, Deptford.

" 507, United Pilgrims, Horns Tavern, Kennington.

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

Domatic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tavern, Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 8.

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

Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Lord's Hotel, Lord's Cricket Ground, St. John's-wood, at 8. Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.

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

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

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

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

Wednesday, February 4.

Grand Chapter, at 7.

Lodge 511, Zetland, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street.

" 1420, Earl Spencer, Freemasons' Hotel, New Wandsworth.

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

United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), the Graton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kenilworth, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.

Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Giltspur-st. at 8.15.

New Concord Lodge of Instruction, at 8.15. New Concord, Hoxton, at 8.

Considered Lodge of Instruction, Railway Tavern, London-street, City, at 7.30.
 Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 Peckham Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road Peckham, at 8; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor.
 Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar.
 Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, Thicket Hotel, Anerley, at 7.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
 Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham Court-road, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction (1288), Finsbury Park Tavern, Seven Sisters-road, N., at 8; Bro. P. Dickinson, Acting Preceptor.

Thursday, February 5.
 Lodge 10, Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 27, Egyptian, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street.
 " 45, Strong Man, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate.
 " 193, Lion and Lamb, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.
 " 227, Ionic Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
 " 231, St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 538, La Tolerance, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
 " 823, Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1155, Excelsior, Sydney Arms, Lewisham-road.
 " 1178, Perfect Ashlar, Gregorian Arms, Bermondsey.
 " 1351, St. Clement's Danes, 265, Strand.
 " 1381, Kemington, Surrey Tavern, Kennington-oval.

Friday, February 6.
 Lodge 143, Middlesex, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
 " 706, Florence Nightingale, Masons' Hall, William-street, Woolwich.
 " 890, Hornsey, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street.
 " 1412, La Iberia, Hill's-road, St. John's Wood.
 Chap. 8, British, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 259, Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
 Mark Lodge 8, Thistle, Caledonian Hotel, Adelphi.
 Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 Union Club of Instruction, Windsor Castle, Victoria Station, at 8 p.m.; H. Ash, P.M., Instructor.
 St. George's Lodge of Instruction (140), Globe Tavern, Royal-hill, Greenwich.
 Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
 Regent Lodge of Instruction, (749), Coach and Horses, Strand, at 8; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.
 Liberty Lodge of Instruction (317), Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st., at 6 p.m.; Bro. H. Muggerridge, Preceptor.
 Banner Lodge of Instruction (730), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.
 Union Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tavern, Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.
 United Courts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park, at 8; Bro. Geo. W. Verry, Preceptor.
 Union Lodge of Instruction, White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., Preceptor.
 Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1298), the Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. W. F. Rogezs, Preceptor.
 Orange Chapter of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-road, at 8; Comp. W. West Smith, Preceptor.
 Osborne Lodge of Instruction (733), Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8.
 Poplar Lodge of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Bro. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.
 Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Antelope Tavern, Lion-road, Brixton, at 7.
 James's Lodge of Instruction, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-road, Bermondsey, at 8; Bro. Howes, P.M., Preceptor.

of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Bro. D. S. Potts, Preceptor.
 Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8.
 Royal Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8; Bro. P. M. Wuest, Preceptor.
 William's Lodge of Instruction (144) Rose Tavern, William-road, S.W.
 Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Wickhurst-hill, at 8.
 Cross Lodge of Instruction (754), Coach and Horses Tavern, High Road, Tottenham, at 8.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE,

For the Week ending Saturday, February 7, 1874.

Monday, February 2.
 Lodge 113, Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Assembly Rooms Preston.
 " 1051, Rowley, Masonic Rooms, Lancaster.
 " 1380, Skelmersdale, Great Crosby, near Liverpool, at 6.

Chap. 605, De Tabley, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, at 6.
 Red Cross Conclave, 77, Skelmersdale, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 Everton Lodge of Instruction (823), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 7.30.

Tuesday, February 3.
 Lodge 995, Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverstone.
 Chap. 203, St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 Mark Lodge, Walton, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
 Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 7.

Wednesday, February 4.
 Lodge 673, St. John's, 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 6.30.
 " 730, Ellesmere, Royal Oak Hotel, Chorley.
 " 1013, Royal Victoria, Masonic Temple, Liverpool at 6.
 " 1413, West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk, at 6.
 " 1335, Lindsay, 20, King-street, Wigan.
 " 1354, Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Hall, Leigh.
 Chap. 477, Fidelity, 55, Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
 Harmonic Lodge of Instruction (216), Mona Hotel, James-street, Liverpool, at 8.
 De Grey and Ripon Lodge of Instruction (1356), 140, North Hill-street, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 7.30.

Thursday, February 5.
 Lodge 249, Mariners', Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 425, Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester, at 4.
 Chap. 758, Bridgewater, Masonic Hall, Runcom, at 6.
 Friday, February 6.
 Lodge 680, Sefton, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, at 4.30.
 " 1264, Neptune, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 1375, Architect, Didsbury Hotel, Didsbury.
 " 1387, Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton-cum-Hardy.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW.

For the week ending Saturday, February 7, 1874.

All the Meetings take place at 8 o'clock.

Monday, February 2.
 Lodge 332, Union, 170, Buchanan-street.
 " 541, Marie Stuart, Masons' Hall, Crosshill.
 Chap. 119, Rosslyn, 25, Robertson-street.
 Tuesday, February 3.
 Lodge 33, St. John's, St. John's Hall, 213, Buchanan-st.
 " 73, Thistle and Rose, 170, Buchanan-st.
 " 87, Thistle, 213, Buchanan-st.
 " 437, Govandale, Portland Hall, Govan.

Wednesday, February 4.
 Lodge 4, Kilwinning, 170, Buchanan-street.
 " 117, Patrick St. Mary's, Freemasons' Hall, Partick.
 " 128, St. John, Shettleston.
 " 354, Caledonian Railway, 213, Buchanan-st.

Thursday, February 5.
 Lodge 27, St. Mungo, 213, Buchanan-street.
 " 360, Commercial, 19, Croy-place.
 " 465, St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall, Garngad-road.
 Friday, February 6.
 Lodge 275, Shamrock and Thistle, 22, Struthers-street.
 " 408, Clyde, 170, Buchanan-st.
 " 114, Royal Arch, Cambuslang.
 " 116, Royal Arch, Council Hall, Rutherglen.
 " 242, Houston, Cross Keys Hall, Johnston.
 " 512, Thornstree, Masonic Hall, Thornliebank.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH.

For the Week ending Saturday, February 7, 1874.

Monday, February 2.
 Quarterly Communication, Grand Lodge, Freemasons' Hall, George-street, at 5.
 Lodge 429, St. Kentigern, Royal Hotel, Penicuik, at 8.

Tuesday, February 3.
 Lodge 5, Canongate and Leith, 33, Constitution-street, Leith, at 8.30.
 " 36, St. David, Ship Hotel, East Register-street, at 8.
 " 405, Rifle, Freemasons' Hall, George-street, at 8.30.

Thursday, February 5.
 Lodge 97, St. James, Masonic Hall, Writers'-court, High-street.

Friday, February 6.
 Lodge 291, Celtic, Ship Hotel, East Register-street, at 8.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

BOLTON.—Anchor and Hope Lodge (No. 37).—The usual monthly meeting was held at Freemasons' Hall, Bolton, on Monday, 2nd February. The lodge was opened in form at 6 o'clock, when there were present Bro. Wm. Slater, W.M.; James Walker, S.W.; W. H. Horrocks, J.W.; John Sharples, Treasurer; Edwin Ainsworth, Secretary; R. Knill Freeman S.D.; James Brown, J.D.; Samuel Crowther, I.G.; James Walsh, Organist; G. P. Brockbank, P. Prov. G. Deacon; John Robinson, S. Isherwood, James Newton, R. W. Knowles, James Pilkington, P.M.; Walter Pennington, W.M. 678; James Heap, 1170, and others. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. For practice of the officers the lodge was opened up to the third degree and closed down to the 1st. A portion of the antique charges having been read, the lodge was finally closed and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

HULL.—Humber Lodge (No. 57).—The members of this old and influential lodge held their annual charity ball, in the public room, on Friday, the 30th Jan., which resulted in one of the most numerous and enjoyable gatherings which has ever taken place under the auspices of this lodge. The ball was under the patronage of the Mayor (Bro. John L. Seaton), the Sheriff (Bro. Charles Wells), the Most Hon. the Marquess of Ripon, K.G., M.W.G.M. of England, the Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland, the W. Bro. J. P. Bell, M.D., S.G.D. of England, and D.P.G.M. of North and East Yorkshire; Bro. Spikes, M.P., P.S.P.G.W.; Bro. C. M. Norwood, M.P.; Bro. J. W. Pease, M.P.; Bro. A. G. G. P., P.M. 57, P.P.G.D.; and Bro. Taylor, J.P., W.M. 1447. The W.M., officers, and brethren of the other Hull lodges, together with those of the "St Germain's" Lodge, Selby, St. Matthew's "Lodge, Barton, and "Sykes" Lodge, Driffield, also appeared on the 1st of the evening; and it was not surprising that, with distinguished countenance and support, the ball should have been regarded with so much appreciable interest. The visitors began to arrive at nine o'clock, and the constant rattle of ribbons along Albion-street told of a numerous company of ladies and gentlemen who had accepted the invitation of the committee to take part in the pleasures of their annual assembly. The ball-room, at eleven o'clock, a scene of great splendour presented itself. The floor of the public-rooms is so elegantly decorated that little extraneous aid was needed in department, but the silk bannerets displayed the scarlet facade of the orchestra, while mirrors were placed in the recesses, and the ousings of the room were draped with crimson cloth, imparted to the hall a warm and cozy appearance. A company of about 170 ladies and gentlemen had assembled, including many visitors from the neighbourhood, and it was at once apparent, from the air of comfort and luxury that prevailed, that pleasure was the order of the night.

The members of the Craft appeared in full Masonic costume, whilst the officers of the naval reserve forces wore their uniforms, and the rich colours of the ladies' attire combined to make up a spectacle of surpassing gaiety and animation. The Worshipful Masters of the Kingston and Minerva Lodges (Bros. P. Stromer and H. Haigh), together with several of the other officers and members, were present, thus testifying a spirit of fraternity which is an essential feature of the Craft. The three great essentials of an enjoyable ball—namely, good music, good light, and a good floor—were all present. The latter had been covered with white holland, which besides preventing dust, presented an admirable surface for the Terpsichorean exercises of the evening. For hours "fair women and brave men" mingled in the picturesque gyrations of the set dances, or in the more exhilarating waltz or galop, and when "Music arose with its voluptuous swell," the motto of the party evidently seemed to be "On with the dance! let joy be unconfined." At twelve o'clock a sumptuous supper was served in one of the ante-rooms, and the appearance of the tables elicited the greatest admiration, adored as they were with elegant vases and epergnes filled with delicious flowers. The W.M., Bro. Henry Preston, presided at the principal table, Bros. Dr. Hay, P.M., and W. Kemp, P.M., filling the chairs at the side tables, while the S.W., Bro. Boggot, assisted by the Deacons, officiated as Vice-chairmen. The usual loyal toasts were duly honoured, and the "Health of the Worshipful Master of the Humber Lodge" was drunk with great applause. Bro. Henry Preston suitably acknowledged the compliment paid to him. After supper dancing was resumed with equal, if not greater zest, and was continued until an early hour in the morning, it being the unanimous opinion of all present that this was one of the most successful and brilliant gatherings ever witnessed in Hull in connection with the Masonic order. During the evening Bro. J. L. Seaton and a party of his friends entered the ball-room, and they were received with every manifestation of welcome, the Mayor remaining some time, and seeming to take a warm interest in the proceedings. One of the ante-rooms adjoining the ball-room was handsomely fitted up as a retiring chamber for those who wished to rest during the intervals of the dance; and tables, chairs, and lounges were comfortably disposed about the apartment by Bro. Geo. Leggot (Messrs. Audos and Leggot, Paragon-street). Bro. J. Walker ably discharged his duties as Director of Ceremonies, and Bro. Haigh as Master of Ceremonies.

KENDAL.—Union Lodge (No. 129).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, Jan. 28th, at the Masonic Rooms, Stramogate. The W.M., Bro. Henry Rauthmell, was supported by Bros. Joseph Birtley, S.W.; F. C. Grayson, J.W.; R. J. Nelson, Hon. Sec.; John Bowes, P.M., P.P.G. Reg.; Jas. Gooding, S.D.; Thos. Cooper, I.G.; G. McKay, W. H. Akerigg, Thos. A. P. Strouville, D. Cleary, Tyler. The lodge was opened in the first and second degrees. Bro. John Bowes, P.M., &c., then took the chair, at the invitation of the W.M., and Bro. Strouville claiming preference, and giving proof of proficiency, was entrusted and retired. The lodge was then opened in the third degree, Bro. Strouville, re-admitted, and raised to the sublime degree of a M.M. The degree was given in ample form, and the brethren evinced the greatest interest in the working. The lodge was closed down and the brethren adjourned until the morrow, when they met at three o'clock to instal the W.M. elect, Bro. Joseph Birtley, and to celebrate the festival of St. John the Divine. There was an unusually large gathering of brethren, and its composition went to prove that Masonry knows no parties, either political or religious. Although the town of Kendal was at the time the scene of a strong political contest, the Deputy Prov. G. Master, Colonel Whitwell, on the one side, and Bro. Saunders, of Wellington Hall, on the other, were present, and contributed much to the harmony of the meeting. The lodge was opened punctually at three by the W.M., Bro. Henry Rauthmell, when the minutes were confirmed. The lodge was then opened in the second degree,

when the W.M. invited Bro. John Bowes, P.M., P.P.G.R., to take the chair as Installing Master. Bro. John Holme, P.M., P.P.G.W., then presented Bro. Joseph Birtley, S.W., W.M. elect, for the benefit of installation. The presentation was at once attended to, and the ceremony worked in its amplest form. After the newly-installed Master had been saluted and proclaimed in the several degrees, and the charges to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren had been delivered, the W.M. appointed and invested the following brethren as officers for the ensuing year:—Bro. H. Rauthmell, I.P.M.; J. J. Talbot, S.W.; Jas. Gooding, J.W.; Rev. W. Chaplain, M.A., Chap.; W. Doubleday, Treas.; F. C. Grayson, Hon. Sec.; T. Cooper, S.D.; W. Cranston, J.D.; J. McKay, I.G.; and D. Cleary, Tyler. An interesting feature in the proceedings was the presentation of a gold Past Master's jewel to Bro. Henry Rauthmell from the brethren whom he had initiated during his year of office. The presentation was made by Bro. McKay. The auditors made their report, which showed a balance in favour of the lodge of above £80. There being no further business the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Commercial Hotel for the banquet, which was served up in Bro. Barrow's best style. The grace before and after meat was said by the Chaplain. The W.M., Bro. Jas. Birtley, presided, and was supported by the Deputy Prov. G. Master, Bros. Whitwell, J. Saunders, John Bowes, P.H.D., F.R.G.S., S. Gawick, John Holme, H. Rauthmell, Drs. Page, Leeming, Noble, Matthews, and about fifty other brethren. The loyal and Masonic toasts were drunk with great enthusiasm, and the latter with Masonic honours, under the direction of Bro. Bowes. Bro. Holme, P.M., P.P.G. Warden, proposed "The Grand Masters of neighbouring Provinces," and in doing so referred to them in highly complimentary terms. He said in coupling with the toast the name of Bro. Bowes, it afforded him pleasure to refer to the able and impressive manner in which that brother had discharged the duties of Installing Master that day. All present had been greatly edified, and none would soon forget their obligations to Bro. Bowes. In acknowledging the compliment Bro. Bowes assured the brethren that the Prov. G. Master of the neighbouring province of East and West Lancashire and Cheshire had the true interests of Freemasonry at heart. Personally he felt amply repaid for any little sacrifice of time if his rendering of their beautiful ritual had met with the approval of his brethren. He always felt "at home" in the Union Lodge, No. 129, and when asked by Bro. Rauthmell to undertake the duty of Installing Master he felt proud to accede to the request. The D.G. Master proposed "The Health of the W.M." He had known Bro. Birtley, long and intimately, and he was quite sure the brethren had done themselves honour in unanimously electing that brother to the office. The duties of the office were very responsible ones, and he was confident that they would be discharged in an able and punctual manner. The W.M. said he was very grateful for the warm reception they had given to the toast. He fully appreciated their kindness and would do his best to justify their choice. He hoped ere long they would have a home of their own. He had prepared plans and he hoped during his year of office to see steps taken to carry out the plans, and then they could meet in their own Masonic Hall. He was a man of deeds more than words, and therefore he would conclude by again thanking the brethren for the handsome compliment they had paid him. The remaining toasts included "The Past Masters and Officers of No. 129," "The Wardens," "The Visiting Brethren," responded to by Bros. Mills, Bell, Godfrey, and others, all of whom spoke of the pleasure they had experienced in witnessing the ceremony of the day. "The Masonic Charities," was proposed by Bro. Bowes, and the Tyler's toast, most impressively given by the W. Prov. G. Master, brought the interesting proceedings to a close.

LODGE OF ISRAEL (No 205).—The members of the above lodge assembled at Cannon-street Hotel, E.C., on Tuesday the 27th inst., to witness the installation of the W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. C. F. Hogard, the W.M. for

the past year, very wisely cleared off the remaining portion of his duties at a Lodge of Emergency called a week previous. Upon that occasion he conferred the third degree upon Bros. Jones, Passington and Pardo, passed to the second degree, Bros. Crossthwaite, Webb, Fryberg, Painter and Stokey, and initiated Messrs. Van Minden, Reutsh, Reece, and Schuman. The preliminary business of the present meeting being disposed of the installation of Bro. Joel Emanuel, the W.M. elect, was proceeded with. With remarkable fluency and impressiveness did Bro. Hogard perform his onerous task. The delivery of the addresses elicited hearty applause. The newly installed Master at once appointed his officers as follows:—Hogard, I.P.M.; Buckland, S.W.; Lionel Jacobs, J.W.; Coote, P.M. Treasurer; A. M. Cohen, P.M. Secretary; Anerhahn, S.D.; J. B. Cohen, J.D.; Evans, I.G.; Cable, D.C.; Bassington, W. S.; Vesper, Tyler. To the Wardens he addressed some excellent words of advice, especially urging upon them the necessity of attending lodges of Instruction as the best means of perfecting themselves in the duties of their respective offices, a mode of obtaining Masonic knowledge a credible authority avers, the new Master has himself never thought proper to adopt. The next duty the new Master had to perform was to initiate Bro. Wilkes, into the mysteries of the order. Although his rendering of the beautiful ritual was not such as the fastidious might admire or even approve of still the earnestness of the new Master and his evident desire to excel, sufficiently indicate that time and perseverance may hereafter enable him to perform his duties with average ability. When the labours of the lodge were concluded, the brethren adjourned to refreshment, and ample justice having been done to the repast, the cloth was removed and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts given. Here it should be mentioned (it is done with great regret and deemed necessary only as a warning to others) that the new Master in proposing the health of the Queen permitted himself to drift into remarks of a decidedly biased political nature, thereby violating one of the first, most important and strongly inculcated principles of the Craft, namely, "in our assemblies to abstain from every religious or political discussion." It is true the new Master is but young and evidently inexperienced. This fact, as well as the loyalty of those present, in whom the very mention of "Her Majesty" is sufficient to excite the liveliest enthusiasm, fully accounts for the quiet manner the speaker was listened to and allowed to pass without rebuke. The various other toasts were given with remarkable ability, for the new Master is an excellent and fluent speaker, yet his speeches were not received with any decided marks of approbation, probably from the fact of the speaker's phlegmatic temperament failing to excite the sympathies of his hearers. Hearty applause can only be secured when, however crude his diction, the speaker is spirited, means what he says, and whose words and sentiments find a ready response in the heart of those addressed. The bearing of the new Master towards his visitors was such as has probably never been seen in any Masonic lodge. Several of them had been specially invited. The Joppa, Tranquility, and Montefiore Lodges had sent their representatives. It was a sight to note the cool indifference and haughty disdain the young Master chose to exhibit towards those brethren. No word of welcome was uttered by him, nor did he even deign to bestow a glance upon them, or any other of the numerous visitors, and only in proposing their health did he show any sign that he was aware of their presence, and even that part of his duty was done superciliously. Although several W.M.'s and P.M.'s were present, none were noticed except the name of a Bro. Lumley, who had never served any office in the Craft, but who was his personal friend. Such conduct deserves censure, and can only be excused upon the ground of youth and inexperience. It is to be hoped the new Master will in future shape his behaviour more in consonance with the principles of the Order, and at least make a show of common courtesy, if he is incapable of entertaining the feelings of fraternal esteem and affection which constitute the chief charm of our Masonic reunions. A very pleasant

episode of the evening consisted of the presentation to Bro. Hogard, the I.P.M., a valuable gold Albert chain and elegant P.M. jewel. The present was well deserved, for Bro. Hogard has not only been efficient in and faithful to his duties, but has qualified himself for life governorship of all the institutions. He is, therefore, popular in the lodge, and deservedly held in high esteem among the brethren. On the obverse of the jewel were engraved the following words:—"Presented to Bro. C. F. Hogard, together with a gold chain, by the brethren of the Lodge of Israel, as a token of their fraternal regard and esteem, and for the great zeal and assiduity displayed by him in the discharge of his duties as W.M. during the year ending the 27th January, 1874." Bro. Hogard acknowledged the kindness of the brethren in brief, but feeling terms. Upon the appeal of Bro. A. M. Cohen, President, a sum of £10 odd was subscribed by the brethren in aid of the benevolent fund. There was no musical entertainment and but one song, which was well executed by Bro. Morris Abrahams, the proprietor of the Pavilion Theatre. Amongst the P.M.'s were observed:—Bros. Littauer, Coutts, Harris, Emanuel, etc. The visitors [were Bros. Fowler, 511; Isaacs, 447, New York; Tinney, 1319; De Solla, W.M. 1017; Beckham, 749; Albert P. 188, 1017, 439, Representative Proxy Master, Mauritius; Nathan Moss, W.M., 188; L. Davids, 188; De Roog, 188; L. Davids, 188; Van Stavem, 188; W. Musto, P.M. 1349; A. W. Baker, 746; Van Vollen, 188; E. Gottheil, P.M. 141, and several others.

ORMSKIRK.—*Lodge of Harmony* (No. 580).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held at the Wheatheaf Inn, Ormskirk, on Wednesday, the 28th ult., at 3 p.m. The brethren present were—the W.M., Bro. John Prescott, 7.P., P.G.J.W. West Lancashire; Bros. J. Baxendale, P.G. Supt. of Works; Lambert, P.P.G.D.E.L.; C. Hill, P.M.; C. Oxley, P.M.; R. Thomas, P.M.; T. Jackson, P.M.; Jas. Bromley, P.M.; S. Wyde, P.M.; John Wells, S.W.; Fogg, S.D.; Jas. Sergeant, J.D., and about forty brethren. The lodge being duly opened, Mr. Bramwall, mining engineer, Ormskirk, was initiated into Freemasonry by the W.M. in a very impressive and effective manner. The lodge was then opened in the second degree, and Bro. John Wells, of Liverpool, was presented by Bros. Prescott and Lambert to the Installing Master (Bro. Baxendale) as the brother unanimously elected to fill the duties of W.M. for the ensuing year. A board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Wells placed in the chair according to the ancient rites and ceremonies. The following officers were then appointed and invested:—Bros. J. Prescott, I.P.M.; E. Ashton, S.W.; James Sergeant, J.W.; Lambert, Treas.; Bro. J. Aspenwall, Sec.; Bro. J. Fogg, S.D.; Jeffreys, J.D.; Charnock, I.G.; Wignall, Tyler. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. J. Prescott for the very able and efficient manner in which he had performed the duties of the W.M. during the past year, and also to Bro. J. Baxendale for his excellent services as Installing Master. Several propositions of a charitable nature having been disposed of, the lodge was closed. The brethren then retired to a banquet, provided by Bro. Young, in his well-known liberal style, which elicited the thanks of all the brethren. Bro. Wells, W.M., presided, supported by the following visitors:—Bros. Rev. Goggin, P.G.C.; Jones, P.M. 216; Sephton, W.M. 1086; McArthur, P.M. 1086; W. E. Edge, W.M., 1403, and several others, with the brethren previously named. During the evening Bro. Prescott was presented with a splendid P.M. jewel. Bro. Prescott replied in suitable terms. Some very excellent songs, glees, and duets were sung by Bros. Jones, Fogg, Winnow, Glover, and McArthur, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

LIVERPOOL.—*Derby Lodge* (No. 724).—The annual installation meeting of the members of this lodge took place on Wednesday, the 28th ult., and was perhaps the most numerous as well as influentially attended of any gathering ever held in connection with the lodge. The meeting as usual, was at the Masonic Temple, Liverpool, and the very large attendance clearly showed the popularity of Bro. Wm. Shortis, the

retiring W.M., and the excellence of the choice of the W.M. elect, Bro. John Davison. The cloud which for a time hung over the fortunes of the Derby Lodge, has, thanks to the indefatigable exertions of excellent Masons connected with it, been happily and permanently removed and the great prosperity which has marked its past year's existence has been equalled by very few local lodges. The attendance on this occasion was, as we have said, most influential, the visitors, including about a score of W.M.'s and P.M.'s, brethren who have well and worthily won their Masonic "spurs," and the whole of the afternoon's proceedings were of an exceedingly pleasant and unanimous character. The lodge was opened about five o'clock, by Bro. W. Shortis, W.M., and amongst his supporters we observed, Bros. J. F. Jones, P.M.; R. Cain, P.M.; W. Stedford, P.M.; J. Davison, S.W.; J. W. Ballard, J.W.; T. Chesworth, P.M. Treas.; G. Hutchin, Hon. Sec.; G. Beeken, S.D.; W. S. Barker, J.D.; E. McSwiney, I.G. and M. Williamson, Tyler. Amongst the visitors were Bros. J. Banning, P.G.O. of Westmoreland and Cumberland; J. Peters, P.G.S.D.; J. Pemberton, P.M. 1264; J. J. Rose, W.M. 249; R. R. Martin, W.M. 1049; J. Hamer, P.P.G. Treas.; R. Dawson, P.M. 1034; C. Leedham, P.M. 220; J. T. Callow, P.M. 673; J. Halton, W.M. 241; H. Williams, P.M. 1264; R. W. Holt, P.M. 1276; S. Haynes, P.M. 823; J. Holland, P.M. 823; J. Taylor, P.M. 1264; P. M. Larsen, P.M. 524; J. Parsons, P.M. 203; T. W. Sargent, W.M. 203; J. Devaynes, P.M. 667; S. J. McGeorge, P.M. 241; W. Hughes, P.M. 1013; T. Ashmore, P.M. 823; W. Boulton, W.M. 823; A. Davies, W.M. 1264; P. B. Gee, P.M. 1264; C. McNab, W.M. 1035; G. Sculthorpe, P.M. 1035; J. P. Gamble, 1264; H. Burrows, 673; T. Leighton, J.W.; 1264; J. S. Balmer, 1035; J. Gordon, 1264; W. G. Veale, 249; J. Abrahams, 1264; J. Archdeacon, 667; J. Wood, Treas., 1094, and others. The list of members included the names of Bros. Trevitt, Plaw, A. J. Henochsberg, W. Overend, M. Hart, J. M. Foote, J. Jacobs, A. Hart, D. L. Marcus, E. Griffiths, J. Ellis, M. Hynes, H. Vaughan, I. Platts, J. Rees, R. Crispe, H. Mendoza, F. H. Koster, G. Jelly, P. Armstrong, W. S. Balfour, J. Lipsch, H. Dutton, J. D. McLaren, E. Foxall, J. Foxall, H. Inwards, W. Geves, F. Heaton, and B. Roberts. After the transaction of some routine business, the installing Master's chair was taken by Bro. Chesworth, P.M., who proceeded with much skill, unction, and impressiveness to place Bro. Davison in the chair of W.M. The W.M. subsequently invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year, the charges being given by Bro. J. Hamer:—Bros. W. Shortis, I.P.M.; J. W. Ballard, S.W.; G. Hutchins, J.W.; G. Beeken, Sec.; T. Chesworth Treas.; H. Vaughan, S.D.; E. McSwiney J.D.; A. Hart, I.G.; R. Crispe, S.S.; M. Hart, S.S.; and W. G. Veale, Organist. Bro. M. Williamson, was unanimously re-elected Tyler. Before the lodge was closed a P.M.'s jewel was presented to Bro. Shortis, I.P.M., as a token of the esteem of the members of the lodge. The brethren afterwards sat down to an excellent banquet, presided over by the W.M., and during the evening the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to with the greatest enthusiasm. The bill of fare and toast list was a most artistic production, and was greatly enhanced by portraits of the W.M. and I.P.M., executed very cleverly by Bro. H. Burrows.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS.—*Hartington Lodge* (No. 1421).—On Monday, 19th January, St. James Ramsden, Prov. Grand Senior Warden for West Lancashire, who had been unanimously re-elected to the chair of K.S., was installed for the second year as Worshipful Master of Hartington Lodge, No. 1021. The installative ceremony took place at the New Lodge Room Custom-house-buildings, in presence of a large muster of the Craft from lodges in the district who testified their approbation of the choice of the Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master Lord Skelmersdale, in having selected so distinguished a gentleman to the station of Prov. Grand Senior Warden. The evening had been

successful one for Hartington Lodge, by the assistance of Sir James in contributing so liberally to the charities, and the very costly and beautiful chairs and pedestals which he has presented to the lodge. Through the unavoidable absence of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, the Hon. F. B. Stanley, M.P., who was detained in London, the ceremony of Installation was ably performed by Bro. Thos. Wylie, P.P.G.R., assisted by a large board of Installed Masters. The Worshipful Master re-appointed his officers, and in investing them, the Installing Officer passed a high compliment for the very efficient manner in which the lodge had been worked during the year. At the close of business, the whole of the brethren were invited by the Worshipful Master to a sumptuous banquet at Furness Abbey Hotel. Among the invited were the following:—Bros. Hon. F. A. Stanley, M.P., D.P.G.M.; Lord Muncaster, M.P.; John Whitwell, M.P., P.G.J.W.; Capt. Mott, M.P., G.S.W. for C. and W.; H. S. Alpass, Prov. G. Sec.; Thos. Wylie, P. Prov. G.J.W.; Kennedy, Remington, Roper, Case, Thos. Dodgson, R. Pearson, Matthews, P. Masters, 995; Roger Dodgson, W.M. 995, P.P.G.S.B.; W. Postlethwaite, S.W. 995 and 1398; A. Amislie, J.W. 995; Rev. J. Morgan, Vicar of Dalton Chapel, 1938; Baldwin, P.M.; Whitehead, W.M., Dr. Horn, J.W. 1398; Bro. Worrall, Silver, Ormandy, Graham, P. Master. Cornfield, W.M., Hooker, S.W.; Kershaw, J.W.; Jeavons, Sec., 1225; J. T. Smith, P.M., Mayor of Barrow, Henry Cook, P.M., P.P.G.R. for C. and W.; Rev. J. S. Barrett, Vicar of Barrow; Allison, P.M.; Relph, P.M.; Cox, P.M.; Bagot, I.P.M., 1021; and a large number of officers and brethren of 1021, and neighbouring lodges.

THE URBAN LODGE (No. 1196).—On Tuesday, the 27th ult., was held the installation meeting of this excellent lodge. The place of meeting, as the hospitable character of the members make inevitable, is known by experience to a great many brethren. The ancient room over St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, so connected as it is, with celebrated names of note, both authors and actors of bygone days, is well fitted to be the rendezvous of a lodge of the ancient order of Freemasons, which numbers among its members some brethren who have gained a name in professional life. One cannot enter the room without being seized with an inclination to ruminate on the days of Garrick, Johnson, Goldsmith, Hogarth, and a host of others, memories of whom one sees on every wall; but as this is not the business on hand, we force ourselves from such thoughts and confine ourselves to recording the proceedings of Tuesday, when Bro. James W. Callingham, W.M., closed his year of office, and the effect was inducted into the chair of

The necessary business of opening the meeting and confirming the minutes of the preceding meeting having been concluded, the ballot taken for the admission, as a joining member, of Bro. F. B. Smart, of Lodge No. 22, which Bro. F. E. Taylor and Bro. R. T. Callingham were raised to the sublime degree of Master, and Bro. John Westward was passed to the degree of F.C., the ceremonies being performed in a very able manner by Bro. Callingham. The ceremony of installing the W.M. was performed by Bro. Marsh, and it may be believed, from his known excellence as actor and elocutionist, that beautiful as this day is in itself, it gained considerably by being entrusted to such able hands. The officers elected by the W.M. were as follows:—Bro. Pearson, S.W.; Bro. Japheth Tickle, Bro. James Simpson, S.D.; Bro. Edward Ham Legge, J.D.; Bro. J. G. Patey, J.D.; Bro. S. Schmezer, Organist; Bro. J. G. I.G.; Bro. Beckett, Tyler. We cannot do this part of our subject without acknowledging to Bro. Marsh for the Masonic treat we listened to his delivery of the addresses and the proclamation that followed the appointment of officers. On the termination of the lodge the brethren and their numerous guests were to an excellent banquet, served in a room that reflects great credit on Bro. W. C. Callingham, host of the Old Jerusalem Tavern, when we consider the large number

of brethren he had to accommodate, and the attention and carefulness of the waiters in their somewhat difficult task, left nothing to be desired. We must add also that the presence of Bro. Terry, Secretary to the Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows, (formerly the Secretary of this lodge) was an immense assistance to the host; for he appeared to anticipate every want, to be everywhere at the same time, and contributed immensely to the success of the evening. On the cloth being drawn the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and heartily responded to, and some very excellent vocal and instrumental music was contributed by Bros. Donald King, Patey, and the Organist of the lodge. After the health of the Queen had been duly honoured, the following Masonic verses (from the pen of Bro. Carpenter, the Secretary) were sung, the first by Bro. Donald King, and the second by Bro. Patey.

God save our gracious Queen,
Long live our noble Queen,
God save the Queen.
May peace and plenty reign,
Through all her wide domain;
God save the Queen.

"Oh, Lord, our God, who sees
Our hidden mysteries,
On Thee we call:
So rule our hearts that we
May, in Freemasonry,
Faithful and loyal be—
Oh, save us all."

The W.M. proposed "The Health of Bro. Callingham, I.P.M.," in a short but excellent speech, in which he highly commended the work of Bro. Callingham in all the offices he had filled, but most especially in that of Deacon, styling him the "Prince of Deacons," and adding that the lodge had had no such other Deacon. He had been requested by the lodge to present Bro. Callingham with a P.M. jewel, which he now did in the name of the Urban Lodge, and with pleasure he invested him with it, trusting that he would wear it for many years to come, in remembrance of that evening. Bro. Callingham, in reply, thanked the W.M. for the kind things he had said of him, and the lodge for the handsome token of their regard which had been presented to him. He felt very proud of his position on the left side of the chairman, which was the right side at the same time. There was one circumstance of which he was truly proud, however, and that was, that he was the first brother, initiated in the lodge, who had passed the chair. He thanked them from his heart for the honour they had done him. Bro. Callingham concluded by proposing "The Health of the W.M.," trusting that he would have a successful year of office, and feeling sure that he is performing the functions of his high office with satisfaction to the lodge and credit to himself. The chairman having made a suitable reply, several other toasts were drunk, and many excellent speeches made which we have not space to repeat, and the proceedings were not terminated till a late hour. There were a large number of visiting brethren present.

HAMPTON COURT.—Burdett Lodge (No. 1293).—The installation of Bro. Henry Phythian as fifth Master of this flourishing lodge took place on Saturday, the 24th ult., at the Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court, and attracted a large number of members and visitors. Bro. D. R. Still, W.M., opened the lodge, supported by Bros. Phythian, S.W.; F. Keiley, J.W.; R. Wentworth Little, P.M., Treas.; H. G. Buss, P.M., Sec.; R. W. Stewart, P. D. Prov. G. M.; S. Rosenthal, P. Prov. G.W.; D. S. Pearce, P.M., D.C.; E. Baxter, P.G. Steward, and other brethren. Bros. H. M. Gordon and Sadler were passed to the second degree, and then Bro. John Hervey, the Grand Secretary, took the chair, and installed the W.M. elect in his usual finished style of working. The officers appointed or invested for the year were as follows:—Bros. Frederick Keiley, S.W.; D. R. Pearce, P.M. 657, J.W.; Rev. D. Shaboe, P.M. 554, Chaplain; R. Wentworth Little, P.M. 1295, &c., Treas.; H. G. Buss, P.M. 27, Secretary; I. Coalbank, S.D.; J. W. Berrie, J.D.; R. Kotzenberg, I.G.; D. Bindoff, D.C.; J. Gilbert, Tyler. The new W.M. then gave a proof of his proficiency in the

Craft by initiating separately Messrs. Alfred Edmonds and Southwell—a ceremony which he rendered so excellently as to receive the congratulations of over twenty P.Ms. present. The auditors' report was read and approved, and several propositions—including one for a P.M.'s jewel to the retiring W.M.—having been favourably entertained, the lodge was closed, and the brethren sat down to a most enjoyable banquet. After dinner the usual toasts were given, and the evening passed away in the pleasant interchange of those Masonic sentiments to which a well regulated social board of brethren is assuredly not opposed.

Royal Arch.

KENDAL.—Kendal Castle Chapter (No. 129.)—A regular meeting of this chapter was held at noon on Thursday, January 29th, at the Masonic Rooms, Strogate, Kendal. The M.E.Z., Comp. John Holme, was supported by Comps: John Bowes, P.Z., P.P.G.S.B., as H.; Titus Wilson, J.; Samuel Gawike, P.Z.; W. Dodd, P.Z.; Jas. Gooding, N.; R. J. Nelson, P.S.; H. Rauthmell; W. Tattisall, John Bell, John Mills, and Daniel Cleary, Janitor. The chapter was opened in due form by the Principals, when the rest of the companions were admitted, and the minutes of the previous convocation read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for three candidates, which proved unanimous in each case. The meetings having been hitherto held on the last Friday in certain months and that day being inconvenient, it was unanimously agreed to change the day to Thursday, and Comp. Scribe E. was requested to communicate the fact to the Supreme Grand Chapter. A long and animated conversation now took place with reference to the formation of a Provincial Grand Chapter for the regulation of Royal Arch Masonry in the Province of Cumberland and Westmoreland. There being no further business, the chapter was closed in ancient form.

HAMPTON COURT.—Burdett Chapter (No. 1293).—This new chapter met at the Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court, on the 17th ult., under the presidency of Comp. R. Wentworth Little, P.Z., the H. (Comp. Col. Burdett, M.E.Z., being unfortunately too ill to attend), J. Boyd, P.Z., as H.; F. Davison, J. After the usual ballot Bros. Lieutenant Colonel James Peters, T. Massa, P.M.; I. S. Gordon, W. Wrigglesworth, and R. S. Bennett, were duly exalted, the work being exceedingly well done by the Principals and the new P.S., Comp. Henry Phythian, who had only been exalted at the preceding meeting in January; Comps. D. S. Pearce and F. Keily, Asst. Soj., and J. H. Tyler, D.C. Presents of Bibles from Comps. Boyd and White were suitably acknowledged, and the chapter was then closed. A most agreeable evening was afterwards enjoyed at the social board by all present, amongst those already named, we noticed Comps. H. G. Buss, Treas.; H. C. Levander, S.E.; S. Rosenthal, P.Z.; I. Coalbank, W.; R. Woodman, M.D., P.Z.; and a visitor from the Rose of Denmark Chapter, No. 975.

Scotland.

STONEHOUSE.—St. John's Union Lodge (No. 244).—On the 29th ult., Stonehouse was all astir, as it was known that the Freemasons of that locality intended to hold high festival. The lodge room was tastefully decorated for the occasion, the most conspicuous object being a splendid new banner, painted for the lodge by Bro. G. Kenning, of 145, Argyle-street, the artistic finish of which elicited the admiration of all present. The viands, supplied by Bro. Miller, of the Black Bull Inn, were not only abundant in quantity, but excellent in quality, and well sustained his name as a caterer for the enjoyment of the brethren. After the removal of the cloth, the R.W.M., Bro. J. Barr, who was in the chair, gave the usual loyal, Masonic, and patriotic toasts, all of which met with a good reception. He then called on Bro. Gavin Mutter, to make the presentation to the I.P.M., Bro. John Froud. It consisted of a

splendid apron and large gold Past Master's jewel, with a suitable inscription, which had been supplied from Bro. George Kenning's Glasgow House. In the course of his remarks, he said Shakespeare says, "There is a tide in the affairs of men which taken at the ebb leads on to fortune." Now Bro. Froud had taken their lodge in hand when it was at very low ebb, it was in fact quite low water with them, but under his skilful guidance, they were now in the full tide of prosperity, and his successor need only trim his sails properly to reach the haven of perfect success. Bro. Froud had so filled that chair that he had endeared himself to them all, and on behalf of the whole lodge he now would present him with that highest token of worth, a Masonic Apron, the "badge of innocence and truth," and also with a Past Master's jewel, to show the rank he had attained and the respect in which he was held by all his brethren, who wished not only to him, but also to his wife and family, all those blessings which the Great Architect of the Universe has promised to those who faithfully perform their duty. (Cheers.) Bro. Froud, in reply, assured the Lodge that he felt highly honoured by this flattering mark of their esteem. His only regret was that he had not been able to do more than he had done to deserve it. They had been pleased to kindly allude to his services to the Craft and to Lodge 244 in particular, but he felt that he had only been doing his duty, but he must confess that it made his heart glad not only to find that his efforts had been appreciated, but that they had resulted in the present high position of the lodge. The apron and jewel he should wear with pride as well as pleasure, and he felt sure that their new R.W.M. would worthily uphold the honour of the lodge and that all the brethren would rally round their new banner with as much love and enthusiasm as he and a few others had drawn round the old one. He would propose a bumper to their new Master and success to the old lodge. The R.W.M. replied in suitable terms, and toast, song and sentiment kept the brethren in social enjoyment till the hour of high twelve, when the lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF GLASGOW.—On Thursday, the 29th inst., Bro. James Steel, P.M., Kilwinning No. 4, and Substitute Provincial Grand Master of the Glasgow district, invited the whole of the office-bearers to a banquet at his own residence, where a sumptuous repast was prepared for them. All the invited guests attended, with the exception of the P.G.M., who is in Naples. As the banquet was in some respects a private one, we will only say that full justice was done to the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, and that the health and prosperity of the kind host and his worthy family were not forgotten, all feeling that this social and fraternal meeting was a happy prelude and fine contrast to the excitement in political circles at this moment consequent on the election, here all were indeed brothers, though the next day they might stand on a different platform.

GLASGOW.—*Caledonian Unity Chapter* (No. 73) held their regular monthly meeting on the 27th ult., G. Macdonald, Z., presiding, assisted by Comps. G. W. Wheeler, H.; J. Tweed, J.; J. Balfour, P.Z., Scribe E. A lodge of Mark Masters was opened, when Bro. Thos Neal, of Lodge 73, was introduced and advanced to that degree, Bro. J. Park, acting as Master Overseer. On the dais were J. Crabb, P.Z. 50; T. Halkett, Z. 117; and J. O. Park, Z. 122. Some discussion arose as to whether it was competent for a brother to change his mark, ultimately it was decided that the Scribe should write to the Grand Scribe E., to know if a brother who by mistake had taken a Mark that has not the requisite number of points can be allowed to change it. As it is a question of some importance perhaps some of our readers could throw some light on the question.

The annual ball in connection with the Pembroke Lodge, 1299, will take place at the Assembly Rooms, Hardman-street, Liverpool, on the 12th inst.

A Grand Council of the Illustrious Knights K.H. 30th will be held at the Masonic Hall, 33, Golden Square, on Wednesday, 11th inst.

Original Correspondence.

THE CONVIVIAL BOARD. To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Your Correspondent, M.M., preaches, but does not practice. His letter upon the above subject is replete with unfairness and misrepresentation, he is evidently not possessed of that charity "which thinketh no evil and is kind;" his mind is either obtuse or he is prejudiced, or he would have perceived that the purport of my letter was simply to refute certain unfounded allegations put forth by Bro Kilpatrick, and not to question motives. I hope I am sufficiently conversant with the rules of propriety to avoid personalities when dealing with principles? This M.M. has yet to learn. He wishes to be taken as a guide, but himself, has lost his way. He denounces "vituperative terms," yet is not niggard in employing them; he disclaims being a special pleader for Bro. Kilpatrick, yet, in the same paragraph makes a special plea for him, demanding forgiveness on his behalf on the ground that it is "human to err," and at the same time reminds me of our duty to correct errors. I ask M.M., is it not the duty of all men as well as every Freemason to be sure of the truthfulness of statements before submitting them for publication?

M.M.'s next special plea is to point out an extenuating circumstance; Bro. Kilpatrick being on the other side of the Atlantic, cannot therefore be conversant with the exact state of Masonic affairs in this country; this does not in any way mend the matter, for his ignorance should have induced silence. I am not responsible for anything done against the wish of the Great City Lodge. I deal with facts and not intentions. Finding publicity given to an act of self-denial, which is frequently practised in most lodges, but which was supposed to be a novel virtue introduced for the first time by the above lodge, I felt it to be our duty to deny that such was the case. Is that high treason.

The spirit of charity which "thinketh no evil, and is kind" has not enabled M.M. to perceive this, prejudice causes the mental vision to become oblique and perverts the plainest truth.

The rest of the lucubration is so contemptuous, so devoid of truth, and so full of whining cant and maudlin sentimentality that I will pass it, and only point out that M. M.'s charity, which "thinketh no evil, and is kind," did not restrain him from administering a sly kick to the lottery for life governorships, of the working whereof he is obviously ignorant; its value I confidently leave to the judgment of those who have witnessed its results. Perhaps the charity which "thinketh no evil, and is kind," will induce M. M. to read the very fraternal letter by the W.M. of the Great City Lodge, which was published side by side with his own; he will find that I could not be far wrong, as the W.M. coincides in the main with the statements advanced.

Unlike M. M., who is either diffident or cowardly and hides his identity under very tantalizing initials, I frankly and fearlessly sign myself,

Yours fraternally,

JOHN CONSTABLE,
S.W. and W.M. elect, 185.

LODGE BANQUETS AND PAYMENTS BY THE CONSUMERS.

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Much of Bro. Gottheit's second letter I endorse, and so also the communication from Bro. Constable.

My advocacy simply amounts to this, I do not pretend to advise the members to have "bread and cheese" suppers, or in any way to seek the curtailment of their legitimate enjoyment, and therefore particularly desire to be considered quite independent of any who think otherwise, so that my aims may not suffer from being involved with chimerical notions. All I say is, in having banquets after lodge meetings let the consumers pay for them, either by separate payments or inclusive subscriptions. Do not allow members paying

twenty shillings annually, to eat and drink two shillings worth monthly, or in other words twenty-four shillings' worth every year.

Have as expensive or as economical banquets, brethren, as you desire, so that the funds subscribed for charitable and other Masonic purposes be not infringed upon. If you like, friends, to omit an expensive banquet now and then, as No. 765 (Lodge of Faith, London) did, or as others have done, and devote the money so saved to charity, I say well done. Who that is a Mason can say otherwise?

Yours fraternally,
W. J. HUGHAN.

LODGE REPORTS.

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

In your last issue you inserted a letter on the above subject, but as the reports are not given, your readers are not able to ascertain whether the Editor of the newspapers in question may not have copied the particulars from *The Freemason*.

I think you should satisfy us on the point before asking us to condemn the Sheffield brethren.

M. J. M.

[The reports in question were not copied from *The Freemason*—ED.]

MASONIC RELICS.

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Under the above heading you noticed in last week's impression a mallet said to have been found in the ruins of Melrose Abbey, but I am afraid that but few of the Glasgow brethren, however much they may be interested in Masonic relics, will be able to inspect this one.

The notice concludes with an intimation that it is to be seen at the Lodge Melrose St. John, No. 1, on paying a small fee to the Benevolent Funds of the said Lodge. Now, however willing myself or others may be to contribute our mite in aid of Masonic charity, we dare not exercise it in the present instance.

Doubtless you were not aware that the body calling themselves "Lodge Melrose St. John No. 1" is, to use the mildest term, an unrecognised assembly, working without a charter or other authority from the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and as such the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow has twice issued notices to all lodges and brethren within their jurisdiction to take care neither to admit them into our Lodge or to recognize them in any other way, either by visiting their lodge, or by admitting them to be entitled to be considered as Freemasons in any sense of the word.

This being the state of matters here, we fear least any strangers visiting our city and unacquainted with the facts, may visit this so-called lodge, for they throw open their doors very widely to all visiting brethren, as they have much to gain and nothing to lose by the visits of recognised Freemasons. They certainly are not so exclusive as the Middlesex Lodge, and Bro. Biggs would not have been turned from their door because no brother present was personally known to him. On the contrary they frequently advertise their meetings and "request the attendance of visiting brethren."

There are said to be four lodges at present in Melrose, three of them, the No. 15 Kilwinning founded in 1745; the St. Peters, No. 210 founded in 1759; and the Incorporated Kilwinning, No. 102, founded 1792; these, since the Union of Lodge Mother Kilwinning No. 9, all hold charters from the Grand Lodge, and work constitutionally, but there is another called the Melrose which claims to be older than the Mother Kilwinning, and boasts that it can show direct list of Masters from the time of the founding of Melrose Abbey, but we believe they have failed to produce those proofs, either to Bro. Murray Lyon, Bro. W. J. Hughan, or any other Masonic Historiographer.

This lodge has always maintained its independence, not acknowledging the Grand Lodge of Scotland, but it is only recently that she has sanctioned the erection of daughter lodges. The one to whom this relic has been sent, we believe is the first.

It is a great pity that the relic should have been sent to a lodge which is not recognized by the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

times some arrangement cannot be made between the Grand Lodge and the old Melrose body, so as to prevent any Masonic scandal, and the working of unrecognised parties. Trusting that this communication may tend to this desirable result.
I remain, Yours fraternally,
G. H. W.

RIGHTS OF VISITING BRETHREN.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.
Dear Sir and Brother,
I have never read the Book of Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of England, nor could I, on less reliable authority than your article of last week, on the above subject, have believed that such an absurd and truly un-masonic regulation existed in any Masonic work.
At our installation we state that "we admit that no innovation can be made in Freemasonry, &c." and yet we find in the Book of Constitutions itself, the most glaring, absurd, inconsistent, and suicidal innovation that could well be conceived (Regulation No. 1, on the "Rights of Visiting Brethren.") Glaring, because no Mason could read it and fail to see its absurdity; absurd, because directly opposed to the noblest principles of Freemasonry; inconsistent, because it forbids us to do that which our oaths and obligations compel, and our hearts prompt us to do; suicidal, inasmuch as it saps the very vitals of our institution, makes local that which should be universal, prevents the development of those virtues taught by St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist, and virtually deprives Masons of the greatest benefits and most beautiful privileges of the Order.
I challenge any Freemason to prove that the regulation in question is either Masonic, just, or sensible.
What can be the use of signs, grips, and words, if we are not to admit to our lodges any but those who are "perfectly known?" How is it possible for a stranger in a strange province or county to be "perfectly known?" Five thousand years ago the "word" alone was deemed sufficient to travel into a "far country" with. We hear nothing of diplomas and the "perfectly known" business in those days.
You state that every W.M. is bound to see the regulations enforced, and yet you assert that, according to your own experience, 99 out of every 100 lodges do not enforce it. Surely something must be radically wrong? Either the regulation should be struck out of the Book of Constitutions, or it should be enforced by every lodge.
On this side the Tweed we are allowed more latitude. It is not often that any proof is required, and still more seldom that a diploma is required to be shown. I have visited over 100 lodges in and around Glasgow, and never tested, and then not half tested, but once, on no occasion have I been asked to produce a diploma. I care but little for documentary evidence myself. That could be forged. But a Mason can prove himself "good and true" and pass himself on all points, I know he has been taught. Strangers such as these, and only who can prove themselves, will be admitted in any lodge over which I may have control, no matter from whence they hail.
I am, Sir, fraternally yours,
THOMAS STRATFORD, R.W.M., of Lodge
Glasgow Melrose St. John's, No. 1,
and member of 106, New York and
441, Glasgow.
Glasgow, Jan. 20th 1874.

AL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.
Dear Sir and Brother,
I beg to remark that the appointment of a non-Mason as Instructor at our Institution, Boys' School, is an encroachment on our rights and calls loudly for protest from the Craft. Many non-Masons are not only prejudicial to the Craft, but even enemies to it. It is wrong to detract in the least from the nominee, I do think that on principle ought to be dismissed. We have many good and worthy brethren who would be

happy to assume a post, which ought to have been duly advertised for the benefit of the proper candidates:

Yours fraternally,
G.

**OPENING OF A MASONIC HALL.
AT SEAHAM HARBOUR.**

On Tuesday night, 6th January, the opening of the new Masonic Hall was inaugurated by a most successful ball. The Fawcett Lodge of Freemasons was consecrated on the 27th of March, 1856, now nearly 18 years ago, and ever since that time the brethren have held their meetings at the Lord Seaham Inn. For the last four or five years, however, owing to the large increase in the number of members, the want of more commodious premises has been much felt. The members of the lodge, therefore, resolved to form themselves into a limited liability company, and have erected a handsome and substantial building on the North Road, adjoining the Sea View Villas. With his usual liberality, the Most Noble the Marquess of Londonderry, P.M. of the lodge, and Fast Grand Warden of England, has come forward in a most handsome manner, and greatly assisted the undertaking. Geo. Elliott, Esq., M.P., W.M. of the Avon Lodge, has also lent considerable aid. The building, which has just been opened, is in the Italian style of architecture, designed by Bro. Wm. Forster, W.M., Architect, having a frontage of 60 feet, with four pilasters, with cement and white glazed brick dressings, carved and moulded architraves round the windows, the whole surmounted with cornice, pediment, and balustrading. The interior of the building consists of—on the ground floor—a large club-room, billiard-room, cellar, lavatories, residence for the attendants, &c. On the upper floor, the lodge room, forty feet long by twenty-two feet wide and seventeen feet high, with preparing and refreshment rooms. In rear of the building is a plot of ground which it is intended to use as a quoit ground, and for other out-door amusements. The ball on Tuesday night was, as we have said, a great success. The lodge room was used for dancing, the club-room for refreshments, the billiard-room for card tables, and the smoking-room for the ladies' cloak-room. The ball-room was very tastefully decorated with banners, evergreens, mottoes, and green-house plants, the latter being most effectively placed no very beautiful brackets in leather work, the work of, and kindly contributed by Bro. Shepherd, and Miss Watson. The ball was opened at nine o'clock by the W.M. and Miss Shepherd. Bro. H. B. Wright, officiated as M.C., assisted by Bros. Shepherd, Armstrong, and Wells. Dancing was kept up with great spirit till a late hour. Mr. Wetherall's band was in attendance, and refreshments of a first-class character were supplied by Mrs. Taylor, of the King's Arm Inn. On Wednesday night a juvenile party was given to the children of those present on the previous night, which afforded the rising generation an opportunity of enjoying themselves.
This being the first regular meeting of this lodge held at the New Masonic Hall, after having been opened by the above-named ball, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. Forster, who was well supported by his officers, and a numerous attendance, the lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last general lodge and emergency having been read and confirmed, the following gentlemen were balloted for and approved of, Mr. Jonathan Pearson and Mr. Jas. Clare, as candidates for initiation, also Bros. Henry Tomkinson, Robert Robertson, Frederick Maddison, Andrew Wickie and Gerald Bernard were admitted as joining members. The candidates for initiation not being present, Bro. Scofield, a candidate for the F.C. degree, was then questioned respecting his knowledge of the former degree, which proved satisfactory, he was entrusted with the test of merit, and retired. The lodge was then opened on the square, and Bro. Scofield was passed to the second degree. The lodge was then lowered to the first degree, when two brethren were proposed as joining members, afterwards a vote of thanks was passed with acclamation to Bro. W. A. Dawber,

of Hull, for his handsome present of a set of candlesticks, supplied from the establishment of Bro. George Kenning, of London. The lodge was then closed with solemn prayer, and in harmony, and the brethren afterwards retired for refreshment.

BRO. CONSTABLE'S "DRAW."

The novel process of securing subscriptions in aid of the Masonic Benevolent Institution for the Aged, projected by Bro. John Constable, produced its first fruits on Wednesday, the 21st inst. The proceeds of the sale of 2000 shilling tickets were divided into ten life governorships of the institution. These were drawn forth in the presence of a number of brethren at the Confidence Lodge of Instruction, held at the Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., immediately after the usual business had been disposed of. Curiously enough, five of those who had purchased tickets at the last moment in the lodge room, held successful numbers.

The following are the names of those who have been fortunate:—

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- " 478, " R. Limpus, 41, Queen-square.
- " 1127, " E. Gottheil, 120, Mile End-rd.
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- " 1692, " Jabez Garret, 79½ Wailing-st.
- " 1889, " John Greenburgh, Surrey side, Ellesmere Park, Eccles, near Manchester.
- " 1998, " Hollands, Leadenhall-st.

The example set by Bro. Constable in this matter seems well worthy of consideration; although "praised by some and blamed by others." He had faith in his idea and pursued his course unflinchingly. With untiring industry and perseverance he brought his task to a successful conclusion.

Owing to the prevailing excitement, the meeting separated without according a vote of thanks to Bro. Constable, but gratitude is evidently due to that brother from all who subscribed, for the trouble he has taken in this matter, and especially so from those, who by his means have attained to the honour and privilege of being Life Governors of the institution. They at any rate should always be prepared to aid, as is in their power, in any future attempt which may probably be made by him or others in the same direction. For it must be borne in mind that however charitably disposed men are, it generally requires some energetic spirit to keep the sentiment of benevolence from becoming dormant, and guide and direct in into its proper channel.

MASONIC BIBLIOGRAPHY.

The book reported by Bro. W. J. Hughan in your paper of the 24th, is not, I think, correctly nor fully described. In a very carefully compiled catalogue of books on Freemasonry and other kindred subjects, in my possession, it is thus given:—"Cleland (William). The way of things by words, and to words by things; being a sketch of an attempt at the retrieval of the ancient Celtic or Primitive Language of Europe; to which is added a succinct account of the Sanscrit, or learned language of the Brahmins; also two essays, the one on the origin of the musical waits at Christmas, the other on the Real Secret of the Freemasons, 8 vo. pp. 130, London, 1776.

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1874.

OUR MASONIC CHARITIES.

A very interesting *résumé* of the past efforts and present position of our Masonic Charities has recently been published by Bro. Henry Watson, S.W. 1386, Lincoln, which deserves to be read and thought over by the Craft.

According to Bro. Watson's calculations, the funded property of the Girls' School is as follows:—Invested in Three Per Cent. Consols, £28,000; invested in Three Per Cent. Consols, as a Sustainment Fund and Improvement Account, £1,950; cost of freehold land and buildings, (all which are paid for) £30,062—or in all £60,012.

It would appear that the fixed income of the Institution is £840 per annum, and that the annual expenditure may be estimated at about £5,300 annually, leaving yearly a considerable sum to be raised from the benevolence of the Craft, which has always cheerfully and liberally supported this admirable Institution, of which, as Freemasons, we may be justly proud.

Probably before very long the increasing demands of our Order will require enlarged accommodation at the School, and we feel certain that when the time comes, the House Committee will be warmly supported by all the members of our Order.

Some alterations have recently been made to increase the accommodation, but we cannot shut our eyes to the fact, that, with our rapidly augmenting numbers, we shall eventually have more claimants on our fraternal sympathy; and if that be the case, unless, ere long, the accommodation at the Girl's School be increased, very many poor applicants must be "left out in the cold."

The Boys' School, which Bro. Watson next notices, will in April next accommodate 170 boys; but even this number cannot fail to be augmented before long by the constantly increasing demands for admission.

The Boys' School has been enlarged, as many of our readers well know, at a considerable cost, viz. :—£47,116 6s. 4d., the whole of which sum has been defrayed from the original funded property of the School, and from the liberal support of our brethren.

All honour to them!

But in consequence of the late death of the Boys' School has been

all—no certain income—and depends entirely on the voluntary efforts and liberal support of the brethren annually.

The freehold property may be estimated as representing, we think, about £50,000 in value.

The ordinary expenses of the institution may be estimated at £5,400, in round numbers annually, but there are as a general rule, extraordinary expenses, which may be estimated at £750 more, making in all £6,100.

There can be no doubt, however, that these expenses must somewhat increase, as the numbers of the School increase, and our own belief long has been, that, the School, if its present healthy and improving "status" continue, will before many years have passed away, owing to the wants of our numerous fraternity, have to provide for not less than 300 boys; indeed there is no reason why the School should not eventually take a very high position as an educational Institution in the country.

Recently a new Master has been elected, and we shall all, as Freemasons, earnestly hope, that, the School under his "régime," will go on and prosper.

There can be no doubt, we are glad to think, that our ever-ready and large-hearted brethren will continue, as heretofore, liberally to support this very useful and needful Institution.

The two Benevolent Funds are lastly adverted to by Bro. Watson. The Male Fund has £23,700 invested in Government stocks. The expenses and annuities amount, in round numbers, to £3,500, and as, therefore, its fixed income is in round numbers £700 a year, nearly £3,300 are required annually to keep this excellent Institution in working order.

In all probability, before very long, the number of annuitants will have to be increased, and the amount of annuities, to meet the increased rise in prices of all kinds, and we have not the slightest fear, but that such increased expenditure will be at once provided for by the members of our kindly brotherhood.

The Female Fund it seems has £14,200 invested, which gives it a fixed income of a little over £300 a year. Its expenses amount to £1,786 15s. 5d. annually, so that £2,300 have annually to be raised from the lodges and brethren.

The asylum at Croydon represents about £5,000 in value.

Bro. Watson shews very conclusively, we think, that, our Charitable Institutions are very economically conducted, and bear a very favourable comparison with like associations.

He points out, that, the whole freehold and dotted property of the Order in these four cities, may be estimated at £149,912, which has been raised from the munificence of brethren, in excess of the amount required for their annual maintenance.

It is well known that the contributions received year for the three charities reached the very large sum of £21,000, but as Bro. Watson says, "we have so far only reached probably the 'minimum' of relief, not the maximum."

When we remember that the annual grants from the Order of Benevolence amount to not less than £300 annually, and the very large sum which

is voted from our provincial and private lodges, we see what a constant claim there is on our Masonic Charity, and we may feel proud of that good old English Craft of ours, which so unostentatiously exemplifies, what ever has been, and we trust ever will remain, the distinguishing character of a Freemason's heart—Charity.

We feel persuaded that 1874 will witness a notable proof, once again, of the neverchanging sympathies, and undiminished benevolence of our great and prosperous Order.

THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

In the foregoing article we have called attention to our great Masonic Charities generally, and we have now great pleasure in reporting to our readers the result of the first Anniversary meeting this year, namely of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, on Wednesday, the 28th ultimo.

The gathering, which seems to have been most numerous and enthusiastic, and brilliant in the extreme—from the large attendance of our fair sisters, ever foremost in all works of beneficence and usefulness—was presided over by Lord Waveney, P.G.M. for Suffolk, and who made a thoroughly efficient Chairman. We refer our readers to the detailed report of the proceedings and speeches on the occasion.

We beg to congratulate the Order generally, on the remarkable result of this most interesting anniversary of so valued and important an institution.

Bro. Terry announced—and his few simple words—suggest countless, topics of thought and satisfaction that the lists then handed in amounted to £5,063 12s. with thirteen lists yet to come in.

We shall not be far wrong probably in assuming then, that the whole amount will eventually be nearer £6,000 than £5,000.

And even, if the amount announced, is not very largely increased by the subsequent lists, it is, it appears, the largest sum yet subscribed at any anniversary of the institution, except the one presided over by our illustrious and R.W.P.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

This, then, is a good beginning, and reflects the highest credit on the liberal efforts and actual benevolence of our brethren, and we trust, that at the Boys' School anniversary, to be holden March 11th, and at the Girls' School anniversary, to be celebrated May 13th, we may have happily to chronicle the same continued interest and the same unflagging energy, as have characterised this very successful gathering of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

THE GRAND LODGES OF CANADA AND QUEBEC.

By a communication from Montreal, it would seem (and we are very happy to report the fact), that the differences between these two bodies are in a fair way of being healed. A joint committee of 14, 7 from each Grand Lodge will, we are informed, shortly assemble, and all matters in dispute will be submitted entirely to their arbitrament and decision.

Let us hope that this Court of Masonic Arbitration will be entirely successful.

WEEKLY SUMMARY.

Her Majesty is still at Osborne.

General Count Peroffski arrived at Osborne, from St. Petersburg, being the bearer of an autograph letter from the Emperor of Russia to the Queen, announcing the celebration of the marriage of the Duke of Edinburgh to the Grand Duchess Marie of Russia.

Their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh returned to St. Petersburg on Monday, the 26th January, from Zarsko Seloe, to take part in a succession of public festivities, and were to go to Moscow this week, for the same purpose.

The General Elections have begun, and in about a fortnight will be concluded. Some 242 members have been elected.

News from the Gold Coast has arrived, by which it seems, that the King of the Ashantees had sent an embassy of peace, but Sir G. Wolseley's reply was to the effect, that he would treat with the King in person, at Coomassie.

It is reported semi-officially that Dr. Livingstone died of dysentery on his journey, and necrologies have been written of him with that charitable rapidity, which sometimes distinguishes our good English Press. The news may be true, but as his death has been reported before, it requires distinct confirmation, the more so, as at a large meeting of the Geographical Society, Dr. Kirk doubted the fact, and stated that he had heard the same story at Zanzibar months ago. Let us hope that there is still some mistake, and that the kind-hearted traveller is as yet in the land of the living.

Mr. Hawkins has concluded his able address, on the Castro case, and the Lord Chief Justice has commenced his charge to the jury. It is said, that, it is to last ten days, but probably this week will see the end of this terribly protracted trial. The censure of the judges on Dr. Kenealy's recklessness of speech, and above all, disrespect to the judicial bench, will be approved of by every educated Englishman.

Mr. Jean Luie is again remanded. Mr. Whalley has been examined on his behalf, and "Castro" is to be called—what good such examinations can do Jean Luie, is a secret known only to Mr. Lewis. Sir Thomas Henry seems to be exceedingly astonished.

Mr. Guildford Onslow, who has made himself conspicuous in this unhappy case, has not been able to retain his seat for Guildford, but is replaced by a gentleman of the same name, "Denzil Onslow."

Abroad there is positively nothing of importance received.

The Carlists seem successful in the north, and to be becoming very strong there.

We have to record the deaths of Lord Colonsay, of Lord St. John, of Sir Walter Palk Carew, of Mr. Levy, director of the Association for Promoting the General Welfare of the Blind, and of an old retired officer, Major Dennis Dunn.

Reviews.

"Keystone Masonic Almanack."

We have received this useful little publication for 1874, forwarded by our excellent Bro. Clifford Mc Calla, of Philadelphia.

We were very glad to receive it, as we always hail any little matter which serves to connect us with our brethren in America, and to make us feel that the spirit of Masonry can pass over "dividing waters" and distant lands, and unite in fraternal interest and sympathy, American and English Freemasons.

The little volume is well got up, and contains a great deal of useful information. We would venture to suggest, that, another year, the advertisements should be relegated to the end of the little pamphlet, and nothing but what is purely Masonic should appear in the pages of the Calendar.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT
INSTITUTION.

On Wednesday, 28th ult., the annual festival in aid of Benevolent Fund for Aged Freemasons and the Widows of Freemasons, was held at Freemason's Hall, Great Queen-street, when the Right Hon. Lord Waveney, P.G.M. for Suffolk, presided, supported, on his immediate right by the R.W. Bro. Capt. Wm. Platt, J.G.W., P.M., of 6, and on his immediate left by V.W. Bro. Rev. Charles J. Martyn, Vice-president of the Institution, P.G. Chaplain, and W.M. of 1224. Among the many eminent members of the Craft present, we observed the following:—Bros. Major Creaton, B. Head, Raynham Stewart, C. A. Cottebrune, T. Cubitt, William Ough, John Boyd, Dr. Strong, Honorary Surgeon to the Institution, Thomas Wylie, John Hervey, Grand Sec., J. B. Monckton, R. Spiers, P.G.S.B.; Dr. J. D. Moore, M.D., A. A. Richards, F. Binckes, Secretary of the Boys' School, R. W. Little, Sir Gilbert Campbell, Bart.; Major Whithead, the Rev. Thomas Cochrane, H. Smith, William Hills, Prov. J.W. Suffolk, William Boby, Esq., P.G.S.W. Suffolk, and W. H. Lucia.

There was a very large gathering of the brethren to do honour to the presidency of Lord Waveney, and the end of the banquet hall was brilliant indeed with a large assemblage of ladies. All the arrangements for dining were excellent, and as the noble Chairman afterwards remarked, the assembled hundreds were enabled to enjoy the banquet with the same quiet and comfort as they might have had in private life. After ample justice had been done to the viands, however, the real business of the evening commenced, and was conducted to its close very pleasantly by Lord Waveney, who spoke well and very much to the purpose. The following is a detailed report of the speeches.

Right Worshipful Grand Junior Warden, Worshipful Officers and brethren, the toast which I now rise to propose is one which, given thousands and thousands of times in this country, comes always as fresh to the ears of Englishman, and is received with as warm a welcome as it was seven and thirty years ago, when it was new to the country. It boots not to tell the often repeated tale which has been so well told, of the virtues of the illustrious lady who is the subject of the toast, of the sympathy which she ever evinces with our sorrows and our joys, of the same influences which she has gathered round her throne, of the dignity with which she has supported that throne and established it firmly and solidly in the affections of her people. I give you "The Health of the First Lady of England, her Majesty the Queen."

Two verses of the national anthem were then sung, the solo being admirably rendered by Miss Banks.

The Chairman: The toast I am about to give you is one always warmly received and highly appreciated, though varied from time to time, as the happy years go by, with changes in the relations of those truly illustrious persons who are the subjects of the toast. I have to give "The Prince and Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family;" and before entrusting this to your welcome I would remark upon the happy example of united love which it sets to the country. Of the Princess of Wales no one can speak too highly, for coming amongst us as a stranger, she has by her amiability and other admirable qualities enshrined herself in the affections of the people. Of the Prince of Wales I need not particularly to speak here to those who have worked with him in Grand Lodge and who know so well how energetic he is in the cause of Freemasonry generally. Then as to the other members of the Royal Family, there is that illustrious lady who has left her country for another; of some of these ladies who still remain to contribute to form that admirable domestic circle round our Sovereign; they have all their merits, you are well aware, but, as I said, circumstances vary from year to year, the toast that I now had to call upon you to honour, and I have to recall to your minds that a new member has been added to the Royal Family by the marriage of the Duke of Edinburgh—(cheers)—

and when he brings his bride from beyond the seas you all know what a welcome she will receive. (Immense cheering.) "The Health of the Prince and Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family, of those members of that illustrious family whose duty it is to seek homes elsewhere, and of those with whom they are united."

This toast was honoured enthusiastically, and the professional ladies and gentlemen present having joined in Brinley Richards' pretty part song, the "Cambrian Plume," the Chairman again rose and said,

On such an occasion as this the toast that I am about to give will commend itself especially to your favourable reception, the distinguished member of the Masonic body whose health I am about to propose is well known to you for his continued exertions, and his energy in the extension of the Craft which he has shown under particularly trying circumstances whenever he could at all find time from the public duties which have devoted his hours to the State, he has come amongst us brethren to assist, and perform, and to preside. Such devotion to the Craft merits acknowledgment from you. Placed at the head of the Masonic body of England his duties are no slight obligation. I believe that you will agree with me that he has fulfilled those duties in a complete and perfect manner, as a good Craftsman putting in good work, and maintaining good work in the way in which it should be done. I give you "The Health of the Marquess of Ripon, President of this Institution."

At the close of this speech the song, "Our Chosen King," was admirably sung by Bro. Frank Elmore, in the chorus of which all present joined very heartily.

The Chairman: Of all professions and employments of civil and civilized life, it is well indeed that men should be found willing and prepared to devote themselves to the duties in whatever degree of the Craft or profession to which they belong. All cannot of course rise to the highest and the guiding point, but all can contribute their efforts, and all such efforts are honourable, and especially in most cases where by continual exertions and labour brethren have brought themselves to distinguished positions in the Craft. And it is of such that I am about to speak. Honour and respect should always wait upon service, and that gradual ascent in the Craft should be, as it is practically, the reward of those exertions. Next to our Most Worshipful Grand Master comes his Deputy, who assists him in his labours for the public good, and none but those who have had occasion to profit by his excellent advice and support, only those who came next to these in rank, can form an opinion how valuable that support and those services are. That those services are most valuable to the Most Worshipful Grand Master I am well aware. That the services of the Present and Past Grand Officers are most valuable we know; I give the "Health of the Right Hon. Earl of Carnarvon, Deputy Grand Master, and the Present and Past Grand Officers."

This toast was honoured with three times three, and was followed by Bishop's song "The Ray of Hope," beautifully sung by Miss Banks, to an obligato accompaniment on the clarinet by Bro. Lazarus.

Bro. Captain Platt, J.G.W.: Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master and brethren, on behalf of the Deputy Grand Master, I beg to offer sincere and hearty thanks for the manner in which this toast has been received. High and honourable as the position of the officers of the Masonic year may be, the honour of their office is circumscribed. Thirteen lunar months embrace the full period of our high estate, we come like shadows, so depart, our reign may be short, but with the poet we can with pride proclaim "One crowded hour of useful life is worth an age without an aim."

The Chairman: Brethren, I now approach what I may term in an especial case the toast of the evening. It is with reference to this that this noble hall is filled with the hundreds of brethren whom I now address, men who have been brought here in furtherance of the great guiding principle which actuates and pervades all Masonic effort, that is, of charity to our brother

man. And indeed, I fear I speak with personal ignorance of the merits of the Institutions which are now in question, an ignorance, however, which will be well supplied by the better knowledge of those who have laboured in promoting this festival. But there are some points which must strike every one, appreciation of this great charity written in letters which, in truth, he who runs may read. And first of all, it has struck me with an overpowering and a consoling sense of the association of charitable effort, to find that one of these institutions, which barely reckons five and twenty years of life, and one which reckons some five or six more, have in that time sprung from small shrubs into goodly trees, under whose shade the sick, the needy and the aged find comfort, relief, and rest. Nor in a careless or heedless manner are alms here given, as alms may sometimes be given, from mere weariness of supplication, but with that thought which makes a sustained charity, so to speak, more valuable. I learn what care has been taken in organizing the dwellings for the reception of the aged Freemasons and widows of Freemasons; and again, it has struck me with how noble a courage charity fills those who design to carry out her behests. We know how it is well said, and approved as a moral fact, which comes home to us at every turn of our lives, that if with such a purpose we cast our bread upon the water surely we shall find it after many days, and you (for I speak not of myself, except as one remotely connected with you in this work) have the courage to encounter the risks of such an undertaking in the hope and the belief that the Providence that has smiled upon your efforts will always continue to smile upon them. With regard to the numbers I find that there are 115 brethren, and 82 feeble and aged women who receive the advantages of these institutions, nigh upon 200 human souls, enabled to tread the path that leads to the last bourne of all in that comfort and self respect that Christian men and women of the whole world of humanity are entitled to. I find this also, and it is very striking indeed, that of these nigh upon 200, the average age is no less than 69, within one year of the appointed age of man. Think of how many there must be beyond that limit whose feeble efforts scarcely enable them to feel the warmth of the sun that you give them the means to bask in, that scarcely appreciate the taste, perhaps, of the food with which your generosity provides them, and then you may say indeed with modest pride that you have entered upon a task from which your hand shall not tura back. I speak of the bold daring with which you have taken the risks of the large funds that are required. When you found that the sum allotted to aged Freemasons was not enough, you did not hesitate to add one third to the annual allowance, and with regard to the widows to add the like, and I therefore stand here to tell you, as your Secretary will repeat to you, that you have engaged yourselves to furnish £6,000, for these noble efforts during the next year, and looking upon you and seeing your earnestness in the good cause I have no doubt that you will accomplish that astonishing amount. Then again it appears that there are thirty approved female candidates and only four vacancies. I leave the consideration hopefully in your hands, and with regard to the male candidates there are at present thirty-four approved and only eight vacancies. I doubt not that when your Secretary reads the list of subscriptions this evening you will be able to rejoice in the statement that he will be able to give you, and I am sure that you have abundant cause for thankfulness to Him who has put into your hearts to do such good deeds, and the means to carry them out. I give "Success to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and the Widows of Freemasons." (Great applause)

The toast was drunk with enthusiasm. Bro. Major Creaton; My lord and brethren, on behalf of the Institution, of which I am a Trustee, I beg to tender you my heartfelt thanks for the manner in which you have proposed and received this toast. Our noble Chairman has stated that we have a large number of candidates and very few vacancies. This

Institution thank you most heartily for the support you have given it in the past, and trust that it will be continued in the future, and if you will only supply us with the means we shall be happy to place more candidates upon the list of our annuitants.

Bro. Terry, the worthy and energetic Secretary of the Institution, then proceeded to announce the totals of the lists brought up by the various Stewards, and stated that this was almost the largest collection of funds that had been made at any festival of this Institution, the only occasion in which it had been exceeded in amount was that in which His Royal Highness presided.

The following are the amounts on the lists of the several Stewards:—

	£	s.	d.
The Chairman	50	0	0
Dorset, I. M. P. Montagu	217	10	0
Oxford, Aretas Akers	12	0	0
Northants and Hunts, J. U. Stanton	31	10	0
Hants and I. of W., J. R. Stebbing	66	5	0
Lodge			
1 Geo. N. Johnson	10	10	0
2 Thos. Greetham	51	2	0
4 A. A. Smith	14	14	0
5 John Cory Havers	67	0	0
6 Captain Wm. Platt	15	15	0
7 Chas. E. Davidson	29	10	0
8 A. A. Richards	42	0	0
9 Thos. Moring	26	5	0
10 Rev. Thos. Cochrane	59	0	0
13 John Graydon	63	0	0
21 Thos. Davies Sewell	37	12	0
22 R. H. Townend	40	0	0
28 Joseph Farmner	45	10	0
33 Arthur G. Browning	35	15	0
34 Henry Dubosc, sen.	10	0	0
51 Colchet	52	10	0
40 John Skinner	50	0	0
55 Thos. Catherwood	38	18	0
58 F. Sumner Kynvett	16	0	0
65 F. Statham Hobson	24	10	0
73 J. N. Butten	50	0	0
86 Thos. Wylie	90	0	0
91 Henry Norman	35	0	0
99 William Leask	61	2	0
108 John W. Dennison	29	17	0
148 William Sharp	15	5	0
173 W. P. Cecil	25	10	0
174 E. J. Moore	71	6	0
SUFFOLK.—Bro. W. H. Lucia			
114 Peter de Lande Long	36	3	6
376 Arthur Gamman	23	0	0
376 Robert Charles Woodward	7	5	0
516 F. B. Marriot	10	0	3
936 John S. Banning	21	1	0
936 William Hayward	21	1	0
939 Moses Cohen	30	5	6
1008 W. E. Bailey	21	15	0
1224 Rev. C. J. Martyn	26	1	0
From Doric Lodge, No. 81			
179 Thomas Munro	12	5	0
180 A. Stoner	31	12	0
181 Edwin Howard	42	16	0
183 R. H. Groombridge	39	14	0
185 Nathan Moss	30	13	0
185 John Constable	35	10	0
185 John H. Ross	339	2	0
188 Solomon Davis	14	19	0
192 Edward Jones	12	2	0
197 Jonah Oastler	41	5	0
205 Charles Cootie	34	3	0
215 Thos. Hargreaves	27	15	0
221 William Green	26	0	0
228 Robt. H. Halford	10	0	0
256 Reuben A. Davis	62	4	6
275 Bentley Shaw	34	10	6
306 Thos. Schofield	10	10	0
337 J. H. Hirstjunr., and L. Mayall	10	0	0
340 Walter Thompson	40	0	0
345 Thos. S. Ainsworth	25	10	0
346 Thos. S. Ainsworth	34	4	0
382 E. C. Woodward	11	0	0
403 C. D. Wagner	28	0	0
435 James Spilling	33	16	0
483 William Hicks	16	6	0
511 Asher Barfield	32	0	0
506 H. M. Brentnall	40	18	0
657 John Johnsson	10	0	0
708 Octavius H. Pearson	104	0	0
731 Henry Fowkes	23	16	0
742 Henry Cox	18	0	0
	45	11	0

Lodge	£	s.	d.
749 Edwin J. Scott	45	15	0
765 R. Pawson Hooton	29	10	0
771 Jesse Owens	55	10	0
778 F. W. Ramsay	15	5	0
780 Thomas Brown	26	10	0
781 John W. Reeves	42	5	0
788 J. M. Stedwell	37	5	6
813 Thomas Bartlett	104	15	0
822 Robert Ellis Pixley	51	1	0
827 M. Newsome	75	0	6
861 R. Spooner Hart	30	0	0
871 Lemon Lemon	21	16	0
871 Benjamin J. Cole	10	10	0
907 J. Hastings Miller	62	0	0
910 John Simpson	10	10	0
933 John G. Stevens	212	0	0
957 Mark Edersheim	29	0	0
1051 J. Daniel Moore	16	6	0
1124 Ephraim Wood	10	10	0
1155 Samuel Hose	19	0	0
1205 Daniel Cross	15	0	0
1237 H. A. Bown	32	4	0
1275 Alfred Stevens	22	1	6
1278 Charles Kerr Crouch	62	10	0
1288 J. T. Smith	18	0	0
1298 Harry Wolfe Cattlin	25	0	0
1305 N. Stringer	45	0	0
1309 Richard Limpus	21	5	0
1326 John Hurst	18	10	0
1326 John Newton	16	11	6
1328 John Henry Leggett	104	5	0
1335 William Leader	10	0	0
1351 William Hilton	42	2	0
1364 Louis A. Leins	51	9	6
1365 William Stephens	44	0	0
1366 Charles Grey Hill	69	1	0
1385 John Lowthin, jun.	22	0	0
1415 Sir Gilbert Campbell, Bart.	19	4	0
1415 Lieut.-Col. James Peters	10	0	0
1423 John H. Sweasey, jun.	13	13	0
1426 James Stevens	130	0	0
1437 J. Tydeman	50	6	0
1446 William Ough	50	0	0
From Bristol	10	0	0
Chapter			
174 E. C. Mather	26	10	0
720 H. C. Levander	24	10	0
619 John Howard King	27	10	0
1008 J. N. York	31	10	0
Grand Lodge of Mark Master			
Masons—Thomas J. Sabine	213	10	0

The grand total amounted to £5,063 11s.; and Bro. Terry stated that thirteen lists, not included in that amount, had still to come in. (Great cheering.)

Bro. Capt. Platt: A sense of gratitude, if no other reason existed, calls upon us to drink the health of a brother whose constant endeavours are to promote the welfare of Freemasonry. The toast I wish to propose is "The Health of Lord Waveney, P.G.M. for Suffolk." By presiding over us at this meeting of benevolence he has won golden opinions from all, and by his influential presence has lent a charm and lustre to a charitable gathering. In grateful acknowledgment of his support let us charge our glasses to the brim, wishing that health and happiness and every blessing may be accorded to our brother during the remaining term of his natural life.

In returning thanks the Chairman said:— This last passage of my Masonic life has been honoured with a degree of kind reception by you for which I confess I was in no wise prepared. I do not speak in the language of self-deprecation, which I hold a very bad compliment to those I address; but indeed I was not prepared to believe that the duties of Chairman merited the kind reception which you have given me. I have done what I can for the benefit of the Craft and I hold that it is a great happiness to preside on this occasion when the enlarged bonds of your charity show, as I learn from your Secretary, a larger amount than in any year except that which was under the presidency of His Royal Highness, the P.G.M., and believe me those who are placed in trust in the Masonic body find their greatest reward in such kind receptions of their efforts as you have shown this evening. I thank you heartily and drink "Health and Prosperity to the Charity." And now brethren I will thank you to drink prosperity to the other Masonic charities. The Boys' School, of which the festival is on the 11th

March, and the Girls' School, whose festival will be held on the 13th May. I trust they will be equally fortunate with this charity. Of this I am sure, that you will find in the annual improvement of those children whose education and instruction you have undertaken, a sure proof of the value of the system under which those schools are conducted. With respect to the reproach that I have not made myself acquainted with the working of the Institution, perhaps the reason was that I could gather that the results were so satisfactory that I did not see the necessity of inquiring into the details; I was content to leave the schools to their able managers. I give you "The Masonic Institutions, the Boys' and the Girls' Schools, coupled with the name of Bro. Binckes, the Secretary of the Boys' School."

Bro. Binckes, in returning thanks, said that it was very characteristic of these associations for the success of the Masonic institutions, that at each meeting the prosperity of the others was never forgotten, and a toast for their prosperity never omitted. On these occasions it was always usual for the officer attached to the Institution whose festival was nearest to be called upon to reply, and as the Festival of the Boys' School was to be held on the 11th March, it was therefore that, he being attached particularly to that Institution, returned thanks on the present occasion. He went on to say that though for the next three weeks men's minds would be greatly occupied with the engrossing business of the parliamentary elections, he trusted that before the festival of the Boys' School came round, people would have had time to get over that excitement and that the success of the Festival would not be endangered thereby. He concluded by thanking the brethren for the manner in which the toast had been received.

The health of the ladies was then proposed in a few effective words from Bro. Capt. Platt, and duly honoured.

The Chairman: Brethren, the end of a very pleasant evening has come at last, an evening we shall all of us recollect with much pleasure, I am sure, but it would be strange indeed if we closed these proceedings without recollecting how much the success, the comfort, and the splendour of the reception and this banquet is dependent upon the exertions of those officers whose health I am about to give you. I give you the toast of "The Stewards." The Stewards is a wide word, and I take it in its widest acceptation, the Stewards who have in the first instance represented their provinces here, and those Stewards who have so thoroughly organised all that is satisfactory in this evening's feast. I have had occasion to remark for the first time how perfect the arrangement has been, to see indeed so great a number meet together for purposes of conviviality with the same quiet and comfort as at similar meetings in their own houses, is a marvel for which we owe service and obligation. The health of the Stewards, coupled with the name of Bro. the Rev. Charles Martyn, Past Grand Chaplain.

Bro. the Rev. C. Martyn having responded to the toast, the brethren adjourned to the Grand Lodge room, where they were entertained with some excellent music, both vocal and instrumental. The professional ladies and gentlemen who performed on the occasion were Miss Banks, Miss Marion Severn, Miss Matilda Scott, Bro. Frank Elmore, Bro. Chaplin Henry, Bro. Lazarus, Bro. W. Dawson, and Bro. F. H. Cozens, the musical arrangements being under the direction of Bro. Seymour Smith, to whom great credit is due for his successful management. The banquet was all that could be desired, even from Bro. Francatelli, the Manager of the Tavern. We must not omit to mention that the brethren had the advantage of the services of Bro. Harker, the Civic Toast Master, whose fine metallic voice rang from end to end of the great banquet room.

BOOKS, MAGAZINES, &c., RECEIVED.
The Gentleman's Magazine (Grant and Co.)
Dictionary of Languages (Hall and Co.)
Westminster Papers (Morgan).
Onward (Partridge).
The Millennium (Bro. Hughes).
England and Russia (Wiley and Co.).
The Lifeboat. Book of Masonic Meetings in East Lancashire.

DEDICATION OF A NEW MASONIC HALL, AT BERWICK-UPON-TWEED.

Friday, 30th January, 1874, was a day of great interest and importance in the history of Freemasonry in Berwick-upon-Tweed, and, in fact, in the north of England, the occasion being the opening and dedication, according to Masonic rule, with all the appointed solemnities, of the beautiful new Masonic Hall, which has been erected, facing the parade, by the members of the Lodge St. David, No. 393, English Constitution. The new hall is a building highly ornamental to the town, and its erection is honourable to the lodge. It is so situated as to be seen to great advantage, and at once to command the attention of strangers. It is not too much to say that it is the neatest Masonic building in Britain of its size. The foundation stone was laid whilst Bro. Chalmers I. Paton filled the office of W.M. of the lodge, and it was during his reign that the brethren took up the idea that such a hall ought to be erected, and the energy with which they prosecuted the design is very creditable to the Freemasons of Berwick and its neighbourhood.

The members of the lodge, with many brethren, members of other lodges both in England and Scotland, among whom were not a few of high social position and high Masonic rank, assembled at the hall at half-past two o'clock p.m., and having clothed in the cloak-room, took their seats in the grand hall under the direction of a committee of Stewards, wearing blue rosettes; except the Grand and Grand Provincial officers and visitors of distinction present, who assembled in the library, and were conducted to their seats on the dais by a committee of Stewards wearing red rosettes, this committee being composed of Past Masters of the Province of Northumberland, and formed under the direction of the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies.

Among those present were—The Most Worshipful Acting Grand Master of the province of Northumberland, Brother Cockcroft; Brothers Hubert Laws, G.S.W.; William Foulsham, J.W.; the Rev. E. L. Marrett, Chaplain; Thomas Anderson, Registrar; T. Y. Strachan, Secretary; Thomas Gillespie, S.D.; Edward Thew Turnbull, J.D.; George R. Brewis, G.S.W.; Edward D. Davies, D.C.; Richard Henry Holmes, A.D.C.; J. R. D. Lynn, B.B.; Richard Watson, S.B.; Adam Wilson, O.; J. S. Trotter, P. of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Northumberland. The Past Masters present of the Lodges of Northumberland were—Brothers G. Moore, J. Ridsdale, R. Towerson, G. R. Brewis, R. H. Holland, E. Thomson, E. Besley, G. J. A. Hoyre, J. C. Chanoler, C. Hopper, C. I. Paton, H. Gibson, J. S. Macgregor, T. Strother, &c. And the visitors were—Brothers Lord James Murray, Sir Dudley Coutts Majoribanks, Lord Bury, T. Allan, E.C., and W. G. Russel, No. 291; J. Wetherhead, Lamberton; R. Dickson, No. 70; W. Steel, P.M., No. 261 S.C. Nearly the whole of the subscribing members of the Lodge St. David, No. 393 E.C., were present.

The procession was formed in the library at three o'clock, and proceeded in order along the corridor up to the Grand Hall. On the procession entering the hall, all the brethren present stood up and received the Provincial Grand Lodge according to ancient custom, whilst a Grand March was performed on the organ, the procession being conducted by the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies once round the hall, halting in the east and facing inwards, after which the Acting Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Brother Cockcroft, took his place on the throne, and the other Provincial Grand Officers took their appropriate places, as did also the visitors of distinction present, under the direction of the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies and the Committee of Stewards already mentioned. The Provincial Grand Lodge being opened in the third degree, the Most Worshipful Acting Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Thomson, then addressing the Provincial Grand Master briefly stated the objects of the meeting, and the Provincial Grand Superintendent of Works, Bro. G. R. Brewis, presented the plans of the building to the Provincial Grand Master,

who, having expressed his satisfaction, requested the brethren to assist him in the ceremony of dedication.

The Chairman of the Building Committee, Brother A. B. Visick, W.M. No. 393, then addressing the most Worshipful Grand Master, made an explanatory statement in reference to the progress and completion of the building, giving great credit to the various brethren who had made presents to the lodge, and complimenting Bro. C. Hopper, P.M., No. 393, for his great attention while the building was in process of erection. After this the Lodge Board was uncovered, a soft interlude meanwhile being played on the organ. The ceremony of dedication was then begun by the Provincial Grand Chaplain, Brother Rev. E. L. Marrett, giving an appropriate prayer.

The prayer being ended, the 133rd Psalm was sung as an anthem. A procession was then formed, the Prov. G. Chaplain, Bro. Marrett, walking first, carrying on a cushion the Holy Bible, with square and compass; then the Prov. S.G.W., Bro. Laws, carrying the cornucopia, in which was corn; then the Prov. J.G.W., Bro. Foulsham, carrying a silver cup, in which was wine; and then the Acting Deputy Prov. G.M., Bro. Thomson, carrying a similar cup containing oil. The procession having walked round the hall, the Prov. G. Chaplain read the 16th verse of the 72nd Psalm. The Deputy Prov. G.M. then proceeded to pour oil and wine upon the altar, with the customary ceremonies.

The Provincial Grand Chaplain took the censer three times round the lodge board, solemn music being played during his progress; and this being completed, he offered up the second consecration prayer.

Haydn's anthem, "The spacious firmament on high," was sung.

The Provincial Grand Master then said:—"In the name of the Most High, I declare this temple dedicated and consecrated to Masonry." Grand honours followed the utterance of these words, and the anthem "Hail! immortal Lord!" was sung.

After the anthem the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies made proclamation in the east, north, and west that the hall was now dedicated and consecrated to ancient Freemasonry, upon which followed a flourish of trumpets and music played on the organ. The anthem "Praise God in His holiness," was then sung, the Stewards covering the lodge board and extinguishing the lesser lights, and the lodge was closed as it was opened, in the three degrees.

The whole ceremony was very imposing, and could not but give delight to the heart of every Freemason present, particularly to the members of the lodge to which the hall belongs, and whose meetings are henceforth to be held in it. As the very fact that such a hall was in course of erection has already given new life to Freemasonry in Berwick and its neighbourhood, it may confidently be expected that now when the hall is opened the number of candidates for admission into the ancient and honourable Order of Freemasons will be greater than ever before.

A dinner was afterwards held in the King's Arms Assembly Room, and a ball in the Corn Exchange.

Mulum in Parbo, or Masonic Notes and Queries.

BRO. J. H. WOODWORTH, ON NEW CONSTITUTIONS, GRAND LODGE OF IRELAND.

As the question respecting Grand Lodge legislation for the "Hautes grades" is likely soon to be discussed at Dublin, and we warmly sympathise with our excellent Bro. Woodworth, and his numerous friends, in their opposition to such legislation, we think it advisable to give a copy of the proposed law No. 30, which he only alludes to, and yet to our mind it is still more repugnant to Freemasons than even the one particularised (133). What Grand Lodge has to do with the degrees of knighthood, and the Ancient and Accepted Rite, so long as its jurisdiction is not infringed by them, we cannot imagine, and so far as we are concerned in England, we feel quite certain neither No. 30, nor No. 133, would be entertained for one moment. Bro.

Woodworth may safely take the articles of late which we have noticed in the *Freemason* as a true index of the views of the brethren across the channel. It will be seen that No. 30 is so definite and sweeping in its character that should our brethren decide to introduce the "Royal Order of Scotland" into Ireland, they would *ipso facto* be liable to suspension, though it is more Masonic than a number of degrees worked under the sheltering wings of the Craft. Is it fair then for the Grand Lodge to constitute itself virtually the oracle of degrees entirely beyond, above, or beneath its knowledge?

W. J. HUGHAN.
"30. The Grand Lodge strictly prohibits as unlawful, all assemblies of Freemasons in Ireland, under any title whatever, purporting to be Masonic, not held by virtue of a warrant or constitution from the Grand Lodge, or from one of the other Masonic grand bodies recognised by and acting in Masonic union with it." "Any brother being a member of any lodge on the Registry of Ireland, or otherwise subject to the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, who shall take any part in such unlawful assembly, or shall join or become a member of any body or society, purporting to be Masonic, and not in connection with or sanctioned by the Grand Lodge or other Masonic grand body recognised by it, shall be liable to suspension, or such other penalty as Grand Lodge may think fit."

ROYAL ORDER OF SCOTLAND.—The Provincial Grand Lodge of London and the Metropolitan Counties will meet in Council on the 12th of February, at 3.45 p.m. There are 19 names on the list for promotion.

The Temple Lodge of Mark Masters, No. 174, will be consecrated by Bro. F. Binckes, Grand Secretary, at the Green Dragon, Stepney, on Monday next, Feb. 9, 1874.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS. For the Week ending Friday, February, 14, 1874.

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

Saturday, February 7.

General Committee, Boys' School.
Lodge 142, St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.
Manchester Lodge of Instruction (179), Yorkshire Grey, 77, London-street, Fitzroy-square, at 8; Bro. H. Ash, Preceptor.
Lily Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, Surrey.
Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. G. Dilley, Preceptor.

Monday, February 9.

Lodge 5, St. George and Corner Stone, Freemasons' Hall.
" 39, St. Alban's, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
" 59, Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall.
" 90, St. John's, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
" 136, Good Report, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.
" 193, Confidence, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street.
" 222, St. Andrew's, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.
" 957, Leigh, Freemasons' Hall.
Chap. 22, Mount Zion, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st.
" 720, Panmure, Horns' Tavern, Kennington.
Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction (1445), Lor Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland, at 7; Bro. T. Austin, Preceptor.
Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.
Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.
Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern, Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gotthelf, Preceptor.
British Oak Lodge of Instruction, Bank of Friends' Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.
St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street (opposite the Pantheon), Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.
Wellington Lodge of Instruction, White Swan Tavern Deptford, at 8; Bro. C. G. Dilley, P.M. 1155 Preceptor.
St. John of Wapping Lodge of Instruction (1306), Gun Tavern, High-street, Wapping, at 8; Bro. T. Mortlock, Preceptor.
West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.

Metropolitan Mark Lodge of Instruction, Coach and Horses Hotel, 343, Strand, at 8.

Tuesday, February 10.

Lodge 46, Old Union, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.
 " 96, Burlington, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
 " 166, Union, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.
 " 180, St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 198, Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
 " 211, St. Michael's, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.
 " 228, United Strength, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate.
 " 248, Wellington, White Swan Tavern, Deptford.
 " 334, Ranelagh, Clarendon Hotel, Hammersmith.
 " 917, Cosmopolitan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.

" 933, Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
 Chap. 185, Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall.
 Mark Lodge 22, Southwark, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.

Supreme Grand Council 33°, 33, Golden-square.
 Yarborough Lodge of Instruction, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8; Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.

Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tavern, Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 8.

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

Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Lord's Hotel, Lord's Cricket Ground, St. John's-wood, at 8; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.

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

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st., Within, at 7.30; Bro. Bolton, W.M. 1217, Preceptor.

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

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

Wednesday, February 11.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at 3.
 Lodge 3, Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 11, Knoch, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 13, Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, William-st., Woolwich.

" 15, Kent, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 238, Pilgrim, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
 " 749, Belgrave, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
 " 781, Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, Limehouse.

" 1017, Montefiore, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1160, Hervey, Swan Hotel, Waltham Green.
 " 1306, St. John of Wapping, Gun Tavern, High-street, Wapping.

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

Red Cross Hall, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.
 Rose Croix Chapter, Grand Metropolitan, Freemasons' Tavern.

Supreme Grand Council 33°, Golden-square.
 Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor.

United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.

Isral Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Finbury Park Lodge of Instruction (1288), Finbury Park Tavern, Seven Sisters'-road, N., at 8; Bro. P. Dickinson, Acting Preceptor.

Thursday, February 12.

Lodge 91, Regularity, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 205, Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 263, Bank of England, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.

" 534, Polish National, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 657, Canonbury, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
 " 860, Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
 " 1076, Capper, Marine Hotel, Victoria Dock.
 " 1216, Macdonald, Headquarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell.

" 140, St. George's, Globe Tavern, Royal Hill, Greenwich.
 " 538, Vane, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.

P. Preceptor 45, Temple Cressing, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge.
 " 117, New Temple, Inner Temple.

Jury Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Angers' Tavern, Bath-street, City-road; Bro. Stean, Preceptor.
 el Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.

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

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

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

Highgate Lodge of Instruction (1366), Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.

Friday, February 13.

Lodge 33, Britannic, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 157, Bedford, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 177, Domatic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
 " 1305, Clapton, White Hart Hotel, Clapton. (Annual Ball).

Chap. 6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, King-street, St. James's.

Rose Croix Chapter Mount Calvary, Freemasons' Tavern, Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7. Union Club of Instruction, Windsor Castle, Victoria Station, at 8 p.m.; H. Ash, P.M., Instructor.

St. George's Lodge of Instruction (140), Globe Tavern, Royal-hill, Greenwich.
 Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.

Belgrave Lodge of Instruction (749), Coach and Horses, Strand, at 8; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.

Stability Lodge of Instruction (117), Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st., at 6 p.m.; Bro. H. Muggidge, Preceptor.

Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.

Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.

Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tavern, Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.

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

Clapton Lodge of Instruction, White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., Preceptor.

Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1298), the Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. W. F. Rogers, Preceptor.

Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-road, at 8; Comp. W. West Smith, Preceptor.

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

Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Bro. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.

United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Antelope Tavern, Lorn-road, Brixton, at 7.

St. James's Lodge of Instruction, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-road, Bermondsey, at 8; Bro. Howes, P.M., Preceptor.

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

Doric Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8.

Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8; Bro. P. M. Wuest, Preceptor.

St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144) Rose Tavern, Fulham-road, S.W.

Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.

High Cross Lodge of Instruction (754), Coach and Horses Tavern, High Road, Tottenham, at 8.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE, For the Week ending Saturday, February 14, 1874.

Monday, February 9.

Lodge 314, Peace and Unity, Militia Mess Room, Preston.
 " 477, Mersey, 55, Argyle-street, Birkenhead, at 6.
 " 1021, Hartington, Masonic Hall, Barrow-in-Furness.
 " 1398, Baldwin, Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.

Tuesday, February 10.

Lodge 241, Merchants', Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 5.
 " 1250, Gilbert Greenall, Masonic Rooms, Warrington.
 Chap. 537, Lion, 9, Hamilton-square, Birkenhead.
 Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 7.

Wednesday, February 11.

Lodge 281, Fortitude, the Athenaeum, Lancaster.
 " 1052, Callender, Public Hall, Rusholme.
 " 1094, Temple, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 1356, De Grey and Ripon, 140, North Hill-street, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 6.

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

Neptune Lodge of Instruction (1264), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 7.

Thursday, February 12.

Lodge 216, Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, at 5.
 " 333, Royal Preston, Victoria Garrison Hotel, Fulwood, near Preston.
 " 786, Croxteth United Service, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 1035, Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, at 6.
 " 1212, Bridgewater, Cross Keys Hotel, Patricroft, near Manchester.

Mariners' Lodge of Instruction (249), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 8.
 Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction (1182), 150, Park-lane, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 7.
 Friday, February 13.
 Lodge 155, Perseverance, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 1289, Rock, Rock Ferry Hotel, Rock Ferry, at 6.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW.

For the week ending Saturday, February 14, 1874.
 All the Meetings take place at 8 o'clock.

Monday, February 9.

Lodge 102, St. Mark, 213, Buchanan-street.
 " 219, Star, 12, Trongate.
 " 362, St. Clair, 25, Robertson-st.

Tuesday, February 10.

Lodge 413, Athole, 213, Buchanan-street.
 " 419, Neptune, 35, St. James-street.
 " 440, Robert Burns, Bailiestown.
 " 441, Glasgow, 22, Struthers-street.
 " 541, Marie Stuart, Masons' Hall, Crosshill, Chap. 69, St. Andrew's, 170, Buchanan-street.

Wednesday, February 11.

Lodge 123, St. John, Shettleston.
 " 333, St. George, 213, Buchanan-street.

Thursday, February 12.

Chap. 50, Glasgow, 213, Buchanan-street.

Friday, February 13.

Lodge 178, Scotia, 170, Buchanan-street.
 Chap. 144, St. Rollox, Freemasons' Hall, Garngad-road.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH.

For the Week ending Saturday, February 14, 1874.

Monday, February 9.

Lodge 145, St. Stephen, St. James's Hall, Writers' Court, High-street, at 8.30.

Tuesday, February 10.

Lodge 1, Mary's Chapel, Waterloo Hotel, Waterloo-place, at 8.
 " 151, Edinburgh Defensive Band, Masonic Hall, Blackfriars-street, at 8.30.

Wednesday, February 11.

Lodge 2, Canongate Kilwinning, St. John's Chapel, St. John's-street, at 8.
 Chap. 1, Edinburgh, Freemasons' Hall, George-street, at 8.

Thursday, February 12.

Lodge 8, Journeyman, Masonic Hall, Blackfriars-street, at 8.

Friday, February 13.

Chapter 56, Canongate Kilwinning, St. John's-street, at 8.

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Craft Masonry.

GIBRALTAR.—Inhabitants' Lodge (No. 153.)
 —Another installation, distinguished like many preceding ones by its success, took place on the evening of the 5th inst., at the Inhabitants' Lodge, No. 153. Invitations had been given to the officers and members of the other lodges, and a goodly number did honour to the occasion. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. W. J. Henry, and on being raised, was placed in charge of P.M. Bro. J. Morgan, who had kindly undertaken the onerous duties of Installing Officer, and if appreciation of, and interest in his subject are qualifications essential to success, the ceremony of the 5th inst. may be regarded with every degree of satisfaction. The brother on whom the choice for W.M. fell was Bro. A. Coley, the Immediate Past J.W., although Bro. J. Philpot was a worthy rival for the honour. The W.M. elect proceeded to appoint the following brethren as his officers. Bros. F. Williamson, S.W.; J. D. Slys, J.W.; Ward, S.D.; J. Bound, J.D.; G. Michie, Sec.; McGrath, I.G.; E. Barker, Steward. Bro. Donald, had again been elected Treasurer, and Bro. Staines Tyler. Bro. G. Gilbert, P.D.G.D.C., and P.S.W., had kindly undertaken the office of M.C., a position which will benefit from his experience. Owing to the departure for India of the I.P.M., the late Bro. F. Gilbrune, in 1872, previous to the completion of his term of office as W.M., Bro. P.M. Henry had been requested to undertake the duties, which he cheerfully accepted, and at the following election he was almost unanimously elected W.M. for the year 1873, and that the lodge has very materially benefited by the state of prosperity in which he has handed it over to his successor, indeed Bro. Coley begins his year of office under favourable conditions not always accorded to a W.M. on his accession to the chair, in having the support of Past Masters Bros. Gilbard, D.P.G.M., J. Francis and Henry, who unite liberality to their zeal and desire for the welfare of the Craft. At the conclusion of the evening the brethren saluted the W.M. with the wassail bowl, which had been carefully prepared by P.M. Bro. J. Francis, the Patriarch of Masonry in Gibraltar. The brethren then proceeded to the banquetting room, where, thanks to the untiring efforts of Bro. Mandyke, an excellent banquet was served to which the guests did ample justice. The toast of the "Visiting Brethren," proposed by Bro. Henry, and coupled with the name of Bro. Morgan, who had efficiently acted as Installing Officer, was heartily responded to, and after a few well chosen remarks from Bro. Coley, a very pleasant evening was brought to a close by the following happy appeal by Bro. Henry. "True friendship's law is by this rule expressed: welcome the coming, speed the parting guest!"

LODGE OF ST. JAMES (No. 755).—On Tuesday 4 inst., this lodge met at the Bridge House Hotel, Southwark. The W.M. presided, supported by his officers, save one—the S.W.—absent through severe indisposition. Five brethren received the benefit of the third degree, for were instituted, and there was one initiation. Other candidates arrived, but were not in due time, and had to be dismissed until a future occasion. The

whole of the working was accomplished by the W.M., who acquitted himself most creditably. Bro. R. P. Hooton, P.M. and Treasurer, informed the brethren that the festival in aid of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at which he had represented the lodge as Steward, had been a great success, upwards of five thousand pounds having been subscribed, with sixteen lists still to be brought forward. A proposition by the same brother, that the banquets of the lodge should be restricted to three per annum, was postponed till the next meeting.

NEW MILFORD.—Neyland Lodge (No. 990.)
 —This lodge assembled at the South Wales Hotel, New Milford, on the 26th ult., for the installation of the W.M. for the ensuing year. There were present the Worshipful Master, Bro. Chas. Willis, P.G.S.B., in the chair of K.S., Bros. Phipps, P.M. 290, P.P.G.J.D.; the Rev. W. Steadlin, Vicar of Dale, P.G. Chaplain and W.M. of 336; J. R. Owen, P.M. 426, P.P.G.R.; Nicholson, P.M. 378, P.P.G.J.D.; A. Long, P.M. 336, P.P.G.S.D.; Brace, P.M. 336; Paul, Vicar of Llanstadwell, and Chaplain of 880; Dr. Reynolds, S.W. 336, P.G.S.; Ladd, S.W. 336; Davis, S.W.; Cousins, J. W.; Harris, S.D.; Margraves, J.D.; Walkley, I.G.; Cook, P.M., Tyler, and other brethren. The lodge was opened, according to ancient form, at five o'clock p.m., by Bro. Chas. Willis, W.M. The minutes of the last lodge were read and confirmed. The lodge was then opened in the second degree, and Bro. Davies, S.W., was presented to the W.M., as the W.M. elect for the ensuing year. The lodge was then opened in the third degree, and all brethren below an Installed Master retired, when a board of Installed Masters was formed. The W.M., then proceeded to install his successor, which he did in a most superior manner. The newly installed Master was then proclaimed and saluted in the usual manner by the brethren. He then invested his officers as follows:—Bros. Willis, I.P.M.; Cousins, S.W.; Harris, J.W.; Phillips, Sec.; G. Phillips, P.M., Treas.; Walkley, S.D.; Guy, J.D.; Evans, I.G.; Cook, P.M., Tyler. The Installing Master then in a most impressive and eloquent manner delivered an address to the W.M., to the Wardens, also to the brethren, and sat down amidst applause, several of the P.M.'s shaking him warmly by the hand, and congratulating him on the excellent way in which he had performed the installation ceremony. The brethren were then called off from labour to refreshment. They then adjourned and partook of an excellent dinner, served up in Mr. and Mrs. Whithers best style. The W.M. presided, supported on his right by Bros. Stradling, P.G. Chaplain; Paul, Vicar Llanstadwell; F. R. Owen; Dr. Reynolds; on his left by Bros. Chas. Willis, I.P.M.; G. Phipps, P.M.; Richardson, P.M.; Long, P.M. On the removal of the cloth the chairman gave "The Queen," "The Prince of Wales," "The Most Worshipful Grand Master of England, the Marquess of Ripon," "The Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon," all of which were received with the usual loyal and Masonic honours. Bro. Willis, I.P.M., then proposed "The Health of the W.M.," congratulating him on attaining that high dignity, and said he felt sure he would sustain the high dignity of this lodge, and manage its concerns in a satisfactory manner. The W.M. duly responded. The W.M. then proposed a toast which he knew would be well received "The Health of the Installing Master," Bro. Willis. He most highly praised Bro. Willis, for the superior manner in which he had conducted the ceremony of installation, and also for the able way in which he had performed his duties as W.M. for the past year, and considered him one of the best working Masons in the province. Bro. Willis responded, thanking the W.M. for the kind manner in which he had proposed his health and the brethren for the very cordial way in which they had drunk it. He assured them it was most gratifying to him to find they were so well pleased with the way in which he had discharged his duty while in the chair; he had always tried to do his duty and uphold the dignity of his lodge and the honour of the Craft, and the cordial manner in which his health had

been received by the brethren showed that he had not been unsuccessful. He was glad to see so many visitors present, and especially some of them whom he had the pleasure of knowing for many years, and from whom he had always received the greatest kindness; he considered the presence of so many visitors evinced that a good feeling existed amongst the different lodges in the province. The W.M. then proposed "The Visitors," coupling the name of Bro. Stradling, W.M. 336, P.G. Chaplain. Bro. Stradling responded, and expressed his gratification at being present, and thanked the brethren for the cordial manner in which his health had been given and received. He observed that he had visited several lodges, and been present at three installations, and was glad to notice that in nearly every case the retiring Master had installed his successor, which as they were aware, did not use to be the case, some able P.M. having to be called in to perform the ceremony. This, he thought, looked well, and showed a great improvement in the working of the lodges, that the installation seemed to be better performed at each lodge he attended, and had been far superseded that evening, by their most excellent P.M., Bro. Miles, who had installed his successor with such distinguished ability. He did not believe that the able manner in which the installation had been performed, could be surpassed. Bro. Nicholson then proposed the health of Bro. Parry, P.M., 990, and 378, P.P.G.S.W., which was most warmly received. No brother in the province has done so much for Freemasonry as Bro. Parry, he being one of the founders of this and other lodges in the province. Bro. Parry would have been present, as he always had been, but was laid up on a bed of sickness, but from which he was slowly recovering. Bro. Parry is most highly esteemed by the whole province. The brethren expressed their sympathy and much regretted his absence. "The Health of the Officers" was given and responded to. After spending a most enjoyable evening, the brethren separated about 11 o'clock.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH LODGE (No. 1259).—The members of this lodge held their usual monthly meeting at the Cape of Good Hope Tavern, Limehouse, on Tuesday, the 3rd inst., and had a very large attendance of members and visitors. Bro. Weatherill, W.M., in his usual able manner initiated five gentlemen (Messrs. Gilling, Charlton, Bennett, Williams, and G. Davies) into the Order, and we must not omit to mention the assistance rendered by his officers, who performed their duties in a very efficient manner. After the ceremony was concluded it was proposed by Bro. C. Jex, P.M.; and seconded by Bro. Salter, that the lodge should give the sum of twenty guineas to the orphan schools, which was carried unanimously. The lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned to a banquet served by the worthy host in his usual satisfactory style, and spent a very pleasant evening.

ROYAL STANDARD LODGE (No. 1298).—The regular meeting of this flourishing lodge was held on Tuesday, the 3rd inst., at the Marquess Tavern, Canonbury. There were present the following brethren:—Bros. W. J. Woodman, W.M.; Ballantyne, I.P.M.; Gladwell, acting S.W.; Cattlin, J.W.; R. Shackell, P.M. 30, P.P.G.P. Hants, Hon. Sec.; Rafter, S.D.; Cohen, J.D.; Wright, I.G.; Bigley, Stevens, Linton, Blay, and many others, about 40 members altogether. Among the visitors we observed Bros. J. Shackell, P.M. of 193; Woodward, Dore, and Dickinson. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and Bro. Ballantyne then took the chair, and in his most able manner, raised Bro. Blackbee to the sublime degree of a Master Mason, and passed Bros. Hunter and Watford to the second degree. This being the night for the election of W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler, Bro. R. Shackell, P.M. 30, the able Secretary, was unanimously elected to fill the chair of King Solomon, for the ensuing year. Bro. Butterford who has won the esteem of the brethren, through his brotherly and courteous manner, was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Gilchrist was also re-elected Tyler. We are glad to find that this lodge is

making itself known amongst the charities, and it would be well if some of the older lodges would follow in its footsteps. Last month a Steward, Bro. Cattlin, J.W., was sent up to represent them at the Festival of the Benevolent Institution, headed by a donation from the lodge funds of £10, and they have now returned the name of Bro. Moxon, as a Steward to represent them at the ensuing Festival of the Girls' School, and a notice of motion was given to head his list with a donation of ten guineas from the lodge funds. The usual gold P.M.'s jewel was voted to the retiring Master, Bro. Woodman, not so much for his working as for the zeal evinced by him for the good of the lodge and the respect in which he is held by the brethren. After business the members retired for slight refreshment, all leaving at an early hour, much pleased with the evening's work.

KENNINGTON LODGE (No. 1381).—A meeting of this prosperous lodge, which has now entered its third year, was held at the Surrey Club House, Kennington Oval, on Tuesday, the 3rd instant, presided over by the W.M., Bro. Mann, assisted by Bro. Koch, S.W.; and Bro. Everitt, J.W. There being a good deal of business to transact, it being installing day the lodge opened at 3 p.m. There were three gentlemen initiated, viz., Messrs. J. C. Walls, Byfield, and Pritchard. Bro. Koch, S.W., who had been previously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, was ably installed to the chair of K.S. by the retiring W.M., Bro. Mann. The W.M. appointed Bro. Everitt as S.W., and Bro. Gardner as J.W. for the year. Bro. Ingram having resumed his position of Secretary, was in consideration of his services since the foundation of the Lodge, unanimously elected an honorary member for life. Bro. Steward, P.M., was appointed Secretary in his place. The installation banquet which followed was attended by fifty-two brethren, and the "menu" was exceedingly good, and reflected great credit upon Bro. Pope, the worthy host. The usual loyal, Masonic and lodge toasts were with commendable brevity given by the W.M., and heartily responded to. The toast of "The visitors" coupled with the name of Bro. Watson, P.M., was received with great acclamation and suitably acknowledged by that veteran of the Craft. The health of the initiates was also given and severally responded to by Brothers Pritchard, Walls and Byfield. The proceedings were enlivened by several songs, and the meeting broke up soon after 11 o'clock, everything having passed off in a highly satisfactory manner.

WIDNES.—Lodge of Equity (No. 1384).—The installation meeting of this young and prosperous lodge was held on Tuesday, the 3rd inst., at Walker's Commercial Hotel, Widnes, near Liverpool, where there was a good number of the brethren of the mystic tie. The lodge was opened shortly after three o'clock by Bro. Reginald Young, W.M., and his chiefs present were—Bros. J. W. J. Fowler, P.M.; R. D. Simpson, S.W.; H. S. Offenheim, J.W.; W. Jameson, Treas.; J. W. Wareing, Sec.; W. Newsome, S.D.; W. I. Thomson, J.D.; A. Borthwick, S.S.; J. White, J.S.; and G. Brown, Tyler. The members present were—Bros. C. Gerrard, J.A.; Stoddard, W. Lyner, J. Walker, F. A. R. Neill, W. C. Barker, J. Warburton, A. Tebbatt, and J. W. Carlisle. Amongst the visitors were—Bros. J. W. R. Fowler, I.P.M. 86; J. Hamer, P.P.G. Treas.; J. Hargraves, 203; J. V. De Denne, J.D. 86; and A. Fraser, I.G. The usual routine business having been transacted, the chair of K.S. was taken by Bro. J. W. J. Fowler, P.P.A.D.C., who proceeded to instal, with the greatest impressiveness and efficiency, his son-in-law, Bro. R. D. Simpson, as W.M. of the "Equity" for the ensuing year. Bro. Fowler, sen., was admirably assisted by Bro. J. Hamer in the investment of the subjoined officers:—Bros. R. Young, I.P.M.; H. S. Offenheim, S.W.; W. Jameson, J.W.; W. Newsome, Sec.; J. W. Thomson, S.D.; J. White, J.D.; A. Borthwick, I.G.; J. W. Wareing, D.C.; A. Tebbatt, S.S.; J. A. Stobbard, O.; and G. Brown, Tyler. After the lodge business was over a most sumptuous banquet was served by Bro. J. Walker, "mine host" of the Commercial Hotel, which gave complete satisfaction. The toast of "The Queen"

"H.R.H. Bro. Albert Edward Prince of Wales, M.W. Past G.M., the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family," and "The Marquess of Ripon, M.W.G.M.; and the Earl of Carnarvon, R.W.D.G.M.;" were given in happy terms by the W.M., and most enthusiastically responded to. The toasts of the P.G.M. Master of the province, his Deputy, and his Officers, were responded to by Bro. Hamer, and the health of "The W.M. and his Officers," given in pointed terms by Bro. R. Young, I.P.M., was acknowledged by the W.M. "The Installing Master," given by Bro. Wareing, was responded to by Bro. J. W. J. Fowler, who subsequently presented Bro. Reginald Young, I.P.M.; with a very chaste and handsome P.M.'s jewel, subscribed for by the brethren, referring to the excellent services he had rendered to the lodge. The jewel bore the inscription:—"Presented to Bro. Reginald Young, P.M., as a token of brotherly regard and esteem, 1874." Bro. Young, in acknowledging the gift, spoke of the honour just conferred by the presentation, and referred to the satisfactory progress made by the lodge. "The West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution," given by the W.M., was acknowledged by Bro. Fowler, sen., and "The Visitors" by Bro. Hargraves and other brethren.

Loyal Arch.

LIVERPOOL.—Temple Chapter (No. 1094).—The companions of this chapter assembled on the last Tuesday in January for installation of officers, &c. Those present at the opening were Comps. J. Pemberton, L.; J. K. Smith, P.Z.; J. B. Robinson, P.Z.; J. Hamer, P.Z.; D. W. Winstanley, H.; W. Shortis, J.; R. C. Yelland, E.; P. Macmurdrow, P.S.; P. Ball, junior, R. Washington, Treas.; W. S. Barker, R. R. Martin, N.; J. W. Burgess, J. Wood, E. McSwiney, and R. Collins. The visitors were Comps. H. Williams, P.Z. 580; B. T. Ashmore, P.Z. 823, and 580; S. Haynes, Z. 823; and T. Heden, 757. At the installation the first chair was occupied by Comp. J. K. Smith, the second by Comp. J. B. Robinson, and the third by Comp. Hamer, the whole ceremony being beautifully and effectively given. The following were the appointments:—Comps. W. D. Winstanley, M.G.L.; W. Shortis, H.; R. R. Martin, J.; R. C. Yelland, E.; R. Washington, N.; P. Macmurdrow, P.S.; W. S. Barker, S.A.S.; J. W. Burgess, J.A.S.; and P. Ball, Junior. During the evening, a P.Z. jewel was presented to Comp. Pemberton. The companions subsequently banqueted.

Scotland.

EDINBURGH.—Roman Eagle Lodge (No. 160).—On Tuesday, 3rd inst., in accordance with an invitation from Bro. George Laing, R.W.M., of the Roman Eagle Lodge, the M.W. Grand Master Mason of Scotland, Sir Michael Robert Shaw Stewart, Bart., accompanied by his Grand Officers and Grand Stewards, paid a visit to the lodge at its spacious and noble quarters in the Iona Hotel, Nicolson-street. The brethren of the lodge, it is hardly necessary to state, were present in full force, and deputations were present from nearly every other lodge in the province. The M.W.G.M., who was accompanied by the Right Hon. Lord J. C. P. Murray, Deputy G.M.; W. Mann, Esq., Acting-substitute G.M.; the Right Hon. the Earl of Kellie, R.W.S.G.W.; Major Hamilton Ramsay, J.G.W.; J. Laurie, Esq., G. Secretary; the Rev. V. F. Faithful, M.A., G. Chaplain; W. Officer, Esq., P.G. Duncan; A. Hay, Esq., G. Jeweller; C. W. M. Muller, Esq., G.D. of Music; A. T. Apthorpe, Acting G.D. of Ceremonies; Bros. McLean, Kinnear, Grant, Henry Law, and other Grand Stewards, attended by Bro. W. M. Bryce, G. Tyler, was received with every mark of honour and respect, due to his exalted position. Shortly after his being seated he was presented with a certificate of his visitation beautifully illuminated on vellum, by Bro. J. Melville, and bearing the signature of the R.W.M., not only as head and ruler of the Roman Eagle Lodge, but as Past Master of the Defensive Band Lodge

No. 151, and member of Nos. 1, 5, 31, 48, 112, 145, 223, 349, 392, 405, 429. The M.W.G.M., who was evidently gratified at receiving this compliment, expressed his thanks in terms which drew forth hearty and ringing approval from the brethren of the lodge. Nothing was wanting on this occasion on the part of the brethren of the Roman Eagle Lodge and its spirited Master that could be provided. A select glee party discoursed most eloquent music and instrumentalists were also ready and willing to witch the ears of their delighted hearers. After spending some hours in evident enjoyment, the M.W.G.M. rose and expressed the gratification he had experienced from his visit. He congratulated Bro. Laing, on the working and splendid appearance of the lodge, and he thanked him most heartily and cordially for the excellent arrangements made for his reception, which had been carried out in every respect to his entire satisfaction. He then entered a record of the visit on the books of the lodge, and, accompanied by his office-bearers, retired, amid the enthusiastic exclamations of the brethren. When shall we have the privilege of recording such a meeting in London?

GLASGOW.—Caledonian Railway (No. 354).—This lodge met on the 4th inst., Bro. Jas. Shaw, R.W.M., presiding. A good deal of business of a private nature was transacted, after which Bro. J. Hurley was initiated, and Bro. Weir and Howse were passed by the R.W.M. to the degree of Fellow Crafts. The Master stated that in consequence of the pressure of work lately he had arranged to have an emergency meeting on Saturday afternoon to work the third degree, accordingly on Saturday, at 4 o'clock, there was a good assemblage of brethren, Bros. Shaw, R.W.M.; J. Dolman acting S.W.; J. Stafford, J.W.; W. R. Dunn, Sec.; and Bro. H. A. Smith, P.M., as Director of Music, the excellency of whose playing added materially to the impressiveness of the solemn degree, which was very ably rendered by the R.W.M.; this being the first time he had performed this ceremony, but it speaks well for the future of the lodge. At the conclusion of the ceremony it was found that Bro. Hearse, who was also desirous of being raised had arrived the majority of the brethren determined to remain in order that he might attain that degree. Bro. A. A. Smith acted as Master, giving the solemn lesson of this degree in a way that must have deeply impressed the candidate.

GLASGOW.—Clyde Lodge (No. 408).—Friday the 6th inst., being the regular monthly meeting night, Bro. D. Downie, the R.W.M., assumed the chair. Bro. McGinne, S.W.; D. Mitchell, acting J.W.; A. Harper, Treas.; on the dais were Bros. J. Buchanan, P.M., and R. Mitchell, P.M. 332. The Treasurer presented the printed balance sheet, from which it appeared that there were £106, besides a cash balance of £47 17s. 8d. belonging to the benevolent fund, these gratifying results were received with loud applause. A motion was then made by Bro. J. Sturdy, and seconded by the Treasurer, "That in future the Steward do not open the refreshment bar till the close of the lodge, also in future the lodge shall hold a meeting once a quarter, which shall be devoted to harmony, or which occasion refreshment shall be procurable all the evening," they were both carried. Bro. G. W. Wheeler, then, on behalf of Thistle and Rose Lodge, 73, requested them to initiate a candidate for them; this was at once granted as the R.W.M. said the Thistle and Rose Lodge had done the same for them last week but he would ask Bro. Wheeler to act as S.D. for them, Mr. Dugald McCole, of 73, and Alex McKichnie were then introduced and initiated by the R.W.M. The lodge was then opened in the 2nd degree, when Bro. R. Mitchell confirmed that degree on these brethren, after which the lodge was opened in the third degree when Bro. McColl, Jas. Mitchell, and John McIllock were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason by Bro. R. Mitchell, P.M. After this protracted labour some refreshment was deemed necessary, the chair was again taken by Bro. Downie, who very briefly gave the usual loyal and patriotic toast. He then proposed the three new Master Masons, Bro. Black of the Clyde, and

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Bro. M. Coal, as a member of 73, responded in recent speeches. The next toast was "The Visiting Brethren, coupled with Bro. Wheeler," who appropriately acknowledged the compliment, and concluded by proposing "Prosperity to the Lodge Clyde, with Health and Long Life," when Worshipful Master Bro. Downie replied. Bro. R. Harper, proposed "Bro. A. Mitchell, P.M. 332," who in reply, said he had been connected with the Clyde ever since its foundation, and though he had for a time left it to fill the chair in his mother lodge, yet he still was at all times most happy to lend her a helping hand, and it had been a source of pride to him to night, while acting as Master, to have as his acting J.W. his own son. He wished yet to see him pursue his way till he got a seat in the east. Before sitting down he would propose their thanks to the Treasurer for the very elaborate balance sheet he had laid before them, and as he had by that shown his business capabilities, and they had elected him to manage the fund for the building of their new hall. He trusted every member of the Lodge Clyde will try to have at least one stone in the building. If they could not get a large corner stone, let them at any rate take a brick. Bro. Harper acknowledged the compliment, saying he had always felt it a duty, as well as pleasure to work for Masonry. Bro. Grant, who has just published a local calendar, at the request of Bro. Wheeler, replied for the "Press," the final toast, concluding this happy meeting.

Original Correspondence.

THE CONVIVIAL BOARD.

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am only a humble M.M., and do not aspire, nor desire, to enter into a controversy with so exalted a person as the W.M. elect 185; neither will I so far forget myself as to handly expelives with him; nor will I, by any act of mine, disturb him in the enjoyment of his own self-importance, nor "tantalize" him further, sign himself "frankly and fearlessly" as he may. Now that the fraternal letter has appeared, which so approvingly refers to, and which evidently most have acted upon him as a moral shower bath, I am truly sorry, for his sake, that I took any notice of his effusion, inasmuch as he has been thereby led to pen another painful and undignified exhibition of himself.

He laid himself open to reproof in his first letter, and does so still more in the second. If a "sly kick," he complains of has hurt him so very sorry, and I hasten to apologise, for it is the principle of the lottery scheme and not a principal that I aimed at. At the recent annual of the Benevolent Institution, subscription lists were announced from about one hundred and twenty lodges, and amounting to nearly £5,000, but only one hundred and fifty, out of a roll of nearly 1,500 lodges, repeat, if every lodge would do its duty, the trustees could dispense with all such extraneous port as lotteries, or "draws."

But, Sir, it is impossible to discuss principles with one who so confounds facts with motives, both with personalities. I have given the W.M. elect, 185, the content of my attention far beyond the merits anything he has advanced deserved. There is indeed, to be learned from his last letter extended, this obvious moral:—How foolish to write in a passion, especially when ones are not literary.

In conclusion, as our brother is so violent in language, and his mind wanders in such a way from principles to personalities, I must beg you to let me "cowardly hide my identity"

Yours fraternally,

M. M.

MASONIC RELICS.

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have read Bro. G.H.W.'s letter with interest, but would ask him, to which

lodge he actually refers, Melrose St. John's No. 1, or Glasgow Melrose St. John's No. 1. Are they different lodges, or do they constitute one and the same body.

Yours fraternally,
AN ENQUIRING MASON.

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

If G. H. W., has manliness enough about him to give his name, &c., I shall be happy to meet him on all points advanced in his letter on "Masonic Relics." He professes to have a desire that some arrangement should be made between the "Melrose body," and the "Grand Lodge of Scotland," and yet makes assertions which he knows, or ought to know are utterly false. He may be ignorant on the subject, or he must be worse.

Yours, truly and fraternally,
THOMAS STRATFORD,
R.W.M., Melrose, St. John, No. 1.

DOYLE'S LODGE OF FELLOWSHIP.

(To the Editor of the Freemason.)

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In answer to Bro. Hughan's remarks on my history of Doyle's Lodge of Fellowship, No. 84, I must inform him, that it was compiled exclusively from the minute books of that lodge, and Mariners' Lodge. In the minute book of the latter lodge, is the draft petition to Grand Lodge for the formation of Doyle's; the minute book of Doyle's Lodge gives in full detail its formation and consecration in 1806, under the number 336, and I have the authority of the Grand Secretary of England for stating that the first Masonic Lodge in Guernsey was established in 1763. Bro. Hughan would probably see these matters more plainly, were he to look through my book, (which is for private circulation only) and if he will give me his address, I shall only be too happy to forward a copy to so eminent a Masonic student.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,
W. J. KINNERSLEY.
Les Touillets, Guernsey.

REFUSAL TO BURY A ROMAN CATHOLIC FREEMASON.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

Have you observed that the Army Chaplain at Chatham has refused burial to a non-Commissioned Roman Catholic officer because he was "a Freemason." Another priest was applied to, but he could not bury the body as he was a junior priest. Finally he was buried by the Protestant Chaplain, and a large number of artillerymen, beside them told off, to attend the remains to the grave were present, testifying how much they respected him. (I read this in the Times I think.) I ask you to make this public, for I cannot understand how a paid officer in the service of our beloved Queen can decline to bury a Christian, simply because he is a "Freemason." Is the liberty of the subject real? Can a servant of the Pope of Rome refuse to obey the laws of this land with impunity? This non-commissioned officer was not a "felon-de-se" case which I believe is the only one which has not Christian burial allowed in this land. What must the relatives think of this cruel conduct?

Yours fraternally,

AUGUSTUS A. BAGSHAW.
Past Prov. Grand Chaplain, Derbyshire, W.M.
1235, and Prov. S.G.W., Derbyshire.

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MASONIC BALL IN WEST LAN-CASHIRE.

WAVERTREE.

The fourth annual ball in connection with the Duke of Edinburgh Lodge, 1182, took place at the New Town Hall, Wavertree, on Thursday evening, the 5th instant, and was, in every respect, a most complete success. Although election excitement, and a ball of another lodge, somewhat interfered with the attendance, there were present upwards of 150 guests; and as the ball was one of the best for dancing purposes, and as the arrangements were of the most satisfactory and admirable character, the ball was not only one of the most successful, but also the most enjoyable of the series. The proceeds, as in previous years, will be given on behalf of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, which will, doubtless, benefit to a large extent by the festive gathering. The ball arrangements were entrusted to the following committee, who carried out the various details with the greatest success:—Bros. James W. Williams, W.M.; W. Pugh, P.M.; J. Thornton, P.M.; W. Woods, P.M.; S. Cookson, P.M.; P. R. Thorn, P.M.; J. Edgington, S.W.; T. B. Myers, J.W.; R. Martin, jun., S.D.; John Williams, J.D.; W. Brown, Treas.; T. Davies, I.G.; T. Musker, S.; C. Llewellyn, S.; and G. Scott, Org. The assembly was of the most fashionable character, and the zest and the cordiality which characterised the whole of the evening's festivities were evidences of the unity and fraternal spirit which mark the brethren of No. 1182. Amongst the guests and visitors present were Bros. W. Rowse, W.M. 594; R. Ing, I.P.M. 594; Peter M. Larsen, P.M. 594; S. Martin, I.G. 594; L. Bramall, F. Wilkinson, J. Williams, 241; Seddon, 673; Hignett, 1356; Bathgate and Newbold, 1182; Windell, 1356; W. Jones, 1356; Morrison, Sec. 594, and others. No more courteous or indefatigable Master of Ceremonies could possibly have been found than Bro. J. Myers, J.W., who had an efficient assistant in Bro. R. Martin, jun., S.D. The music was furnished by Martin's quadrille band, and the refreshments were supplied by Bro. T. Wright, of the Coffee House, Wavertree. Bro. Bales, the indefatigable Secretary of the lodge (who was prevented from being present in consequence of indisposition), earned great praise for his exertions in connection with the ticket arrangements.

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Bro. Hogg's account of the work he mentions is not quite correct. I give the exact title page of the 1776 edition.

"The Way to Things by Words, and to Words by Things, being an attempt at the Retrieval of the ancient Celtic or Primitive Language of Europe to which is added a succinct account of the Sanscrit or Learned Language of the Brethren. Also two essays, the one on the origin of the Musical Waits at Christmas, the other on the real secret of the Freemasons. Antiquos aut us recludere fontes. London—Printed by L. Davies and C. Regnurs, over against Gray's Inn Gate, Holborn, MDCCLXVI.

As I mentioned in a previous note, Cleland's name does not appear on the title page or on the preface, though the book is generally attributed to him, and neither his philology nor his derivations are now of much value or weight.

A. F. A. WOODFORD.

The W.M., officers, and members of the Gibraltar Mark Lodge, No. 43, E.C., have just presented to Bro. J. Balfour Cockburn, a massive and very elegant timepiece, the workmanship of Bennett, of Cheapside, on which is engraved the following highly gratifying inscription:—"Presented to Bro. J. Balfour Cockburn, 30th, P.M., P.G.S.D., by the members of the Gibraltar Mark Lodge, No. 43 E.C., as a token of their esteem and regard, and in recognition of his eminent services towards Mark Masonry in particular, 1873."

Bro. Balfour Cockburn was W.M. of Lodge No. 43, in 1871-72, 1872-73.

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FREEMASONRY IN ITALY AND THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH.

Such is the heading of a very severe attack on the Italian Freemasons, by the *Tablet*, a Roman Catholic journal, and which is printed in the *Church Herald* of January 4th, without one word of comment, or one expression of doubt.

Indeed it would seem as if the conductors of that paper, professedly a Church of England serial, entirely agreed with the views, thus put forward.

The article though somewhat long for our columns, we have deemed it right to reprint "in extenso," and our readers will, we think, see at once, why we have thought well to recur to the subject:—

"In Great Britain the Society of Free and Accepted Masons is regarded by many Protestants as a harmless institution. The members of the various lodges are for the most part well-to-do, respectable men, who are supposed to be linked together by some secret bond or oath, which engages them to do something mysterious and not to be explained, at some indefinite period. The Masons themselves—except a very few—are supposed to be ignorant of the real secret of their Craft, and the only thing concerning Masonry which is known to the public with certainty is that Masons are convivial, charitable, and benevolent, and help each other in danger or distress. The objectionable feature in Freemasonry in England, supposing it to be otherwise harmless, is its secrecy. No association, which is a secret one, can escape suspicion. The civil power is of course jealous of all organisations which possess no well-known and well-approved object, but in Great Britain many of the governing class belong to Freemasonry, and in consequence that association enjoys protection and exemption from hostile interference on the part of the state. The Catholic Church makes no compromise with Freemasonry, or with any other secret society. Nor is it easy to understand how the Church could tolerate an association which has no honestly declared purpose, and which at the same time possesses a formidable and extensive organization, capable of being upon occasion turned into a terrible implement for the overthrow of society and order. Moreover, the real nature of Freemasonry and its hostility to religion are well known by the declarations and the conduct of continental Masons. The head of Freemasonry in Italy is Giuseppe Garibaldi, whose public speeches and writings leave no doubt as to the infidel and blasphemous disposition of that extraordinary man. His cry is "Extermination to the Pope and to his Priests." The Cross—the sign of salvation among Catholics—is to Freemasons a "sinister and dolorous symbol." "We shall never make a step in advance"—said Giuseppe Ferrari—"except through the downfall and ruin of the Cross." The Church and Freemasonry, while they are adverse to each other, exhibit a striking contrast. The sects—as a deep thinker has pointed out—"form an infernal parody upon the monastical institutions of Christendom"—"infernal prodia delle istituzioni monastiche del Cristianesimo." "In each of these institutions I see"—says Della Motta—one chief and ruling principle, which engages man to be harsh to himself, and trains him to be the docile instrument of a superior power. There is an organization which forms of the entire body, either an asylum for particular doctrines, or a potent lever for some work or undertaking. But on the one hand, while those religious or political institutions which make a part of Christian or of civil society, in so far as they are docile instruments in the hands of the ruling power, become its safeguard and its defence; so on the other hand the sects which enshroud themselves in mystery and stand in

opposition to society and to the social power, becomes its danger and its scourge." The very terms of Freemasonry are copied from those of the Christian communities. There is the *Order* of Freemasons, and there are *Brethren*, just as there are *Orders* and *Brethren*, or *Friars*, or *Benedictines*, *Franciscans* or *Augustinians*. As if to travesty the nomenclature of the Catholic Church, the Freemasons in Italy divide their "National Communion" into "*Consistories*," "*Conclaves* and *Chapters*. Of consistories there are three, those namely at Rome, Naples and Palermo. The Conclaves are eight in number, and there are twenty-seven Chapters. There are besides 171 lodges. The Grand Dignitaries of the Order are twelve in number, and the first among them is Giuseppe Garibaldi, who is a Honorary Grand Master for life. Five Deputies to the Italian Parliament are among these Dignitaries; the Grand Treasurer being Luigi Pianciani, the Syndic of Rome. The titles of some of the lodges are suggestive. Four or five are named after Garibaldi, and three after Mazzini. There is one lodge called "Free Thought," another called "Progress" and there are two called "Aspromonte." There are also the lodges "Venti Settembre," "Mazzini Risorto," and "Dio e Popolo." The danger to which the Church is exposed from these secret societies was plainly shown by His Holiness in his last Encyclical. "Perhaps," said Pius IX., "some people may feel surprised that so extensive a war against the Catholic Church has broken out in our days. But whoever understands the character, aims and purposes of the sects—be those sects Masonic or called by any other name—and compare them with the character, purpose, and magnitude of this battle which the Church is now forced to sustain throughout nearly the entire world, cannot doubt but that the cause of the present calamity must be attributed to the frauds and machinations of the same sects. For they compose that Synagogue of Satan which marshals its forces, unfolds its banners, and forms its alliances against the Church of Jesus Christ." And Freemasons themselves are prompt to avow their enmity to the Church and to Pius IX. *The Freimaurer Zeitung*, of Leipsic, in a recent article, proclaims open war against the Pontiff, and adopts the German Emperor as champion of the Order. When two adversaries stand forth for conflict, such as the Emperor, who in his Masonic quality esteems and protects the order, and the Pope who prescribes and condemns it, Freemasonry must of necessity declare its proper position. It must range itself with those among whom it is understood and believed, and it must raise its voice against the man who treats it as the sworn foe of all faith and virtue. For Masonry the question is one of life or death." The same article compares the two old men—the Pope and the Emperor. It calls the prisoner in the Vatican "that old man, who, although declared to be infallible, is yet ignorant of the noblest actions of history and of nations, and whose range of vision is still bounded by the horizon of the ages which are past." The other old man of Berlin is, on the contrary, a "hero, whose ever-buoyant genius has strength to comprehend his own times to their very depths." The Emperor—so proceeds the Freemason organ—"wields with us and for us, the hammer of strength, the compass of combined inspiration, and the square of wisdom, which served to regulate, according to an ideal pattern, actions truly worthy of humanity." He is the "noble old man, who has known how to combat the power of darkness, which would else annihilate our designs." Whatever may be the designs of the Freemasons, and whatever be the true drift of their mysterious jargon, it is quite clear that the welfare of Christianity is not one of the objects at which they aim. It is also manifest that the Prussian Emperor and his Freemasons are determined to overcome the Catholic Church, which they describe as the "power of darkness." It is to be feared they will find many assistants in Italy in their work of combating the Church. In Rome the Prussian lodges are doubly resented. The Grand Master Lodge of Berlin has its local office in the person of Cesare Dezzani, who has just been appointed under the Italian Minister of Education.

The other Grand Lodge of Berlin, called the "Royal York," is represented in Rome by General Duke Filippo Lante di Montefeltro. There is thus an intimate connection between the Prussian and Italian lodges, not to speak of the common bond which unites together in obedience the members of all the lodges in all parts of the world. Yet, although the Pope has no allies amongst the rulers of this world, who seemed to have combined together to ignore or destroy the Pontifical authority, Catholics have no fear for the issue of this unequal combat. The aged Pontiff may be dethroned, his servants may be cast into prison or exiled, or even persecuted unto death. Yet the triumph eventually is certain and beyond doubt. The material conquests of the kings of the earth are destined, now as ever, to vanish before the moral might of that strength which is made perfect in weakness. The promise of the King of kings and Lord of lords to be with His Church to the end of the world is as valid now as when first uttered. And the victory of Christianity over brute force, of faith over scepticism, of life over death, is to Catholics as certain as the existence of God and the reality of the mission of Christ.—*Tablet*."

Now we will only permit ourselves to-day, to remark, that, the writer of this long-winded article entirely mistakes and misunderstands the position of English Freemasonry. It is not only tolerated, as he would put it, by our lenient laws, but it is, for its well-known spirit of loyalty and peaceful submission to the "ordinances of this realm," specially exempted by name from the operation of the Secret Societies' Act.

In the next place, as we said before, we have nothing to do with the proceedings of foreign Grand Lodges. Our own course of action is well known to all, our principles of entire neutrality in all matters relating to politics or religion, (that is as regards denominational differences), are admitted even by those who differ from us in England.

Indeed, our very abnegation on such topics, especially religious teaching, is one of the complaints curiously enough, most frequently brought against us.

But we cannot and do not profess to legislate for foreign Grand Lodges, and we are not responsible, therefore, for the differences which are to be traced between their proceedings and our own.

We can hardly believe that Bro. Guiseppe Caribaldi, or Bro. Ferrari used the words attributed to them, and we would like to see a refutation of them before we condemn the speakers on the *ipse dixit* of the writer in the *alibi*.

If these are the opinions of these two brethren, and the formal utterance of the Italian Grand Lodge, we deeply deplore the fact, and have no objection whatever, as Freemasons, in saying that the tolerating and charitable principles of our Order, they are equally indefensible and improper.

We do not think that there ever was any objection in the use of particular words to ridicule or parody the religious ceremonies or organization of the Church of Rome. The words were used, because, they were convenient words to the Masonic Order, and are used, we believe, only with that intent and end.

At the same time, we have often felt, that some of the foreign high grades, are so very peculiar in their forms and ceremonies, that they may appear objectionable to religious-minded persons.

As a strong argument, as it appears to us,

for the simple forms and ritual of Craft Masonry. Neither do we believe, that, there is any foundation for the idea of a common crusade of the Italian and German Freemasons as against the Supreme Pontiff, the Roman Catholic Church, society in general, and legitimate authority in particular. This seems to be the chimera which is agitating Roman Catholics everywhere, at the moment, and the Masonic Order appears just now to be the bugbear of the whole Roman Catholic Hierarchy. One should have thought that they had something better to do than fulminate ceaseless anathemas against Freemasons.

But in the meantime the writer of this lachrymose jeremiad forgets this undoubted truth, that the Roman Catholic Church has commenced a most unseemly attack on the Freemasons. In Brazil, in Belgium, in America, and even in England, the Roman Catholic Hierarchy have, unceasingly proclaimed that the wicked Freemasons are the cause of all the present evils, and above all of the serious conflict between the state in Prussia, and the Roman Catholic Church.

We believe, that, never in their history, though they have made many great mistakes, has the Roman Catholic Curia and the Roman Catholic Dignitaries committed so great a blunder.

There may be in Germany, as elsewhere, some who seem to think they never can be satisfied, unless they are attacking "Ultramontanism and Ultramontanes." But such uneasy Masons are in a very great minority.

The great majority of our Order, true to their old teachings, are ever most opposed to the "debasing practice of persecution," from whatever quarter it comes, and are most anxious to live in peace and amity with all men, and above all, are seeking in all of sincerity, loyalty, and submission to the laws of their several countries, to pursue their honest callings, their one banner being the banner of toleration, sincerity, and charity, their watchword being ever, and under all circumstances, and alone—brotherly love.

REFUSAL TO BURY A ROMAN CATHOLIC SOLDIER, A FREEMASON.

As a very remarkable corollary on our preceding article, and a very striking commentary on the recent denunciations, and overt acts of Roman Catholic prelates, against our unoffending Order, we beg to call the attention of our readers particularly to the following extract from the *Times's* military and naval intelligence of February 5th:—

"Some excitement has been caused in Chatham Garrison by the refusal of the Rev. M. Cuffe, Roman Catholic Chaplain to the Forces, to perform the burial service over Armourer-Sergeant, J. V. Johnstone, of the 82d Regiment, a Roman Catholic Freemason, who died in Fort Pitt Hospital. The deceased had been a member of the Buckley Lodge of Freemasons, which met at the Soldiers' Institute. A resident Roman Catholic priest also declined, as the Rev. M. Cuffe was his senior. The Rev. Mr. Phillips, a Protestant clergyman, performed the Church service when the deceased was interred in the military burial ground near Fort Pitt. The deceased was much respected, and hundreds of soldiers attended the funeral."

Where then will this persecution of Freemasons end?

Though protected by the laws of the country, peaceable and loyal citizens, a Roman Catholic Chaplain, paid by the Government, actually refuses to perform the Roman Catholic Burial service, over a gallant Roman Catholic soldier, simply because he is a Freemason. To say nothing of the evident illegality of the above proceeding, even according to Roman Catholic canon law, we have in this act of the Rev. Mr. Cuffe, a most painful violation of the great Christian law of kindness and brotherly love.

It is not the first time Roman Catholic Clergy and Prelates have refused to bury Roman Catholic Freemasons. A case occurred at Gibraltar some years back, when Bishop Hughes, though a very kindly man himself, then the Roman Catholic Bishop at Gibraltar, declined to allow extreme unction to be administered to a Roman Catholic unless he abjured Freemasonry, and then after the poor man's death, refused to bury him.

Dr. Burrows, then the Resident Civil Chaplain at Gibraltar; and P.G.M., read the service over our brother, in the presence of thousands of spectators.

What good the Roman Catholic clergy can think will accrue to their Church or themselves by such unwise proceedings, we are altogether at a loss to guess, but of this they may rest assured, that such acts are utterly repugnant to the true spirit of that religion they profess to believe in. Matters however cannot be allowed to rest here, and the attention of the G.M. and the Grand Lodge ought at once to be called, to a course of action on the part of the Roman Catholic clergy, which is most subversive of the rights of Freemasons as peaceable citizens of the country, most derogatory to religion, and most unjustifiable on every ground of peace and toleration, and in the general interests of civilization and humanity.

Mr. Cuffe's refusal to bury Sergeant Johnstone is quite unprecedented in this country, and must be looked at in a most serious light, as in itself a most irreligious and unrighteous proceeding.

We feel quite certain that our Grand Master and our Grand lodge, will, on a proper representation from the Buckley Lodge, take such steps as will tend to uphold the right of our Roman Catholic brethren, as, be they ever so humble, they equally claim our sympathy, and deserve our support.

Messrs. Morton, Rose and Co. announce an issue of £1,000,000 Five per Cent. Sterling Sinking Fund Bonds or the Illinois Central Railway Company, at the price of 84 per cent. The proceeds are to purchase an equal amount of New Orleans, Jackson, and Great Northern Railroad and Mississippi Central Seven per Cent. Bonds, by means of which the Illinois company will gain 2 per cent. annually, thereby providing a sinking fund sufficient to redeem the whole of the present issue in about 26 years, and the bonds so purchased are to be held as security for the payment of the loan. This arrangement will give to the Illinois company through communication between Chicago and New Orleans. The total income of the Illinois company last year amounted to 2,860,742 dols.

WEEKLY SUMMARY.

Her Majesty is still at Osborne.

The Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh have been at Moscow, but have now returned to St. Petersburg, and are about to proceed to Zarskoe Selo, for a little quiet, after their public receptions, which have been most brilliant and enthusiastic.

The marriage party is breaking up, the Crown Prince and Princess of Germany have left for Berlin, together with the Duke of Saxe-Coburg Gotha, and we shall very soon be expecting to see amongst us again their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales.

The general elections have proceeded, 557 members have been already returned, and the elections will be over probably by the end of this week. Next week we shall be able to clearly estimate the result of the dissolution. As a fact, it is remarkable that the Lord Mayor of London, the Lord Mayor of Dublin, and the Lord Provost of Edinburgh have all three been returned to serve in the new Parliament.

Otherwise we have not much home news to record except another somewhat serious accident at West Drayton.

The Castro trial, and the Lord Chief Justice's summing-up still continues. We shall next week, we trust, be able to report the conclusion of this "cause célèbre," and the verdict of the very patient jury.

On Saturday his Royal Highness the Duke of Cambridge, accompanied by General Sir Richard Airey, G.C.B., Adjutant-General of the Forces; Lieutenant-General Sir Charles Ellice, K.C.B., Quartermaster-General to the Forces; Major-General Sir Thomas M'Mahon, C.B., commanding the Cavalry Brigade, Aldershot, Inspecting-General of Cavalry; Colonel Middleton, C.B., Deputy-Adjutant-General (Royal Artillery); Colonel Clifford, V.C., C.B., Assistant-Adjutant General; Colonel Oakes, C.B. (late commanding 12th Lancers), Inspecting Officer of Auxiliary Cavalry; Colonel Fraser, V.C., C.B., late 11th Hussars, Aide-de-Camp to his Royal Highness; and Captain Fenn, Inspector of Saddlery, Royal Arsenal, Woolwich, paid an official visit to the Saddlers' Company, in the City of London, to inspect a fine exhibition of military saddlery now on view there, and in relation to which the company had offered a series of prizes, with the view to encourage technical education in the branch of art and industry, with which they are especially identified. They are one of the oldest guilds in the City, being coeval in existence with the famous steel-yard merchants who were settled in Upper Thames-street on what is now called Dowgate-hill, and who, according to Herbert's "History of the Twelve Livery Companies," were a branch of, if they did not give rise to, the famous Hanseatic League. The distinguished visitors on Saturday were received at the hall of the company, situate in Cheapside, by Mr. Deputy Harris, the Master, and the rest of the governing body, among whom was Mr. Alderman Cotton, one of the newly-elected members for the City of London. The competition for the prizes, which were from 50 guineas downwards, had been open to army and regimental saddlers and the trade generally. The exhibition was tastefully arranged in the principal hall of the company on Saturday, and his Royal Highness the Duke of Cambridge, with the rest of the military authorities present, went carefully and critically over it, bringing their practical experience to bear upon the specimens shown. The hall of the company is adorned by a fine portrait in oil of Frederick, Prince of Wales son of George II., to whom the freedom of the guild was conferred in November, 1736, and also one of Queen Anne. It likewise contains a portrait of the late Sir Peter Laurie, long a noted member, and at one time Master of the Company. During the visit the Duke of Cambridge and the whole of the military authorities accompanying his Royal Highness were entertained by the Master and Wardens at a stately *déjeuner*, which was served in the court-room, a lofty and finely-proportioned chamber. The Company is rich in ancient drinking cups and tankards in solid silver, many of them massive and highly artistic in design, one being a cup nearly 200 years old, and another a very curious

tankard—much admired—of the time of Queen Elizabeth, and many of them were used at the entertainment.

The news from the Gold Coast, seems decisive of this, that the King of the Ashantees has agreed to "cave in," unless it be a "ruse de guerre" of that wily old gentleman "Aman-quarta." Probably next week will bring us official tidings. Some doubt has been thrown however on the telegram.

The famine has we fear begun in India, though much rain has also happily fallen, and under Providence, let us hope, that by administrative energy, the disastrous consequences of previous famines in that densely populated country, may be happily averted from the suffering inhabitants.

Abroad the news is very unimportant. The "Préfet de la Seine" has given a successful *fête* at the Palace of the Luxembourg, and France is generally tranquil. In Germany Archbishop Ledochowski is in prison, and the Swiss authorities have expelled the Abbé Collet, a French clergyman, from Switzerland. The Dutch seem to be progressing in the Achinese war, and the Carlists appear to be on the eve of taking Bilbao.

We have to record the deaths of Earl Howth, K.P., of Baron Meyer de Rothschild, of Mr. Ireland Blackburne, one of the oldest ex-Members of Parliament, of Mr. Herman Merivale, under-Secretary, at the India Office, of that good officer General Gaspard le Marchant, of two old soldiers, Major Morgan and Lyon, and two Admirals who had seen much service, E. Gill and Balfour Maxwell.

RED CROSS BALL.

A grand ball took place, under the auspices of the Grand Council of England, of the Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine, at the Cannon-street Hotel, on Wednesday last, on which occasion there was a large attendance of the Knights of the Order, and their friends. Although the ball was under the special patronage of the Earl of Bective, Grand Commander, and the Grand Council, the privilege of attending was not exclusively limited to members of the Order, who were entitled to introduce friends, whether members or not, Masons or non-Masons, the only condition required being that the tickets should be signed by one of the Stewards. The natural consequence of this requirement was to make the ball a very select, and at the same time a very enjoyable one.

Dancing commenced at nine o'clock, to the music of an excellent band, provided by Bro. Weaver, and was kept up to a late, or rather early, hour.

The elegant apparel of the Grand Council and Knights of the Red Cross, toned down in a measure by the presence of a few gentlemen in the simpler evening dress, combined with the elegant toilettes of the ladies, and the tasteful decorations of the fine Ball-room of the Hotel, produced a *mis-en-scene* which can better be imagined than described.

At twelve o'clock, the company adjourned to supper. Bro. Col. Burdett, occupied the chair. The first toast proposed was that of "The Queen." The next toast was, "The memory of Constantine the Great, the founder, not only of the Constantinian Order of St. George, but also of the Masonic Order of the Red Cross," coupled with the name of H.I.H. Prince Rhodocanakis.

His Imperial Highness replied as follows:—"It is with sincere gratification that I rise to acknowledge the very high compliment which you have just paid me, and I feel assured, that under the circumstances, you will judge of my zeal in the cause of our orders of chivalry, rather by my acts, than by my words. I can conscientiously affirm, that in advancing the interests of our illustrious confraternity in general, and particularly in my native land, I have striven to carry out those wise cosmopolitan principles, which at the dawn of modern civilization, raised to such a pitch of grandeur, those renewed orders of chivalry which, even in modern times, we see, may be restored, if not with equal pageantry, at any rate with even more practical advantages. Fully alive to the importance in

every state, of a social organization, divested of the disturbing influence of politics, and relying rather on my honesty of purpose, than on my own qualifications for the task, I accepted the mission of conveying to the Greeks a fuller knowledge of those noble principles which had so impressed themselves upon me in this great and enlightened country, and in finally establishing the Grand Orient and S.G.C. of the Hellenic kingdom, I also prepared a way for the establishment there, sooner or later, of the Red Cross Masonic Order, which here I have found dignified by the noblest of principles, and with an organization the excellence of which is best attested, by the rapid extension of the order in the remotest countries. As regards my purely personal feelings, I acknowledge with the greatest respect the courtesy and hospitality extended to myself, but which after all, was but to have been expected at the hands of a body of gentlemen of social distinction and personal accomplishments, true Knights, as I believe, *sans peur et sans reproche*."

"The Ladies," was responded to by Bro. Col. Peters, in a humorous speech.

The management of the whole affair reflects the greatest credit on the Stewards, which comprised the following:—

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.—Colonel Francis Burdett, Chairman; Robert Wentworth Little, Wm. Robert Woodman, M.D.; Henry Charles Levauder, M.A.

GENERAL COMMITTEE.—James Lewis Thomas, Raynham W. Stewart, Angelo J. Lewis, M.A.; John Boyd, Thomas Cubitt, Thomas W. White, Joseph Charles Parkinson, William Roebuck, George Kenning, Charles H. Rogers-Harrison, Sigismund Rosenthal, John T. Moss, T. Burdett Yeoman.

STEWARDS.—The Members of the Grand Council and Senate, and the following Knights:—Sir Gilbert E. Campbell, Bart.; Victor Cerehe, Benjamin Cook, Antonio J. Codner, Henry A. Dubois, William Forster, Hon. Judge Gibbs, Isidore S. Gordon, Charles Hammerton, Charles F. Hogard, Charles Horsley, Frederick Keily, William Kelly, F.S.A.; Thomas Kingston, James Percy Leith, John George Marsh, Thomas Massa, Alfred Moore, Alpheus C. Morton, Edward S. Norris, Alfred Albert Pendlebury, Colonel James Peters, Henry Phythian, Frederick W. H. Ramsay, M.D.; Ebenezer Roberts, Edwin Sillifant, David R. Still, Eugene H. Thiellay, Frederick Walters, James Weaver.

Bro. Ebenezer Roberts discharged the duties of Master of the Ceremonies to the satisfaction of all present.

Great praise is due to the spirited host, Bro. Spencer, for the excellent repast and the choice wines and other refreshments that were provided with no sparing hand during the course of the evening.

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

The Grand Lodge of Scotland met again on Monday, the 2nd inst., in the Great Hall, George-street, Edinburgh. The Most Worshipful Grand Master, Sir Michael R. Shaw Stewart, Bart., occupied the throne, supported by the Right Hon. Lord James C. Plantaganet Murray, R.W. Deputy G. Master, and Scottish representative at the Grand Lodge of England; W. Mana, Esq., P.G.W., as S.G.W.; Major Hamilton Ramsay, J.G.W.; H. Inglis, Esq., P.S.G.M. and P.G.M. Peebles and Selkirk; Major Hope, P.M. East Lothian; Landerdale Maitland, Esq., P.G.M. Dumfriesshire; Captain G. R. Harnott, P.M., Wigtonshire; J. Laurie, Esq., G.S.; F. A. Barron, Esq., R.W.S.G. Deacon; W. Hay, Esq., J.G.D.; A. Hay, Esq., Grand Jeweller; Captain G.F.R. Colt, G. Swordbearer; C. W. Muller, Esq., Director of Music; R. Davidson, Esq., G. Organist; A. T. Apthorpe, Esq., Acting Chief Grand Marshal; W. M. Bryce, G. Tyler; and many past grand officers.

The usual preliminary business having been disposed of, Bro. Inglis, Past Substitute Grand Master, announced his presence as representative of one of the three great masonic bodies of Germany, also a Grand Lodge of the same

which office he has lately been appointed, and Bro. Inglis having been ushered into Grand Lodge with the honours due to his rank, was received by the Grand Master with a hearty welcome and duly installed.

Petitions for charters for new lodges were granted for Allahabad, Islay, Larkhall, Jamaica, Dreghorn, Lima, South Queensferry, and Kilsyth; several others were remitted for further and future consideration. The power of the G.M. of Western India was extended over all Hindostan.

The resignation of P.G.M. of Victoria was accepted, and Bro. John Hislop was appointed P.G.M. of New Zealand, a cordial vote of thanks being accorded to Bro. W. Caldwell for his services in the G. Lodge of that distant province.

A motion was then discussed for the purpose of constituting all Past Masters as members of Grand Lodge, and warmly debated on both sides, but was ultimately rejected by a large majority.

Sundry motions for discussion were tabled, to be hereafter considered, and Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

THE WILL OF THE LATE BRO. HENRY MELVILLE.

Henry Melville the author of "Veritas," recently noticed in our columns, whose will has just been proved, recommends that immediately after his decease his books, papers, manuscripts &c., should be secured by Mrs. Maria Gibbs, and that she should, without loss of time, apply to the Crown for a patent to use the Masonic symbols on planispheres and celestial charts, by which the original of the Sacred Bible and other mysterious works can be interpreted; and then goes on to say: "The patent having been secured, I recommend that application be made to the British Government by the said Maria Gibbs for a commission of inquiry to determine whether the knowledge should be made public, or retained for a certain time (to be determined by such commission and the said Maria Gibbs), and then made public. I recommend that copies of my manuscript works should be made, and that no one copyist should be allowed to transcribe more than one book, and that such copying should be executed only in the presence of the said Maria Gibbs."

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, February, 20, 1874.

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

Saturday, February 14.

- Lodge 108, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
- " 173, Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 1328, Granite, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 1301, United Service, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond.
- " 1423, Era, King's Arms Hotel, Hampton Court.
- " 1446, Mount Edgcombe, Swan Tavern, Battersea.
- " 1457, Bagshaw, Bald Faced Stag, Buckhurst-hill.
- Lodge 104, Macdonald, Head Quarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Brunswick-road, Camberwell.
- Lancaster Lodge of Instruction (179), Yorkshire Grey, 77, London-street, Fitzroy-square, at 8; Bro. H. Ash, Preceptor.
- Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, Surrey.
- Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. G. Dilléy, Preceptor.

Monday, February 16.

- " 1, Grand Master's, Freemasons' Tavern.
- " 8, British, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 21, Emulation, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
- " 58, Felicity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.
- " 185, Tranquility, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.
- " 710, Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
- " 862, Whittington, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street.
- " 901, City of London, Guildhall Tavern.
- " 907, Royal Albert, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 1159, Marquess of Dalhousie, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 1201, Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 13, Prudence, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
- " Leopold Lodge of Instruction (1445), Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland, at 7; Bro. T. Austin, Preceptor.
- " 19 Man Lodge of Instruction (145), Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 8; Bro. Beckler, Preceptor.
- " City Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.
- " 101 Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern, Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.

- Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gotthel, Preceptor.
- British Oak Lodge of Instruction, Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.
- St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street (opposite the Pantheon), Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.
- Wellington Lodge of Instruction, White Swan Tavern, Deptford, at 8; Bro. C. G. Dilléy, P.M. 1155, Preceptor.
- St. John of Wapping Lodge of Instruction (1306), Gun Tavern, High-street, Wapping, at 8; Bro. T. Mordlock, Preceptor.
- West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
- Metropolitan Mark Lodge of Instruction, Coach and Horses Hotel, 343, Strand, at 8.

Tuesday, February 17.

- Board of General Purposes, at 3.
- Lodge 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge.
- " 95, Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
- " 162, Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 165, Honour and Generosity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.
- " 194, St. Paul's, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
- " 435, Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall.
- Chap. 11, Enoch, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 19, Mount Sinai, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street.
- " 186, Industry, Freemasons' Hall.
- Yarborough Lodge of Instruction, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8; Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.
- Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tavern, Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 8.
- Faith Lodge of Instruction, Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Preceptor.
- Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Lord's Hotel, Lord's Cricket Ground, St. John's-wood, at 8; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.
- Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. Crawley, Preceptor.
- Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st., Within, at 7.30; Bro. Bolton, W.M. 1227, Preceptor.
- St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, New-street, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
- Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (55), Wheatsheaf Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey (P.M. 180), Preceptor.

Wednesday, February 18.

- General Committee, Grand Lodge, and Lodge of Benevolence, at 6.
- Lodge 140, St. George's, Trafalgar Hotel, Greenwich.
- " 100, Oak, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 700, Nelson, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich.
- " 969, Maybury, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 1044, Wandsworth, Spread Eagle, Hotel, New Wandsworth.
- " 1150, Buckingham and Chaudas, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 1349, Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars.
- " 1382, Corinthian, George Inn, Cubitt Town.
- Chap. 217, Stability, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street.
- Mark Lodge Bon Accord, Freemasons' Tavern.
- Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters, at 3, 33, Golden-square.
- Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor.
- United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
- Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30.
- New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8.
- Confidence Lodge of Instruction, Railway Tavern, London-street, City, at 7.30.
- Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
- Peckham Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham, at 8; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor.
- Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar.
- Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, Thicket Hotel, Anerley, at 7.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
- Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham Court-road, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
- Finbury Park Lodge of Instruction (1288), Finbury Park Tavern, Seven Sisters'-road, N., at 8; Bro. P. Dickinson, Acting Preceptor.

Thursday, February 19.

- House Committee, Girls' School.
- Lodge 23, Globe, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 49, Gihon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.
- " 55, Constitutional, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.
- " 63, St. Mary's, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 169, Temperance, White Swan, High-street, Deptford.
- " 179, Manchester, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street.
- " 181, St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall. Annual Ball. (See Advertisement.)
- " 181, Universal, Freemasons' Hall.

- Lodge 733, Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
- " 813, New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton.
- " 1139, South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood.
- " 1287, Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 1339, St. Andrew, Half Moon, Herne Hill.
- Chap. 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
- K.T. Preceptory E, Observance, 14, Bedford-row.
- Finbury Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Anglers' Tavern, Bath-street, City-road; Bro. Stean, Preceptor.
- United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
- Whittington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern, Holborn, at 8; Bro. Lewis Alexander, P.M. 188, Preceptor.
- Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
- Ebury Lodge of Instruction, Bro. Palmer's, 12, Fensby-st., Millbank.
- Highgate Lodge of Instruction (1366), Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
- Friday, February 20.
- House Committee, Boys' School.
- Lodge 6, Friendship, Willie's Rooms, King-street, St. James's.
- " 201, Jordan, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 1118, Jordan, Freemasons' Hall.
- Chap. 92, Moira, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.
- Rose Croix Chap. Invicta, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich.
- Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
- Union Club of Instruction, Windsor Castle, Victoria Station, at 8 p.m.; H. Ash, P.M., Instructor.
- St. George's Lodge of Instruction (140), Globe Tavern, Royal-hill, Greenwich.
- Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
- Belgrave Lodge of Instruction (749), Coach and Horses, Strand, at 8; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.
- Stability Lodge of Instruction (217), Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st., at 6 p.m.; Bro. H. Muggeridge, Preceptor.
- Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.
- Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
- Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tavern, Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.
- Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park, at 8; Bro. Geo. W. Verry, Preceptor.
- Clapton Lodge of Instruction, White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., Preceptor.
- Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1298), the Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. W. F. Rogers, Preceptor.
- Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-road, at 8; Comp. W. West Smith, Preceptor.
- Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (733), Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8.
- Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Bro. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.
- United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Antelope Tavern, Lorn-road, Brixton, at 7.
- St. James's Lodge of Instruction, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-road, Bermondsey, at 8; Bro. Howes, P.M., Preceptor.
- Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Bro. D. S. Potts, Preceptor.
- Doric Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8.
- Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8; Bro. P. M. Wuest, Preceptor.
- St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144) Rose Tavern, Fulham-road, S.W.
- Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.
- High Cross Lodge of Instruction (754), Coach and Horses Tavern, High Road, Tottenham, at 8.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

- For the Week ending Saturday, February 21, 1874.
- Monday, February 16.
- Lodge 721, Independence, Barr's Hotel, Chester, at 6.
- Everton Lodge of Instruction, (823), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 7.30.
- Chap. 32, Jerusalem, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 5.
- " 995, Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverstone.
- " 1051, Rowley, Masonic Rooms, Atheneum, Lancaster.
- Tuesday, February 17.
- Lodge 667, Alliance, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
- " 1276, Warren, Stanley Arms Hotel, Seacombe, at 6.
- " 1225, Hindpool, Harrington Hotel, Barrow-in-Furness.
- Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
- Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 7.
- Wednesday, February 18.
- Lodge 537, Zeland, Masonic Chambers, 9, Hamilton-square, Birkenhead, at 5.
- " 823, Everton, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
- " 1182, Duke of Edinburgh, Coffee House, Wavertree, at 5.
- " 1086, Walton, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, at 6.
- " 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys Hotel, Eccles.
- " 1353, Duke of Lancaster, Atheneum, Lancaster.

- Harmonic Lodge of Instruction (216), Mona Hotel, James-street, Liverpool, at 8.
- Thursday, February 19.
- Lodge 203, Ancient Union, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
- 343, Concord, Queen's Arms Hotel, Church-street, Preston.
- 605, Combermer, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, at 6.
- 1299, Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, at 5.
- Friday, February 20.
- Lodge 1350, Fermor-Hesketh, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW.

For the week ending Saturday, February 21, 1874. All the Meetings take place at 8 o'clock.

- Monday, February 16.
- Lodge 332, Union, 179, Buchanan-street.
- St. Mungo Encampment, K.T., 213, Buchanan-street.
- Tuesday, February 17.
- Lodge 34, St. John's, St. John's Hall, 213, Buchanan-st.
- 73, Thistle and Rose, 170, Buchanan-st.
- 87, Thistle, 213, Buchanan-st.
- 437, Govandale, Portland Hall, Govan.
- Wednesday, February 18.
- Lodge 117, Partick St. Mary's, Freemasons' Hall, Partick.
- 354, Caledonian Railway, 213, Buchanan-st.
- Thursday, February 19.
- Lodge 27, St. Mungo, 213, Buchanan-street.
- 167, Free Operative, Masons' Hall, Biggar.
- 465, St. Andrew's, Masons' Hall, Garngad-road.
- Friday, February 20.
- Lodge 31, St. Mary Cutness, Scott Hall, Wishaw.
- 42, Kilwinning, Town Hall, Greenock.
- 360, Commercial, 19, Croy-place.
- 471, St. John, Stone Inn, Shotts.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH.

For the Week ending Saturday, February 21, 1874.

- Monday, February 16.
- Lodge 44, St. Luke's, Freemasons' Hall, George-st., at 8.
- Tuesday, February 17.
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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

ST. JAMES UNION LODGE (No. 180).—This lodge held their usual meeting at the Freemasons, Hall on Tuesday, 10th February, being the first meeting after the installation of the new W.M., Bro. Gallico. The ceremonies of passing and raising were very ably performed by him, and it is much to be regretted that so few brethren were present, including as few visitors, to witness his excellent working; in fact many Englishmen might learn a good lesson from what has been accomplished by a foreigner. We are happy to learn that the W.M. is going as Steward to the Boys' festival in March, and the Lodge voted 10 guineas for his list.

LODGE OF TRANQUILITY (No. 185).—The high esteem in which this lodge is held was exemplified by the strong muster of members and the number of visitors who assembled on Monday, the 16th inst., at the Cannon-street Hotel, E.C. The prodigious amount of work to be accomplished necessitated the meeting to be called as early as 2 p.m. With his accustomed punctuality, Bro. Nathan Moss, the W.M., opened the proceedings, in which he was efficiently assisted by Bro. John Constable, S.W.; John Ross, J.W.; J. D. Barnett, S.D.; F. Cocker, I.G.; John Peartree, Hon. Treas.; Phil Levy, Hon. Sec. After the confirmation of the minutes, the W.M. conferred the third degree upon Bro. T. W. Humphreys, passed to the position of Fellow Craft, Bros. Pare, Anthony, and Judge, and initiated into the mysteries of the Order, Messrs. W. D. Bayley, and T. S. Smith. This being the appointed time for the installation of the W.M. for the ensuing year, Bro. John Constable, the S.W., who had been unanimously elected to that important post at a previous meeting, was presented in regular form and duly installed with the usual ceremonies observed on such occasions. The new Master's first duty was to invest his officers, and the various brethren selected seemed to afford the greatest satisfaction, judging from the approbation manifested as each name was called. The appointments were as follows:—Bros. John Ross, S.W.; J. D. Barnett, J.W.; John Peartree, Hon. Treas.; Phil Levy, Hon. Sec.; David Seener (unavoidably absent), S.D.; Child, J.D. I.G.; Spence D.C.; Reece, W.S.; Tyler. The installation ceremony was ably performed by the retiring W.M., who, though suffering from a severe cold, secured divided attention, and at the finish of the addresses to the officer and brethren, well merited applause. The auditors report was then read, in which it appeared that besides enjoying the usual banquets, the lodge was able to spend £38 liberally, without encroaching upon their private benevolent fund, and yet leave a balance of £144 in favour of the lodge, thus proving that "charity doth thinketh no evil" was "kind" in this instance and permitted benevolence and conviviality to hand in hand. The benevolent fund in connection with this lodge exists at the present time upwards of £600, invested in consols. During the past year the relief fund to indigent brethren amounted to £136. The adoption of the report ended the business of the evening.

The proceedings in the lodge were most decorous. The solemnity of the ceremonies being greatly enhanced by the addition of musical and vocal accompaniments, under the able conduct of Bro. G. Bilby. The lodge was then called from labour to refreshment. After so many hours of incessant work in the lodge the brethren most gladly availed themselves of the opportunity of raising their flagging energies. Ample justice was done to the many excellent things provided, all faces brightened under the genial influence. Hearts expanded and purse strings loosened, so that when during the toasts an appeal was made by Bro. Saul Solomon, P.M., to still further enlarge the private benevolent fund, £26 5s. were at once subscribed; visitors were not permitted to add their mite. The various other toasts were given and responded to in the usual manner, the most noteworthy of which were the one to the general Masonic Charities responded to by Bro. F. Binckes in his accustomed hearty manner. His energy is so contagious as to make one feel ashamed of oneself for not being at least Vice-President of all the institutions. In the course of his observations he complimented the W.M. upon his efforts in collecting an amount of nearly £400 towards the funds of the Benevolent Institution, and referred to a discussion lately carried on in the pages of the *Freemason* in which one of the correspondents thought proper to sneer at what is technically known as "Constable's Draw." Bro. Binckes agrees with this correspondent in this—"That if every lodge did its duty, we should not need such extraneous, and if you will, questionable help," but while such is not the case—while out of 1500 lodges under English jurisdiction only about 150 sent Stewards to the last festival, then, although not holding the opinion that in every case the "end justifies the means," in this matter the course pursued was highly commendable, and all honour is due to Bro. Constable for his very successful efforts in that direction. Bro. Terry followed suit in the same strain with an energy and earnestness scarcely inferior to the preceding speaker. Both Initiates replied briefly, as became novitiates, but showed signs of very intelligent appreciation of all they had seen and heard at their entrance into what they termed a novel view of life. The I.P.M. proposed the health of the W.M., who was exceedingly modest in his response, promising to use his best efforts to promote the welfare of the lodge. Bro. Maurice Hart responded for the P.M.'s. He alluded to the condition of the lodge some years ago, when it appeared on the lowest "round of fortune's wheel," but its resuscitation may be dated from the time of the W. Master's introduction. Besides other services, he has introduced some twenty-five of his personal friends, all good men and true, a credit to the lodge and an acquisition to the Craft. For the visitors Bro. Lazarus, P.M., P.G.S.W. Wilts, replied in few but appropriate words. This brother is nearly eighty years of age. It was therefore, pleasing to observe the almost youthful energy he possesses, imagination still vivid and intellect clear. A very handsome gold jewel was presented to Bro. Nathan Moss, I.P.M., a testimonial of esteem and affection seldom better deserved. The following notices of motion are worthy of record, by Bro. Saul Solomon, P.M., "That this lodge contribute annually £5 5s. to each the Boy's and Girl's School, and £10 to the Benevolent fund" by Bro. Constable, P.M., "That the sum of £10 10s. from the fund of this lodge be placed on the list of Bro. John Ross, S.W., who has consented to represent the lodge at the coming festival for the Boy's School. The P.M.'s present were—Holbrook Harfield, S. E. Moss, Saul Solomon, Maurice Hart, N. Harris. The visitors were—Bros. F. Binckes, P.M. Grand Stewards; Terry, P.M. United Strength; Lazarus, P.M., P.G.S.W. Wilts; Roberts, W.M. Joppa; Dr. Solla, P.M. and W.M. Montefiore; Hogard, P.M., Israel; Gottheil, P.M. 141; Parker, P.M. Beadon; Adreed, P.M. 181; H. M. Levy, P.M. 181; Wood, 438; Henson, 180; Page, J.W. 902; Cummings, 534; Braomilla, 392; G. Hart, late 185; A. Gluckstein, 141; L. Abrahams, 141; Broo-385; Thomas, 28; Myer, 63; Distin, 175; Webb, Lodge of Truth, Staffordshire; and Read. The vocalists were Bro. Parker, P.M.

Child, J.D.; Miss Dones and Miss Leo. Bro. Distin presided at the piano with his usual efficiency. The pleasant meeting will long be remembered by all who had the good fortune to be present. The prevailing harmony and good fellowship were truly Masonic. In the midst of thorough enjoyment, suffering humanity was not forgotten. In fact, the whole proceedings were conducted in the spirit of the grand principles upon which the Order is founded, "Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth."

WINDSOR.—*Etonian Lodge* (No. 209).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on the 3rd inst., at the Royal Adelaide Hotel, Windsor. Bro. Dixon, the W.M., was supported by Bros. Bladon, S.W.; Carter, J.W.; Strange, P.M. Sec.; Bryett, P.M. (acting) S.D.; Crowhurst, J.D.; Canvin, I.G.; Hume, D.C.; Roberts, S.; Stacey, P.M., Org.; Bro. Wilson, P.M., and several other brethren. The W.M. having opened the lodge in the first degree, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Mr. T. Hawker, for initiation, and for Bro. Hiscock of 865 lodge, as a joining member, both of whom were elected. The lodge was then opened in the second degree, Bro. Pears, after the usual interrogation, was entrusted with the pass grip and word leading from second to third degree by the W.M., who then transferred his collar to Bro. Wilson, P.M., who raised Bro. Pears to the sublime degree in his well-known style. The resignation of Bro. Binnie, P.M., was read and received with universal regret, he having by his exertions contributed materially towards the present satisfactory condition of the lodge. After discussion on various matters the lodge was closed and adjourned until the next monthly night.

LODGE OF UNITED STRENGTH (No. 228).—The brethren of this ancient lodge held their installation meeting at St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, on the 10th inst. Present Bros. Crump, Winsland, Botterill, Terry, Davies, Colston, Carter, Robards, Hillhouse, White, Smith, Snare, Hill, Snell, Wickens, Skeate, Duckett, Tallerman, Halford, Hickman, Percy, Vine, Killick, Patmore, Jones, Ingall, Burkett, and numerous other brethren and visitors. The business of the evening consisted of the usual ceremonies by the outgoing W.M., Bro. Terry, whose able working is universally known, and the installation by him of the W.M. for the ensuing year, Bro. James Hillhouse. The occasion was rendered doubly interesting by the presentation to Bro. Terry of a valuable diamond ring by the brethren of the lodge, in token of the high esteem and regard entertained for him by the whole of the members. The W.M., after the banquet, in presenting the testimonial, alluded in appropriate words to the many excellent qualifications possessed by Bro. Terry, and paid a just tribute, not only to the able manner in which he had presided during his Mastership, and the satisfactory position of the finances of the lodge, mainly due to his exertions, but to the great regard personally entertained for him by every member, and referring to the inscription on the ring "Presented to Bro. James Terry, P.M. by the brethren of 228, 10th February, 1874. Probo et Fideli et Fido, remarked that those words represented truly the able, faithful, and trusty qualities so eminently possessed by him. In responding Bro. Terry heartily acknowledged the surprise and pleasure he felt at receiving the testimonial from the brethren, unexpected as it had been to him, and expressed the great pleasure it afforded him at all times to further the interest of the lodge by every means in his power, and that he felt deeply the kind expressions which at all times, and especially on that occasion, had emanated from the W.M. and all the brethren reciprocating their regard during the 14th year he had been connected with the lodge. The banquet was served by Bro. Gay, in his usual excellent style, and the brethren enjoyed a most agreeable evening.

BERKHAMPTSTEAD.—*Berkhamptstead Lodge* (No. 504).—The meeting for the installation of the W.M. of the Berkhamptstead Lodge was held at the King's Arms on Wednesday, 21st ult., and was attended by a larger number of brethren, than meetings of the P.G.L. Herts excepted, than has ever assembled in Berkhamptstead. This

assemblage was due to the fact, that in addition to the ceremony of installation, an event always honoured by the Craft, the occasion was chosen as a fitting one for the presentation to the lodge of an excellent oil painting of the worthy Treasurer and Father of the Lodge, Bro. J. E. Lane, P.M. and P.P.S.W., &c. After the routine business of the lodge had been transacted, the brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet, prepared by the worthy hostess of the King's Arms, Mrs. Baker; and it may suffice, once for all, to say that her skill and management in this important part of the day's proceedings, left nothing to be desired in them. The chair was taken by the W.M., Bro. W. H. Rowe, supported on his right by Bros. T. F. Halsey, P.G.M. Herts; Rev. F. B. Harvey, P.M. 742 P.P.G.C. Herts, C. F. Humbert, I. Houll, I. Howe, A. T. Parkes, E. Terry, &c., and on his left by Bros. J. H. Adams, P.M.; J. Johnson, P.M. and P.P.S.W.; J. M. Shugar, P.M. and P.P.S.W.; J. E. Lane, P.M. and P.P.S.W.; R. A. Wright, W. I. Adams, W. B. Heath, G. Lambert, J. Burton, all prominent members of the Berkhamstead, Provincial and London Lodges. The brethren present also, to the number of about 50, included representatives from the Grand Lodge of England, down to the entered apprentices of that day's celebration. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been given by the W.M., Bro. W. Wilson, P.M. and Hon. Sec., 504, proposed in most appropriate terms the health of the newly appointed P.G.M. Herts, Bro. T. F. Halsey, which was drunk with full Masonic honours. In an able and characteristic speech that gentleman responded, pledging himself to the discharge of the duties entrusted to him, for the sole good of the Craft in general, and of the brethren in the province in particular. The toast of the evening confessedly was that of the Treasurer and father of the lodge Bro. J. E. Lane, P.M., and P.P.S.W. Herts etc., by Bro. Lambert, whose metropolitan and provincial Masonic honours and position are almost beyond enumeration. In an able and feeling address he alluded to the high character and Masonic zeal which for so many years had distinguished Bro. Lane, especially enlarging upon the stay he had been to the Berkhamstead Lodge, and the attraction which, through his management, the lodge had so widely and successfully exercised on the London brethren. In conclusion, as expressing the sentiments of the entire lodge, by whom the portrait of Bro. Lane had been subscribed for, he fraternally greeted him on behalf of the lodge, and formally presented the portrait. After the cheers, loud and long, had subsided, which responded to Bro. Lambert's address, and bore testimony to the regard and affection in which Bro. Lane was esteemed, he returned his best thanks to the brethren in a very effective and most appropriate reply. It is impossible to report as fully of this meeting as it deserves. One toast, however, must not be passed over, for it embodies a sentiment dear not only to every Masonic heart, but also of interest to hearts yet to be Masonic. This toast was that of the "Brother Initiates," who had that day been admitted into the Craft as "Entered Apprentices." There were Mr. F. Q. Lane, and Mr. Jostling, whose health in their newly acquired character was suitably proposed by the Rev. F. B. Harvey, P.M., and P.P.G.C., Herts, and duly received and responded to. The health of Bro. Wilson, Hon. Sec., was proposed by Bro. Lambert in a humorous speech, accompanying it with a handsome present of a cruet and sauce stand from the brethren. And lastly, that same vivacious and generous brother presented the Tyler, Bro. Thomas, an old, and highly respected member, with a handsome plated biscuit basket, from the same brethren. Freemasonry is thus progressing in Berkhamstead.

WINDSOR.—*Windsor Castle Lodge* (No. 771).—The installation meeting of the lodge took place on the 10th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Windsor, when there was a large assemblage of brethren to do honour to the new W.M., Bro. W. Hill Bingham, (amongst them the Rev. Sir John Hays, D.P.G.M.) Two gentlemen having been initiated, the W.M., Bro. Grisbrook, proceeded to instal his successor into the chair of K.S. The ceremony was admirably rendered,

and gave great satisfaction to all present. Bro. Devereux, I.P.M., delivered the address, and the proceedings were rendered more impressive by the choral service performed by Bro. Fuller, P.G.O., assisted by Bros. Briggs and Large, of the Chapel Royal Windsor. The W.M. having been duly installed, proceeded to appoint and invest his officers as follows:—Bro. H. Greville Palmer, S.W.; W. H. Cutler, J.W.; Whitehouse, Treas.; Solley, Secretary; Rev. Sir John Hays, D.P.G.M., Chap.; S. Scott, S.W.; T. Fleek, J.W.; W. Brown, I.G.; W. H. Cantrell, P.G.S., D.C. A member of the lodge having served the office of Steward at the R.M.B.I. Festival announced that his list of subscriptions amounted to nearly £60, and entreated the brethren who had not contributed to do so at once. All business being ended the brethren adjourned to a very excellent banquet at the White Hart Hotel. After the cloth was drawn a most agreeable evening was spent, enlivened by the admirable singing of the musical brethren already referred to.

WHITTINGTON LODGE (No. 862).—The ordinary monthly meeting of this prosperous lodge was held on Monday, the 16th inst., at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, Bro. F. Smith, W.M., in the chair, supported by Bro. W. J. Jones, P.M.; A. H. Haley, S.W.; Seeling, J.W.; and Quilty, Treasurer. After the confirmation of the minutes, ballot was taken for the election of Bro. Kenneth R. H. Mackenzie, as a joining member, and the ballot having been declared clear in the South and West, he was unanimously elected. The W.M., assisted by Bro. R. Wentworth Little, P.M., then raised Bros. Sedgwick and Brothers to the sublime degree of Master Masons. A vote of £10 was made towards the Girls' School, and a subscription was set on foot among the brethren to have the lodge adequately represented on the next recurring festivals. Bro. A. Moore handed a special subscription to the W.M. The lodge had to deplore on this occasion the decease of Bro. W. Anderson, J.D., which had taken place very suddenly. Bro. Jones, P.M., moved, and the S.W. seconded, that a letter be addressed to his widow, condoling with her upon the bereavement she had sustained. It was further announced that the Whittington Chapter would meet for dispatch of business on Friday, the 27th inst., Bro. James Weaver, M.E.Z. The visitors were—Bros. John Boyd, 145, P.G.P.; and H. Higgins, 184. At the banquet which followed, the usual toasts were duly honoured, and some delightful music from Bros. Weaver and Moore terminated a pleasant evening, although it was saddened by the melancholy event above mentioned.

HARROGATE.—*Harrogate and Claro Lodge* (No. 1001).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street, on Friday evening, February 13th. The W.M., Bro. Robt. Ackrell was supported by Bros. John Burke, S.W.; Rander, J.W.; Pullan, P.M., Powell, Harrison, and a goodly number of members; visitor, Bro. John Bowes, P.M., P. Prov. G. Reg. Cumberland and Westmoreland. The lodge was opened in due form, when the minutes were read and declared to be correctly recorded. The business consisted in the reading and consideration of a number of communications. Notably amongst them was a reply from the D.P.G.M., Bro. Bentley Shaw, to a vote of condolence. The W.M. stated that he had attended, with his Wardens, the recent Provincial Grand Lodge at Leeds, which was presided over by the Most Noble the Marquess of Ripon, and thereupon made a report of the proceedings. There being no farther business, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS.—*Hartington Lodge* (No. 1321).—This lodge held its usual meeting on Monday, 12th inst., at the Masonic Rooms, Custom House-buildings, Hindpool-road, Bro. Henry Cook, P.M. 1021, 138, P.P.G.R. for C. and W., presiding, in the absence of P.M. Sir James Ramsden, Prov. Grand Senior Warden, who was confined to his house on account of severe indisposition. After the usual business had been transacted, the S.W. proposed that the thanks and gratitude of the lodge

are due to Bro. Cook, P.M., &c., for the very handsome present of a harmonium. The high eulogiums passed by the speaker and other brethren fully testified the position Bro. Cook holds in the Craft, whose graceful and impressive delivery, combined with correct working unremitting exertions, devoted zeal, and by his suave manner has gained the respect of the brethren in this and other lodges. Bro. Cook's reply was given in his truly characteristic style. The lodge is fortunate in having such talented and influential brethren as Bros. Sir James Ramsden and Henry Cook to preside over them, by whose munificence the lodge has been to a great extent re-furnished.

HAMPTON COURT.—*Era Lodge* (No. 1423).—The anniversary meeting of this prosperous lodge was held on Saturday, 14th inst., at the King's Arms Hotel, Hampton Court, punctually at three o'clock, p.m. The W.M., Bro. J. T. Moss, P.P.G.D., Middlesex, opened the lodge. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and unanimously confirmed, and the report of the audit committee was read, received, adopted, and ordered to be entered on the lodge minute books. It showed the funds to be in a good state. As there were only initiations down on the list of work to be done, in addition to the installation that ceremony was proceeded with. Although a large list of names was on the summons, but two presented themselves, who were duly initiated into Freemasonry. Bro. T. J. Sabine, P.M. 73, Treasurer, took the chair, and in an able manner installed Bro. Henry Arthur Dubois, P.G. Steward, Middlesex, and W.M. elect, as the Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The officers appointed are—Bros. J. W. Baldwin, S.W.; J. Baxter Langley, J.W.; T. J. Sabine, P.M., Treasurer; F. Walters, P.G. Steward, Middlesex, P.M. Secretary; J.S. Sweasey, S.D.; W. C. Devereux, R.N. J.D.; E. W. Devereux, I.G.; Rev. P. M. Holden, Chaplain; E. W. Mackney, Organist; S. Wolf, M.C.; B. Wright, W.S. J. Gilbert, Prov. Grand Tyler, Middlesex, Tyler. At the conclusion of the installation ceremony, a cordial vote of thanks was given to Bro. T. J. Sabine, P.M., Treasurer, for his kindness in performing the ceremony of installation, and it was ordered to be entered on the lodge minute book, which met with the unanimous approval of all present. The event of the evening was presenting the out-going Master, Bro. J. T. Moss, P.P.G.D. Middlesex, P.M., with a massive silver cup (unanimously voted to him by the lodge). The cup was made by Bro. George Kenning, Little Britain, and did him great credit, for it was perfection in every way. When Bro. J. T. Moss, P.P.G.D. Middlesex, P.M., had the cup given him and rose to return thanks he was received most cordially, and had an ovation. So great and long was the applause it was a work of time before he could return thanks, which he did in an excellent manner. The cup was handed round the lodge room, and was much admired for the beauty of its design and its excellent workmanship. When the Prov. G. Master, Col. F. Burdett, and Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. J. C. Parkinson, arrived, soon after the lodge was opened, they were each received with the honours suitable to their rank, and the gaid and position of the W.M. was offered, but kindly refused by each of them. However before the close of the lodge at the earnest solicitation of the P.M. and others. Bro. J. C. Parkinson, D.P.G.M. Middlesex, in the kindest possible manner gave the address as Installing Master to the Warden in a beautiful, agreeable, and impressive manner. Several brethren were proposed as joining members. The indefatigable veteran Secretary Bro. Frederick Walters, I.G. Steward Middlesex would not let them separate until he had all the Stewardships of the Charties filled up, as he said he had a Steward for Boys, three Stewards for Girls, 1874, but the stewardship for Royal Benevolent 1875 was vacant. He did not have to appeal very long, as he soon got a volunteer. Bro. John Faulkner, who was elected to that office, and agreed to accept it. Not satisfied with this success, the Secretary assured the brethren he had a member amongst them who had not been raised, whom he thought he could induce to be a Steward for the

the one already secured. We have no doubt that that Secretary could have his own way he would make everybody a Steward and Life Governor to all the Charities. In consequence of the large arrears of work, it was arranged to hold an emergency meeting on Saturday, March 14th, at two o'clock, so as to suit the many professional members contained in the list of members. All business being ended the lodge was closed. A splendid banquet and magnificent dessert was served and provided for by the hostess, Mrs. Diver, which gave universal satisfaction. Some good songs, sang by members, amongst whom were Bros. F. E. Rawlinson, F. Coyne, J. Hillier, and others of equal note and celebrity.

PORTSMOUTH.—United Service Lodge (No. 1528).—The brethren of this lodge assembled at the Dolphin Hotel, High-street, Portsmouth, on Tuesday, the 10th inst., for the purpose of giving their esteemed Worshipful Master, Bro. Captain P. C. Trower, a complimentary banquet, in return for the great personal zeal and assiduity he exhibited in the formation of the lodge, he having not only devoted a very considerable portion of his time, but added very materially in a financial point, to its prosperity, by presenting it with a complete set of regalia, silver jewels, with collars, etc. Captain Trower is the first W.M. of this lodge, and as it was only in August last year that the installation ceremony took place, and as it now numbers 42 members (many of whom are officers in both services), the W.M. may be congratulated on the success he has already obtained. A most interesting ceremony took place in this lodge on the 16th ult., viz., the initiation of Lieut. F. E. Trower, 95th Regiment, by his father, the Worshipful Master, and if the son will only follow in the footsteps of his father, in a military as well as Masonic career, he will do credit to the profession, as well as being an ornament to the Craft. It may not here be out of place if a brief *resumé* of Bro. Captain Trower's services—military and Masonic—be given here, which will show his devotion to the Craft, and active service in his professional career; both are so intimately blended as to be most inseparable. Mr. Frederick Courtney Trower was gazetted to a cornetcy in 1837, and as present with his regiment throughout the whole of the Afghanistan Campaign, where it received a portion of the Army of the Indus under Lord Kane from October, 1838 to February, 1840. He officiated as adjutant, and was present at the capture of Ghuznee, and the capture of Cabool, for which he received a medal. He was initiated into Masonry 6th July, 1840, in the Hope Lodge, at Merut, in India. He was promoted to a Lieutenantancy in the 9th Light Cavalry in 1842, and was appointed interpreter of his regiment on its arrival in India. He was gazetted W. Master of his Mother Lodge in 1842, and was exalted in the "Sincerity" Chapter, at Bangalore in 1843, and was made Noahhite of the same lodge also in 1843. He was present with his regiment during the Gualior Campaign of 1844, including the battle of Punnair, for which he received the Bronze Star. In 1845-6 he was present with his regiment during the Sutley Campaign under Lords Hardinge and Gough, for which he received a medal for the battle of Sobraon, in February. In 1848-9 he served with his regiment throughout the whole of the Punjab Campaign, including the passage of the Cheenab, the battles of Chillianwallah and Ferozshah, for which he received a medal and two stars. He was installed First Principal of the Allah Chapter in 1852, became Super Excellent Master and Knight of the Red Cross and Grand Mark Mariner in the same year. He was again elected W. Master of Umballah Lodge in 1853. He was appointed to officiate as Deputy Judge Advocate General during the war among the native troops, and his appointment was afterwards made permanent by the orders of the Honourable East India Company as a special case. He left India in March, 1854, through illness, after a residence of 17 years. He was promoted to Captain in the 9th Light Cavalry in June, 1854. In 1855 he exchanged into the 50th Queen's Own Regiment to serve in Greece. In 1856 he was appointed by the Most Gracious Majesty to the Adjutancy of the Artillery Depot at Brighton. Was Adjutant

of the Royal 1st Devon Yeomanry from 1856 to 1862. Sold out of the army in January, 1858, as Captain of 4th Regiment of Foot. He was appointed Provincial Grand Sword Bearer of Devon in 1858; became Past H. in the Chapter at Exmouth in 1861; became R.I. in Portsmouth; was elected W. Master of the Phoenix Lodge, Portsmouth in 1872; was Provincial Grand Sojourner of Hants in 1872; is a member of the Royal Order of Scotland, 30th degree; and, finally, is one of the founders and the first Worshipful Master of the United Service Lodge, Portsmouth, in 1873. Such a career as this needs no comment; it speaks for itself.

INSTRUCTION.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH LODGE OF INSTRUCTION (No. 259).—The fifteen sections were worked in connection with the above Lodge of Instruction on Friday, 13th inst., at Cape of Good Hope Tavern, Limehouse. Bro. Yetton in a very able manner presided on the occasion. Bros. J. Stevens, Barnes, Berry, Fielderwich, Musto, Rugg, Weatherill, Potts, Hogg, Reeves, and Clayton were present.

Royal Arch.

INSTALLATION OF COMP. LORD SKELMERSDALE AS M.E.Z.

The companions of the Bridsen Chapter, No. 613, held a meeting at the Masonic Hall, Nevill-street, Southport, on Wednesday, the 11th inst., the principal business being the installation of Comp. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, the Most Excellent Provincial Grand Superintendent, West Lancashire, as M.E.Z. of the chapter for the forthcoming year. The chapter was opened in ample form at five o'clock, and after the transaction of some formal business, his lordship was presented for installation by Comp. W. Dodd, the retiring M.E.Z., and was placed in the chair with much unction and impressiveness by Comp. Wylie, of Chapter No. 82. The rites and ceremonies belonging to the installation having been duly performed, the chapter was closed, and the companions subsequently adjourned to the Scarsbrook Hotel, where they dined under the presidency of the noble M.E.Z. The dinner provided by Bro. Watson was exceedingly sumptuous, and served in a most satisfactory manner.

The M.E.Z. proposed "The Health of Her Majesty," the patroness of the Craft, which was loyally responded to; and afterwards, "The Health of the Prince of Wales," whom he knew to be a thoroughly good and hearty Mason. He intimated that it was not unlikely that another of the Royal Princes would shortly seek admission as a member of the Craft. He did not know whether the Duke of Edinburgh would do so or not, having taken to himself Russia's lovely daughter to wife; it might be an obstacle in the way for the present.

In the hearty response this toast met with, Bro. J. Turvey sang "God bless the Prince of Wales," adding verses, which he happily composed *ad hoc* for the marriage of the Duke of Edinburgh. The toast of the evening, "The newly-installed M.E.Z., Companion the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale," was proposed by Comp. W. Dodd, who referred to the very high esteem in which his Lordship was held by all members of the Craft who have the happiness of knowing him, and by the inhabitants of Southport generally. They knew the high regard he had for Southport, and were grateful for the time he had spent, and the efforts he had made, to further the interests of the town.

Lord Skelmersdale, in replying to the toast, said he thought he did not deserve the eulogy which had been passed upon him by Comp. Dodd, and so heartily responded to by his companions around him, but he declared his very strong attachment to Masonry, and all that appertained to it, and that it ever would be his delight to advance the interests of the Craft throughout the province, and particularly in Southport. Referring to the town of Southport, he said he always looked back with pleasure to the days of his boyhood, when he used to dabble and dig in the sand on the shore, and although he did not visit the town so frequently

now as in former years, Lady Skelmersdale and his family did frequently visit it. He looked forward always with increasing pleasure to his yearly visit of a week, with his troop of yeomanry, and he never failed to go away without feeling like a renewed man. Referring to the benefits he was supposed to have rendered to Southport, he said that had necessarily been little, but it had given him great pleasure that he had been instrumental in causing the Prince and Princess Mary of Teck to visit it, and lay the foundation stone of Cambridge Hall. It had been hinted to him that day that it would be a good thing if he could induce another member of the royal family to visit us when that hall was opened, and he expressed the pleasure it would give him to use all the influence he had to get one of the Princes to do so. In conclusion, he said the public spirit he saw exhibited in Southport in beautifying the town, and adding to its attraction on all sides, showed they had got the right spirit, the spirit of self-help, and that they required no help from him or any one else, but that he should always be glad to promote in any way he could the interests of the town, for he had a hearty love for the place. (Loud and continued applause.)

The "Visiting Brethren" and other toasts were given and suitably responded to.

Mark Masonry.

MACDONALD LODGE (No. 104).—The ordinary February meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday last, at the Head Quarters of the 1st Surrey Volunteers, when the W.M., Bro. Arthur Wolton, Prov. G.S.O. Middlesex and Surrey, presided. There was also a good attendance of brethren, amongst whom were Bros. W. Worrell, S.W.; Thomas W. White, J.W.; Alfred Williams, S.O.; T. Meggy, P.M., Treas.; W. C. Hale, Secretary; N. J. F. Barnett, Steward; W. P. Collins, I.G.; G. Motion, J. Dennis, C. R. Crommelin, J. H. Pill, W. Bell, C. W. O'Neill, W. H. Waghorn, I. J. H. Wilkins, W.M. 22; W. Scott, Thistle, E. S. Norris, 40; and H. Massey, P.M. 22. The W.M. and his officers performed their duties to perfection, and in the opening and closing of the lodge, and in advancing Bro. C. A. Hermann, to the Mark Degree, proved themselves efficient Mark Master Masons. Several candidates besides Bro. Hermann, were on the paper for advancement, but from lodges to which they belonged meeting on the same evening, they were unable to be present. Notice was given of a motion to charge only a nominal membership fee to brethren who were compelled to be abroad for any lengthened period, and a further notice of motion was also given by Bro. Thomas Meggy to elect Bro. James Stevens, an honorary member of the lodge, Bro. Stevens, being W.M. of the Great City Lodge, which meets on the same evening as this lodge, and on this account unable to be present at the meetings, of the Macdonald had sent in his resignation, but this the lodge declined to accept, and Bro. Meggy gave notice of the above motion. The lodge afterwards was closed, and the brethren partook of an admirable banquet. The W.M. proposed "The Queen," and then "The G.M. and the rest of the Grand Officers," remarking that Earl Percy was an excellent G.M., &c. Mark Masonry was progressing most favourably under his headship. The other G. officers were also an ornament to the Order, and many of the members of this lodge had the honour of holding grand office. Bro. W. Worrell, S.W., returned thanks on behalf of the Grand Officers. They were told in Masonry that they got promotion through doing their duties properly, and the members of this lodge who held grand office could flatter themselves that they had done their duty and had received their reward. Bro. T. Meggy, P.M., Treasurer, proposed "The W.M.," an officer who always conducted the proceedings of the lodge with precision, accuracy, and fluency. Whatever he did he did thoroughly, and he set a good example to the numerous brethren whom he (Bro. Meggy) was glad to see present that night to assist. Unless he was ably assisted they all knew that the work could not be done efficiently, but it was done efficiently, and the candidate was

thoroughly imbued with the beauty of the ceremony. The W.M. in reply said he had endeavoured to make himself well acquainted with the ritual which it was his duty to deliver, and he was very much pleased indeed that he had so far succeeded as to meet with the satisfaction of so admirable a Mark worker as Bro. Meggy. He was also pleased with the punctuality of his officers, who had not suffered their business engagements or anything else to interfere with their duties to the lodge. He must say that without their assistance he must have broken down. The W.M. then proposed "The newly advanced Brother," whom he was delighted to find that he knew when he made his appearance in the lodge. He was glad he had selected the Macdonald Lodge for taking this degree, because he had obtained an opportunity of seeing the ceremony properly worked. Although sorry that Bro. Hermann was going abroad, he hoped when he got to Japan, where he was going, that he would establish a Mark lodge there, and do what he could for the benefit of Mark Masonry in that quarter of the globe. He also wished him a prosperous voyage, and that when he came back he would find the Macdonald Lodge quartered in better apartments than those he was then in. He must beg him to remember that the Macdonald was never a banquetting lodge, but it was always very hearty, and in support of that character, they wished Bro. Hermann a prosperous voyage, and hoped before long to see him back amongst them. Bro. Hermann, acknowledging the toast, said he had spent many pleasant evenings in his time, but none pleasanter than that evening in the Macdonald Mark Lodge. He had to thank the brethren for two compliments, one for electing him as one of their members, and the other for drinking his health. He was much pleased with the ritual of Mark Masonry, and with the way in which it was conducted. There was no Mark lodge where he was going, but they were going to establish one, and for that purpose he held a warrant from the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and he hoped to start one eventually. The toasts of "The Visitors," and "The Officers" followed, and the brethren directly afterwards separated.

Scotland.

GLASGOW.—Lodge Glasgow (No. 441) met on Thursday, February the 10th, in their own Hall, 22 Struthers-st., the R.W.M., Bro. W. H. Jackson, presiding, assisted by Bro. Main, S.W.; Bro. Mason, J.W.; J. Rennie, Secretary. There was a full attendance of members. The R.W.M. said, as the brethren would have seen by the summons convening the meeting, the first business would be to enquire into the charges brought against Bro. Thomas Stratford, who he saw was present to answer for himself. The charge was, that he being a Master Mason and a member of this lodge, had in violation of his Masonic obligation to uphold and maintain the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, joined himself to a spurious and unrecognised body, calling themselves the Glasgow Melrose St. John's Lodge, No. 1, and furthermore that he had accepted office in this spurious body, and was or called himself the Master of this so-called Lodge of Freemasons, who hold no charter or warrant from the Grand Lodge of Scotland, nor from any other recognised Grand Lodge. He then called Bro. Thomas Stratford up to the altar, and desired him to say on his M.M.O.B. if he was guilty of the charges alleged against him. Bro. Stratford said if to have joined the Melrose Lodge, and to have taken office as its Master, was to plead guilty, then he was guilty, but he denied the competence of this tribunal to find him guilty, and he should demand a proper trial. After some little discussion, the S.W. moved that Bro. Stratford having admitted his guilt, the lodge proceed at once to erase his name from the roll, and expel him from the lodge, and that the Secretary be instructed to write to the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow, and also to the Grand Lodge of Scotland, informing them of the facts, in order that they too may take action in the matter. This was seconded by the S.D. The accused asked for the question to be adjourned for a

month, but there being no amendment, the motion was carried unanimously; the R.W.M. then ordered him to withdraw. Mr. Stratford before doing so, said he had one request to make, and that was that they would not erase his name from the roll till they heard from the Grand Lodge of Scotland, as he intended to appeal, and they would yet be sorry for the motion they had passed. He then left the lodge. The lodge was then reduced to the apprentice degree, and after some further lodge business, three candidates, Messrs. John Fulton, James Creilman, and Robert Gault, were introduced and regularly initiated into Freemasonry. The ceremony was admirably wrought, and we have seldom heard the "charge" given in more expressive terms than by Bro. Jackson. There was other work to be done, but as the extraordinary business had taken up so much time, it was determined to have an emergency meeting on the 18th inst.

GLASGOW.—The Star Lodge.—This lodge met on Monday, Feb. 9th. In the unavoidable absence of Bro. L. Wilson, R.W.M., the chair was taken by Bro. Alston, S.M.; there was a very large attendance both of brethren and visitors, amongst the latter present were—Bro. Bain, P.M. 3½; E. Wright, R.W.M. 103; J. Phillips 275; J. Shaw, R.W.M. 354; and D. Reid, R.W.M. 465. The work consisted of three initiations and two passings. At the request of the Acting Master, the first ceremony was performed by Bro. Bain, and the second by Bro. Wright, R.W.M. 103. Bro. Wilson, who had now arrived, tendered the thanks of the lodge to both those brethren, not only for their kindness in attending, but also for the very able way in which they had conducted the ceremonies.

GLASGOW.—The Scotia Lodge (No. 219).—This lodge held their monthly meeting on the 10th, Bro. Matheson in the chair, when two candidates were present; arrangements were then made for carrying out the annual festival of the lodge, which will be held next week.

GLASGOW.—St. Andrew's Chapter (No. 69).—This lodge met on Tuesday, the 10th, Bros. J. D. Humphries, Z.; D. Campbell, H.; J. Herne, J.; D. B. Fleming, 1st S.; Comp. Oliver, S.E.; there were three candidates for exaltation, the ceremony being worked by Comp. F. Halket, Z. of 113; assisted by J. Balfour, Scribe E. and P.Z. of 73.

GLASGOW.—Glasgow Chapter (No. 50).—This chapter assembled on the 11th inst., Comp. John Miller, Z., presiding. A lodge of Mark Masters was opened—J. Miller, W.M.M.; J. Brownlie, S.W.; G. W. Wheeler, acting J.W.; Comp. J. Halket, 213, conducted the ceremony, Comp. F. O. Park acting as S.D. At the conclusion of the ceremonies the 1st Principal proposed that thanks be given to Comps. Halket, Parks, and Wheeler, for their services on this as well as on previous occasions. The three companions briefly returned thanks, expressing the pleasure it afforded them to be of service to any Chapter in the province.

GLASGOW.—St. Rollox Chapter (No. 144).—This young chapter met on Friday, the 13th, under the able presidency of its new Z., Comp. R. Bell. Propositions were received for four candidates for exaltation at the next monthly meeting.

GREENOCK.—Kilwinning Lodge (No. 12).—A special meeting of this old and very flourishing lodge took place on the 10th inst., when a large number of the brethren assembled to do honour to the occasion, the business of the evening being the presentation to the lodge of a beautiful and costly set of tracing boards by Bro. Captain Shanks, Knight of the Imperial Order of the Medjidie, P. Prov. Grand Warden of Devon, &c. When the lodge had been opened in the first degree, the W.M. called on Bro. Shanks, who then addressed the meeting as follows:—Worshipful Master, Wardens, and brethren, a little more than fifteen years ago I had the honour and privilege of being initiated into Freemasonry in the body of this lodge, and although I have been separated from it for some time in consequence of being in Her Majesty's Service, although I have met with a truly fraternal welcome in every lodge I have visited or belonged to; although elsewhere I have attained a high position in all the degrees; yet I have

never for one moment forgotten that place where I first saw the light, and to this, my Mother Lodge, my thoughts have ever reverted with feelings of the greatest pride and affection, but in saying this I must be simply echoing the sentiments of all the brethren present, for every one who understands Freemasonry properly everyone who goes deeply into its sublime teachings, must see that the privileges conferred upon us at our own initiation are very great, and he must therefore have this thought ever present in his mind, "What can I do to the lodge which has done so much for me?" He must be constantly saying to himself—

"I never enough can honour her
"Who, past all bounds, has honoured me."

Some few, indeed, there may be who will say "we pay for what we get, and there is no need to do more than that;" but, brethren, I hold that if the sum demanded from candidates for admission to our mysteries was a hundred fold more than it is, that amount even would be no equivalent for the inestimable advantage of being Freemasons; and I therefore, think we all ought to do as much as possible for our lodge. With these views in my mind, and after long consideration, I came to the conclusion that a set of tracing boards was most urgently needed in this lodge for the instruction of the brethren, and now beg to offer these for your acceptance [The boards were here unveiled and their splendid appearance drew forth long and loud plaudits from the brethren]. Bro. Shanks continued—I trust these tracing boards may be considered worthy of this lodge, and that their presence here will induce some of the brethren to study the science of Freemasonry more than they have hitherto done, and to search more deeply into the beautiful mysteries of its esoteric teachings for we should ever remember that one may be thoroughly well versed in the ritual, may be well-informed in our secret means of communication, and yet be only on the very threshold of the science. All the beauty, all the knowledge being within, but still freely open to that Master who would search for them properly, aided by the light of the sacred volume; and it has ever been found that the more we know of Freemasonry the better we understand its wonderful power for good, the more do we appreciate and love it. In the hope then that these tracing boards may conduce (even in a small degree) to the welfare of this lodge, I now ask your acceptance of them. A hearty and cordial vote of thanks was given to Bro. Shanks for his handsome present; and he then, by request of the W.M., delivered the lecture on the first tracing board in a manner highly gratifying to his audience, and was listened to with that close and interested attention which the Masonic lectures always command when ably delivered. This is the first time a lecture of the kind has ever been given in this lodge; the task being by no means an easy one, very few are willing to undertake it. At the close of the lecture Bro. Shanks was greeted with prolonged and rapturous applause. On one of the tracing boards is fixed an elegant silver plate, bearing the following inscription:—"Presented to his Mother Lodge, Greenock Kilwinning, No. 12, by Bro. Captain Shanks, K.M., Royal Marines Light Infantry, Past Master of 139, E.R.; Past Provincial Grand Warden of Devon, 1874."

MASONIC BALLS IN WEST LANCASHIRE.

LIVERPOOL.

The annual ball of the Pembroke Lodge, No. 1299, which holds its meetings at West Derby near Liverpool, came off with the greatest eclat and to the delight of every one concerned, at the Assembly Rooms, Hardman-street, Liverpool on Thursday, the 12th inst. The attendance was large and fashionable, and included a good muster of the rulers of the Craft. The arrangements, which were of the most complete and satisfactory character, making the whole festivity gathering like a happy family party, were admirably carried out by the following officers at members of the lodge:—Bro. J. Clegg, W.M. President; Bro. G. Ash, Treasurer; Bro. J. Jones, Hon. Sec.; and

Bro. W. S. Vines, P.M.; P. Macmuldrow, S.W.; W. Jones, J.W.; R. Bennett, Sec.; A. T. Smith, S.D.; M. Bush, J.D.; E. Foster, J. Capell, F. Moss, W. S. Bennett, J. Loonsdale, E. Kirkpatrick, W. Hiles, and S. Stonewehr. Dancing commenced shortly after nine o'clock, and was kept with great spirit until an early hour in the morning, the music being furnished by Mr. Martin's band, which, as usual, was of the best quality. The supper and refreshments, which were of the most *récherché* character, were supplied by Bro. W. S. Vines. Bro. J. Clegg, the W.M. of the lodge, deserves special praise for the way in which he contributed, by his efforts, to the pleasure of the party, receiving valuable help from his chief officers.

BARROW-IN FURNESS.

A Grand Masonic Ball in connection with the local lodges took place on Thursday evening, the 5th instant, at the Town Hall, Barrow, and was attended by an amount of genuine success, which must have been satisfactory to the brethren engaged in carrying out the details, as it will be beneficial to the Masonic charities, to whose funds the proceeds will be given. The ball was under the distinguished patronage of the following brethren:—Bro. Sir James Ramsden, P.S.G.W., W.M. 1021, (who was unfortunately prevented from attending by illness); Bro. the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master for W.L., Lord Skelmersdale; Bro. the Right Hon. Marquis of Hartington, Provincial Grand Master for Derbyshire; Bro. the Hon. F. A. Stanley, Deputy Provincial Grand Master for W.L.; Bro. John Prescott, Provincial Junior Grand Warden for W.L.; Bro. H. W. Schneider, Esq., P.M., and P.P.G.J.W.; Bro. his Worship the Mayor of Barrow, J. T. Smith, P.M. 1021; Bro. H. Cook, P.M. 1021, P.P.G.R. for C. and W.; Bro. G. Cornfield, W.M. 1225, S.N. 995; and officers and brethren of the neighbouring lodges.

The application of the committee for the loan of furniture and decorations for the room, was liberally acceded to, special mention being due to Bro. Sir James Ramsden, J. T. Smith (Mayor of Barrow), Councillor Fisher, Councillor Townson, W. Ewart, T. A. Morphet, Pickavance, R. Taylor, F. Worrall, &c. The brethren appeared in full dress Masonic clothing, and amongst the numerous guests were representatives of the Knights Templar, Royal Arch, Mark, Red Cross, and other orders, there being a goodly sprinkling of the purple. The Durham Royal Fusilier Guards played capital dance music. Bro. R. T. Taylor, of the Hartington Hotel, provided the refreshments, which were of a superior order. Dancing was kept up until five o'clock the following morning.

The hall was profusely decorated for the occasion, and arrangements for the pleasure and comfort of the company left nothing to be desired. One of the main features in the arrangement was the utilisation of the gallery, to which spectators have been admitted in past years, for orchestral purposes, and certainly the effect produced justified the alteration. The room was used as a refreshment room, in front of which a temporary screen draped in green baize, and surmounted with ferns and flowers, was erected. A number of choice seats were also arranged in a very tasteful manner at the head of the room, and these, with the Masonic emblems, which hung on the green baize, gave this end of the hall a very agreeable and attractive appearance. Round the sides of the hall were placed a number of settees, placed at the disposal of the committee by the Furness Railway Company, and these, with the furniture of the Masonic Club at the Hartington Hotel, afforded the most complete accommodation. The mirrors were hung in suitable places in the room, and the floor was covered with a sheet of holland. There was a choice display of bunting on the rafters of the hall, and it added greatly to its appearance. Much is due to Bro. Townson, who superintended the decorations for the taste displayed.

NEAL BALL OF THE CLAPTON LODGE (1385).—The above ball took place at the Marlborough Hotel, on Friday last, and was one of the greatest successes of the season.

owing to the popularity of the W.M., Bro. Miles. This young lodge may be congratulated on having such a brother as W.M., and we feel assured that he will add considerably to the prestige of the lodge during his year of office, aided as he is by the Hon. Secretary, Bro. B. Butler, a P.M. of one of the oldest lodges in the Craft, viz., Albion No. 9. Indeed the exertions of these two brethren during the evening made the ball the great success it undoubtedly was.

MASONIC BALL AT SHEFFIELD.—The first subscription ball in connection with the three Masonic Lodges in Sheffield, the Britannia, Brunswick, and Wentworth—took place last week, in the Cutlers' Hall. The large banquetting-room was used as the ball-room, and the floor was laid with holland. The music was supplied by Bro. Harvey, and the refreshments by Mr. Henry Mountain. There was a large attendance, the total number of tickets sold being 333. A feature of the ball was a dance named "Knight Templars," in each set of which four gentlemen appeared wearing the costume of the Knight Templar degree.

Multum in Parvo, or Masonic Notes and Queries.

THE ANCIENT LODGE AT MELROSE, SCOTLAND.

I have been pleased to notice the letters from Bro. Stratford, R.W.M. Melrose, St. John, No. 1, and shall be glad, if he will kindly obtain information as to what records are still preserved at Melrose of the ancient lodge, so long in existence in that old Masonic district, and communicate the same to me. (Address, Truro Cornwall.) I desire especially copies of any old Masonic Rolls or MSS., similar to those being published in the "Masonic Magazine," and should like to have the same printed for the information of the Craft universal, provided the consent of the lodge be obtained for my so doing. A lodge which has records, so I am told, for about 300 years, must possess many memorials of its past career of interest to Masonic students. Hitherto, I am sorry to say my efforts to procure authentic information have failed, though I am willing to pay all the expenses attending a careful examination of the records, and when able, will gladly pay a visit to Melrose myself to personally investigate the matter thoroughly.

I have nothing to do with its present position, in opposition to the Grand Lodge of Scotland, but I may be permitted perhaps to express a hope that the members will soon be induced to join that body, for although it cannot boast of equal antiquity with the lodge at Melrose, it has many lodges on its roll, which have had an existence long before the institution of a Grand Lodge anywhere in the world.

W. J. HUGHAN.

THE NEW CONSTITUTIONS.—IRELAND.

Thanks to Bro. Hughan, for his fraternal expression of sympathy with our efforts to reform the Craft in Ireland.

Rule 30, which he refers to, and quotes, has been passed with the insertion of the words "in Ireland" in the second clause. As explained in an article some time since this second clause was a new rule, evidently aimed at the "Manchester Rose Croix Masons here, but that intention has been defeated by the amendment carried. The first clause has been "on our book" since 1st February, 1844, having been, I believe, composed and proposed by the late Archdeacon Mant. The Masonic community here had been divided and wearied by the discreditable struggle that had been going on for years between the body claiming to be the Grand Chapter of Prince Masons in Ireland, and the Self-Constituted Authority of the Supreme Grand Council of Rites, a struggle which eventuated in the surrender, almost at discretion of the weaker body, apparently the more legitimate authority of the two. In looking at Masonic legislation here, allowance must be made for the difference in the general social and religious conditions in Ireland and England. The retention

of rule 30 is a matter of expediency, and having in view certain complications likely to occur in our Christian Orders, its repeal may ere long be found necessary.

JOSEPH H. WOODWORTH, P.M. 245.

ON THE DUTY OF CONSIDERING THE WANTS AND DISASTERS OF THE POOR.

When we consider that the expense of a single evening's amusement, or a single convivial meeting would give support and comfort perhaps to twenty wretched families, pining in hunger; in sickness, and in sorrow, can we so far divest ourselves of all the tender feelings of our nature (not to mention any higher principle), can we be so intolerably selfish, so wedded to pleasure, so devoted to our own gratification, as to let the lowest of our brethren perish, while we are solacing ourselves with every earthly delight? No one that give himself leave to reflect for a moment, can think this to be right, can maintain it to be consistent with his duty either to God or man. And, even in respect to the very object we so eagerly pursue, and are so anxious to obtain, in point even of pleasure, I mean, and self gratification, I doubt much whether the giddiest votary of amusement can receive half the real satisfaction from the gayest scenes of dissipation he is immersed in, that he would experience (if he would but try), from relieving a fellow creature from destruction, and lighting up an afflicted and fallen countenance with joy.

Let us then abridge ourselves of a few indulgences, and give the price of what they would cost us to those who have none. By this laudable species of economy, we shall at once improve ourselves in a habit of self-denial and self-government; we shall demonstrate the sincerity of our love to our fellow creatures, by giving up something that is dear to us for their sake, by sacrificing our pleasures to their necessities, and above all, we shall approve ourselves as faithful servants in the sight of our Almighty Sovereign; we shall give some proof of our gratitude to our heavenly Benefactor and Friend, who has given us richly all things to enjoy; and who, in return for that bounty, expects and commands us to be rich in good works, to feed the hungry, to clothe the naked, to comfort the sick, to visit the fatherless and widows in their afflictions, and to keep ourselves from the world, unpolitely by its vices, and unsubdued by its predominant vanities and follies.—*Dundee Recorder*, 1831.

LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The Lodge of Benevolence met on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. John M. Clabon, President; Bro. J. Savage, S.W.; and Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, J.W. There was a very full attendance of brethren. Bro. John Hervey, G.S., and Bro. H. G. Buss, were also present. There were but 14 petitioners, 13 of whom were relieved with an aggregate sum of £250; one case was deferred. There were two gifts of £30 each, one of £40, and one of £50.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The second meeting of the Board of Stewards of this Institution for the Seventy-sixth Anniversary Festival, will be held at Freemasons' Hall, on Monday, the 2nd of March, at half past four o'clock. Business: To receive a report from the sub-committee on music; to consider the arrangements for the festival; to appoint ladies' stewards; general business.

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THE PRESENT POSITION OF OUR
MASONIC CHARITIES.

Bro. Walker's recent pamphlet has called the attention of the Craft to our great Masonic Charitable Institutions, their actual position, their many claims, and their increasing importance to our fraternity.

Indeed no one can rise from the perusal of Bro. Walker's Pamphlet without feeling how very wide is the scope, and extended the radius of our Masonic charity, and with no little admiration for the past sacrifices and present exertions of our numerous and benevolent brotherhood.

Bro. Binckas, the active Secretary of the Boy's School, has also a short time ago stated, at a meeting of the St. James' Union Lodge, London, No. 180, that there were about 40,000 or 45,000 enrolled Freemasons, but of that number only about 5,000 or 6,000 contributed to the Masonic charities, leaving about 35,000 who at present did not contribute to the charities at all, and whom he should never relax his efforts to gain as practical supporters of the institution for which it was both his pleasure and duty to plead.

There can be no doubt too, whatever, that, a larger support should be given by the lodges to the Masonic charities, a large proportion of the lodges not giving any grant to any of the charities whatever. This then seems at first sight rather a dark picture, but there is a brighter side to it, namely the very cheering fact, that, during the last year, we believe, in all £25,000 were contributed by the Craft to our great Metropolitan Masonic Charities.

But the principal point which Bro. Walker's pamphlet forces upon our notice, is, that there is a very large sum required annually to keep the charities in working order, and that, that sum has to be raised at any rate, supposing that they are maintained at their present standard of numbers and expenditure.

There seem, however, to be unmistakable signs of the increasing wants of our Order, and of increasing demands inevitably for more accommodation in our schools, and for more grants from our annuity funds. Let us take the Boys' School as an illustration.

It has now no funded property—no actual income—and is, therefore, entirely dependent on the annual subscriptions and donations of the Craft. It has now 153 boys elected into the institution, and these, with three perpetual and one life presentation, and eighteen admitted on purchase, give a total of 176 boys to be educated and maintained in 1874.

In the election in April next there are 28 unsuccessful candidates from the October election, and 24 fresh candidates, making in all 52 candidates, of whom only 14 can be elected.

The question then fairly comes before us all, how are our charities to be efficiently maintained, how are these increasing claims to be met and provided for?

It may be well to remember here, that though our Order is very numerous, and we have many rich members amongst us, yet we have also a large proportion of brethren who are not able to do a great deal, and that we must always be on our guard, lest we overstrain or overtax the willingness and the means of our fraternity, and above all, lest we so largely increase our charitable institutions, as to induce some to gain admission into Masonry for the possible material good they may obtain from it.

But with this one word of caution, we would ask once more, how can we make the support of our great charities more general and more regular in our Order? One or two suggestions occur to us.—In the first place, the charities do not advertise, and they are not advertised sufficiently in *The Freemason*. Were the attention of the brethren called to the claims of the charities occasionally in *The Freemason*, there can be no doubt, many more of the Order generally would be made aware alike of their claims and needs.

Even the meetings of the Anniversary Festivals of the charities are not advertised in *The Freemason*, and the brethren, except through the Stewards, and the non-Masonic papers have not the means of knowing the many details of these important gatherings. And what is still more remarkable, the results of the elections are not uniformly advertised in *The Freemason*, the place of all others to insert them, one would think.

But no, they are sent to the *Times*, which many of our provincial brethren hardly ever see, or some other fashionable London paper.

What *The Freemason* has done to fall into such disrepute with those excellent brethren who manage our charities we know not, but certainly, though *The Freemason*, is now the only Masonic paper in England, it has received the "cold shoulder" from them in a most remarkable degree, and the "sweet shady side" of Masonic support and patronage, has been extended towards it. Though some of these worthy Masons subscribe for themselves, the charities do not extend the slightest countenance, to a "friend and a brother Freemason," and we would suggest to the House Committees, and to our good and august Bro. Binckas, and the other Secretaries, that, if they will make a little more use of even so humble a medium as *The Freemason*, they will whatever may be the spiritualistic results, we feel persuaded, greatly advance the cause they have all so much at heart.

Most seriously we repeat, were the charities more regularly brought to the notice of the brethren, through *The Freemason*, and their wants made known, their proceedings published and the brethren generally taken into council and confidence, we feel convinced, from what we know of our Order, a far more general and systematic support of our charities would be offered and annually maintained, through the length and breadth of our English Craft.

No one can deny the necessity of our charities or their importance, which all must admit, their admirable arrangements, their undoubted value and above all, their real charity, to those whose time and circumstances have compelled, to claim their fostering hand, or enjoy their friendly aid.

THE RIGHTS OF VISITING BRETHREN.

The question involved in this discussion is undoubtedly a very large one indeed, and a very important one for the Craft at large, but, the matter can hardly be disposed of in the off-hand way propounded by Bro. Thomas Stratford in our impression before last.

We observe, that he signs himself R.W.M. of Lodge of Glasgow Melrose St. John's &c., but we find that he has been expelled from Lodge Glasgow, 441.

The question however, is not one of sentiment, but simply of constitutional law, and has necessarily to be treated and decided in a dispassionate spirit, and according to Masonic precedent alone. It is now quite clear, we think, that the view we recently submitted to our readers in the pages of *The Freemason*, as regards the stringent regulation of the English Book of Constitutions on the subject, is the only correct view. It may not be a popular view, and the practical working of the law may be somewhat difficult in days when lodges are many, and visitors are as abounding, but we can quite see that at times such a law will be a great help and safeguard to many a lodge.

Indeed, much may be said in support of the position laid down so clearly in our English Book of Constitutions. For instance in the new edition of the "Masonic Jurisprudence," by our late learned Bro. Dr. Oliver, which has been republished quite recently, with a preface by Bro. Walter Spencer, the subject is so lucidly handled, and the law on the subject is so clearly set forth, that we prefer to quote the words of our learned and lamented brother to any which we could ourselves employ.

At page 113, sec. 111, he thus deals with the laws relating to visiting brethren:—"The laws respecting visitors are rather stringent in their operation, and it is frequently found expedient to relax from their severity, for no visitor can be admitted into a lodge, unless he be personally known, recommended, or well vouched for, after the examination by one of the brethren present."

At page 115, Brother Dr. Oliver says, "No visitor can be admitted unless he be known, or vouched for by some member of the Lodge, or he be a perfect stranger, produce his Grand Lodge certificate, and submit to the usual examination, of which no specific form has been prescribed, as it is commonly left to the discretion of the proper officers."

Dr. Oliver therefore leans evidently to the view, that the vouching "by one of the present brethren," spoken of in the Book of Constitutions, covered by the voucher of the examining brother, be he who he may.

If we do not so understand the law, it would require a particular voucher in addition to a general examination, which in some cases, would prevent a visiting brother obtaining admittance at all.

In the famous and recent Middlesex Lodge case, the W.M. ought, it appears to us, to have referred to Bro. Biggs, "I cannot allow you to be admitted in the lodge, as you are not personally known to me or any of the brethren present, until you have submitted to a proper examination, and produced your Grand Lodge certificate." But

the W.M., it seems, preferred to accept the "voucher" of a brother of the lodge, no doubt reading the law as requiring that, as well as an examination, or in fact dispensing with the examination.

Dr. Oliver, at page 117, mentions the "declaration of a late Grand Master" whose name he does not give, "that a Mason's Lodge is a Mason's Church, and that no qualified brethren could be legally refused admittance under any circumstances."

And the Doctor goes on to say, "there will be no difficulty in the admission of a visitor, provided he has a friend or acquaintance in the lodge who will vouch for him; but many brethren who are desirous of visiting are strangers and sojourners, without either friends or acquaintances amongst the members to become their vouchers; in which case they may still be admitted by "certificate," and "examination."

The Doctor goes on to suggest, in a case of necessity, a special declaration to be made by the visitor, much used in America, and sometimes used in Ireland, yet hardly ever practised in this country.

It appears, that at a quarterly communication in 1819, a report was made by the Board of General Purposes, to the effect, that a complaint had been preferred against a London lodge for having refused admission to some brethren, well known to them, on the plea, that, as the lodge was about to begin work, no visitors could be admitted till the ceremony was over.

The Board therefore decided that it is the undoubted right of every Mason "who is well known or properly vouched" to visit any lodge during the time it is open for general business, observing the proper forms to be attended to on such occasions, so that the Master be not interrupted in the performance of his duty."

This decision appears to settle the question, generally, and if it be the correct interpretation of the law, that the voucher of the summoning brother or brethren is the voucher alluded to by the Book of Constitutions, the difficulty is at once got over, and that law may be most surely upheld, as a wise and salutary provision for the true interests and orderly work of all English lodges.

WEEKLY SUMMARY.

Her Majesty continues at Osborne.

Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, are, we believe, soon starting homewards, and the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh are expected at Gravesend, March 7th. A very hearty and loyal reception awaits them in this good old country of ours.

The Dean of Westminster's allusion to the marriage of Vladamir Monomachus with the daughter of our King Harold, has brought out another interesting correspondence which passed between Ivan the Terrible, and our "good Queen Bess," who declined the offer of his hand and heart, but sent him a silver ship, which appeared at the recent festivities at Moscow, in honour of the newly-married and august couple.

The elections are now complete, and the result is a House of Commons of 653 members, including a double return for Athlone, in which 351 members may be reckoned as Conservatives and 302, including the Home Rulers, as Liberals. The full number of the House is wanting by six members, as the six seats for the disfranchised boroughs—Beverley, Bridgewater, Sligo, and Cashel—have never yet been redistributed. Out of the 653 members returned, 187 obtained

their seats unopposed, so that there were 266 contested elections—that is to say, not seats contested, but members who had to fight for their seats, against about 360 competitors who were unsuccessful. The aggregate number of votes polled throughout the United Kingdom was 2,485,183, of which the unsuccessful candidates received 891,836, and the House of Commons, therefore, as it stands at present, has been elected by 1,593,347 votes. This shows an increase of about a quarter of a million on the polling in 1868. An enumeration of the votes polled of course gives no idea of the number of electors who exercised the franchise. It would be impossible to get at this, or the numbers who actually voted on each side, without an elaborate analysis of the polls, and a comparison of "plumpers," "straight splits," "cross splits," and other complications for which the materials at present are not forthcoming. According to a Parliamentary return published in February, 1873, the number of registered electors in the United Kingdom was 2,645,564—2,157,295 in England and Wales; 262,768 in Scotland; and 225,511 in Ireland. The aggregate polls in England and Wales were 2,053,511; in Scotland, 212,330; and in Ireland, 219,342. So that, taking into account the uncontested seats—viz., 147 in England, 14 in Scotland, and 20 in Ireland—there must have been large numbers who abstained from voting in all the three kingdoms. The 346 members who had to stand a contest in England and Wales received 1,306,405 votes, of which 718,545 were given to 188 Conservative members, and 587,860 to 158 Liberal members. In Scotland there were 36 contests, and in which 24 Liberals polled 102,160 votes, as against 30,218 polled by 12 Conservatives; and in Ireland, where 83 seats were fought, 83,970 votes were given to 50 Liberal candidates, and 54,696 to 33 Conservatives.

The Castro trial is not concluded. The Lord Chief Justice continues his summing-up, *de die in diem*, and will probably close this week. We withhold all comments on this most extraordinary case until next week, when we shall have before us, let us hope, the verdict of the patient jury.

A very great disaster has fallen upon many persons, in the destruction of the well-known Pantechnicon by fire, a disaster, which to Sir R. Wallace, as regards his treasures of art, must be irreparable. As usual there was a difficulty in procuring water. Surely somebody must be in fault for such defective arrangements?

Beyond this there seems but little of novelty to notice or record, except this most unpalatable fact, that, the Roman Catholics of England contrary to their wont, are imitating the folly and recklessness, and perversity of some of their ecclesiastics in foreign countries.

The refusal of a military Roman Catholic Chaplain (R. W. Cuffe, is the gentleman's name) to bury a Roman Catholic soldier, because he was a Freemason, is not only a very irregular step in itself, but very unwise in the interests of Roman Catholicism in the army. English Roman Catholic Soldiers are not likely to regard with approval the disrespect shown to a good comrade on such childish grounds, and Mr. Cuffe's letter to the *Times*, is a piece of unmitigated "cheek," to say nothing stronger. That such an excuse is likely to be "satisfactory," as he says, to the military authorities, we doubt very much, and though we know The Papal "Allocutions," and "Pastoral Letters" on the subject, we cannot find that, they support Mr. Cuffe's wonderful declaration that a Roman Catholic Freemason ceases to be a Roman Catholic. It has always been asserted, that in his young days, the present excellent Pope Pius IX., was a member of "Giovene Italia," and a Freemason. If so, according to the doctrine of the Rev. Mr. Cuffe, he ceased to be a Roman Catholic. Some years ago, high Roman Catholic ecclesiastics were members of our Order. What was their condition? In short, Mr. Cuffe's position is equally unsound and untenable.

Up to Saturday evening the public subscription now being raised at the Mansion-house, under the immediate auspices of the Lord Mayor and a committee of gentlemen in the City, in anticipation and towards the relief of those suffering

from the impending famine in the Presidency of Bengal, amounted, in round numbers, far towards £5,000, though the subscription only began a few days ago. That sum is exclusive of about £700, notified to the Lord Mayor on Saturday evening as the beginning of a subscription set on foot on the Stock Exchange, and which will be continued from day to day. The donations received by the Lord Mayor on Saturday included, among others, one from Helmuth Schwarze, £105; Mr. Robert Loder, £100; Messrs. Whitbread and Co., £100; Mr. W. H. Lowe, £50; Mr. R. J. Bagshawe, £50; Mr. D. H. Macfarlane, £50; Count Michael de Souza, £40; Sir William de Capel Brook, £24; and Delta, £25. A meeting of the Relief Fund Committee was held on the 17th inst., at three o'clock, at the Mansion-house, under the presidency of the Lord Mayor.

It seems very doubtful whether there will be an Easter Monday Review of the Volunteers this year, owing to the difficulty of transit by the railway companies. The following resolution was unanimously carried at the meeting of Volunteer Commanding Officers. The Marquis of Westminster moved,—“That the Secretary of State for War be requested to forward the earnest expression of the Commanding Officers' hope to Her Majesty that she will be graciously pleased to review the Metropolitan Volunteers in the course of the coming season.” This was seconded by Lord Truro and carried unanimously.

Abroad there is positively nothing to chronicle, except that the Emperor of Austria has gone to visit the Emperor of Russia, and though some papers attach political significance to the interview, we believe that it is one of simple personal friendship and regard.

In Spain, General Moriones seems to be embarking and disembarking, marching and countermarching continually, but, nothing as yet appears decisive one way or the other. It will be a very curious fact, if the Carlists fail again before Bilbao.

We have to record the deaths of Dr. Strauss, the leader of the modern German Rationalistic school, and of Monsieur Michelet, the French historian, of the Honble. Jenico Preston, of Sir Edwin F. Scudamore Stanhope, of Sir Francis Stapleton, of Sir Francis Pettit Smith, inventor of the Screw Propeller, of Mr. Samuel Stone, (Stone's Justice's Manual), of Mr. John Pye, the father of landscape engraving, of Mr. John Christian Schetzky, Marine Painter, of Admirals Thomas Bullock and Carter, of Lieut.-General French, and of an artillery veteran, Captain Michael Tweedit. We have also to mention the departure from amongst us of Robert Brett, well known in the medical profession, and as a good man and true, in his time and generation.

Original Correspondence.

FREEMASONRY AND THE ROMAN CHURCH.

(To the Editor of the Freemason.)

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In common with all thinking Masons of my acquaintance, I am delighted to see that you have taken up the cudgels on behalf of our Order against the scandalous imputations of the *Tablet*. Those who are acquainted with that journal, however, and with the principles which it is its especial province to support, will not be surprised to find it descend to misrepresentation when such a course is necessary for the purpose of soiling the fair fame of our Order, against which it can allege nothing worse than that it is based upon the three great foundation stones of brotherly love, relief and truth. In the eyes of the Masters of the *Tablet* these three great principles, recognised alike by modern thinkers and the members of our Order, form in themselves a combination which, did they dare, they would willingly stigmatise as the “abomination of desolation.” But in these days of modern light and progress such a step would be highly impolitic, and a resort is therefore had to “lying fables,” a course of proceeding to which the

Tablet is no stranger. The reason of the enmity existing between the Ultramontane party and the Masonic body, is to be looked for, not on the surface, but throughout their entire system. The Ultramontanes hold the same tenets precisely as those who have under the guise of religion and holding commissions from the Vatican, tortured, slain, and persecuted their countless myriads of fellow men ever since the assumption of temporal power on the part of the Popes. They are and have ever been the active enemies of light and progress, and truth is to them as the name of the evil one. Masonry, on the other hand, opens its arms of charity to all, irrespective of creed, only insisting upon its cardinal points; its objects are the pursuit of light or knowledge and it aims at truth. Is it difficult to see that two systems so diametrically opposed can ever flourish together, or even co-exist harmoniously.

Nevertheless, true to its ancient landmarks, Masonry takes its onward irresistible course, regardless of and unaffected by alike the commendations of friends and the slanders of foes.

We, in England, have not experienced what our brethren in Germany are now undergoing—hot opposition from a powerful religious party, and it becomes a question whether in their case, the provocations of the Ultramontanes may not have arrived at such a pass as to call for something more than passive resistance. Practically, Freemasonry is constantly affording a passive resistance to all apostles of persecution and error, but if the brethren under her banner have discovered that special circumstances have arisen whereby their interests and principles are gravely threatened, surely it becomes them to stand firm in defence of their Order, and, if necessary, offer even a threatening front to those who would deprive them of their rights and privileges.

I fear I have trespassed almost too largely upon your space, but the question seems to me to be one of the highest importance, and viewing, as we do, the activity of the Ultramontanes in this country at the present time, it is impossible to foresee the period that may elapse before we shall be called upon to take part in the great struggle, in which even now our brethren in Germany and Italy are engaged.

Yours fraternally,
T. B. WHYTEHEAD, 1338, E.C.

Feb. 14th, 1874.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

It is to be sincerely hoped that the W.M. of the lodge to which our late brother, Colour Sergeant J. W. Johnstone, was a member, will take a prompt step to lay the above case before Grand Lodge, not only to vindicate the memory of our late brother, it will also be a soothing balm to his relatives to know that although denied by his Church the last rites of the departed, we, as Freemasons, and free men of England, will not allow the dogmas of the Pope to trample on our freedom as Englishmen. There are many Roman Catholic non-commissioned officers in the army, that are Freemasons, and if the above be allowed to pass unchecked, where will it end? And further steps should be taken by the brethren at Chatham to see that the case is reported H.R.H. the Commander-in-Chief, who is the soldiers' friend, who will see justice done. Mr. Cuffe, being an Army Chaplain, receives his pay from the State, and as such his duty is to teach and inculcate the principles of brotherly love, kindness, and charity to his fellow men. By his act he has shewn that he does not possess these attributes, he should be turned out of the army with disgrace, being utterly unfitted for the position of a Chaplain.

Yours fraternally,
JOHN LENN, P.M. 1331.

MASONIC RELICS.

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In answer to the letter in your issue the 14th inst. from “An Enquiring Mason” I beg to say that I refer to the body meeting in Glasgow who call themselves Melrose St. John's

No. 1. They profess to work under the authority of the old lodge meeting in Melrose, which I believe never had any distinctive number, as they never acknowledged the authority of the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

Your other Correspondent, Thomas Stratford asks if I have manliness enough about me to give my name, when he, as well as the active brothers in all the Masonic Orders in Glasgow, know very well the person whose initials are G.W.W.; this was also shown by his calling at my place of business wishing to see me about the letter, before his last communication was sent to you.

He states that my assertions are utterly false, but omits to state a single point in which I depart from truth. In my former letter I made three assertions.

1st. That the lodge of which he signed himself the R.W.M. was an unrecognised body.

2nd. That the Provincial Grand Lodge had issued circulars cautioning the brethren against having anything to do with them.

3rd. That the Melrose St. John's Lodge had by advertisement invited visitors to come to their Lodge.

The assertions refer to printed documents, and are therefore easily susceptible of proof. In reference to the first, the Lodge Glasgow 441, of which he also signs himself a member in his letter, published in yours of the 7th inst., met on the 10th inst., specially summoned to consider his case. Bro. Stratford was present, and by the unanimous vote of the lodge he was expelled for having violated his Masonic obligation by joining a body calling itself the Melrose St. John's Lodge No. 1, and also for acting as its R.W.M. This I think fully justifies my observations, and though after that decision I cannot meet Mr. J. Stratford to discuss Masonic subjects either in your pages or elsewhere, still, in justice to myself I could not allow his letter, published before that decision was given, to go unanswered, or lay under the charge of having published statements that I knew to be utterly false.

Yours fraternally,
G. W. W.

QUALIFICATION OF CANDIDATES FOR FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As a good deal of correspondence has arisen in regard to the irregular initiation of a candidate into the mysteries of Freemasonry, perhaps it will be well that you allow the letters that have appeared within a short time in the Falkirk district newspapers to appear in your columns. When anything else that arises it would be more regular to correspond through a recognised organ of the Craft.

I have seen in your paper of the 15th inst., a letter signed “B. J.” on the qualification of candidates for admission to the rights and privileges of Freemasonry, with especial reference to the right of the deaf and dumb to be admitted. It appears that some Masonic lodge, within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Stirlingshire, has admitted a deaf and dumb candidate. I am sorry to think this is the case—that any Lodge in Scotland has so forgotten and contravened the essential rules of the Masonic Order. It is well, however, that the conduct of the lodge which has done so has been brought under review of the Provincial Grand Lodge. I have no doubt as to the decision to which the Provincial Grand Lodge must come. The laws of Freemasonry are so clear and explicit on the point that only one decision is possible. The lodge which admitted a deaf and dumb candidate must be found to have done wrong. What censure ought to follow on any of the parties concerned—whether such as your correspondent “B. J.” suggests, or somewhat milder—I know not. Without having the whole circumstances before me, I would not venture to express an opinion on this point. But I have no hesitation in saying that the initiation of a deaf and dumb man as a Freemason is null and void, and that all concerned in it are censurable. As “B. J.” says, “If the laws of Freemasonry require that the Grand Lodge should be notified of the admission of such a candidate, it is the duty of the lodge to do so.”

deaf and dumb man can be nothing else than rubble. It is impossible that a deaf and dumb man can take a part in the working of a Lodge. He cannot hear what is said; he cannot take part in a debate; he cannot listen to the lectures; he cannot give any of the lectures. But these, although important, are not the main things to be considered. The laws of Freemasonry require—and it is so laid down even in the Landmarks, which are unchangeable and the foundation of the whole Masonic system—that he who is admitted as a Mason must be perfect in body—must have all his members perfect “as a man ought to have.” The reason for this law is to be found in what may be called the very essence of the whole system of Freemasonry—its aspiration to perfection. Freemasonry seeks to promote in the utmost possible degree the welfare of all mankind, and more especially to lead on the members of the Masonic Order to the highest attainable degree of moral and spiritual perfection. And, as symbolism is inwrought into the whole system, and much employed in its teachings, the necessity of moral perfection is symbolically taught by the requirement of physical perfection. To introduce a deaf and dumb man into the brotherhood is contrary to the requirement, and involves the whole system of Masonic symbolism in confusion.

“I have had occasion to treat this subject recently in two works which I have published—“Freemasonry and its Jurisprudence,” and “Freemasonry; its Symbolism, Religious Nature, and Law of Perfection.” In preparing these works I found this subject to meet me under different aspects. In the first-mentioned, mainly in its relation to the Landmarks and Ancient Constitutions; in the second, more with regard to the reasons upon which it is founded and its intimate connection with the symbolism of Freemasonry, the symbolic character of the whole Masonic system. To repeat what I have said in them would occupy far more of your space than I can presume to think you would allow me; but I beg leave to refer my Masonic brethren to the works themselves, in which I hope they will find the whole question thoroughly discussed.—I am, yours obediently,

“CHALMERS I. PATON,
Past Master No. 392 and 393, England.”

SIR,—In your paper of Saturday fortnight a letter appeared, signed “B. J.,” in reference to the admission of deaf and dumb candidates into the mysteries of the Craft. The admission of bastards and maimed parties has long been a vexed question, both in this country and America; but the right of admission of a candidate void of any one of the five senses is so absurd and diametrically opposed to the ancient Landmarks of the Order that it, so far as I am aware, or can trace, has actually never been raised. None of the Masonic writers within my grasp even touch upon this point, as will be seen from the following quotations. Dr. Albert J. Mackay, of America, says “that the candidate must be un mutilated, free born, and of mature age;” while J. W. Simons, in his work on the Principles and Practice of Masonic Jurisprudence, says “that the candidate must be free of lawful age and hale and sound at the time making.” The constitution of the Grand Lodge of New York sets forth that the candidates “must at least be 21 years of age, of good repute, hale and sound, not deformed or dismembered, and no woman nor eunuch,” while Bro. Luke A. Wood, in his work on Masonic Law and Practice, gives as the ancient Landmarks of the Order, “that every candidate must be a man of full age, born of free parents, under no restraint of law, and hale and sound as a man ought to be.” By Section IV. of the charges, approved in the year 1772, it is provided that “all candidates for Masonry must have no maim or defect in their body that may render them incapable of performing the Art, and of serving his Master’s duty.” In Scotland, if the candidate is freeborn, reported, sound in body and mind, and able to support his daily bread, he is considered a regular party, and entitled to crave to be initiated into the mysteries of the Order; but for any other candidate a candidate who was both deaf and dumb, or even partially deaf and dumb, was both in body and mind, is so absurd,

masonically, that it would be wasting your valuable space in saying one single word more on the subject. Freemasonry is no chimera of a man or body of men, for self gratification, but a society formed for the real happiness and advancement of the common weal, and requires its members to be composed of men of pure and intellectual minds, with all the faculties in full development which God has granted to the human race. It is an art, and has often been called the royal art—its elements and force being derived from the head, heart, and soul, the intellectual and moral powers of man. All who wish to unveil its mysteries must on the first place conform to all its ancient Landmarks, and, if admitted within its portals, must study it by engaging in the work which it enjoins, and mixing with those who regulate their lives and actions by its sacred laws, which are founded on the purest principles of piety and virtue. The aspirations of the members of the Craft are everything that is fair, good, and true, and are united by this tie alone, untrammelled by the dragging chains of superstition, and unmindful of the prejudices of caste or nationality. The binding link is an intellectual one joined with the unchangeable and everlasting principles of truth, honour and virtue—a union which, in fact, invests every species of obligation our common humanity is under with a more sacred character. So far as the opinions of a non-Mason is concerned in reference to the Craft, I quote the words of the late Lord Derby when delivering a speech in the House of Lords on the 7th of June, 1869. He said—“I am not a member of the body, but I believe a more loyal, peaceable, charitable, and benevolent body does not exist.” A higher eulogium no society could get, nor could it be given by a non-Mason whose opinion is more worthy of respect and admiration. Such testimony given by such a man as Lord Derby should surely advance the interests of the Craft, and ought even to bias the minds of these in its favour who do not belong to it. I trust there are many such as Lord Derby in the outer or profane world of whom we can say—Although not of us, they are not against us. If Masonry was a little more studied by its members, and its grand principles and doctrines more widely diffused to the profane, we should certainly have more candidates seeking admission to its hidden mysteries in order that they might become disciples of its glorious principles. RUSTICUS.”

The most of the brethren that I have conversed with agree along with myself in the foregoing opinions expressed in the letter.

A MEMBER OF A LINLITHGOW LODGE.

REFUSAL TO BURY A MASON IN ENGLAND.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have read Bro. the Rev. A. A. Bagshawe’s communication, with feelings of surprise and indignation, and shall be glad to co-operate with him in any way he may think necessary or desirable to expose such cruel and undeserved conduct towards the relatives of the deceased non-commissioned Roman Catholic officer, and such disgraceful treatment of the remains of our brother, whose only crime in the eyes of the Roman Catholic Army Chaplain at Chatham, was the fact of his having been a Freemason.

The leading article in *The Freemason* on the subject is to the point, and is a correct reflection of the opinion of the Craft.

Ought not a subscription list to be started, and the funds used to prosecute the Army Chaplain in question, in order that it may be decided whether he had the right to refuse burial to our lamented brother, and yet be allowed to continue in the service of the Queen. All honour to the Protestant clergyman who fulfilled the last sad office of respect and departed merit.

W. J. HUGHAN.

The Confidence Lodge of Instruction, hitherto held at the “Railway Tavern,” London-st, E.C., will be removed to Bro. Charles Chard’s “White Hart Tavern,” Abchurch Lane, E.C. The first meeting in the new room will take place on Wednesday, the 11th March, at 7.30. Bro. G. Gottheil, P.M., is the Preceptor.

Reviews.

The Gentleman’s Magazine.” (Grant and Co.)—We notice in the January number, the production of a new novel of great interest, entitled “Olympia,” by the author of “Earl’s Dene,” “Zeldas Fortune” &c. “Christmas day on a Growler,” is most amusing. This magazine, which is under new management, will, we trust, meet with the success it so well deserves.

We have received a copy of the “Life Boat,” a journal of the National Life Boat Institution. This little work, which is issued quarterly, contains a very interesting account of the various services of the Life boats and their gallant crews.

The “Westminster Papers” for February, a monthly journal of chess, whist, games of skill and the drama, will be found of great service to those of our readers, who study the noble game of chess.

“England and Russia.” (Wiley and Co.)

This is a very pretty march, introducing the popular airs of “Hearts of Oak” and “Rule Britannia.”

“VERITAS.”

The following notice of the late Bro. Melville’s Book appears in the *British Press and Jersey Times* :—

“Veritas,” which conveys not the least idea of the subject-matter, is the title of a book we have received. The selection, however, is explained by the description of the work, as set forth in the title-page. It is a “Revelation of mysteries, biblical, historical, and social,” which, we suppose, being emphatically called “Veritas” is thereby set up as a true revelation; nor it would seem simply as something true (*vera quaedam*) but *Veritas*, the Truth. The old ironical formula, what is truth? is no longer a mock. The truth is here before us; nor shaming any by her nakedness as she emerged from her well, but clad in showy cloth and gilt lettered so as to befit a drawing-room table; vouched moreover by one author with two editors, and issuing from Paternoster Row. That she is no mere claimant, but the genuine long-lost, there may be no doubt. Neither discovered nor expounded, poor expedients addressed to erring reason, she is Revealed, Mr. Melville being the Seer; and a Revelation is not a thing to be trifled with, much less disputed.

We are not going to dispute it, the less so since we are reminded on the title-page that *Omnia vincit Veritas*; and we have no mind to be overcome and perhaps for ever silenced. We shall confine ourselves to telling, so far as we are able without studious examination, what the book is about, and, as it were trotting out Truth for the inspection of her admirers, if she have any; though these, we fear, preoccupied as usual with an abstraction, will find fault with the living Damsel as altogether ungainly, stubborn, and disagreeable. The Truth, then, is that Mr. Melville, being a Freemason, and a man with an inquiring but mystical mind to boot, making a great discovery, the subject of his Revelation is big with the “Lost Mysteries of Masonry.” If, as becomes one in the presence of Mr. Melville, we confess the truth on our own part, the discovery, whatever may be its worth, rather disconcerts us. We have been accustomed, like many others beyond the sacred circle to comfort ourselves with the shrewd belief that, notwithstanding the mysteries to which the Craft pretends, there is really no mystery in the matter beyond perhaps a common-place code of good-natured philosophy and a few formulas of trifling import designed for purposes of mutual recognition. Singularly enough, the whole body of Masons are disconcerted too. They appear, indeed, on their own showing, to have exceeding little mystery in their possession; and, to Mr. Melville’s utter chagrin, they are indisposed to accept of any more. He has offered them the “lost mysteries,” the truth secured by him in an apparently discursive ramble through eastern literature, the consideration of “intellectual religions,” whatever these may be, ancient and modern, and an examination, at which it becomes one to turn serious, of the

FEB. 21, 1874.

Thursday, February 26.
Lodge 594, Downshire, 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 6.
" 950, Hesketh, Royal Hotel, Dock-street, Fleetwood.
" 1032, Townley Parker, Howard's Arms, Whittle-le-Springs.
" 1070, Starkie, Black Horse Hotel, Kirkham.
" 1313, Fernon, Masonic Hall, Southport, at 7.
" 1325, Stanley, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool, at 6.
Chap. 216, Sacred Delta, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
" 1086, Walton, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool, at 6.
Mariners' Lodge of Instruction (249), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 8.
Date of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction (1182), 150, Park-lane, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 7.
Friday, February 27.
Chap. 680, Sefton, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
Saturday, February 28.
Chap. 178, Harmony, Royal Hotel, Wigan, at 3.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW.

For the week ending Saturday, February 28, 1874.
All the Meetings take place at 8 o'clock.

Monday, February 23.

Lodge 102, St. Mark, 213, Buchanan-street.
" 103, Union and Crown, 170, Buchanan-st.
" 219, Star, 12, Tron-gate.
" 362, St. Clair, 25, Robertson-st.
" 541, Marie Stuart, Masons' Hall, Crosshill.
Chap. 122, Theis, 35, St. James-street.

Tuesday, February 24.

Lodge 413, Athole, 213, Buchanan-street.
Chap. 67, Cathedral, 22, Struthers-street.
" 73, Caledonian Unity, 170, Buchanan-street.

Wednesday, February 25.

Lodge 187, St. John's, Black Bull Inn, Carlisle.
" 310, Maryhill, 167, Main-street, Maryhill.

Thursday, February 26.

Lodge 73, Thistle and Rose (Annual Festival).
Friday, February 27.
Lodge 153, Royal Arch, Town Hall, Pollokshaws.
" 347, St. John's, Old Council Hall, Rutherglen.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH.

For the week ending Saturday, February 28, 1874.

Monday, February 23.

Lodge 145, St. Stephen, St. James's Hall, Writers' Court, High-street, at 8.30.
" 349, St. Clair, Freemasons' Hall, George-street, at 8.30.

Tuesday, February 24.

Lodge 151, Edinburgh Defensive Band, Masonic Hall, Blackfriars-street, at 8.30.
Chap. 40, Naval and Military, Freemasons' Hall, George-street, at 8.

Wednesday, February 25.

Chap. 113, St. John's, Masonic Hall, Bridge-street, Fishers' Row.
Thursday, February 26.

Chap. 392, Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, George-street, at 8.
" 349, St. Clair, Annual Ball, Freemasons' Hall, George-street, at 9.30.

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ST. JAMES'S UNION LODGE (No. 180).—The lodge held its annual ball at the Freemasons' Tavern on Thursday week, when a brilliant assembly of between 200 and 300 ladies and gentlemen were present under the presidency of Bro. Gallico, W.M. Dancing commenced shortly after 9 o'clock, and was persevered in with great spirit till about midnight, when the company adjourned to an excellent supper, which gave great satisfaction. Bro. Gallico, W.M., occupied the chair; Bro. Bubb, P.M., the vice-chair. After supper the chairman proposed in truly loyal and eloquent terms "The Health of the Queen," which was received, as it always is in Masonry and elsewhere, with unqualified approval. The Chairman then proposed "The Health of the Queen," who by their charming presence evening had made the St. James's Union such a grand success, that the gentlemen were present could not fail to look back on the evening as one of the brightest pages of its existence. The Chairman concluded an eloquent and genial speech by calling on Bro. Parsons, S.W., to return thanks, who in a well-turned sentence, succeeded in raising the visible muscles of his audience to such a degree that he was enabled to resume his seat in a short storm of laughter. Bro. Bubb, P.M., rose, and said it gave him mingled feelings of pain and pleasure in having been elected Vice-master of the Ball; pain, because he felt that he occupied that position so often before he thought it was time that some one else should have been elected, and pleasure, in that he now have the right of proposing a toast which he felt sure, he as acceptable to them as pleasurable to him. The toast he had proposed was that of "The President of the Lodge," who by his efforts had made such a success, as indeed he did every-thing he undertook. He could tell them that he persevered in Masonry that, although an old man, he was able to fulfil the duties of W.M. with the greatest possible efficiency. After a few remarks, Bro. Bubb concluded by proposing (in Italian) long life, health, and happiness. The toast having been received with applause, Bro. Gallico returned thanks in a few words, and proposed "The Health of the Queen," coupled with the names of Bro. Parsons, P.M., and Bro. Bubb, P.M., who both responded. Dancing was then resumed, and continued with unflagging spirit till an early hour, when the most enjoyable parties of the evening came to an end. Great praise is due to the Honorary Secretary, and the rest of the committee, for the successful arrangements and the comfort of the visitors.

Perfect Friendship Lodge (No. 376).—At the request of the W.M., Bro. Arthur P.G.P., the brethren of the lodge, and other Masonic friends, met at the residence of Bro. Mills, M.D., on Saturday last, to respect to the memory of Bro. Franks, P.G.P., Registrar, to attend his funeral at the place at the Cemetery on that day. Present were noticed Bros. A. Gamman, W.M., Bro. Mills, Dr. Elliston, Emma Holmes,

W. Spalding, S. B. King, J. A. Pettit, R. Taylor, J. Pitcher. The brethren, who, of course, all appeared in black, and wearing hat-bands and white gloves, wore no Masonic insignia. The pall-bearers, six old Past Masters, wearing scarves, then proceeded in procession to the residence of the deceased, which is just opposite the quaint little church of St. Mary-at-Elms. Opening out right and left to allow the relations and other mourners to pass between their ranks, the Masons followed them into the church, where the first part of the simple but solemn and touching service for the burial of the dead was read by the vicar, the Rev. Godrich Langley, assisted by Bro. the Rev. R. N. Sanderson, P.P.G.C. Before leaving the church the brethren formed in procession, and preceding the hearse and mourning carriages, marched to the pretty cemetery just outside the town, where the remainder of the funeral service was read with singular impressiveness by Bro. Sanderson, and the body of our greatly esteemed brother consigned to the tomb. Each Mason, as he gave a last look at the grave, dropped a sprig of acacia upon the coffin, and passing by, gave the sign of sympathy. The sad procession then reformed, and wended its way homewards. A contemporary, *The Suffolk Mercury*, speaking of our late brother, who was Master of the Blue School (two of the directors of which joined the procession as a mark of respect to the deceased), thus alludes to him:—"He was the perfect type of the true old English gentleman, and his benevolence will make him very much missed by the poor of St. Mary Elms. His purse was always ready to relieve distress, and no man carried out the duties of life better, his high moral character being enriched by the lenient construction he was ever anxious to put upon the mistakes of others. In politics he was a staunch old Conservative, and the recent borough election was the first he had missed taking an active part in. As a Freemason he will be greatly missed, having been one of the best examples of a true Mason, both by his outward conduct and the deep research he had made into the details of the Craft itself. So great was his knowledge and acquaintance with all the details of the Order, that his presence and advice were frequently sought by many lodges in the neighbourhood. He was a member of the 'Perfect Friendship' Lodge, No. 376, of which he had been twice W.M. He was also a member of the Royal Sussex Chapter." We have often in these columns borne our testimony to Bro. Frank's extensive erudition in all matters pertaining to the Craft, and particularly to his admirable working in the Royal Arch degree, and which we have never seen surpassed. Bro. Franks was also a Knight Templar, Knight of Malta, and was a member of the Prudence Preceptory, in which he had held high office. It was only a few weeks since that he was presented with a handsome silver goblet by the members of the Royal Sussex Chapter of Perfect Friendship, on his retiring from that chapter in consequence of increasing age and infirmity. The cup, which no doubt will be cherished as an heirloom in the family, bears the following inscription on one side:—"Presented to James Franks P.Z., by the companions of the Royal Essex Chapter, as a slight tribute of respect for his highly valued services during the period of twenty years." Upon the other was a brief record of his Masonic career:—"Bro. James Franks, initiated March 20th, 1844, passed 17th April, 1844, raised 15th May, 1844, elected W.M. 19 Dec., 1849, installed 28, Dec., 1849, re-elected 20 Dec., 1865, exalted 29, Dec., 1849, installed M.E.Z. April, 1856. The following letter, which reflects credit to the head and heart of the noble writer, was read at the meeting at the house of Dr. Mills, prior to the funeral, and the kindly sympathy expressed therein was much appreciated by the brethren present:—

"Flixton Hall, Bungay, Feb. 20, 1874.
 "Worshipful Sir and Brother,
 "I beg to express my sincere regret with which I have learned the decease of our respected brother, Past-Master Franks, to whose memory I should have been most prompt to pay my tribute of respect had it been in my power. Within a short time the craft have had to regret the loss of truly valuable members, whose services have

been eminent, and will not fail to be held in due honour.

"I remain, Dear Sir and Brother, faithfully and fraternally yours,

"WAVENBY,
 "Prov. G. M. Suffolk.

"W. Bro. Gamman, W.M., 376."
 Lord Waveney alluded to the recent death of Bros. Tracy P.Z., J. Townsend, and H. Richmond, but there are few will be so missed as Bro. Franks.

WAVERTREE.—*Duke of Edinburgh Lodge (No. 1182).*—The usual monthly meeting of this popular suburban lodge was held on Wednesday, the 18th inst., at the Coffee-house, Wavertree, where two candidates were initiated into the mysteries of the Order by Bro. J. Watkin Williams, W.M., in a most effective manner. In accordance with ancient custom, the bye-laws of the lodge were duly read, and after several propositions of candidates for Masonry had been made, the lodge was closed in solemn form, and the assembled brethren subsequently partook of an excellent supper, provided by Mrs. Wright, the hostess, at which the greatest harmony prevailed. Amongst those present at the lodge were, Bro. J. W. Williams, W.M.; P.M.'s Thornton, Pughe, Woods, Cookson; Bros. Edginton, S.W.; T. B. Myers, J.W.; Bro. Brown, Treas.; Bro. Bales, Sec.; Bro. R. Martin, S.D.; T. Davies, I.G.; Mucker, S.; W. Crawford, Tyler; H. J. Hughes, J. Haslam, N. Walker, J. Jacobs, A. D. Hesketh, J. E. Ellison, Newbold, H. Sawyer, J. Whitfield, R. Pennock, W. Thomson, G. Byford, Snelson, and others, with Bro. J. Bush, J.D. 220, and G. Farmer, 823, as visitors.

STOCKWELL LODGE (No. 1339).—The installation meeting of this young but prosperous lodge took place on Thursday, the 19th inst., at the Half Moon at Dulwich. At the opening of the lodge, the W.M.'s chair was occupied by Bro. P. M. Morrell. The W.M. himself, who is an officer in a volunteer regiment, being under the necessity of attending a prize meeting of his corps to receive his reward as a rifeman, was unable to be present at the working of his lodge. However a very efficient substitute was found in Bro. Worrell, who performed the ceremony of initiating Mr. H. Hart into the Order, and did the work like a good mason. At the conclusion of the ordinary business, the chair was assumed by Bro. Francis, P.M. and Secretary of the lodge, to whom Bro. Klenck, the W.M. elect, was presented by Bro. Worrell, and having taken the usual obligation, and given his assent to the principles laid down in the Book of Constitutions, a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Klenck was duly installed into the chair of W.M. He was then formally proclaimed by Bro. Worrell, who delivered the usual addresses to the brethren in a very impressive and able manner. Bro. Klenck then proceeded to appoint and invest his officers. Bro. Klenck, it may be remarked, has passed from the J.W. chair into that of the W.M., in consequence of the (no doubt unavoidable) frequent absence of the S.W. at the meetings of the lodge; and in again appointing him to the S.W. chair, the W.M. expressed his regret that Bro. Payne did not on this occasion occupy the distinguished position to which he (Bro. Klenck) had just been elevated, but expressed a hope that the time would yet come when Bro. Payne would have that honour equally with the other founders of the lodge. The other officers were Bros. Benham, J.W.; Hammerton, P.M. Treasurer; Francis, Secretary; Bassett, S.D.; Bowyer, J.D.; Coe, I.G.; Pillinger, D.C.; and Bro. Harris, Wine Steward. To each the W.M. gave a few pleasant words of encouragement to work diligently, or commendation for what they had done in the past, and when the business of the evening had thus been brought to a satisfactory conclusion, the lodge was closed in due form, and the members of the lodge and their guests sat down to a well spread board, and did ample justice to the excellent viands provided by mine host of the Half Moon. (On the cloth being removed, the customary loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and responded to with true Masonic cordiality. In proposing "The Health of the Initiates," the W.M. remarked, for the information of Bros. Rogerson, Faith, Hazard, and H.

Hart, that five was the greatest number they could initiate at one time, and the fact that they had four-fifths of that number present, he said, augured well for the future of the lodge. They could not do without initiates; the initiation of new members into the Order was the means by which they were making for the lodge a position in the Craft, and proving their usefulness to the great cause of Masonry. He believed the initiates present to be the right men in the right place. He said this because they were very careful as to whom they initiated into the Stockwell Lodge; and believed that they had made a wise choice in selecting these initiates as fit and proper persons to be made Masons. The Immediate P.M., Bro. Brighton, having now arrived, proposed "The Health of the W.M.," who, in replying, proposed "The Health of the Past Masters," and presented and invested Bro. Brighton with a P.M. jewel, which had been voted to him by the lodge. The "Health of the Visitors" was responded to by several brethren, the neatest speeches of the evening, perhaps, being those of Bros. Webb and Cooper Wyld, who likened the traditions of Masonry to the waves of the ocean rolling one after another from the far, far, past, and which would continue so to roll on into the dim, dim future. Some very good songs were sung by a few of the brethren present, and this delightful meeting was not brought to a close till a late hour. The visitors present were Bros. Whiting, 87; Chesterton, 72; Dodson, 72; Crump, 764; Laskey, 72; Cooper Wyld, 420; H. A. Hart, 975; J. Webb, Poore, 720; Sutcliffe, 1139; and Pringle, 766.

Royal Arch.

BOLTON.—Chapter of Concord (No. 37).—The regular meeting of this chapter was held in Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton, on Monday, Feb. 16th, when there were present, Comps. Thos. Entwistle, P.Z., Prov. G. Scribe N., as Z.; John Robinson, P.Z., as H.; Jas. Pilkington, J.; Jas. Newton, P.Z., Prov. G. Steward, E.; Wm. Slater, and others. The chapter being opened the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Bro. James Heap, of Lodges 1045 and 1170, and being unanimously in his favour, he was admitted and exalted to the degree of the Holy Royal Arch, Comp. Entwistle, officiating as Z., and Comp. Newton, as P.S. This being the meeting for election of officers, the following companions were elected, viz:—J. H. Winder, Z.; James Pilkington, H.; William Slater, J.; James Newton, E.; Robert Luthy, N.; James Brown, P.S.; John Sharples, Treas. All business being concluded, the chapter was then closed.

SUNDERLAND.—Chapter of Strict Benevolence (No. 27).—The annual meeting of the members of this Chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Sunderland, on Thursday, February 19th, for the purpose of installing the Principals and investing the officers for the ensuing twelve months. There was a large attendance of members and visitors, among whom were Comps. W. H. Crooks, P.Z. P.G.S.E.; J. Stainsley, P.Z., P. Prov. G.S.N.; M. Allison, Z., P.G.R.; W. W. Leddell, H., P.G. Ast. Soj.; W. Skelton, J., P.G. St. B.; P. Hvistendahl, P.Z. No. 80, P. Prov. G. St. B.; J. Riseborough, P.Z. 94, P. Prov. G. Asst. Soj.; G. Wandless, H. 94; and E. Companions E. D. Davies, P.Z.; A. Clapham, P.Z.; W. Foulsham, P.Z.; and H. Hotham, P.Z., the four latter being members of chapters in Newcastle-on-Tyne. After the transaction of the usual business, the companions dined together in the banqueting room of the hall, the newly installed Z., Bro. Leddell, in the chair, supported by the newly-installed H., W. Skelton, and J., R. Humphrey, and a large number of Past Principals. The following is a full list of the officers appointed, viz:—W. Liddell, Z.; W. Skelton, H.; R. Humphrey, J.; T. Younger, E.; S. P. Austin, N.; James H. Coates P.S.; Alderman John Lindsay, J.P., Treas.; J. Thompson, Junitor; J. Turzell, and R. J. Ward, Assistant Sojourners.

Scotland.

GLASGOW.—Lodge Thistle and Rose (No. 73) met on Tuesday the 17th inst., Bro. G. Weston, R.W.M., in the chair, assisted by A. McLeod as S.W.; and G. W. Wheeler, as J.W. There were three candidates for initiation, after which Bro. Jackson, R.W.M., of Lodge Glasgow, 441, by kind permission of the lodge, raised Bro. George Rowe to the third degree. A proposed alteration in the bye-laws, relative to the Benevolent Fund, was deferred till after the Annual Festival, which was fixed to take place on the 26th inst.

GLASGOW.—Lodge Clyde (No. 408) met on Friday, 21st inst. In the unavoidable absence of the R.W.M., the chair was filled by Bro. J. B. McNair, the R.W.M. of No. 332. On the dais were Bros. D. Reid, R.W.M. of 465; and G. H. Wheeler, of 73; the S.W., J. McInnes, and J.W.W. Bro. Manns, were in their places, and Bro. Stewart acted as S.D. The work consisted of one passing. Bro. Newbury, of 332, and Bro. Morley Bascot, of 665, were by the kind consent of this lodge, raised to the sublime degree. Both ceremonies were very efficiently rendered by Bro. McNair.

GLASGOW.—St. Mungo Encampment held their monthly meeting on Monday, the 16th. The E.C., R. Bell, presiding, G. W. Wheeler, Acting Prelate; M. Clanachare, G.C.; G. M. Allister, S.C.; T. Chadwick, J.C.; when Comps. R. Main, J. Stuart, William Bell, R. Grange, H. H. Henry, and C. Cochrane, were duly received and created Knights of the Temple. A letter was read from the E.C. of the Royal Veterans' Encampment, Plymouth, thanking officers and members of St. Mungo for the great kindness shown and the fraternal greeting given to their P.E.C., Captain Shanks, since his sojourn in Scotland and expressing a hope that they might have the pleasure at some future time to return the kindness to the Knights of St. Mungo. Sir Knight Wheeler, in moving that the letter be entered on the minutes, said that their kindness had already met with its reward, for in Captain Shanks they had found a kind friend and good fellow worker, and as he was about to try to open an encampment at Greenock, he hoped the Sir Knights of St. Mungo would be willing to go over there for a few times to assist their kind Frater in opening his encampment and getting it into working order. Some of the Sir Knights present gave in their names for this purpose. The following three Sir Knights were then elected to attend the Supreme Chapter General Meeting, on March 11th, R. Bell, M.N.G.; G. W. Wheeler, Recorder; and J. E. Speirs, C.G. Captain Shanks thanked the Sir Knights for their offers of assistance, stating there were a number of Royal Arch Masons in Greenock who wished to join the Temple Order, but it was too far to come to Glasgow, so that in asking them to assist him there he did not wish to act as a rival to his friends and co-workers in Glasgow, but only to extend the blessing of this most Christian Order of Masonry.

FREEMASONRY IN WEST LANCASHIRE CONSECRATION OF A NEW LODGE AT BOOTLE.

[FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.]

The almost unprecedented increase of the Masonic body in the province over which Bro. Lord Skelmersdale rules with popular sway, has been abundantly shown by the remarkable addition to the roll of new lodges in the district of Liverpool within the last few years, and there is no doubt that when the new Masonic Hall in Hope-street, now rapidly approaching completion has been consecrated, the increase will be still greater. In all this there is an evidence of healthy vitality, and happily no apparent diminution in the desire to make Freemasonry, in the additions both of lodges and members, a worthy and estimable fraternity, notwithstanding all that bigoted and ignorant ecclesiastics may say to the contrary.

The need for a new lodge in the young and rising borough of Bootle, so intimately associated with Liverpool in many of its interests, has for

a long time been felt by brethren resident within the borough, and in its immediate neighbourhood and therefore steps were taken some time ago by a number of esteemed and worthy brethren for the establishment of a lodge in their midst. Their efforts were happily crowned with success and the long-felt want was supplied on Thursday the 19th inst., by the consecration of the Bootle Lodge, No. 1473, with all the solemn and impressive ceremonial peculiar to the interesting occasion. That the ceremony was looked upon with more than ordinary interest was clearly evinced by the attendance of not only the largest gathering of brethren, perhaps 150, representing nearly every lodge in the district, which has ever been seen in connection with any consecration but by the presence of an unusual number of P.G. Officers, W.M.'s, P.M.'s, and officers. Most admirable and complete accommodation has been found for the new lodge in the Assembly Rooms, Merton-road, owned by our esteemed Bro. H. M. Molyneux, P.M. 823, and M.P. of the Liverpool Conclave of the Knights of Honour and of the Red Cross of Constantine; and the elegant appearance of the lodge room on Thursday induced many to remark that it was superior to anything in the province. The *tout ensemble* was heightened to a very great degree by the elegance, completeness, and thoroughly artistic character of the furnishings for the lodge, all of which were supplied by Bro. George Kenning, whose Masonic depots are in London, Liverpool, and Glasgow. Before the opening of the lodge, the chairs, tripod, floorcloth, working tools, &c. were closely examined by many brethren, and the general opinion was that nothing more complete or artistic could have been produced. It should be mentioned, *imprimis*, that the following donations were made by several members of the new lodge: A tripod from Bro. Donkin, ashlar from Bro. T. D. Pierce, a ballot-box from Bro. Barker, columns for the Senior and Junior Wadens from Bro. Wyatt, working tools from Bro. M'Arthur, swords from Bro. J. Johnson, floorcloth from Bro. Clemmey, emblems from Bro. Dr. Wills, a bust of the late Earl of Zetland from Bro. Hough, a Bible and cushion by Bro. Ibbs, the "charity plate, used in the first degree by Bro. J. W. Turley.

Amongst the brethren present were Bros. Prescott, P.J.G.W.; the Rev. J. F. Goggin, P.G. Chaplain; T. Armstrong, P.G. Treasurer; R. Wylie, P.P.S.G.D.; P. Maddox, P.P.G.S.W.; W. Doyle, P.G.J.D.; J. Skeaf, P.G.C. G. Broadbridge, P.P.G.C.; G. De la Perre, P.G.D.C.; C. H. Hill, P.G. Reg.; J. Hamer, P.P.G. Treas.; J. W. J. Fowler, P.P.A.D.; P. Ball, P.G. Tyler; J. W. Williams, W. 1182; W. Pughe, P.M. 1182; W. Septhorn, W.M. 1068; J. Pemberton, P.M. 1264; J. Gamble, 1264; T. Evans, W.M. 1356; J. Sharpe, 823; R. Ing, P.M. 594; W. D. Rowse, W. 594; A. Winkup, P.M. 667; B. B. Marsden, P.M. 1356; E. Rothwell, S.W. 1356; Thomason, 1182; G. Morgan, P.M. 1305; W. Holt, P.M. 1276; H. Pearson, P.M. 211; J. Vaughan, S.D. 86; H. Vaughan, I.G. 11; P. W. Oglesby, 823; M. Williams, 11; Peter M. Larsen, P.M. 594; J. Whitfield, 594; J. W. M'Wan, 1035; L. W. Robinson, 823; the Rev. T. W. Richardson, Chaplain 1086; Broadbridge, 251; J. M. Eccles, W.M. 1356; W. Scott, 102 (S.C.); H. Ashmore, J. 1325; J. F. Newell, P.M. 1035; W. Overton, 524; J. E. Jackson, J.W. 667; A. Morris, Sec. 594; J. Wells, W.M. 380; Joseph Jones, Sec. 1356; J. Ireland, Treas. 1356; R. Roberts, Sec. 1356; P. G. Purves, H. Glover, 203; the Rev. J. W. L. Burke, 899; T. Chesworth, P.M. 724; W. Shortis, P.M. 724; W. G. Veale, C. 1359; W. L. Jones, 594; J. Glendon, 580; C. Haswell, 203; J. Ireland, W. 580; Lunt, P.M. 813; T. Welch, 241; J. Falsham, 673; W. T. May, P.M. 673; J. Wilson, 1393; T. Paddington, 1393; J. Busfield, 1393; J. H. Plaw, 823; R. R. Martin, W.M. 1035; J. R. Cook, P.M. 178; W. D. Rowse, W. 564; H. Mandy, 594; Joseph Wood, Treasurer, 1094; George Peet, J.D. 241; G. Turley, P.M. 86; R. Washington, J.W. 1094; H. Molyneux, P.M. 823; J. Thornton, 673 and 1182; W. Wood, 1182; Thoms, 1182; &c.

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1326, P.P.G.B., W.M. designate; D. Pierce, P.M. 823; W. S. Barker, H. Longb., G. Turner, J. W. Cave-Brown-Cave, G. arry, J. P. M'Arthur, James J. Johnstone, Harold, Wyatt, Dr. T. M. Wills, J. Turle, P.M. 035; W. Blake, W. H. Clemmey, Richard Roberts, J. J. Birch, J. J. Mills, A. Bucknall, Pattis, J. A. Ross, J. A. Simpson, I. Farry, Humphreys, T. Grant, E. Donkin, J. E. Davies, J. Lecomber, J. C. Caley, J. Sergeant, W. 580; J. C. Paterson, W. Hughes, S.W. 92; E. M. Jones, and E. Griffiths.

The brethren of the new lodge, numbering about 40, having been ranged on the right hand of the throne, and the visiting brethren placed on the other side of the room, the chair was taken by Bro. H. S. Alpass, P.G. Sec., the presiding officer being supported by Bro. J. Prescott, J.G.W., acting as S.W.; Bros. J. W. J. Fowler, P. Prov. A.D.C., 86 (Prescot) as J.W.; the Rev. J. F. Goggin, P.G.C., as P.M.; W. Doyle, J.G.J.D., as S.D.; C. H. Hill, P.G. Reg., as J.D.; and J. W. Turley, as I.G. The lodge was solemnly opened in the three degrees, and the usual preliminaries having been observed, Bro. J. Wylie, acting as P.G. Sec. read the petition for power to establish the new lodge and the warrant of Grant Lodge to do so.

After the brethren had signified their approval of the officers named in the petition and warrant, Bro. the Rev. J. F. Goggin, P.G.C., delivered an eloquent and impressive oration on the principles of the Order and the lessons to be drawn from that day's ceremonial. It was an admirable enunciation of the great truths by which the members of the Masonic fraternity are guided in the discharge of their daily avocations, as well as within the hallowed precincts of a lodge.

The consecration prayers were also offered by Bro. J. F. Goggin, whose presence gave additional weight to the interesting proceedings.

The corn, wine, and oil used during the consecration were borne by Bros. P. Maddox, P.P.G.S. of W.; T. Armstrong, P.G. Treas.; and G. De la Perelle, P.G.D.C.; and Bro. J. Hamer, P.P.G. Treas., acted as Director of the Ceremonies. Bro. J. Skeaf, P.G.O., presided at the harmonium, the other musical brethren being Bros. J. Busfield, 216; H. Ashmore, J.W. 1325; T. Welch, 241; C. Haswell, 203; and J. Jones, 115. Bro. Skeaf's fine anthem "Behold, how good," and his other consecration music, were very effectively sung during the ceremony, the "Hallelujah Chorus" being given to the close.

The chair was then taken by Bro. Hamer, who succeeded with the installation of Bro. Samuel Ellis Ibbes, as the first W.M. of the new lodge. A Board of Installed Masters had been held, which 40 W.M.'s and P.M.'s were present, the largest assembly ever held in the province, and the brethren, on their re-admission, saluted the newly-chaired W.M. in the three degrees, the following brethren were invited officers of the Bootle Lodge for the ensuing year:—Bros. Harold Wyatt, S.W.; J. Turley, J.W.; J. P. M'Arthur, Honorary Treasurer; Thomas D. Pierce, Secretary; Richard Roberts, S.D.; Dr. T. M. Wills, J.D.; W. S. Barker, I.G.; W. H. Clemmey, S.S.; and W. Hughes, J.S. Bro. W. Blake was unanimously elected Tyler of the lodge, and invested by the

propositions for initiation and one for which were subsequently made, and votes of which were ordered to be recorded on the minutes to the Consecrating Officer, the Installing Master, the P.G. Chaplain, and other officers of the lodge, Bro. Skeaf, P.G.O., and the other brethren. After these compliments had been duly acknowledged, the lodge was closed in the usual form.

A sumptuous banquet was served in the large hall, after five o'clock. Covers were laid for about 100 brethren. Bro. Samuel E. B. Milbourn, P.M., presided, supported on the right by Bro. H. S. Alpass, P.G. Secretary; and on the left by Bro. the Rev. J. F. Goggin, P.G. Chaplain; Bro. the Rev. H. G. Vernon, P.P.G.C.; Harold Wyatt, S.W., and Bro. J. W. J. G.W., were in their respective places. A sumptuous repast was served by Bro. Milbourn, in Anne-street, Liverpool, and after the reading of the cloth the usual loyal and Masonic

toasts were given and responded to with Masonic honours.

The W.M. proposed "The P.G.M., D.P.G.M., and P.G. Officers of West Lancashire," which was acknowledged by Bro. H. S. Alpass, P.G. Sec., who said that, great as Bootle had been in the past, he believed its necessities had never been completely supplied until that day, when Lodge No. 1473 had been consecrated. No locality could be complete without its Masonic lodge, and therefore it gave him all the greater pleasure to be present on that occasion, to consecrate the Bootle Lodge, which he was sure, judging from the quality as well as the quantity of its membership, even at the beginning, had a brilliant and prosperous future before it. Lord Skelmersdale would have been present that day to consecrate, if the momentous events of the last few weeks had not monopolised his time; and he (Bro. Alpass) might state that when the warrant was applied for, his lordship said he thought it was one which should be granted. In conclusion, Bro. Alpass said he strongly repudiated the foul calumnies which had been made against the Order, and counselled every one connected with the Bootle Lodge to see that they admitted none but honourable men. Bro. Alpass then proposed "The West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution," and in doing so spoke of the immense advantages which had been conferred upon the children who had been sharers in its benefits. The Institution stood in the place of the deceased parent to the child, and enabled him to take his place in society as if that parent had been alive. Bro. G. Broadbridge, P.P.G.D.C., proposed "The Health of the W.M., Bro. S. G. Ibbes," and in doing so said their esteemed brother was well known to every brother in the province. He was the first Master of the De Grey and Ripon Lodge, and they all knew that in that capacity, as well as a P.G. Lodge Officer, he not merely pretended to do his duty, but he really did it heartily and well. He (Bro. Broadbridge) was quite sure there was a prosperous future before the new lodge, and he was equally certain that while Bro. Ibbes ruled over its affairs he was certain its dignity would be fully maintained. The toast was received with the greatest enthusiasm. Bro. Ibbes, the W.M. of No. 1473, in acknowledging the compliment, thanked the brethren for the honour which they had conferred upon him, an honour of which he did not feel worthy. He would endeavour to do his duty during his connection with the lodge, and thus repay in some measure the honour of the trust which had been reposed in him. Bro. P. M. Turner gave "The Consecrating Officer and Installing Master," which was responded to by Bro. Alpass. The W.M. proposed "The Musical Brethren," acknowledged by Bro. Skeaf, and the remaining toasts were "The Officers," also given by the W.M., which was responded to by Bro. H. Wyatt, S.W.; J. W. Turley, J.W.; T. D. Pierce, Sec.; and J. P. M'Arthur, Treasurer. The toast of "The Visitors," given by the W.M., was acknowledged by Bro. Captain G. Turner; and "The Ladies," "The Masonic Press," responded to by Bro. J. B. MacKenzie, and Tyler's toast, brought the list to a close. During the evening excellent songs were given by Bros. Busfield, H. Ashmore, Dr. Wills, Glover, Patterson, Veale, Robert Roberts, and others.

The want of a lodge in Bootle, which has long been felt by a number of brethren residing in the borough and neighbourhood, has been supplied by the consecration of the Bootle Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, No. 1473, at the Molyneux Assembly Rooms, Marton-rd., with all the solemn and impressive ritual peculiar to the interesting ceremony. The occasion was one of the greatest importance to the mystic Order, and this was evinced by the attendance of an unusually large and influential gathering of brethren connected with the Provincial Grand Lodge and representatives from the majority of the lodges in this part of the province of West Lancashire. It would be difficult to find a more convenient and handsome lodge room in the province than that which the new lodge has found in the Assembly Rooms; and as all the brethren whose names appear in the petition for

consecration are known to be earnest and honest members of the craft, there seems every probability that the new lodge will occupy a position second to none in the division. By appointment of Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, R.W.P.G.M., the ceremony of consecration was to have been performed by Bro. Sir James Ramsden, W.P.S.G.W.; but, in consequence of absence from illness, his place had to be taken by Bro. H. S. Alpass, P.G. Sec., who efficiently fulfilled the duties of presiding officer.

After the brethren had assembled in the lodge room, the chair was taken by Bro. Alpass, as presiding officer, Bro. J. W. J. Fowler, P.P.A.D.C., as J.W.; Bro. the Rev. J. F. Goggin, P.G.C., as P.M.; Bro. W. Doyle, P.G.J.D., acting as S.D.; Bro. C. H. Hill, P.G. Reg., as J.D.; Bro. J.W. Turley, as I.G. The lodge was duly and solemnly opened, after which Bro. Alpass proceeded to consecrate the new lodge in conformity with ancient and established usage. During the ceremony a most appropriate, thoughtful, and instructive oration was delivered by Bro. J. F. Goggin, P.G.C., which was listened to with the greatest attention by the assembled brethren. The consecration prayers were also given by Bro. Goggin. The corn, wine, and oil used during the consecration were borne by Bros. P. Maddox, P.P.G.S. of W.; T. Armstrong, P.G. Treas.; and G. De la Perelle, P.G.D.C.; and Bro. J. Hamer, P.P.G. Treas., acted as Director of the Ceremonies. Bro. J. Skeaf, P.G.O., presided at the harmonium, the other musical brethren being Bros. J. Busfield, 216; H. Ashmore, J.W. 1325; T. Welch, 241; C. Haswell, 203; and D. Jones, 115. Bro. Skeaf's fine anthem "Behold, how good," and his other consecration music, were very effectively sung during the ceremony, the "Hallelujah Chorus" being given at the close.

The chair was then taken by Bro. Hamer, who proceeded with the installation of Bro. Samuel Ellis Ibbes, as the first W.M. of the new lodge. After a board of Installed Masters had been held, at which 40 W.M.'s and P.M.'s were present, being the largest assembly ever held in the province, and the brethren on their re-admission, had saluted the newly-chaired W.M. in the several degrees, the following brethren were invested officers of the Bootle Lodge for the ensuing year:—Bros. Harold Wyatt, S.W.; J. W. Turley, J.W.; J. P. M'Arthur, Honorary Treasurer; Thomas D. Pierce, Secretary; Richard Roberts, S.D.; Dr. T. M. Wills, J.D.; W. S. Barker, I.G.; W. H. Clemmey, S.S.; and W. Hughes, J.S. Bro. W. Blake was unanimously elected Tyler of the lodge, and invested by the W.M. Seven propositions for initiation and one for joining were subsequently made, and votes of thanks were ordered to be recorded on the minutes to the Consecrating Officer, the Installing Master, the P.G. Chaplain, and other officers of the P.G. Lodge, Bro. Skeaf, P.G.O., and the musical brethren. After these compliments had been duly acknowledged, the lodge was closed in proper form.

It is worthy of notice that the general furnishing of the lodge, entrusted to Bro. G. Kenning, of 2, Monument-place, Liverpool, was superior to anything yet seen in this part of the province, eliciting universal admiration. The following presentations were made by the several members of the new lodge:—Bro. Donkin, the tripod; Bro. T. D. Pierce, ashlar; W. S. Barker, the ballot-box; Harold Wyatt, columns for S.W. and J.W.; J. P. M'Arthur, the working tools; J. J. Johnstone, the swords; W. H. Clemmey, the floorcloths; Richard Roberts, three gavels; Dr. T. M. Wills, emblems; H. Hough, bust of Lord Zetland; and Bro. S. E. Ibbes, Bible and cushion.

In the evening, about 100 brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet, in the large room of the building, which was provided and served in a very satisfactory manner by Bro. Milbourn, of the town. Bro. S. E. Ibbes, W.M., presided, and he was supported on the right and left by a number of the Provincial Grand Lodge officers. The loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed by the W.M. in short and pointed terms. Bro. Alpass, who responded to the toast of "The Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, P.G.M., the D.P.G.M. (Hon. F. Stanley), and the P.G. Officers of West Lancashire," also proposed the

toast of "The West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution," and in doing so referred to the many blessings conferred by that charity. Bro. Broadbridge proposed "The W.M.," which was acknowledged by Bro. Ibbs. Bro. P.M. Turner gave "The Consecrating Officer and Installing Master," which was responded to by Bro. Alpass. The W.M. proposed "The Musical Brethren," acknowledged by Bro. Skeaf; and the remaining toasts were "The Officers," also given by the W.M., which was responded to by Bro. H. Wyatt, S.W.; Bro. J. W. Turley, J. W.; Bro. T. D. Pierce, Sec.; and J. P. M'Arthur, Treasurer. The toast, "The Visitors," given by the W.M., was acknowledged by Bro. Captain G. Turner; and "The Ladies," "Press," and Tyler's toast, brought the list to a close. During the evening excellent songs were given by Bros. Busfield, H. Ashmore, Dr. Willis, Glover, Patterson, Veale, Robert Roberts.—*The Liverpool Mercury.*

A grand Masonic ceremonial took place yesterday in the Town-hall, Merton-road, Bootle. The occasion was the consecration of the Bootle Lodge No. 1,473, and it was attended by an unusually numerous muster of the brethren from various parts of the province. Bro. Sir James Ramsden, W.P.G.S.W. had been appointed by the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master to perform the ceremony, but as he was unable to attend, his place was taken by Bro. J. S. Alpass, P.G. Secretary. The new lodge, for which a warrant was recently obtained from the Grand Lodge of England, already numbers about fifty members, and its inauguration was most auspicious. The brethren assembled in the hall at half-past one o'clock, and shortly afterwards Bro. Alpass took the chair, and appointed Bro. William Doyle as Senior Warden and Bro. J. M. J. Fowler as Junior Warden *pro tem.*

The brethren of the new lodge having been arranged in order on the right of the chair, the lodge was opened on the first and raised to the third degree, and after a preliminary prayer and the performance of a solemn piece of music, the presiding-officer addressed the brethren on the nature of the proceedings. Bro. R. Wylie, acting P.G. Secretary, then read the petition for the formation of the lodge, which had been forwarded to the Grand Lodge by several brethren resident in the district belonging to other lodges, and the warrant for the consecration, signed by Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon, Deputy Grand Master of England. The members of the lodge then formally signified their approval of the officers named in the petition and warrant as given above.

Bro. the Rev. J. F. Goggin, P.G.C., then delivered an eloquent oration on the principles of the Order and the lessons to be drawn from that day's ceremonial. It was an admirable enforcement of the great truths by which the members of the Masonic fraternity are guided in the discharge of their daily avocations, as well as within the hallowed precincts of a lodge. An anthem composed by Bro. Skeaf was sung by the choir; and, after the consecration prayer, chant, and invocation, the lodge was uncovered, and three Past Masters carried the cornucopia, wine, and oil, three times round the lodge, strewing and pouring portions, as they went, upon the mosaic pavement. A halt being made in the east, the censer was carried three times round the lodge by the P.G. Chaplain, amidst the performance of sacred music. After some additional ceremonial and more music, the presiding officer dedicated and constituted the lodge, and this was succeeded by a closing prayer and anthem.

Bro. Alpass then installed the Worshipful Master designate, Bro. Samuel Ellis Ibbs, P.M. 594 and 1,356. The chair was then taken by Bro. Hamer, P.G. Treasurer, as Installing Master, and the following officers were appointed for the ensuing year:—Bros. Harold Wyatt, S.W.; J. W. Turley, J.W.; J. P. M'Arthur, Treasurer; T. D. Pierce, Sec.; R. Roberts, S.D.; Dr. T. M. Wills, J.D.; W. S. Barker, I.G.; W. H. Clemmey, Sen. Steward; W. Hughes, Jun Steward and Blake, Tyler.

Votes of thanks were passed to Bro. Alpass (the presiding officer), Bro. Hamer (the installing Officer), Bro. Goggin, and the other Provincial grand officers, and to Bro. Skeaf and the musical brethren, whose performances had added so much to the beauty and harmony of the proceedings.

A grand banquet was served in the hall shortly after five o'clock. Covers were laid for upwards of 100 brethren. Bro. Samuel E. Ibbs, W.M., presided, supported on the right by Bro. H. S. Alpass, P.G. Secretary; and on the left by Bro. the Rev. J. F. Goggin, P.G. Chaplain, and Bro. the Rev. W. H. Vernon, P.P.G.C. Bro. Harold Wyatt, S.W., and Bro. J. W. Turley, J.W., were in their respective places. A sumptuous repast was purveyed by Brother Milbourne, of St. Anne-street, and after the removal of the cloth the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to with Masonic honours. The programme embraced "The Marquess of Ripon and Grand Officers," "The Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, R.W.P.G.M.," the Hon. F. Stanley, W.D.P.G.M.; and the Provincial Officers of West Lancashire," "The West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution," "The Worshipful Master," "The Installing Master," "The Musical Brethren," "The Visitors," and "To all Poor and Distressed Freemasons and speedy relief." The toasts were alternated with glees and songs, and the meeting was brought to a close at a suitable hour, after such a pleasant evening had been passed as only "brethren of the mystic tie" can possibly enjoy. The musical party, consisting of Bros. Skeaf, P.G.O.; Haswell, 203; Busfield, 276; T. Welch, 241; D. Jones, 155; and H. Ashmore, J.W. 1325; contributed greatly to this result.

The scene at the consecration was one of the most impressive which we have ever witnessed, even amidst the always sublime mysteries of the Masonic Craft. The hall itself is a lofty, spacious and pretty one, and the insignia and paraphernalia of the order were at once so perfect and so artistically arranged as to constitute a striking picture. Amongst the articles displayed were the following donations from brethren who take an interest in the lodge, viz., a tripod from Bro. Donkin, ashlar from Bro. T. D. Pierce, a ballot box from Bro. Barker, columns for the Senior and Junior Wardens from Bro. Wyatt, working tools from Bro. M'Arthur, swords from Bro. J. Johnson, floorcloth from Bro. Clemmey, emblems from Bro. Dr. Wills, a bust of the late Earl of Zetland, for many years Grand Master of England, by Bro. Hough, and a Bible and a cushion by Bro. Ibbs. All the presents named, as well as the other tasteful furniture of the lodge, were supplied by Bro. George Kenning, of London, and Monument-place, Liverpool, publisher of the *Freemason*, who is represented here by Bro. Joseph Wood. As an example of the interest taken in the new lodge, and the influential nature of the attendance, we may mention that no fewer than forty-three Past Masters were present at the installation of Bro. Ibbs, when the Master Masons had to retire to the adjacent apartments. This attendance of advanced members of the fraternity is almost unprecedented.—*Liverpool Daily Courier.*

GRAND MASONIC BALL AT GREENOCK

A Grand Masonic Ball took place at the Town Hall, on the 13th February, under the auspices of the Greenock Kilwinning Lodge, No. 12, and proved to be in every respect superior to any ball ever given in Greenock; everything connected with it being of the most excellent character and leaving nothing to be desired, for no point that could ensure success was overlooked. The magnificent Town Hall required little in the way of decoration to be added to it save something to mark distinctly the peculiar nature of the festive gathering; therefore, beyond the graceful grouping of a few national flags, scarcely anything in the way of adornment was attempted; but the splendid tracing boards—themselves a fine ornament to any room—lately presented to the lodge by Bro. Captain

Shanks, K.M., Royal Marines Light Infantry were placed on the front edge of the band platform, and excited the curiosity of all present who were not acquainted with the sublime mysteries of Freemasonry; over the central picture was placed a five pointed star, and underneath the three there was a scroll with the Masonic injunction. "Audi, Vide, Tace," also triple taus, etc., upon it. All these words and emblems were most exquisitely made with silver and white paper rosettes on a blue ground, and were the work of the wife of the honorary Secretary. These devices, with a few squares and compasses, completed the Masonic portion of the decorations, and were simply perfection. The hall never looked so well, and the greatest credit is due to all those who had the management in their hands.

The ball was under the most influential patronage, including the Grand Master Mason of Scotland, the Prov. Grand Master of East and West Renfrewshire, and others, and the working committee consisted of:—Bros. D. Cunningham, W.M.; J. B. Tarbet, J.W.; J. D. Walton, J. Agnew, H. King, W. B. Rodger, R. Rennie, J. M. Buchanan, and G. Shanks, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer; who all helped most materially to make the affair pass off well, but the lion's share of praise is due to Bro. Shanks, who would not be satisfied unless everything was perfect, and was most indefatigable in his efforts to ensure complete success; the satisfactory result, however, amply rewarded all who had any share in the arrangements.

The fine supper room was well provided with the choicest viands and wines, and drew forth the unlimited praise that is always given to such liberal preparations.

The brethren in their various and rich Masonic clothing, the military and naval uniforms of the officers in H.M. service, together with the elegant dresses of the ladies, made the scene such an one as is rarely equalled and never surpassed, and it will not readily be forgotten by those who were fortunate enough to witness it. We would remark, en passant, that we only noticed two ladies with the blue sash which it is *commode il faut* to wear at all Masonic balls; these were supplied by Bro. George Kenning, of Glasgow, London, and Liverpool. One of the most pleasant novelties at this ball was a vase of Eau-de-Cologne which was kept constantly filled during the whole night and was found very refreshing by the ladies; for this idea the dancers were indebted to the thoughtfulness of Bro. Shanks, who originated it, and carried it out at his own cost, and we regret to hear that in doing so he had a handsome and rare Japanese vase broken.

Dancing was kept up with unabated spirit until four a.m., then, with universal regret that so good a ball was terminated, and many a wish that it might soon be repeated, the votaries of Terpsichore wended their way homeward. The Stewards were distinguished by very beautiful badges which were designed, made, and kindly presented to them by Mrs. Shanks.

"BURNS AS A FREEMASON" (page 750).—

The life of Burns as a Freemason was written by Bro. William Hunter, R. W. Master of the Lodge Journeymen, Edinburgh, No. 8 S.C. and published nearly ten years ago by Bro. W. Paterson, Bookseller, Edinburgh. It is now out of print.

CHALMERS I. PATON.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—The stomach is the seat of centre of universal sympathy throughout the human system, upon the full performance of its functions, strength, energy, and tone depend, whereon life itself rests. The invaluable pills exert a greater and more beneficial influence over digestive disorders than any other medicine. Their mode of action is thoroughly consonant with reason. They completely purify the blood, purify both head and stomach of all faulty functions, and expel all oppressive accumulations from the bowels. With the blood purified and all poisons purged from the system, regularity may prevail throughout the body, and the most delicate and healthy nerves may be preserved in their normal state.

LAYING A FOUNDATION STONE
IN RENFREWSHIRE, EAST.

The foundation-stone of the first houses built by the Glasgow Working Men's Investment and Building Society was laid with Masonic honours on Saturday afternoon in presence of several thousand spectators. The Co-operation of the brethren in Glasgow having been invited. A procession was formed at the washing-house in the green and marched to the field. The hour at which the Masonic body and members of the society fixed to be at the foundation stone was four o'clock, but they did not arrive till three-quarters of an hour there-after. Col. Campbell, P.G.M., of Renfrewshire, East, in which province the new houses are situated, proceeded to the Old Council Hall, Rutherglen and there opened the Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire (East), consisting of Colonel Campbell, P.G.M.; J. Caldwell, J.W.; W. T. Smillie, A.M.; W. Lind, J.D.; Fisher, B.B.; Forrest, J.G.; Somerville, acting S.D.; M'Pherson, L.B.; M'Leod, S.D.; Wallace, J.S.; Buchanan, L.B.; Robertson, S.M.; Carswell, M.; Duncan, acting Secretary, and Kirkwood Architect, brethren from lodges, 27, 38, 73, 103, 116, 128, 153, 177, 219, 275, 307, 332, 347, 354, 362, 400, 408, 426, 458, 512, and two bands of music proceeded to the spot. Colonel Campbell having requested the Chaplain to ask a blessing before they proceeded with the work in hand, the Rev. Mr. Simpson offered up a prayer.

Mr. James Miller, manager of Strathclyde Print Works, and president of the society, presented the trowel which bore the following inscription:—"Presented to Colonel Campbell of Blythswood by the Glasgow Working Men's Investment and Building Society (Limited), on the occasion of his laying the foundation stone of their first houses.—21st Feb., 1874."

The foundation stone having been laid in the usual manner.

Colonel Campbell was received with cheers. He said—Mr. Miller and gentlemen, I now declare that this stone has been duly laid with Masonic honours. I have to thank you, sir, for the kindness with which you have presented me with this most beautiful trowel; indeed I look upon it as a reflex of your opinions, and the good way in which you have spoken of the past will ever be riveted and cemented in my mind. I can assure you that the words of wisdom with which you concluded your remarks will never be forgotten by one who has received such universal kindness from all and sundry in and around this part where I have the honour and happiness to live, and I trust no actions of mine, under any circumstances will ever lower the estimation in which I am held at the present moment. (Cheers.) I consider it an honour no mean character to occupy the position in which you have placed me to-day, and I trust that the foundation stone which we have now laid may be not only figuratively but actually the foundation stone of fortunes yet to be made for those whom I have always been led to respect, the working classes of this country. (Cheers.) I feel, and no one more than I, the very which unthrift causes to many a home. I have often noticed that in those homes which have not been comfortable unthrift has often been the greatest. I trust that this movement, which has now been inaugurated here may go on to flourish, and that those whom it is intended to benefit may find in their comfortable abodes that their own personal comfort is not only a matter to be thought of, but also the comfort of their families, and the great future must come to us all. (Cheers.) I have to thank you again for your great kindness. I do not think any words of mine can do more at present than to work that is in hand, but I assure you I will always hold it as a great honour that I have been allowed to lay this stone. I shall be glad to get it, and I trust, if I am spared, that at the Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire I will ever assist me in helping forward all works for the furtherance of that which is honest, and true. (Loud cheers, and a call for Dr. Cameron.)

Dr. Cameron, M.P., said I have very great pleasure in taking part in this ceremony, because I have long been convinced of the very great necessity which existed in Glasgow for the provision of proper accommodation for the working classes. (Cheers.) In Glasgow, unfortunately I was going to say, houses have been too substantially built. (Laughter and cheers.) The consequence is that they outlast their use. Fashion changes, but the houses remain, and the house which was admirably adapted for a single family is utterly unsuited to its present use now that it has come to be the receptacle of some forty or fifty families. I have taken great interest in the housing of the poorer population of Glasgow, and I can assure you, gentlemen, that I have never been more deeply impressed with anything than with the squalor and misery in which a very large portion of our population live. I intended to say a few words upon the evils of overcrowding, but I myself have suffered so much within the last five minutes—(great laughter)—from overcrowding, and I think you also, gentlemen, must at the present moment be suffering so painfully from those evils, that I need say very little on that subject. (Laughter and cheers.) There was recently a very terrible catastrophe from fire in London, at least so far as loss of property was concerned. A great deal has been said relative to the fire in the Polytechnic, and it has been laid down as a rule which, I think, admits of no contradiction, that if we would have buildings fire proof—if we wish to prevent the spread of fire—we must have the buildings sub-divided by brick partitions. If we would render our vessels safe against the incursions of the sea, we must provide them with water-tight bulk-heads; and if we would render our dwelling-houses to any extent fever proof we must provide them with separate entrances. (Cheers, and a Voice, "Very good.") Earth-works have been found most efficacious in stopping cannon shot, and an outwork of fresh air is the best defence we can have against the artillery of disease. (Cheers.) I shall not at this late period of the afternoon detain you upon a subject on which I should much wish to dilate—the subject of the necessity for thrift, and I pass over that the more willingly in consequence of the very pointed and excellent remarks which have fallen from Colonel Campbell. (Hear, hear.) I will say, however, gentlemen, that when a man has acquired one of these houses which you see before you, he must have done so through an amount of self-sacrifice and thrift which will be the best possible moral training which he could undergo. (Cheers.) I am not an advocate of meanness or of parsimony, but I thoroughly believe in the advice of our national poet—

"An' gather gear by every wile
That's justified by honour.
Nor for to hide it in a hedge,
Nor for a train-attendant,
But for the glorious privilege
Of being independent."

(Cheers.) It has been said, if we would elevate the working classes, talk as we may of the schoolmaster, we must in the first place seek the assistance of the Mason. You have to-day received the assistance of the Mason, and I am satisfied that in the colony in which the foundation-stone has to-day been laid the schoolmaster will find an honoured place. (Loud cheers.)

The Rev. Robert Thomson expressed his cordial sympathy with the movement for the erection of workingmen's houses in the outskirts of Glasgow, and observed that as he had lived 45 years in that city he could well coincide with the remarks which had fallen from their gallant friend Col. Campbell and their representative Dr. Cameron. (Cheers.)

Colonel Campbell and the members of the Provincial Grand Lodge then returned to the hall in Rutherglen, where representative of the society thanked them for the services they had so kindly and efficiently performed. The lodge was afterwards closed in due and ancient form.

THE BUILDING OF THE TEMPLE.

There is a beautiful significance in the recorded fact, that no sound of iron tool was heard at the building of the Temple. The stones and the timbers were perfectly squared and finished in the quarries or the forests, and each, when it reached the sacred mountain, intelligibly marked, was at once fixed in its proper place, without confusion, with silence, celerity and accuracy. A master mind planned and superintended the whole work; fit agents were selected to oversee the carrying out of the details; and faithful obedience was found in the workmen who performed the labour. These three were necessary to success: the want of either would have been fatal.

The Temple was both a type and a model. It was a type of the great Temple of God, not made with hands, of which the worlds are the stones, and the Deity the builder. When matter hung drear, dark and shapeless in space; when the worlds were formless and waste, and the Spirit of God brooded over the abyss, the command of the Great Architect went forth, and the building of the Temple began. Then, as the design became apparent to celestial minds, the "morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy," because every stone in that wondrous edifice was found to be exactly fitted to the place it was designed to fill. Whether it was the central sun of a system, so vast that its proportions may not be grasped by human intellect, or the atom so small that the most powerful glass does not bring it to light, all were perfectly finished, and each fixed in its proper place without the sound of iron tool. The rivers carried to the ocean, and the ocean silently deposited vast accretions of lime and other stone; insects lived by countless millions, and died, and their carcasses formed chalk; forests of giant ferns grew and fell, and were buried, and formed coal; volcanic forces thrust the crude metals through the hardening crust to be ready to the hand of man when the proper time should come. And the worlds whirl in their vast orbits through space; system upon system wheels on its immeasurable course, regularly, smoothly, silently, irresistibly, because the great Temple was planned by Infinite Wisdom, and constructed by Infinite Power. So nicely balanced are all these worlds, that no confusion ever takes place. None ever break away from their orbits and fly wildly through space, and none ever sink into and are destroyed by their central sun. But all move smoothly and certainly—

"What though in solemn silence all
Move round this dark terrestrial ball:
What though no real voice nor sound
Amid their radiant orbs be found;
In reason's ear they all rejoice,
And utter forth a glorious voice,
For ever singing as they shine:
"The hand that made us is divine."

The Temple should be a model for every Masonic Lodge. The material selected should be carefully examined to begin with. No unsound stones or timbers can ever do any good. They will only rot or crumble away, and endanger the structure. They should be firm, and true and sound; and they should be carefully fitted, and made perfect ashlar in Lodge of Instruction, so that they will exactly fit their places in the Masonic Temple. They should be prepared by Prudence and Wisdom, adorned by Charity, and cemented into the Temple by Brotherly Love. A Masonic Temple, built of such material, so fashioned, so adorned, and so cemented, will stand all the storms of adversity and all the assaults of enmity. It hath its foundation sure; peace is within its walls, and prosperity within its gates. Its labours are labours of love, and its works, seen and known of men, bring it honour, and insure to it peace and prosperity.—*The Craftsman.*

THE SOCIÉTÉ ROYALE DES SAUVETEURS DE BELGIQUE.—The Royal Humane Society of Belgium has conferred upon Major C. J. Burgess the title of *Membre Honoraire*, with the Silver Medal of the Society.

sonic Press, as the most effective agents in such a wished-for consummation of things and of events.

And though we can perhaps in this old country, hardly follow our able and eloquent brother in his flights both of imagination and hope, we yet can heartily go with him, alike in the belief and the expectation, that, much intellectual and moral good will accrue to the world and to Freemasonry, by the wider diffusion, and the permanent success of a sound Masonic Literature.

In the United States, the Masonic journals are many, and the readers are counted in large numbers, while here in England, one solitary Hebdomadal journal, and one unpretending magazine, make up the sum and substance of any efforts in favour of Masonic intellectuality.

And even these alike in their cheapness and character, we venture to say, most creditable to their enterprising publisher, somewhat resemble those unfortunate persons, who are kept up, amid the surging waves, by the help of a safety belt.

It never seems to occur to some of our good brethren, who expect to have a Masonic periodical supplied to them, somehow, that, such an undertaking entails necessarily a considerable outlay on the publisher, and that whether they give to his efforts to afford the Order a good, a sound and a welcome literature, all the support they can, and all the patronage he has a right fraternally to look for at their hands, printers must be paid, and a staff of workers must be kept up.

We are led into these remarks by the remembrance, that, while the *Freemason* is the only Masonic paper in England, and while at the same time its publisher, after some years of sacrifice, has evinced a laudable desire to increase its power and efficiency in every way, some of our good brethren, forgetful of the past and regardless of the future, simply send the excessively flattering and encouraging message "discontinue"

We then would once more beg to remind our readers of the claims *The Freemason* has on all members of our Order, and ask them kindly to use their influence, in lodge and out of lodge, in seeking to extend its support, and increase its circulation.

It is undoubtedly true, that, of late, we have been favoured with much increased sympathy and countenance everywhere, and that, "discontinuing" subscribers have been happily overhauled by new friends and zealous supporters; and still we look forward to a greater measure of fraternal encouragement than we have ever received, and we hope that our numerous subscribers and correspondents will add to their personal favours, by urging others to follow in good example.

Were the support of the Craft at all commensurate with the sacrifices entailed on our publisher, no effort would be wanting, and no expense would be spared, to make *The Freemason* still more worthy of such kindly support and patronage. It is somewhat curious to remember here amid the singleness of our Masonic idealism, the general aspect of the newspaper serial literature of England.

From the *Newspaper Press Directory* for 1874, we extract the following, on the present position of the newspaper press:—

There are now published in the United Kingdom 1,585 newspapers, distributed as follows:—England, London, 314; Provinces, 915—total England, 1,229; Wales, 58; Scotland, 149; Ireland, 131; British Isles, 18. Of these, there are 95 daily papers published in England, 2 in Wales, 14 in Scotland, 17 in Ireland, and 2 in British Isles. On reference to the edition of this useful Directory for 1854, we find the following interesting facts—viz., that 1854 in there were published in the United Kingdom 624 journals; of these 20 were issued daily—viz., 16 in England, 1 in Scotland, and 3 in Ireland; but in 1874 there are now established and circulated 1,585 papers, of which no less than 130 are issued daily, showing that the Press of the country has very greatly extended during the last 20 years, and more especially so in daily papers, the daily issues standing 130 against 20 in 1854. The magazines now in course of publication, including the Quarterly Reviews, number 639, of which 242 are of a decidedly religious character, representing various religious communities of the United Kingdom.

As Bro. MacCalla hopes, so do we sincerely, that, a brighter day is yet to be, for Masonic literature in our good old Craft.

THE MASONIC CHARITIES.

Strangely enough with our leader of last week, came an advertisement for the next Boys' School Festival, which appeared in our last issue, and is repeated in our impression of to-day.

We are very glad to acknowledge it, and call attention to it, as we think this resolution of the Stewards to advertise in our columns a step in the right direction. We trust, that, the spirit of our last remarks on the subject will be fully understood and appreciated by the Craft.

They were not penned, we feel sure we shall be credited when we say so, from any selfish considerations, or a mere anxiety for paid advertisements, but they were prompted, by a sincere and heartfelt anxiety to promote the interests of our great charities.

We think at the same time, and we fancy our brethren will agree with us in the opinion, that, when there is one Masonic paper like *The Freemason*, it deserves all the patronage that can be given it, all the fair fraternal encouragement that can be offered it, instead of having to witness, as we often do, such support and encouragement so valuable to us, tendered to non-Masonic papers.

We should not have adverted to the subject at all, but, that, it seemed desirable that a change should be made, in the customary system of our charities in this respect, the more so, as they require all the support the Order can render to them.

Our pages have always been open to reports of their proceedings, reports which could not be obtained without expense, and we therefore thought it well to call attention, once for all, to what we felt to be unjust to ourselves, and in itself a great mistake, as regards the interests of the charities. We feel sure, that, such "penny wise and pound foolish" policy only requires to be pointed out, to be at once amended, and while we thank the Stewards of the Boys' School for their remembrance of *The Freemason*, we beg leave to express our hope, that henceforth what-

ever other papers may be favoured with the notice of our charities, we may be enabled to disperse the same advertisements, much to the advantage of the charities themselves, in those localities Freemasons most do congregate, and where *The Freemason* is habitually read.

WEEKLY SUMMARY.

Her Majesty has returned from Osborne to Windsor Castle, where she remains for the present.

The Prince and Princess of Wales are still at St. Petersburg, but it is understood they leave this week. Prince Arthur has reached this country, and arrived at Windsor Castle on Saturday. The Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh are expected at Gravesend March 7th.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales will hold a levee at St. James' Palace, on behalf of her Majesty, on Wednesday, the 11th of March next, at 2 o'clock.

Mr. Gladstone resigned his office of Premier to her Majesty on Tuesday the 17th, and Mr. Disraeli was charged by the Queen to form an administration.

His Cabinet is as follows:—
 First Lord of the Treasury Mr. Disraeli.
 Lord Chancellor ... Lord Cairns.
 Lord President of the Council Duke of Richmond.
 Lord Privy Seal ... Lord Malmesbury.
 Foreign Affairs ... Lord Derby.
 India ... Lord Salisbury.
 The Colonies ... Lord Carnarvon.
 War ... Mr. Gathorne Hardy.
 Home ... Mr. R. A. Cross.
 Admiralty ... Mr. Hunt.
 Chancellor of the Exchequer Sir S. Northcote.
 Postmaster-General ... Lord John Manners.

They were sworn in on Saturday at a Privy Council, held at Windsor Castle, when their respective predecessors in office resigned their appointments.

The following appointments have also been made:—

First Commissioner of Works Lord H. Lennox.
 Chief Secretary for Ireland Sir M. Beach.
 Vice-President of the Council ... Lord Sandon.
 Attorney-General ... Sir J. Karslake.
 Solicitor-General ... Sir R. Bagdoll.
 Under Home Secretary ... Sir H. Selwin-Ibbetson.
 Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs ... Hon. R. Bourke.
 Secretaries to the Treasury { Mr. W. H. Smith.
 { Mr. Hart Dyke.

THE ROYAL HOUSEHOLD.

Mistress of the Robes ... Duchess of Wellington.
 Lord Chamberlain ... Marquis of Bath.
 Master of the Horse ... Earl of Bradford.

Mr. Gladstone has recommended that peerages should be granted to Mr. Chichester Fortescue, Mr. Cardwell, Mr. Hammond, Sir J. Fremantle, and Lord Enfield, and that baronetcies should be conferred on Sir C. Trevelyan, Mr. C. Foster, M.P., and Mr. Matthew Wilson, M.P. Mr. Reed, M.P., Chairman of the London School Board, and Mr. Charles Alexander Wood have received the honour of knighthood. Sir Louis Mallet is appointed Permanent Under Secretary at the India-office, in place of Mr. Merivale, and several changes have taken place at the South Kensington Exhibition in consequence of the retirement of Mr. H. Cole, C.B. Sir Francis Sandford, Secretary of the Education Department, will also be Secretary of the Science and Art Department; Major Donnelly, R.E., Official Inspector for Science, will be Director of Schools of Science and Art and affiliated institutions; Mr. Norman MacLeod will remain Assistant Secretary of the Science and Art Department; and Mr. Philip Cunliffe Owen, Assistant Director of the South Kensington Museum, will be the Director of that Museum. Mr. F. W. Burton will it is understood succeed Sir W. Boxall as Director of the National Gallery.

It has been announced that the Marquis of Westminster has been created Duke of Westminster; Lord Enfield, Lord Stratford; and Sir John Pakington, Lord Hampton.

The Rev. Sir Jox Blake, D.D., Principal of Cheltenham College, has been chosen Head

Master of Rugby School, in the place of Dr. Hayman.

The Castro trial continues, probably the summing-up of the Lord Chief Justice will be concluded before our impression appears, but we defer necessarily to next week, any comments on the trial itself.

If the news from Coomassie may be relied on, Sir Garnet Wolseley is in possession of the town, of the King and the Royal family. We have to lament the loss of Captain Huyshe, on the staff of the army. Some interesting details of the march have arrived, but the jungle does not improve in acquaintance, and the roads are susceptible of Macademic amelioration. Our soldiers seem to have shown of what good stuff they are made of as usual, as their principal enemies have been so far, the "climate," and want of transport, and a great many, we are sorry to say, are coming home invalided!

The search of the salvage corps continues at the Pantechon, but much has been irreparably lost to depositors.

Four railway accidents, more or less serious, occurred on four different lines of railway, which is rather an unusual number, in one week. As is commonly the case, they are all apparently unaccountable.

Up to Friday evening the fund now being raised in the City of London, under the auspices of the Lord Mayor and an influential committee, composed of Lord Lawrence, Mr. N. de Rothschild, M.P., the Hon. R. Bourke, M.P., Sir Albert Sassoon, Mr. Dudley Smith (banker), and other gentlemen of consideration, towards the relief of suffering by the impending famine in the province of Bengal, amounted far towards £18,000, and subscriptions were still coming in. The subscriptions included Mr. John Baring, £200; the Marquis of Bristol, £50; Matheson and Co., £500; the Mercers' Company, £525; the Borneo Company, £100; Messrs. Copstake, Moore, and Crampton, £105; Messrs. Allsopp and Co., £100; the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company, £100; N. R. B., £100; Sir John Macleod, £50; Messrs. Harker and Co., £52 10s.; and the Tiphook Tea Company, £50. A telegram received yesterday morning by the Lord Mayor from the Viceroy of India stated that the Chairman of the Central Relief Committee at Calcutta had been informed of the first remittance of £10,000, from the City of London Committee.

A most desperate highway robbery took place in the Fulham-road, of Mr. G. F. Dillon Croker, on Monday last, at midnight, by two interesting strangers. We trust these amiable footpads will soon be in the custody of the police.

Doubts are still thrown on the report of Dr. Livingstone's death, and we confess that we still do not believe it. If, however, the last telegram may be relied on, there is but little hope left.

Nothing more has been said about the Chat-ham Scandal, and Mr. Cuffe's combative propensities; the truth is, the least said, the soonest mended.

With regard to foreign news we have little to record.

France is tranquil, and trade apparently reviving generally, though in Paris many are suffering greatly.

Madame MacMahon has assisted at a meeting to commence a system of soup kitchens for the indigent.

In Japan, it seems, a civil war has broken out and Nagasaki is threatened with the "happy dispatch."

The Emperor of Austria was to leave St. Petersburg for Moscow on the 22nd, and was to be back at Vienna via Smolensk and Warsaw on the 17th.

Cardinal Tarquini is dead, one of the last appointed Cardinals, Cardinal Antonelli is unwell, and Cardinal Barnabo is in great danger. It is asserted that a new batch of Cardinals will shortly be created, among whom, will be Archbishop Manning, the Bishop of Orleans (Dupanloup), and the Archbishop of Malines.

In Spain, General Morione's movements are in such a state of doubt and mystery, that we are inclined to think they will all end in smoke.

We have to announce the deaths of Sir George Campbell, of Succoth, of Sir Thomas W. Hol-

borne, of W. Vesalius Pettigrew, M.D., of J. Pearce Parker, M.D., of Charles Kidd, M.D., of C. Wordsworth, Q.C., of Lieutenant-General Sir Sydney Colton, Governor Royal Hospital Chelsea, of Colonels Jeakes, George Green Nicholls, John James Hamilton, of Lieutenant-Colonel Reed, Major Henry Chase, Major Mant, R.A., Captain De Lancey, Surgeon-Major A. F. Richard, 38th Regiment, J. C. S. Freemantle, late 2nd Life Guards, W. G. Andrews, late 1st Hussars, of William Bruce, retired Captain R.N., Comm. Hon. J. Vivian, R.N., and Lieutenant Hon. Basil Napier, R.N.

UNITED GRAND LODGE.

The following is the agenda of business to be transacted in Grand Lodge on Wednesday, 4th March, 1874:—

1. The regulations for the Government of Grand Lodge during the time of public business will be read.
2. The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 3rd December, 1873, will be read and put for confirmation.
3. The election of a M.W. Grand Master.
4. Election of a Grand Treasurer.
5. Report of the Lodge of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following grants, viz.—
The Widow of a brother of the Alexandra Lodge, No. 993, Levenshulme ... £50
A Brother of the Royal Union Lodge, No. 382, Uxbridge ... £50
A Brother of the Portsmouth Lodge, No. 487, Portsmouth ... £50
6. Report of the Board of General Purposes to the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England:—

"The Board of General Purposes have to report that memorials or complaints having been received from Brother Hemming and others of the British Oak Lodge, No. 831, Mile End, in which, amongst other things, it was alleged and charged, and acknowledged by the W. Master to be true, that, on a regular lodge night the W. Master, of his own motion, called the lodge off and left the room with his officers, remaining away five hours; when he returned and resumed the lodge, the board duly proceeded to the consideration of the said matters, and summoned before them the several parties.

"The W. Master, Brother Hackwell, delivered up the Warrant and Minute Book of the Lodge.

"The complaining brethren, the W. Master and others, were severally heard at considerable length, and the Board bestowed great trouble and pains to ascertain the state of feeling amongst the members, and it is with deep regret that the Board feels itself imperatively called upon, in the interests of the Craft, to report that the antagonistic feelings prevailing amongst the members of the British Oak Lodge, No. 831, are such that it appears quite certain that the continued existence and assembling of the lodge cannot possibly be attended with favourable results, either to its own welfare or that of the Craft. Under these circumstances the Board, unwillingly but unanimously, recommend that the lodge be erased and the warrant declared forfeited.

"The Board consider they should not close this report without stating, for the information of Grand Lodge, that complaints of a very grave character were heard before them from members of this same British Oak Lodge, No. 831, on August 26th, 1873, when, although the warrant was returned to the W. Master, he and the brethren were severely reprimanded by the President, and were then informed by him that the members of the Board had grave doubts as to whether they ought not then to suspend the lodge, and earnestly cautioned them as to the future.

"(Signed) JOHN A. RUCKER,
"Vice-President."

To the report is subjoined a statement of the Grand Lodge accounts at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 13th day of February instant, showing a balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer of £4,905 11s. 6d.; and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for petty cash, £75; and for servants' wages, £90 17s.

7. Report of Bro. R. P. Harding, Auditor of Grand Lodge Accounts of Receipts and Disbursements during the year 1873.

Original Correspondence

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

THE PRESENT POSITION OF OUR MASONIC CHARITIES.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

There is much in the leading article, with the above heading, in your issue of Saturday last, and in articles recently published on the same subject, which appears to me to be worthy of, if not to demand, notice.

The pamphlet which you take as your text is not by Bro. Walker, but by Bro. Henry Watson, S.W. of S. Hugh Lodge, No. 1386, Lincoln, who has done himself much credit, and the Masonic Institutions good service by his disinterested advocacy. This is rendered more valuable as being the result of a minute analysis of expenditure and management, which it is hoped will prove as acceptable to the Craft at large as it must have been satisfactory to Bro. Watson.

Let me, however, first notice your complaint, of non-advertising in your paper. Now is it not a singular coincidence that in the same number in which contains this complaint there appears the advertisement of our ensuing Anniversary Festival, the first of three insertions, for which instructions have been given, the *Freemason* being the only paper in which this announcement has appeared up to the time of this present writing. In my humble opinion class institutions do not gain much by publicity, but at the same time I do not advocate its entire avoidance, and if the great majority of the Craft did but subscribe to and support *The Freemason*, the only English Masonic paper existing, that paper would unquestionably be the most proper, and the best, medium of information to our friends. But have we not your own repeated utterances that such is not the case. To reach our friends, therefore, who from lack of discrimination will not carefully and diligently peruse your columns, we are driven to resort in cases where publicity is desirable, to the prints which are generally read, by those in, as well as out of, our pale, and of these the paper you prominently instance—the *Times*—is, by common consent, accepted as best calculated to serve the object in view.

For myself I can assure you that there is no wish to withhold any advertisements which may legitimately find place in your paper.

There are difficulties in the way of advertising some of our meetings, but these and other questions connected therewith may be fairly considered, with a view to devise means for arrangements more generally satisfactory.

In perusing your leader does it not strike you how we meet on common ground? You quote my remarks as to the small proportion of the members of our Order by whom the institutions associated therewith are supported, and you complain of the "cold shoulder" to which *The Freemason* is treated.

If our complaints are both well-founded, in what way can a remedy in each case be best sought and applied?

Is there any intrinsic weakness in our institutions which renders them so comparatively unattractive, or which justifies the "cold shoulder" to which they and their advocates are occasionally treated?

Is there anything radically defective in the conduct and management of *The Freemason* which can reasonably account for the neglect you complain of?

To these questions we should both undoubtedly answer firmly, perhaps indignantly, in the negative. Where then is to be found the solution of the difficulty in each case, so often obtruded on the attention of the Craft?

Clearly, and at once, is the answer. All observers, that in all our life,

the earnest and the zealous are in the minority. The commercial world may be an exception, but is not this exemplified in the political, religious, and social world?

To argue this out and to prove it the Q.E.D. of the problem under consideration would occupy more of my time, and your space, than either of us would like to spare.

But the knowledge of this fact is no reason why there should be any cessation of effort, to alter the proportions of the two classes or sections into which our community, as others, is divided. On the contrary it affords the best incentive to continued patient work, unremitting labour, and persevering toil.

My figures, as quoted by you, may not be found on investigation to be strictly accurate, but I am persuaded they are sufficiently approximate for all purposes of our argument, and I do not see how anyone properly impressed with a sense of responsibility can for a moment think of relaxing his exertions in behalf of our noble institutions.

It may be that if these prove eminently successful, an increased interest would be created in Masonic periodical literature. It may also be that if a more lively interest were created in Masonic literature a more extended sympathy with our charitable organizations would be the result.

On your part, I do not for one moment question the honest desire by which you are actuated, that of rendering every assistance in your power to the great, but too much neglected—spite of all that has been accomplished and is being done—cause of Masonic charity.

When the great bulk of Freemasons can be induced to adopt the maxim of universal philosophy, "Homo sum nihil humani a me alienum puto," and regard Masonry in its varied aspects, and its multitudinous capacities for good, and not be content lightly to estimate it from any one particular point of view, then the "consummation so devoutly wished," will be in a fair way of realization, with every probability of success in the directions indicated in your article—of more attentive study of Masonic literature, and the many interesting topics of discussion presented therein—of more wide-spread benevolence—of still further generous substantial support for the relief of distress, and the mitigation of suffering, based upon motives more exalted, upon knowledge more cultivated, upon convictions more deeply rooted and enduring.

As usual, I have trespassed unduly upon your space, but I am anxious to see the subjects treated of still further discussed, as I am confident general good will be the result. Thanking you for your kindly expressions towards myself, undeserved in many respects as they are,

I am, dear sir, and brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,

FREDERICK BINCKES,
Secretary, Royal Masonic
Institution for Boys.

6, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.,
24th February, 1874.

ROMAN CATHOLICS AND FREEMASONS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

One naturally asks, under recent circumstances especially, why the Church of Rome communicates all Freemasons alike. What here in Freemasonry itself to merit excommunication?

In referring to the Book of Constitutions, published in 1867, I see at page 7, pledges given to Masons to be peaceable subjects, and cheerfully to conform to the laws of the country, and to pledges, "not to be concerned in plots or conspiracies against Government, but patiently submit to the decisions of the supreme legislature, and to pay a proper respect to the civil authority." Similar passages may be produced in the initiatory charge. It appears then that loyalty and obedience to law are exacted from Masons.

I would hope that there is nothing in all this inconsistent with the Roman Catholic Faith. "Fraser's Magazine" for this month (pages

187, 197), speaking of certain "Select Reading Lessons" used by twenty-three thousand Roman Catholic boys in Ireland, says, "This fourth book is on the very principle of the Nationalist newspapers, which scrape together the abuse of England from all the journals of every country under the sun, with the view of feeding the anti-English resentment of the Irish masses. It is in fact a first-rate school manual for Fenianism. Its most pungent extracts point to insurrection."

Here we have loyal Freemasonry, and disloyal Fenianism side by side, and the bearing of the Church of Rome we forbear to comment on in these two cases.

Yours fraternally,

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FREEMASONRY AND ROMANISM.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In reference to the recent refusal of a Roman Catholic Chaplain to officiate at the burial of a Roman Catholic Freemason, as I cannot concur in the general expression of indignation at his conduct, I would ask your space for a brief statement of why I think the ground taken by the Rev. Mr. Cuffe is not only sufficiently distinct but logically quite tenable.

I need hardly say, I have no sympathy with the system of which he is the exponent, but looking at that system as it exists, it must, I think, be admitted that he acted consistently with his duty as a Minister of the Romish Church.

The very foundation of that church is practically implicit obedience to Clerical Authority. This dogma underlies all her teaching, and if in controversy, that teaching be proved to be irrational, unscriptural, and contrary to history and fact, the argument, "The Church says so" is unanswerable for those who hold her divinely commissioned to dictate to the consciences of her subjects, and divinely authorized to compel their unquestioning submission.

If then, in her infallible wisdom, she thinks fit to proclaim that reception into Freemasonry is, de facto, excommunication for any of her members so offending, and if excommunication deprives her members of their rights and privileges as Roman Catholics, whatever their rights and privileges may be worth, why should we blame a Romish Priest for refusing to perform his usual offices, beside the grave of one who; I presume, died excommunicated and unabsolved.

The question is one for the serious consideration of our Roman Catholic brethren. They will now probably realize their true position in relation to the church to which they nominally belong, and it may possibly have an effect the reverse of that intended by those whose decree it is, and may compel them to look more closely into the grounds for the authority claimed, and exercised, over purely secular matters by the ecclesiastical luminaries constituting the Church of Rome, as she herself understands the title.

JOSEPH H. WOOD WORTH

Dublin, February 21.

(To the Editor of the Freemason.)

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have read your leader of the 14th inst., embodying an attack of the *Tablet*, copied by the *Church News* of Jan. 4th, entitled "Freemasonry in Italy and the Roman Catholic Church," and as probably the only English M.M., also W.M., and 30°, in Italian Freemasonry, feel called on to beg your insertion of a few lines in explanation of the present crisis in Italian Freemasonry.

I would first however point out that the *Tablet* is incorrect in some of its statements for instance, the G.M. is Bro. G. Mazioni, M.P., Bros. Maresca, Mussi, and Col. Tamajo being deputy G.M.'s Bros. Gen. Garibaldi and Campanelli, are honorary P.G.M.'s. as is the Prince of Wales in England. Bro. Pianciani, Mayor of Rome, is simply Treasurer of G.L., and not either a prominent, or distinguished member of the Craft.

I am ignorant of the writings of the "Bro. (?) Giuseppe Ferrari quoted, but can safely aver

that the Cross, as the Holy Symbol of the one great sacrifice, on which the foundations of all Christianity are built, receives in Italy at least as much as in England, the respect of every Freemason. It is, (in its character, given to it by the Papacy) as badge of an usurping, tyrannical, and soul-oppressing priesthood, that Italian Masons endeavour, and hitherto with limited success, to resist, overthrow, or destroy it.

In the consideration of a question so nearly affecting the hearths and homes of our Italian brethren, it must not be forgotten, that, though to-day Protestants, Roman Catholics, and a host of dissenters, live happily and peacefully in intimate and friendly relationship, in our free England, yet the fires of Smithfield have burned. Is it surprising then, that in a country, where the doors of the Inquisition closed but yesterday, where many still live who have passed their lives in ecclesiastical dungeons for no other crimes than non-conformity with the letter of papal ordinances in matters of faith, that the masses, liberated from their physical and moral slavery by the wars of independence, seek to provide against a recurrence of the thralldom of they still so vividly remember.

Surely the English reverence for, and practice of "tolerance," cannot mean the shutting of the eyes to the war our fellow men and Masons are waging against arch-intolerance.

The recent refusal of burial by the Priest Cuffe, to the remains of a deceased Freemason, is a case in point. Few of us can approve the Priest's conduct, but it must not be forgotten that in England Roman Catholicism bows, where in Italy and Germany it would, and endeavours to ride rough-shod over all.

In regard to the question of burial, some years back, Bro. Gustot, W.M. of the "Pyramides" Lodge of Alexandria, Egypt, on his death bed was refused extreme unction and burial, he being a Freemason (I may explain also a most devout Roman Catholic.) The Consuls-General of France and Austria, in their position of joint protectors of the Roman Catholic Church in Egypt, with every wish to side with the Church, were compelled to decide, that if the body of the deceased Freemason was refused admission to the Roman Catholic cemetery, the cemetery must be closed to all. Surely in the "Chatham case" some one has some equally cogent argument ready for Father Cuffe, and his friends.—

Yours faithfully and paternally,

A. H. 30°.

130 and 1157 English Constitution, M.M. Oriental Lodge, Mario Pagano R.C. Chapter, and Roman Consistory Italian Constitution. Portswood, 16 Feb., 1874.

[We publish this letter in a spirit of fairness, but we do not think the subject is altogether, for many reasons, suitable to our columns. The correspondence must end here, and we have not thought it well to print the letter of the Italian Grand Lodge.—Ed.]

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As Bro. Hughan has taken notice of my letter about the Roman Catholic Chaplain at Chatham, refusing to bury the remains of Armour-Sergeant Johnstone because he was "a Freemason." I write to say I have heard from very high authority in the Roman Catholic Church that "a Freemason cannot be a Catholic, and a Catholic cannot be a Freemason," and "an Unbaptized child is in a better condition than a Freemason." I could tell you all that was said upon the subject, but refrain as I think the less said the better. All I can see that Grand Lodge can do, is to ventilate the subject, and warn all Roman Catholics for the future that they are under the greater excommunication if they join us. I cannot make "the Infallible Papa" alter his decision about Freemasonry; but I glory in being one more than ever!

Yours fraternally,

AUGUSTUS A. BAGSHAWE.

W.M. 1235. P.S.G.W. and P.P.G.C. Derbyshire.

Wormhill Vicarage, Buxton.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I feel much disappointed in not hearing of or seeing a protest or letter from the Senior Provincial Grand Officer, residing in these towns, respecting the unchristianlike conduct of Mr. Cuffe in refusing to pay the last sad office to a worthy soldier (who was also a worthy Freemason).

I, as an humble individual, a Catholic of Christ's Holy Apostolic Church, do denounce Father Cuffe as being unworthy to act in any way for the welfare of the flock entrusted to his keeping.

I feel such conduct would not have dared to be shown by him under any other circumstances so pressing. Had this refusal been known by the members of the Craft, there is no doubt the Grand Lodge would have taken immediate steps to have had the funeral rites respectfully completed to a much loved brother. Great credit is due to the Christian minister who performed the burial ceremony at a moment's notice.

As a Freemason, I will ask Mr. Cuffe, "What he will do when he is called upon to perform *Mass* for the repose of the soul of His Holiness, the Pope?" It is a well-known fact that the Pope is a Mason, and none the worse for it. Respecting Mr. Cuffe's letter to the *Times*, "What does he know, or how can he know about Freemasonry?" It shows his narrowness of mind and simplicity of those grand principles which he ought to know, and if known, forgets to teach—Brotherly love, kindness, hope, and charity.

I shall be pleased to contribute a guinea towards a fund to defray the expenses, that this case may be at once laid before His Royal Highness, the Commander-in-Chief, who is the soldier's friend, and who will most assuredly see that justice is done, for without doubt Mr. Cuffe has most deservedly brought upon himself the odium of the British army. He receives his pay from the State, and his duty is to teach and to inculcate the principles of kindness, love, and charity to those who are entrusted to his care. I most fervently hope that the military brethren will at once take such steps as may be legal, and show their *confères* that the conduct of Mr. Cuffe cannot be tolerated. His contumacy should be at once resented, for as a Roman Catholic priest, he is entirely unfitted for that office, or as a Chaplain, and ought at once be turned out of the army with disgrace.

If the most eminent men of the present age do not feel it derogatory to use the Trowel, is it not daring insolence and cool effrontery on the part of Mr. Cuffe to refuse to do what he is actually paid for as a servant?

If Mr. Gladstone's Government feel satisfied with Mr. Cuffe's conduct, I most sincerely hope that Mr. Disraeli's Government will take a different view of the case, and through the proper authorities cause an inquiry at once to be made, which will not only satisfy the friends of the deceased, brethren of the Roman Catholic persuasion, but members of the Craft in general.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

CHARITY.

Feb. 24, 1874.

OUR MASONIC CHARITIES.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In your excellent leader on the above subject in last Saturday's *Freemason*, you asked the pertinent question, "How can we make the support of our great charities more general and more regular in our order?"

Your assertion that they are not sufficiently known and advertised must be acknowledged by all who examine the subject in the most cursory manner, and if the money spent in advertising in non-Masonic journal were partially spent in making known the claims of our various charities, through the recognised organs of the Craft, a better knowledge of these institutions would prevail amongst us, and a subscription list increasing year by year would be the result.

All our charities stand much in need of assistance in the shape of increased annual or

other subscriptions. There is a great need for a scheme that would collect amounts (in many cases in smaller sums than one guinea) from the very large number of the brethren who do not subscribe. No doubt there are very many of these brethren who, without any detriment to themselves or connections, could subscribe largely, and materially assist our charities. There are also, it must be admitted, many who though filling a respectable position in life, yet hardly feel justified, considering the many claims they have daily upon their purses, in subscribing the minimum amount required to appear on the subscription lists as individual donors or annual subscribers, but the great majority of whom would subscribe a small sum annually in support of one or all of the Masonic charities. Within a recent period a sum of £10 10s., and a further sum of £15 15s. was readily raised in my own lodge in this manner. In the latter case a worthy Past Master (who desired his name to be kept secret) giving £5 5s. additional on condition that the other members subscribed £15 5s. An appeal was made, and the amount was quickly raised, principally in sums of five and ten shillings each. Could not the managers of our charities devise and carry out some scheme by which an annual appeal could be made to every member of our craft for a subscription, be it ever so small? A joint appeal would, in my opinion, be best, as if an appeal was made separately on behalf of each charity it might become irksome, and tend to defeat the object in view. But to carry a plan of this sort out would require thorough organisation to reach every lodge and member, and should, to be effectual, receive a large measure of countenance from the higher powers in Masonry, some of whom ought to take an active part in the formation and permanent working of a special charity committee in connection with each Province, Lodge, and Chapter, for the purpose of collecting these small subscriptions. How many would refuse to pay a small amount yearly towards such a committee, and if only half the non-subscribers contributed five shillings each, a further sum of £5,000 would annually be added to the income of these very deserving charities. And what an amount of good this would do every year amongst us? There are also very many Chapters and Lodges who either do not appear at all as subscribing to the charities—or, if they do subscribe, the amount is not at all worthy of them. Could the claims of the charities be brought prominently before the notice of individual members, I am confident a large increase would soon be perceived in the amounts subscribed by Lodges and Chapters also, and Masonry pure and simple would become more and more a living reality, and would become less and less a series of gatherings, the only apparent aim of which appears to be the display of glittering jewels and a participation in the joys of the banqueting table.

Will some distinguished brother take the lead? A small beginning steadily worked out must in the end—and that not far off—become successful, and produce great results. Can Bros. Binckes, Little, and Terry, induce some good hardworking Mason whose name is well known, to make a commencement, and appeal to his brethren for their active co-operation. I need not add, that what little aid I could give would be ready and cheerfully given, and I have no doubt the *Freemason* would give its active support in every way.

Yours fraternally,

24, Holmeside, JAS. H. COATES,
Sunderland, Feb. 24, 1874. W.M., No. 949.

OLIVER'S MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The Grand Master who declared that, a "Masons' Lodge is a Masons' Church, and that no qualified brethren could be legally refused admittance, &c." as quoted by you, in last week's issue, from the new Edition of "Oliver's Masonic Jurisprudence" was H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex.

Yours fraternally,

WALTER SPENCER.

26, Great Queen St., W.C.

THE NEW WORK STYLED "VERITAS."

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Would you kindly allow me space in your periodical to draw your attention and that of your readers to a work of a very unique character which has just made its appearance, as will be seen by the following Trade circular.

The subjoined obituary notice of our Brother, the author of *Veritas*, was published in the *London Illustrated News*, on the 3rd of January instant:—

"On the 22nd ult., in London, Henry Melville, aged 72. He was the author of a very intelligent work on the Australian colonies, where he was known as the father of the Australian press. More than forty years ago he was engaged in printing a work on Buddhism, which led him to investigate the origin of Eastern religions; and, as his vigorous intellect took no historical tradition for granted, he tested as he went, until rewarded by the discovery, one by one, of the Median and Persian laws, heretofore the oral, religious secret of Freemasonry, as well as by the discovery of the use of the keys of knowledge, still worn by Royal Arch Masons. His great work '*Veritas*,' solving biblical and historical problems, by means of the laws and keys, was in the hands of the bookbinders at the time of his death, and is a solemn termination of his work in the Divine cause of Truth."

The opinions of religious reformers hitherto having been based upon their reasoning faculties alone, gave rise to various biblical interpretations and hence to conflicting creeds. But, it would now appear, from the discoveries set forth in "*Veritas*," that science is to supersede reason by demonstrating that the Bible is a record of Celestial and not of Terrestrial history, whence the cause of so many mysterious passages therein. Therefore it becomes an all absorbing question to know whether the discoveries are true or false? For if the former, then the future religion of civilization will necessarily become Masonic, or finely and simply theistic; but if the latter, then sectarianism will, peradventure, as heretofore, continue to abound to the end of time.

A friend whom I wished to write a review of "*Veritas*," thus replied:—

"If I had ever written a review—which I have not—and if I had written a hundred on unscientific subjects this would be no preparation for the task which you propose to me. In the first place the whole matter of Bro. Melville's discoveries was thrust upon me unexpectedly. I never entered earnestly into his science—never acquired more than the most superficial smattering of it—and was only interested in it as one of the interior senses of Scripture—going hand in hand with the spiritual sense of Swedenborg in shewing forth the inspiration of the Great Book written like no other. I could never devote time or patience now to the accurate acquirement of knowledge, which however wonderful, is a purely mechanical system—or to the practical application of it to Scripture or to history, &c., &c. Such a review should be undertaken by a man of profound insight into the relations between different mythological systems—should have gone deep into Philology—should have a passion for puzzles, and the long-suffering of a chess player—surely there can be no lack among Masons of able and learned men—men of science and research, who would take up and do justice to the subject, which I could never do were I to give my life to it. I got a copy of "*Veritas*" which is every thing that can be desired in the way of typography, illustration, &c., and I sincerely hope it may have an extensive sale."

"Yours Sincerely,"

Individually I regard the discoveries as a precious means of restoring man to the unmythified worship of his Omnipresent and adorable Creator—the Great Architect of the Universe.

I remain dear Sir,

Yours fraternally,

WALTER SPENCER.

THE GREAT MASONIC MYSTERY.

The first, last, and greatest mystery into which man ever was or shall be initiated, is death. In comparison with its sublime realities, the mysteries of Freemasonry are the faintest types or shadows. None have penetrated the darkness of the grave, and returned; its portals open only to the advancing, never to the retiring traveller. No *expose* of the secrets of the grave has been published, or ever will be; the obligation taken at death *cannot* be broken. And death is the gateway to eternity, the introduction to that incomprehensible celestial mystery, the immortality of the soul, the crowning glory of human nature, the link which affiliates man to God. We never tire of contemplating this great Masonic Doctrine, so positively taught both at the making and the burial of a Master Mason. At the Mason's birth and the Mason's death our Fraternity vividly impresses upon every Brother present the truth "that we have an immortal part within us which shall survive the grave, and shall never, never die." We propose to trace the *dawning* of this truth upon the human understanding, whence we may perhaps derive some curious and profitable thoughts.

To this day, we say that in the tomb man rests from his labors, and we express the wish that the earth may rest lightly upon him. These identical expressions are to be found in Homer's *Iliad*, and the other early Greek and Latin classics. Their origin was derived from the quaint belief of the ancient Romans and Greeks that the soul was buried with the body in the grave, and remained there, they never dreaming that any save their heroes were translated after death to a celestial home. They buried their dead as our American Indians do theirs, with their clothing and arms by their side; and once a year wine and milk were poured on the tomb, and cakes, fruits, flowers and perfumes were placed upon it. They had no idea of rewards and punishments in the hereafter, but their dead were to them purified, sacred beings—subterranean gods.

The idle belief in ghosts, which has survived, to a certain extent, until this nineteenth century, probably had its origin in the ancient custom to which we have referred. Burial was thought to be necessary to the happiness of the dead; the soul unentombed was a vagrant upon the earth, a phantom, a ghost, miserable itself, and the cause of misery to others. Criminals found guilty of heinous offences were adjudged to be slain, and left unburied—a punishment which even the most degraded shuddered at, since it involved their souls as well as their bodies, and was well nigh eternal in duration.

We have mentioned the fact of annual offerings of food being made at the graves of the deceased; this was for the physical sustenance of their bodies and souls. Plutarch relates that after the Battle of Plataea (B.C. 479), when the slain were buried the statesmen volunteered to offer the funeral feast every year; and he makes this remarkable statement in his life of Aristides that this ceremony was *still* performed, his personal knowledge, and he himself witnessed the *six hundredth* anniversary of this affords a wonderful testimony to lasting hold this curious partial doctrine of the immortality of the soul had taken of the minds of those who were unenlightened our Great Light, the Holy Bible.

This worship of the dead, or rather of the immortal part of man after death, is not yet obsolete. The Hindoos to-day make offerings upon the graves of their ancestors, to their spirits, and the sacred books of India refer to these as constituting the most ancient worship among men.

As Freemasons we place our trust in one only true and living God, the Grand Architect of the Universe. The primitive heathen religion to which we have been referring was and is exactly the reverse of this. Every family had its god, who belonged to it alone. This god was the father of the family, if deceased,—or if still living, the last lineal ancestor who was deceased. All the children gathered around one altar, that of the home. Their house was their sanctuary. This religion of the household was a powerful family tie. There is at once an analogy and a contrast to Freemasonry suggested by it. The members of each family were united by a tie in some respects as strong as that of our Fraternity, in that their worship separated them from the whole outside world. They were a unit, severed from all other family units; and each man loved his home as we now love our church or our Lodge. It was the centre of his belief, his hopes and his love. But, by way of contrast, charity was a principle unknown to ancient morality. Its family religion was exclusive and selfish. All outside of it were enemies, and even the god of one's neighbour was a hostile god. Not so with us. The Lord of the Universe, the World Builder, is also our family God; and we respect the religion of every member of the Craft, be he Christian or Hebrew, Greek or Mohammedan. Our charity is not only as broad as the Craft, but as wide as the world.

There is another analogy between the primitive morality and that of Masonry. A repast, or banquet, constituted an integral part of the former. This meal was accompanied by prayer and libations. We have an exemplification of it most clearly in the municipal religion of ancient Rome. Tables were spread in the streets, and the whole people ate at them. Homer's *Odyssey* gives us an account of the same custom in Greece that Virgil describes in his *Æneid*. As each family in Italy had its god, so had each city, and it was in his honour that the sacred meal was partaken. We may here remind the reader that the most important observance of the Christian Church is a feast—the Lord's Supper; and Freemasons have not been forgetful of the value of the banquet as a powerful means of cementing Brother to Brother in the bonds of fraternal love.

Freemasons have cause for earnest congratulation, in that they possess the true faith, in the unity of God and the immortality of the soul; and the true practice—that of a charity which never faileth. Rejecting the superstitious, and adopting the most approved customs of the past, we stand the pattern Fraternity of the world. The mysteries of Freemasonry are many, but the greatest of them all is the immortality of the soul.—*The Keystone*.

A HISTORIC BIBLE.

In St. John's Lodge No. 1, A. F. and A. M., of Newark, N. J., there is an old black letter Bible, printed in 1549. This bible is of Thomas Matthew's translation, a folio in the Gothic letter, and was printed by "Ihon Day and William Seres." The title-page to the Bible is gone, but the title-page to the New Testament is there, and perfect, with the date 1549, and it is, otherwise, in good condition, having the last leaf

with the colophon and printers' names. It was presented to the lodge in the last century, by an emigrant from the mother country, the emigrant having previously affiliated with the lodge. In the year 1825, it was stolen from the lodge, and remained away for twenty-five years, and in 1850 was traced to Philadelphia, and finally recovered and returned to the lodge in 1857. During the wanderings of these thirty-two years it lost its first title-page, but also gained something, in having pasted on the inside of the cover a rare engraved portrait of Washington, one which the writer, although having seen many collections of Washington portraits, never remembers seeing before.

At the time Washington had his head-quarters in Morristown, N. J., a part of the jewels and furniture of St. John's Lodge was loaned to the "Travelling Lodge," formed in the part of the Colonial army then wintering at Morristown. Among the things so loaned was this Bible, and during the winter, General the Marquis of Lafayette, then with the army, was entered, passed, and raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. This Bible was used in the ceremonies, and Lafayette took his obligations upon it. It is known that Washington officiated as "Master" on these occasions. The associations connected with this Bible make it an interesting object to all Masons, while its age and antiquity give it value to the book lover and antiquarian. Lowndes gives its first title thus:—

The Byble
Nowe lately with greate industry and Diligence
recognized
(by Edm. Becke).
Lond. by Ihon Daye and William Seres.
17 Aug. 1549.

And further says that there are copies of this impression in the Lambeth, British Museum, Bodleian and other libraries. A copy, with one leaf wanting, sold at auction for £6 16s.; other copies sold for various sums, one as high as £40. The facts in reference to the Bible having been used during the "making" of Lafayette were obtained from several old members of the lodge, one of these members being now eighty years of age. He, with the others, had the circumstances related to him by other earlier members who assisted at or were known to those who did so assist at the ceremonies above related. It is unnecessary to tell any member of the Craft that information derived from thorough Masons in regard to matters of this kind are likely to be very correct. The Master's chair used on the occasion, though much worn, is looked on with veneration because it once sustained the form of the Father of his Country.—*American Bibliopolist*.

AN ACROSTIC.

Onward thro' this life, a path unknown we tread;
Under different aspects, to seek our daily bread.
Raised far from want are some, who to others
lend
Most willingly a helping hand, and the poor
befriend.
Assistance to the aged freely give, without display,
Succouring the orphan, and deem it duty, every
day.
On behalf of our charities we make this appeal,
Needing your aid, the widow's wounds to heal.
Illimitable the wealth contained throughout the
land;
Collegued are men as stewards by the Creator's
hand.
Collecting and dispensing, each according to his
Trust;
Humbly; rich and poor, this duty do they must.
Assistance for the decayed Mason, wife and
child we ask—
Render your aid freely: then easy is our task.
In turn at the coming Festivals your stewards
will deliver
To each charity an account—we pray thee be
giver.
Impelled by sympathy; in charity's great name
Each give his mite—if small, 'tis just the same.
Should means prevent a larger sum; still good
your aim. F. F.

WHAT IS FREEMASONRY? BY BRO. E. NAVARRE, P.M.

In consequence of the repeated attacks of which Freemasonry is continually the object, we think it necessary to present a few observations which, although far from being new, cannot nevertheless be too often repeated.

What is Freemasonry, and what is its object? In its essence Freemasonry is nothing less than the practice of virtue and good breeding works fraternity and the love of well doing. As such it presents itself from its origin, although it may have experienced changes in its modification, organization, or government, required by the wants of the times, it has never deviated from those noble principles which make the richness of its science, and which render it eternally invincible. To every man who desires to know, it says, knock and it shall be opened unto thee, ask and it shall be given unto thee, seek and thou shalt find. How many men of the world who have come under its influence have been thankful for the great benefits they have obtained; how many ignorant or unjust have seen themselves, to their great astonishment, become brothers virtuous, if not learned, the consequence of the principles of light and truth which have been inculcated?

In our temples the profane axiom, "Mondus vult decipit ergo decipiatur," (The world wants to be cheated then let us cheat it), is altogether unknown, and the whole truth is one of its most brilliant lights. Concord and friendship are held in the highest veneration, and as a father pitieth his children, so Freemasonry cherishes its children. It has the same anxious solicitude for all its offspring, whether princes, nobles, merchants, or artisans, and it never recognises the slightest difference in them, whether English, French, Americans or Greeks, Russians, or Spaniards, or Prussians, the same path is open to all, for it is only by work that the fruit is gathered. But to be recipients of those generous gifts, there are duties which we must perform (we cannot shrink from), but which, nevertheless, are easy to fulfil to a man of noble and generous heart animated with sentiments of well doing, of beauty, and of truth. We will consider for a moment this essentially capital point, because it constitutes precisely the strength of our Great Family, and causes at the same time the vain attack of the prejudiced, the falsehood, hypocrisy, ignorance, or wickedness of societies of men which will fall the day when the principles of Light and Truth shall prevail. In our temples the "Bond of Unity," which animates us, obliges us to contract express obligations from which we dare not deviate, without running the danger of a terrible chastisement, which will meet us at every point, by the means of the fifteen millions of children possessed by Freemasonry on the face of the earth. It may be understood by that alone how much the Freemason is urged to meditation before committing an action which may by one fell stroke, cause his destruction. On the other side we see every day the profane thoughtless commit a wrong action as easy as he would commit a right. Nothing binds him, nothing attracts him. He feels himself alone, and hence, careless of his actions, hence, our strength. By the means of a sign, by a word, everywhere a brother is found, a friend who can console you and succour you, love you. Without constraint, without affectation, you can tell your all, you can confide in him, and nothing will ever transpire; you can receive without shame the help he offers you, because in "Freemasonry," the left hand knoweth not what the right hand doeth. In fact, never in this wicked world a society practices better these beautiful maxims of the philosopher "par excellence"—Christ—Love, succour and honour one another—"Do unto others as you would they should do unto you"—Peace and concord, union and friendship, fraternity and solidity (unity), among all. Such is Freemasonry.

To receive all men with indulgence who are willing, instruct them if they know not, correct them if imperfect, give them to understand if they are ignorant of the art of well-doing, of beauty, and of truth, the respect we owe to each other

the protection of the weak against the strong, of the widow and orphan, the love of brethren the consolation of the afflicted, the tolerance of all high aspirations when based upon honest sentiments. Freemasonry, as we have already said, numbers about fifteen millions of children upon the earth, all capable of understanding each other. Who knows but that one day it will solve that great problem so long sought for by the learned, "an universal language."

Oh, profane world! tell us is there in thy bosom a group of men who understand to such perfection the love of well-doing, of justice, and of fraternity.

Mulum in Parbo, or Masonic Notes and Queries.

THE "SCARBOROUGH MS." CANADA.

The Masonic students of both hemispheres, and particularly those in the United States and Great Britain, will be delighted to hear that the MS. to which we directed attention some little time since, and which Bros. Norton and Hyneman, of the United States, have been most energetic in their exertions to trace, has at last been discovered, and is now in the possession of an accomplished Mason, resident in Hamilton, viz., Bro. J. B. Harris, Grand Secretary. Bro. Hyneman, per Bro. Norton, kindly sent me a transcript of the MS. in question which appeared in the *Mirror and Keystone* (edited by the former) on August 22nd, 1866, and as reference was made therein to its being dated 1505, we felt quite certain that the early period ascribed to it was an error, but alas, on enquiries being made of the Rev. J. Wilton Kerr, who owned it, he had lent it, and the brother to whom he had loaned the precious document having died, his books and papers were scattered?

However, his friends renewed the search, and advertised right and left for the MS. and the result is that the valuable record is placed for security in the hands of the Grand Secretary of Canada.

A copy of this "old charge" has been published in the *Craftsman* and *Canadian Masonic Record* for this month, and in an editorial notice we find that 1705 is the right date of the MS. and not 1505, the 7 having been altered to 5, and hence the erroneous date of the sixteenth century.

The editor informs us that a microscopic examination shows a difference in the colour of the ink between that part of the figure which makes a good seven, and that part which has been added if the seven has been transformed into five. It is a very awkward and unsymmetrical five as it stands; remove the part supposed to be added, and a very good seven remains. Our excellent Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, M.A., and myself have christened this document the "Scarborough MS." because it was evidently transcribed for the Masons who assembled in that town, 10th July, 1705, in all probability by virtue of a deputation from the Old Lodge of York. We shall have occasion to refer to this old MS. again shortly, meanwhile we desire to express our delight at its discovery, and to thank Bro. George Kenning, the spirited Proprietor of the *Freemason* for the copy of the *Craftsman* announcing the fact.

W. J. HUGHAN.

Truro, 24th Feb., 1874.

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Mistakes will occur in the "best regulated families," and even among that excellent and useful body of men, "Printers." I have to call attention to three misprints in my last little communication, which otherwise might fairly lead Bro. Hogg to say to me "Physician heal thyself." By a redundancy of type, "Bremins" is printed for "Brahmins," and "Regnurs" for "Keymers," in my notice of Cleland's book. While as regards the Latin, it is clearly "canine" as it appeared in print. The quotation in the work is, "Antiquos ausus recludere fontes."

A. F. A. WOODFORD.

I wish also to call attention to a curious and somewhat scarce work, entitled "Rosæ Crucis

Frater," with a very long title page, which I need not transcribe. It is written by S. Mundum Christopheri F. Theosophiæ ac Pansophiæ Amantem, and is printed in 1619, though no name of place is given. The work is in German, and has as the heading of the pages, "Bruder Spiegel," and is in truth a most violent attack on the Rosicrucian Fraternity.

In it allusion is made to another work of the writer, termed "Speck auf der Fallen," and also to a Rosicrucian work, "Clypeum Veritatis," which I have not seen. Perhaps Bro. Hughan has.

A. F. A. WOODFORD.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS, For the Week ending Friday, March, 6, 1874.

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

Saturday, February 28.

Consecration of the Thames Valley Lodge, Ship Hotel, Shepperton, at 3.30.
Lodge 1297 West Kent, Forest Hill Hotel, Forest Hill.
Red Cross Conclave No. 6, Roman Eagle, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
Manchester Lodge of Instruction (179), Yorkshire Grey, 77, London-street, Fitzroy-square, at 8; Bro. H. Ash, Preceptor.
Lily Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, Surrey.
Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. G. Dilley, Preceptor.

Monday, March 2.

Lodge 2, Fortitude and Old Cumberland, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 25, Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall.
" 72, Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.
" 83, United Lodge of Prudence, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.
" 144, St. Luke's, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue.
" 188, Joppa, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.
" 256, Unions, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1319, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall.
Chap. 1056, Victoria, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue.
Mark Lodge 139, Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
Red Cross Conclave, Premier, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-st.
Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction (1445), Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland, at 7; Bro. T. Austin, Preceptor.
Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.
Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.
Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern, Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gotthel, Preceptor.
British Oak Lodge of Instruction, Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.
St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street (opposite the Pantheon), Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.
Wellington Lodge of Instruction, White Swan Tavern, Deptford, at 8; Bro. C. G. Dilley, P.M. 1155; Preceptor.
St. John of Wapping Lodge of Instruction (1306), Gun Tavern, High-street, Wapping, at 8; Bro. T. Mortlock, Preceptor.
West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
Metropolitan Mark Lodge of Instruction, Coach and Horses Hotel, 323, Strand, at 8.

Tuesday, March 3.

Colonial Board, at 3.
Lodge 7, Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1, Albion, Freemasons' Hall.
" 18, Old Dundee, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-st.
" 101, Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 172, Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall.
" 217, Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.
" 255, Harmony, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond.
" 765, St. James's, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge.
" 1257, Grosvenor, Calceonian Hotel, Adelphi.
" 1259, Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tavern, Commercial-road East.
" 1261, Golden Rule, Hotel Royal, Air-st., Regent-st.
" 1298, Royal Standard, Marquess Tavern, Cannon-bury.
" 1381, Kennington, Surrey Tavern, Kennington Oval.
" 1383, Friends in Council, 23, Golden Square, at 7.
" 1397, Anselm, The Three Tuns, at 7.
Chapter 169, The Three Tuns, at 7.

Varborough Lodge of Instruction, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8; Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.
 Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tavern, Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 8.
 Faith Lodge of Instruction, Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottelbrun, Preceptor.
 Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Lord's Hotel, Lord's Cricket Ground, St. John's-wood, at 8; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.
 Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. Crawley, Preceptor.
 Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st., Within, at 7.30; Bro. Bolton, W.M. 1217, Preceptor.
 St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, New-street, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (55), Wheatsheaf Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey (P.M. 180), Preceptor.

Wednesday, March 4.

Grand Lodge, Quarterly Communication, at 6 for 7, p.m. Lodge 511, Zetland, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-st.
 " 1420, Earl Spencer, Freemasons' Hotel, New Wandsworth.
 Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor.
 United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
 Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30.
 New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8.
 Confidence Lodge of Instruction, Railway Tavern, London-street, City, at 7.30.
 Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 Peckham Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham, at 8; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor.
 Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar.
 Sandhoe Lodge of Instruction, Thicket Hotel, Anerley, at 7.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
 Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham Court-road, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction (1288), Finsbury Park Tavern, Seven Sisters'-road, N., at 8; Bro. P. Dickinson, Acting Preceptor.

Thursday, March 5.

Lodge 10, Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 27, Egyptian, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-st.
 " 45, Strong Man, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell.
 " 192, Lion and Lamb, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.
 " 217, Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 231, St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 538, La Tolerance, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 554, Varborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
 " 822, Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1331, St. Clement Danes, 265, Strand.
 " 1365, Royal Arthur, Duke of Edinburgh Hotel, New Wimbledon.
 " 1445, Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandring-ham-road, Dalston.
 Chapter 2, St. James's, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 174, Sincerity, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars.
 Auxiliary Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Anglers' Tavern, Bath-street, City-road; Bro. Stean, Preceptor.
 United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
 Wilmington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern, Holborn, at 8; Bro. Lewis Alexander, P.M. 188, Preceptor.
 " Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
 " Lodge of Instruction, Bro. Palmer's, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.
 " Lodge of Instruction (1366), Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.

Friday, March 6.

" 143, Middlesex, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.
 " 796, Florence Nightingale, Masonic Hall, William street, Woolwich.
 " 599, Hornsey, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-st.
 " 1275, Star, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
 " 1412, La Iberia, Hill-road, St. John's Wood.
 " 3, Fidelity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-st.
 " 8, British, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 10, Union Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 " Club of Instruction, Windsor Castle, Victoria Station, 18 p.m.; H. Ash, P.M., Instructor.
 " George's Lodge of Instruction (140), Globe Tavern, Royal-hill, Greenwich.
 " Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., agent-st., at 8.
 " Lodge of Instruction (749), Coach and Horses 294, at 8; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.
 " Lodge of Instruction (217), Guildhall Tavern, Fish-st., at 6 p.m.; Bro. H. Muggeridge, Preceptor.
 " Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.
 " Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 " Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tavern, Victoria-road, Deptford, at .

Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park, at 8; Bro. Geo. W. Verry, Preceptor.
 Clapton Lodge of Instruction, White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., Preceptor.
 Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1298), the Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. W. F. Rogers, Preceptor.
 Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-road, at 8; Comp. W. West Smith, Preceptor.
 Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (733), Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8.
 Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Bro. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.
 United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Antelope Tavern, Lorn-road, Brixton, at 7.
 St. James's Lodge of Instruction, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-road, Bermondsey, at 8; Bro. Howes, P.M., Preceptor.
 Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Bro. D. S. Potts, Preceptor.
 Doric Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8.
 Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8; Bro. P. M. Wuest, Preceptor.
 St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Ross Tavern, Fulham-road, S.W.
 Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.
 High Cross Lodge of Instruction (754), Coach and Horses Tavern, High Road, Tottenham, at 8.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, March 7, 1874.

Monday, March 2.

Lodge 113, Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Assembly Rooms, Preston.
 " 613, Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport.
 " 703, Clifton, Clifton Arms Hotel, Blackpool.
 " 1051, Rowley, Masonic Rooms, Lancaster.
 " 1380, Skelmersdale, Waterloo, near Liverpool, at 6.
 Chap. 605, De Tabley, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, at 6.
 Mark Lodge, No. 65, West Lancashire, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 Everton Lodge of Instruction (823), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 7.30.

Tuesday, March 3.

Lodge 178, Antiquity, Royal Hotel, Wigan, at 6.30.
 " 897, Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helen's, at 6.
 " 986, Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston, at 4.
 Lodge 995, Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverstone.
 " 1256, Fidelity, Bull Hotel, Poulton-le-Fylde.
 Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 7.

Wednesday, March 4.

Lodge 673, St. John's, 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 6.30.
 " 730, Ellesmere, Royal Oak Hotel, Chorley.
 " 1013, Royal Victoria, Masonic Temple, Liverpool at 6.
 " 1061, Trumpet, Masonic Hall, Lytham.
 " 1413, West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk, at 6.
 " 1335, Lindsay, 20, King-street, Wigan.
 " 1354, Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Hall, Leigh.
 Chap. 477, Fidelity, 55, Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
 Harmonic Lodge of Instruction (216), Mona Hotel, James-street, Liverpool, at 8.
 De Grey and Ripon Lodge of Instruction (1356), 140, North Hill-street, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 7.30.
 Lodge 249, Mariners', Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 425, Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester, at 4.
 " 1473, Bootle, Molyneux Assembly Rooms, Bootle, at 6.
 Chap. 758, Bridgewater, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 6.

Friday, March 6.

Lodge 680, Sefton, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, at 4.30.
 " 1264, Neptune, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 1375, Architect, Didsbury Hotel, Didsbury.
 " 1387, Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton-cum-Hardy.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW.

For the week ending Saturday, March 7, 1874.

All the Meetings take place at 8 o'clock.

Monday, March 2.

" 129, St. Mirren, Mason's Hall, Paisley.
 Chap. 119, Rosslyn, 25, Robertson-street.
 Tuesday, March 3.
 Lodge 31, St. John's, St. John's Hall, 213, Buchanan-st.
 " 73, Thistle and Rose, 170, Buchanan-st.
 " 87, Thistle, 213, Buchanan-st.
 " 437, Govandale, Portland Hall, Govan.

Wednesday, March 4.

Lodge 4, Kilwinning, 170, Buchanan-street.
 Lodge 117, Patrick St. Mary's, Freemasons' Hall, Partick road.
 " 178, Scotia, 170, Buchanan-street.
 " 354, Caledonian Railway, 213, Buchanan-st.
 " 87, Shamrock and Thistle, 22, Struthers-street.
 Thursday, March 5.
 Lodge 27, St. Mungo, 213, Buchanan-street.
 " 405, St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, Garngad-road

Friday, March 6.
 " 116, Royal Arch, Council Hall, Rutherglen.
 " 242, Houstone, Cross Keys Hall, Johnston.
 " 408, Clyde, 170, Buchanan-st.
 " 512, Thorntree, Masonic Hall, Thornliebank.
 Saturday, March 7.
 " 458, St. John's, Freemasons' Hall, Busby.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH.

For the Week ending Saturday, March 7, 1874.

Monday, March 2.
 Lodge 429, St. Kentigarn, Royal Hotel, Penicuik, at 8.
 Tuesday, March 3.
 Lodge 5, Canongate and Leith, 33, Constitution-street, Leith, at 8.
 " 36, St. David, Ship Hotel, East Register-street, at 8.
 " 405, Rifle, Freemasons' Hall, George-street, at 8.30.
 Thursday, March 5.
 " 97, St. James, Masonic Hall, Writers'-court, High-street, at 8.
 Friday, March 6.
 Lodge 291, Celtic, Ship Hotel, East Register-street, at 8.
 Chap. 83, St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall, George-street, at 8.30.

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Craft Masonry.

BOLTON.—Anchor and Hope Lodge (No. 37).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, 2nd March, in Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton. There were present Bros. William Slater, W.M.; James Walker, S.W.; W. Horrocks, J.W.; E. Ainsworth, r.; R. K. Freeman, S.D.; James Brown, D.; Samuel Crowther, I.G.; G. P. Brockbank, Prov. G. Deacon; Reuben Mitchell, P. Prov. Sword Bearer; J. H. Winder, P. Prov. G. Assistant; John Robinson; Samuel Isherwood; W. Knowles; James Pilkington; and James Newton, P.M.'s; Walter Pennington, W.M. 678; I. F. Ainsworth. The lodge being opened, the rules were confirmed, and the W.M. practised officers by opening up to the third degree and going down to the first. A committee was appointed to co-operate with the other lodges in the town, with the view of suitably entertaining the members of Prov. G. Lodge, which it is understood will shortly be held in Bolton. A brother proposed as a joining member, and the lodge then closed.

IPSWICH.—British Union Lodge (No. 114).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Ipswich, on Wednesday the 26th Feb., when there was a large muster of brethren present. The St. John's Festival Installation Banquet which had been postponed from December till now, in consequence of the illness in the family of the W.M., was celebrated on this occasion. Amongst those present were Bros. Peter de Lande Long, W.M.; J. Sanderson, Town Clerk of London, P.G.D. England; C. F. Long, P.M., P.G.D.C.; Rev. Sanderson, P.P.G.C., Chaplain of the lodge; W. Boby, P.S.G.W.; C. Schulen, D.C.; Emra Holmes, P.G. Reg., A.D.C., M.C.; P. Cornell, P.P.G.S.D.; Barber, P.G.O.; Clement Cobbold, Chief Officer of Legation, Lisbon, Knight of the Order of the Rose, 33° of Brazil; A. G. S.W.; J. J. Burton, J.W.; Rev. A. G. J. D.; Rev. J. B. Tweed, I.G.; G. H. Millor, S.D.; and others. Visiting Officers—G. Crosswell, W.M. Prince of Wales No. 959; A. Gamman, P.G.S.B., W.M. Perfect Friendship Lodge; and Stephen King, P.P.G.S.D., Secretary of the Perfect Friendship Lodge. The lodge having been duly opened, and the necessary business transacted, a candidate was proposed for initiation and the lodge was afterwards closed in accordance with solemn prayer. A very quiet and uneventful evening was spent in the adjoining room, to which the brethren adjourned, and in which ample justice was done to the candidates, grace having been said in the conclusion, the W.M. rose, and in brief terms, proposed "The Queen and the King" which was given with all due honour. The singing of the solo of the National Anthem and the brethren joining in with the fervour. In proposing "The Grand Marquis of Ripon," the W.M. had the brethren in the provinces had the vast amount of work the Grand

Master had to perform, or how well he performed it. As a London Mason he could tell them how ably Lord Ripon filled his high office. The toast was drunk with due honour. The next toast was "P.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and the rest of the Grand Officers Past and Present." Bro. Minckton, Past Grand Deacon of England responded in admirable and well chosen language, and in a clear ringing voice it was a pleasure to listen to. Two or three members of Grand Lodge had been expected that evening, but the W.M. announced that the Grand Secretary, Bro. Hervey was prevented by indisposition, and Bro. Whichcord, Grand Assistant Director of Ceremonies, who was also invited, had been unable to honour them. Much regret was expressed at the absence of the amiable and talented Grand Secretary, to whom the brethren would have liked to have shown hospitality. The W.M. stated, however, that during his year of office, Bro. Hervey would certainly make it his duty to visit the British Union, which announcement was received with applause. In proposing the health of "The R.W. Prov. Grand Master," the W.M. announced that he had received a letter from Lord Waveney, regretting his inability to attend, in consequence of a prior engagement that evening. His Lordship would have been cordially welcomed had he come amongst the brethren of the British of which lodge he is a member, and we are sure that we express the sentiments of the brethren when we hope that we may be able ere long to record a visit from the gallant and popular Provincial Grand Master. Next came the "The W.D.P.G.M. and the Provincial Officers." Bro. Boby, S.G.W. of Suffolk responded to the toast with his usual eloquence, and afterwards proposed, "The Masonic Charities" in a strain of power which evidently told on the brethren. The W.M. and Bro. Boby both expressed their deep regret and at the very serious illness of the Rev. E. J. Lockwood, the D.P.G.M., which prevented his being present amongst them that evening, and much sympathy was expressed with the venerable and greatly esteemed brother in his great affliction. The name of Bro. A. Gamman, W.M. of 225, "was coupled with the toast of the Visitors" and Bros. G. Crosswell, W.M. of 959; and S. B. King also responded. Bro. Clement Cobbold proposed the "Worshipful Master" in happy terms, and the toast was drunk with great cordiality. Bro. Long responded in few sensible and modest words. Bro. Sanderson responded to the "Officers of the Lodge" and took occasion to remark "that the British Union held confessedly the foremost place in Suffolk, and he believed the success and present proud position of the Lodge was due to the fact that the brethren had never accepted candidates as members of the lodge who they would not like to see occupy the position of Worshipful Master." Other toasts followed, and the evening was enlivened with songs and recitations from Bros. Turner, H. Miller, A. Gamman, A. D. George, Emra Holmes, and Rev. R. N. Sanderson, Bro. A. G. Barber, P.G.O. presiding with his usual ability at the piano. Owing to the inclemency of the weather several country members were prevented coming. Viscount Mahon, M.P., was also expected, but was unable to come at the last; but in spite of many disappointments, a most enjoyable evening was spent, and the brethren were loth to separate.

FILEY.—Royal Lodge (No. 643).—The above lodge held its usual installation meeting on the 9th of February, at Foord's Hotel, Filey, when there was a good attendance of the brethren and also of visitors from other lodges. After two initiations and the usual business of the lodge had been concluded, Bro. R. Simpson, J.W., was introduced, and was duly installed by Bro. Fletcher, P.M., Old Globe, 200, who kindly officiated in the absence of Bro. W. Hawkes, P.M., the respected Treasurer of the lodge, who is so well qualified efficiently to perform this interesting ceremony. The newly installed W.M. then proceeded to invest his officers as follows:—Bros. S. Rimmington, S.W.; W. Hawkes, P.M. Treas.; H. A. Darby, Sec.; C. Reynolds, S.D.; J. MacFaden, J.D.; J. Cowton, I.G.; Rev. N. Blane, P.M., and P.P.G.C. Chaplain. After the closing of the

lodge the brethren adjourned to a bounteous and well-served banquet, provided by Bro. Kilby, of Foord's Hotel. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair, also several toasts, songs, and recitations by various brethren. On the health of the newly installed W.M. being drunk with due honour, the worthy brother made a very feeling and appropriate reply thereto, and some excellent speeches were delivered by Bros. Blane, the esteemed Chaplain, Taylor, Old Globe, 200, Armitage P.M., P.P.G.W., Fletcher, P.M. 200, and other brethren. It is worthy of remark that the newly installed W.M. is one of four brothers all of whom are outlying members of the lodges, and residing some miles distance from Filey, and four jollier fellows, or more true-hearted Masons it would be difficult to find in a long day's march.

WILLIAM PRESTON LODGE (No. 766).—An emergency meeting of this excellent lodge was held on Thursday evening, the 26th ultimo, at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, when three hours were fully occupied in getting through the business for which the meeting was convened. There were present Bros. W. W. Worrell, W.M.; A. Brawn, S.W.; J. Pringle, J.W.; G. J. Kain, P.M., Secretary; W. M. Newton, S.D.; G. Cragg, J.D.; G. Newman, P.M.; R. H. Whiteman, P.M.; B. Abbott, P.M.; E. Kidman, H. F. Partridge, C. Cutmore, F. Ince, P. Steinmann, S. Wilkinson, W. E. Newton, J. F. Honey, S. J. Emley, and the following visitors, Bros. G. W. West, 1287; H. Garrod, P.M., 749; G. W. Lay, 569; J. H. Broomhall, 569; and J. C. Dousing, 108. The W.M.'s character as a good workman was amply tested on this occasion, for the work upon the summons embraced the whole of the three ceremonies, which were performed with great ability and impressiveness by Bro. Worrell. In the first place Bro. Honey was raised to the to the sublime degree of M.M.; then Bros. Stephen John Emley, and Francis Ince were passed to the degree of F.C., and finally five initiates, viz., Mr. James Alfred Keen, Mr. James French, Mr. Henry Reissmann, Mr. George John Paull, and Mr. Robert Lyon were initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the first degree. The working of the W.M. was, as we have already said, excellent, and we must add that he is fortunate in his officers, who all performed their allotted share in the ruling and working of the lodge with great ability. The work was very accurately measured also, being, by the skill and assiduity displayed, completed in exactly the space—from five till eight—allotted to it. The work being concluded, the lodge was closed, and the members and their visitors sat down to an excellent supper in one of the commodious rooms adjoining that in which the lodge was held. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed by the W.M., and received the hearty welcome of the brethren present. Bro. Worrell being about to represent this lodge as a Steward at the forthcoming Festival for the Boys' School on the 11th inst, an excellent custom for the benefit of the charities, adopted in this lodge, was continued on this occasion. The custom is this, volunteers are invited to contribute half-guinea shares in a fund of twenty guineas, which is added to the list of the brother who is to represent the lodge, and this fund is divided into four £5 5s. life governorships which are ballotted for by the subscribers. We mention this with pleasure, as we think that on learning how successfully it works in the William Preston Lodge, many brethren, belonging to other lodges, may club together in whatever shares they please for the same object. On the occasion of which we are now writing, Bro. Newman, one of the energetic P.M.'s of the lodge, announced that there were still five half-guinea shares to be subscribed, and in less than five minutes the amount was completed. In proposing the health of the W.M. Bro. Newman said that Bro. Worrell was one of the William Preston's own children, and it gave them all great pleasure to reflect that it was a brother initiated in the lodge who now occupied the chair. They had five initiations present that evening, and to them he would say that five years ago Bro. Worrell occupied the same position. It was quite possible for them to follow on the same road. The

more they knew of Bro. Worrell the more perfectly were they satisfied with all he did. He was having a very favourable year of office, and it was not at all unlikely that the William Preston Lodge would complete its mission as far as its numbers were concerned (it is limited to fifty members) before he vacated the chair. In conclusion Bro. Newman wished the W.M. a happy and prosperous Stewardship to the Boys' School. In reply the W.M. thanked Bro. Newman and the brethren present for the kind manner in which his health had been proposed and drunk, and for the kindness and good feeling which was being extended to him on all sides during his year of office. He trusted that when he retired from the chair he would be able to reflect that he had done his duty to the best of his ability. Bro. Newman had alluded to the number of initiates present, and he would add that for some time past such a thing as the full number of initiates had not been known in that lodge. He might say, for the information of the initiates, that, without a dispensation from Grand Lodge, that was the greatest number that could be initiated upon one occasion. He had not a personal knowledge of all of the initiates, but he was very much pleased with the attention they had paid to the ceremonies that evening; he trusted that they would continue the work as well as they commenced it, and he hoped that some at least of them would in due time rise to be W.M.'s of the William Preston Lodge. He concluded by proposing "The Health of the Initiates." This toast having been responded to by the Initiates, the W.M. rose and proposed "The Health of the Visitors" in doing which he remarked that they were always honoured by several; and he was happy to say that when their visitors had been once, they often came again, the sentiment "I have been there and still would go" which prompted their visitors the William Preston Lodge to be as a great compliment, because it proved that their brethren were gratified by a visit to the William Preston Lodge. The health of the Past Masters and that of the officers were also proposed by Bro. Worrell, in doing which he acknowledged the obligation the Master was always under to those who had preceded him in the chair. He believed that Masons had no conception of the amount of assistance rendered by the Past Masters until they had been through the chair. As regards the officers he said that however good a Master a lodge might possess the work could not be properly executed unless the efforts of the Master were heartily and efficiently seconded by his officers. He was happy to say that he was assisted by an excellent staff of officers, who knew their duties and had the interest of the lodge at heart. The Past Masters and officers having returned thanks the brethren separated after a remarkably satisfactory evening, memorable alike for excellent working in the lodge, and for the very pleasant social gathering which followed it.

KENNINGTON LODGE (No. 1381.)—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Surrey Club House on Tuesday last. The officers of this lodge for the year are—Bros. Koch, W.M.; Everett, S.W.; Gardner, J.W.; Hunt, S.D.; Painter, J.D.; Reeve, I.G.; Webb, W.S.; Page, P.M. Treasurer; and Stuart, P.M., Secretary; all of whom were present with the exception of Bro. Hunt. The minutes of the previous meeting having been passed, Bros. Moore, Farr, and Catchpool were raised to the sublime degree of M.M., and Bros. Phillpott, Walls, and Byfield passed as F.C. There were five gentlemen on the business paper to be initiated, but only one attended, viz., Mr. Bates, who was duly admitted a member of the Craft. The whole of the proceedings were carried out with considerable ability, the W.M. having the assistance of Bro. Pulsford, P.M.; and Bro. Mann, P.M. The W.M. then gave notice of motion that at the next meeting he should bring forward a scheme for the establishment of a benevolent fund in connection with the lodge, which he said was a thing greatly to be desired. There being no other business the lodge was duly closed. The banquet which followed was held in the commodious room adjoining the Club House and was of a *recherche* description. The usual

and Craft toasts were given by the W.M. and responded to with great fire and spirit by the brethren assembled. "The Health of the Past Masters" present at the banquet, namely, Bros. Pulsford, Page, Mann, Pope, and Stuart, was well received, and responded to by Bro. Mann for the whole. The "Visitors" toast was proposed, duly acknowledged and replied to by Bro. Myers. Between the toasts the lodge was enlivened by the harmony of Bros. T. C. Walls, Phillpott, Webb, Gardner, and the tenor singing of the first named brother in the popular ballads "Tom Bowling" and "Love's Request" appearing to give great satisfaction to the lodge. The Tyler's toast completed the proceedings, which were thoroughly successful.

LEICESTER.—Commercial Lodge (No. 1391). The second Masonic ball in connection with this enterprising and prosperous lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, on Monday evening, the 23rd ult, in aid of the Masonic Institution for Girls, under the most distinguished patronage. There was a numerous attendance of the brethren, and the various insignia of the different degrees, from the humble Fellow Craft to the exalted Rose Croix, contrasted with the rich dresses of the ladies, presented a gay and brilliant effect. Among those present were Bros. J. Halford, W.M.; J. B. Hall, I.P.M.; A. Palmer, W.M. 279; F. J. Baines, W.M. 523; C. Stretton, P.M., P.P.G.W.; W. Weare, W.M., Fowke Lodge; J. M. McAllister, W.M. elect, Fowke Lodge; J. Thorpe, J.W. 523; L. L. Attwood, S. Tebbutt, B. Moore, G. Brown, J. G. Crofts, Dr. Meadows, C. Wilkinson, O. Law, J. S. Tomlin, W. R. Tomlin, J. Hunter, J. W. Quin, — Roberts, and others. The ladies present were Mrs. Wilkinson, Mrs. J. S. Tomlin, Mrs. Weare, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Tebbutt, Mrs. Law, Miss Hewlings, Miss Hunter, Miss E. Hunter, Miss Weare, Miss Attwood, Miss Chamberlain, Misses Church, Miss Wade, Miss Winks, Miss Healey, &c. Dancing commenced at nine o'clock, to the stirring strains of Bro. H. Nicholson's celebrated wad rille band, and the enjoyment of the guests was promoted in a very high degree by the affability and brotherly courtesy of Bro. Halford, W.M., and Bro. J. B. Hall, I.P.M. The arrangements for the refreshment department were equal to the requirements, and fancy of the most fastidious taste, and reflected great credit on the care and forethought of the Stewards, and Mr. Fox deserved the especial thanks for the abundance, and excellence of the wines and other dainties supplied on the occasion.

Royal Arch.

LIVERPOOL.—Everton Chapter (No. 823.)—The companions of this chapter were summoned to attend its duties at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on Tuesday, the 24th ult., when there was a very large and successful meeting. The chief items of business were the installation of Principals and investiture of officers. The following is a complete list of those present:—Comps. Samuel Haynes, Z.; Thomas Ashmore, P.Z.; A. C. Mott, P.Z.; Jesse Banning, H.; Joseph Holland, J.; J. Goodman, E.; T. Houlding, P.S.; T. Bloomfield; T. Tuft, J.W.; Cave-Browne-Cave, T. H. Carefull, W. Boulton, W. J. Lunt, P.Z. 243; G. T. H. Lyall, J. Hamer, P.Z.; S. Millikin, J. Hamer, W. H. Cooper, J. W. Newman, W. Cottrell, A. Stother, and W. H. Thompson. The visitors present were Comps. H. Burrows, 673; Joseph Wood, Treas. 249; W. Shortis, H. 1024; J. T. Callow, H. 673; T. Jones, 241; J. Lunt, P.Z. 1086, and Z. 241; J. Pemberton, P.Z. 1094; H. Nelson, Z. 673; C. H. Hill, H. 241; R. W. Holt, 220; J. Parsons, H. 203; S. J. MacGeorge, P.Z. 241; and C. Leedham, P.Z. 220. The chapter was duly and solemnly opened at five o'clock, Comp. Captain Mott, acting as Z.; Comp. Jesse Banning, as H.; and Comp. J. Holland, J. The minutes of the previous chapter were read and confirmed, and five candidates and one joining member were balloted for. All below the rank of P.Z., then retired, and Comp. Samuel Haynes, M.E.Z., then took the throne, Comp. Ashmore P.Z., acting as H., and Comp. Mott, P.Z., as J., and proceeded to instal Comp.

Jesse Banning, as First Principal. Comp. Ashmore installed Comp. Holland, as H.; and Comp. Mott, installed Comp. W. J. Lunt, P.Z., as J. The work of installation was performed with an efficiency scarcely ever excelled in the division. The newly installed Principals were then saluted in the usual form, and the M.E.Z. subsequently invested the following as his officers:—Comps. Shaw, S.E.; Ballard, S.N. Boulton, P.S.; T. Ashmore, P.Z., Treas.; Pett Ball, was re-elected and invested as Janitor. The accounts of the retiring Treasurer (Comp. Shaw) were read and passed, and a vote of thanks to him was ordered to be recorded on the minutes for the very flourishing state in which he had left the funds of the Chapter. The M.E.Z. then in a very complimentary speech, presented beautiful P.Z. jewel to Comp. Haynes, I.P.Z. who acknowledged the gift in a neat speech. He thanked the companions of the chapter for the very handsome present, and hoped they might have broods of P.Z.'s, superior to all that had gone before. Wishing even increased prosperity to the chapter, and again thanking the companions for their present, Comp. Haynes concluded in a very happy manner. The P.S. then appointed Comp. Millikin, as Senior A.S., and Comp. Careful, as Junior A.S. Three brethren were proposed for installation, and after hearty good wishes had been given from several chapters, the business was brought to a close. The companions at once proceeded to a most substantial banquet, and after the cloth had been drawn, Comp. Jesse Banning, M.E.Z., in proposing "The Queen" spoke as follows:—Companions, we have the happiness to reside in a country where law is supreme and loyalty is deeply rooted in the hearts of the people, but companions, we have the additional privilege of membership in a society wherein reverence for those principles is inculcated in an eminent degree. It is therefore unnecessary for me to expatiate on the many excellent qualities, social and domestic virtues of the object of my toast, all I need to do is to ask you to unite with me in drinking to "The Health, long life and continued happiness of Her Majesty the Queen." The usual Masonic toasts were afterwards proposed, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

THE WHITTINGTON CHAPTER (No. 862) held a convocation at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street on Friday, February 27th. Present, Comps. J. Weaver, M.E.Z.; J. Brett as H.; W. Q. H. Jones, J.W.; F. Smith, N.; — Bingham, P.S. G. Pritchard, 1st A.S.; W. A. Tinney, 2nd A.S. and F. Pritchard, Visitor, Companion E.S.Q. M.E.Z. Joppa Chapter. The chapter was opened in solemn form. Letters of apology were read from the candidates for exaltation for the non-attendance; the bye-laws were submitted, approved, and resolved that they be printed in the form of a book. Proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously, that the exaltation fee be raised after the next convocation in May. The chapter was then closed in solemn form, and the Companions adjourned to the banquet-room, where a very pleasant evening was spent.

Mark Masonry.

IPSWICH.—Albert Victor Mark Lodge. An emergency meeting of this lodge was held Monday, 23rd ult., for the purpose of advancing several brethren, when there were present, Bro. Rev. R. N. Sanderson, P.M.M., P.G. Chap. England; C. T. Townsend, P.M.M., P.G.I. Emra Holmes, P.M.M., Grand Inspector Works; E. J. Robertson, W.M.; G. Cresswell, S.W.; E. Dorling; J. Townsend, J.W.; A. Cuckow; Chinnock; J. A. Pettit; W. T. We gate; Bennett, &c., &c. The lodge having been opened in due form, Bro. Robertson resigned, and gavel into the hands of Bro. Sanderson, and ballot having been taken for Bros. Frederick William Garnham, and Thomas Osmond, of Prince of Wales Lodge; and Walter G. Wallf and William Randell, of 433; they were elected, obligated, and advanced in the honours of the degree of Mark Master Mason. After other positions had been received, the lodge was dissolved, and the brethren retired for refreshment. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given in the chair, Bro. Sanderson proposing to toast the Grand Officers. In the course of the

well chosen and sensible remarks, he observed that the appointment of Grand Officers was not in the hands of a clique. That merit alone was considered, and that he could not but remark upon the admirable manner in which the affairs of Grand Mark Lodge were conducted. The health of the W.M., Bro. Dorling, the newly advanced brethren, and others, were all given, and responded to with great cordiality. Several contributed to the harmony of the evening, and the brethren separated at a late hour.

Scotland.

GLASGOW.—*Union and Crown Lodge* (No. 103), met on Monday, February 23, Bro. A. M. Wright, R.W.M., presiding, J. Martin, S.M.; J. Moir, S.W.; J. Thomas, J.W.; J. Gilles, P.M. Sec.; J. Cochran, T. Minnie, S.D.; and a large attendance of members and visitors. The work consisted of one initiation and a passing, both ceremonies being performed by the R.W.M., in a way that is seldom surpassed. The lodge having been called to refreshment, the Master, in proposing "The Provincial Grand Lodge," said that though every lodge in the province always heartily responded to that sentiment, still it had peculiar claims on the Lodge Union and Crown, for she had the honour of having two of their P.M.'s as Prov. Grand Officers, neither could he forget the kindness of Bro. F. A. Barrow, at their festival last week. Bro. Gilles a P.M. of the lodge, and P.G.S.B., in reply, spoke of the harmony subsisting not only in the Prov. G.L. itself, but also between the daughter lodges, he also gave some interesting particulars relative to P.G.L. Benevolent Fund, stating they had now £400 at interest, and yet at the meeting last week they had passed grants to five deserving cases, in each instance being more than double the amount that was formerly considered the maximum grant. The W. gave "The Visiting Brethren." The Lodge Union had always maintained a name for welcoming visitors, he was pleased to see so many on the night, he welcomed them all, but would particularly name Bro. G. Weston, R.W.M. of Glasgow; and Bro. G. W. Wheeler. Bro. Weston carefully acknowledged the compliment, as well as the kind services of their Master in working the degree for him at his last lodge meeting. Bro. Wheeler also replied, and proposed "The Visiting Brethren," this list of illustrious P.M.'s the glory of whom was sure would be equalled if not eclipsed by the present Master. Bro. Wright, on behalf of the lodge, thanked Bro. Wheeler for his flattering remarks, and would endeavour to give the praise now given. He then gave the toast of the evening.

GLASGOW.—*Athol Lodge* (No. 413) met on Monday, February 24th, Bro. J. Wallace, M., in the chair. There was a good attendance of members and visitors. Three degrees were passed to the second degree, the ceremony being excellently performed by Bro. John I.P.M. Arrangements were then made for the annual festival on the 27th prox.

GLASGOW.—*Cathedral Chapter* (No. 67) met on Monday, February, at 22, Struthers-street, and only a small attendance of the members. The work was well performed by Comps. Taylor, and Pearce.

GLASGOW.—*Lodge Caledonian* (No. 392).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held in their own lodge room, in the Free-masons' Hall, George-street, Edinburgh, on the evening of Thursday, 25th February, 1874. Bro. Swanson, R.W. Master, occupied the place of the Warden in their places, Bro C. I. was deferred being read in consequence of the Secretary's absence, until the next monthly meeting. The lodge having received, a petition was read by the acting Master, signed and recommended in regular form by Mr. W. Wells, merchant, Glasgow, to be received a member of the ancient and modern lodges. The ballot having been taken and found unanimous, the first degree was then conferred on Mr. Wells. Amongst the Past

Masters present were Bro. T. H. Douglas, Chalmers, I. Paton, and W. Wotherspoon. The visitors were Bro. J. Macpherson, No. 8, and Bro. J. Ford, R.W.M. 506. The R.W.M. asked in the east, west, and south if there were any further business, saying that as he intended visiting the Lodge St. Clair ball, he would not call the Lodge to refreshment that evening. The brethren agreeing to this, and there being no further business, the lodge was closed in due and ample form. The regular meetings of this lodge are held on the second and fourth Thursdays of the months of January, February, March, April, September, October, November, and December, and emergencies when required.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. J. BOWES P.M., P.Z., PROV. G. REG., &c., OF WARRINGTON.

Bro. Bowes has long been known as an active working Mason in both West Lancashire and the more northern province of Cumberland and Westmoreland, and for the past dozen years he has held the office of Hon. Sec. of the Lodge of Lights, No. 48. Some months since Bro. Bowes addressed a circular (which we published at the time) to the members, referring to his long services, and seeking official relief. The brethren reluctantly complied with his request, and the lodge voted him a handsome jewel as a small acknowledgement of its obligations. This, however, was not deemed a sufficient recognition by many, and it was determined to supplement it with an address and purse of gold. The matter was taken up warmly by the W.M. of No. 148, Bro. John Harding, and Bro. D. W. Finney, P.M., etc., and on Tuesday, 3rd inst., those two brethren, representing the subscribers, made the presentation. The address, which is artistically inscribed on vellum, richly illuminated, and handsomely framed, was read, at the request of the W.M., by Bro. Finney, and ran as follows:—

"To Bro. John Bowes, P.M., P.Z., &c., Warrington.

"Dear Sir and Brother,

"On behalf of a number of brethren of our ancient and noble Craft, resident in Warrington, and the neighbourhood, we beg your acceptance of this purse of fifty sovereigns, as a slight mark of their appreciation of your great Masonic worth.

"Your services, freely rendered, to Freemasonry in this part of the province of West Lancashire, have been greatly appreciated and have tended in no small degree to raise its character and tone among us.

"Several brethren from distant provinces have likewise expressed the pleasure they felt in being allowed to subscribe to this testimonial.

Trusting that T.G.A.O.T.U. may abundantly bless both you and yours,

"We are dear sir, and brother, on behalf of the subscribers, yours very fraternally,

"JOHN HARDING, W.M. 148.

"D. W. FINNEY, P.M. 148."

Bro. Finney then said: Bro. Bowes—Bro. Harding and myself have been deputed by a number of brethren resident in Warrington and the neighbourhood to wait upon you, and to ask your acceptance of a purse of fifty sovereigns, together with this address, as a slight mark of their appreciation of your great Masonic worth. As to the purse, I can only wish it had contained £500 instead of £50. As to the address, I am sure you will at least greatly admire the taste displayed in its artistic and exquisite design. Personally, I regard it as a great compliment to be associated with our excellent W.M., Bro. Harding, in the presentation of this little memento of our regard for you as Freemason, and when I say I entertain for both you and also your family a sincere and affectionate regard, I feel I speak not only my own and Bro. Harding's sentiments, but at the same time express the feelings of those brethren with whom you have been Masonically associated for the last 12 or 13 years. I have myself known you a good many years, and have entertained for you the same high feeling of respect and regard. When you look upon that beautiful picture, for it is really a beautiful work of art, it will remind you

of your many Masonic friends, among the first and foremost of whom you may very truly reckon Bro. John Harding, the W.M. of 148. It was not my intention at first to have said more than these few words, but I feel I cannot refrain from reverting briefly to your history as a Mason, and perhaps the reflection may not be altogether out of place. For more than eleven years you held the office of Hon. Sec. to the Lodge of Lights, 148, a lodge which stands high in the province of West Lancashire and deservedly so, and I am bold to affirm that to you in no small degree is due its prosperity and efficiency; indeed this is invariably acknowledged by the Craft in Warrington. Your services, too, to the Gilbert Greenall Lodge, 1250, must not be forgotten. When that lodge was founded some five or six years ago, and named at your suggestion after the worthy and distinguished Bro. Greenall, P.S.G.W. of England, you became its first Acting Master, acting for Bro. Greenall in his unavoidable absence. Those services were freely given, and I venture to think they were performed in a manner such as reflected honour upon yourself and credit to the lodge. You were likewise one of the founders and are now the senior member of the Chapter of Elias Ashmole, in connection with the Lodge of Lights, and very great praise must be awarded to you for the able manner you filled all the offices of the Chapter. As Installing Master your services have frequently been called into requisition, not only in our own lodges, but also in those of other provinces, and in that capacity there are found very few to equal and fewer still to excel you. I cannot forget, too, that you have held high office in Prov. Grand Chapter, as well as in Prov. Grand Lodge, and in each and in all the various offices you have been called upon to fill you have invariably acquitted yourself in such a manner as to bring down upon yourself the highest possible credit. In fine your efforts to promote the good of Freemasonry in general, and of the Craft in Warrington in particular, have tended greatly to raise its character and tone among us, and I cordially endorse every word contained in that beautiful address which I have just read to you. I might say much more, but as Bro. Harding will have something to say, I shall conclude by expressing, in the words of the address, a wish that the G.A.O.T.U. may abundantly bless both Mrs. Bowes and yourself, and that you may live many many years to enjoy the affection and esteem of your brethren in Freemasonry I now invite the W.M. to address you.

Bro. John Harding said:—Dear Bro. Bowes, it is at all times a pleasing task to do honour to those whom we esteem, and especially so when that esteem is largely shared by others, and as the pleasure is increased so also is the difficulty one feels when called upon to be the exponent of the sentiments of others. I could have wished the duty of presenting this testimonial had fallen into more able hands than my own, but I yield to no brother in my high estimation of your character and the many valuable services you have rendered to Masonry in general and to my lodge in particular. It is well known that that you have sacrificed much time and laboured most assiduously for a long time in the furtherance of Masonry, and it is hoped you will continue your valuable services. To mark their sense of your high merits as a Mason, a friend and neighbour, the brethren have generously subscribed this testimonial. I will only add that I cordially endorse all that Bro. Finney has so well said, and that I experience extreme pleasure in conducting this well deserved presentation. That the Most High may abundantly bless you and yours is the fervent desire of every subscriber to this testimonial.

Bro. Bowes said, W.M. and Bro. Past Master Finney. My tongue will fail to express in adequate terms my heartfelt gratitude for this proof of the fraternal regard of my brethren. It has been my privilege to be an active officer of No. 148 for a long time. Indeed I have been accustomed for years to regard the lodge as a home in which I could always calculate upon a warm and hearty reception as a brother. For a long time, too, most of my hours of recreation have been spent in and about its concerns. In

MASONS MARKS, (pages 750 and 751.)
 The *Freemason* of 22nd November, 1873, having come to hand at a time when I was too busy to read it, was necessarily laid aside, and then I unfortunately forgot it till it fell into my hands to-day, when I perused it. Although so long a time has elapsed since its publication, I cannot but take notice of some statements in Bro. HUGHAN'S letter concerning Masons' Marks which appear to me very extraordinary. Bro. HUGHAN professes himself quite ignorant that all Masonic Marks consist of an odd number of points. It is difficult for me to imagine how any Freemason having received the degree can be in any doubt on this point, and ignorance of the well-known and long-established rule concerning it can only be accounted for by strange thoughtfulness. I have, in the course of my life, seen the mark degree conferred on some thousands of Freemasons, and they have all been instructed that Masonic Marks ought to have an odd number of points. The words of ritual are very express and decisive as to this. "The Craftsmen are allowed to select any mark not previously fixed on by another in the same lodge. It consists of three, five, seven, nine, or eleven points, joined together so as to form any figure they please, except that of an equilateral triangle." The last words of this quotation affords an answer also to the remarks of the brother who heads his letter "The Double Triangle," and I beg leave to recall them to his attention. As the Double Triangle consists of two equilateral triangles, it cannot be considered a Masonic Mark. In connection with this I may mention that in a case brought before the Grand Lodge of Scotland by some brethren of the Royal Arch, who disputed the rights of a Craft Lodge to work the mark degree, the Grand Lodge after much discussion, and being guided very much by the opinion of Bro. A. KERR, W.M., No. 8, S.C., one of the most skillful Freemasons in Scotland, and by the arguments and proofs which he adduced in support of it, decided that the mark is a mere adjunct of the slow Craft.

Although some Masons may have made their marks with an even number of points, this is not so of that they were right in doing so, and it has been very far from common. I would be much surprised by any Mark Mason doing so, at its being sanctioned by any lodge. I am aware of what is called the Blind Mark, no Freemason has been instructed in this in the last hundred years. The words of the already quoted are at least one hundred years old, and have during that period been generally employed in the working of the Mark tree in Scotland.

CHALMERS I. PATON.

Masonic Tidings.

Most Honourable the Marquess of M. W. Grand Master of Freemasons, appointed the Right Honourable the Earl of Ripon Provincial Grand Master of the North East Ridings of Yorkshire. The installation of his lordship, which was appointed to take place on the 25th inst., has been postponed in consequence of the death of his lordship's father, and we understand that the ceremony will take place in York under the auspices of the York Lodge, at Easter. The installation will in all probability be performed by the Marquess of Ripon, which will take place at the Guildhall, which along with the state apartments at the Mansion House has been placed at the disposal of the Provincial Grand Lodge by the Right Honourable the Mayor. After the ceremony of installation the brethren will walk in procession to the Royal Exchange, where, by the kind permission of the Chapter, a special service will be held, which a collection will be made on behalf of the local charities. The meeting will be of great importance to the Craft, and it is expected that a large number of distinguished brethren from this and other provinces will be present on the occasion.

The Keystone Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 168, will be consecrated in the Masonic Rooms, Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on Saturday, March 28th, 1874. Bro. Sir John Cordy Burrows, J.P., P.M. 811, P.P.G.W. Sussex, as the Worshipful Master Designate; Bro. W. R. Wood, P.M. 65, 315, 811, P.G. Steward, P.G.S.W. Sussex, Senior Warden Designate; and Bro. John Nathan Stoner, P.M. 56, Junior Warden Designate. Bro. F. Binckes, P.G. Mark Warden, G. Mark Secretary, has been deputed by the M.W.G.M. to perform the ceremony; assisted by Present and Past Grand Officers. The officers of the new lodge will then be nominated and invested. The regular meetings of the lodge will be held in the months of February, April, October, and December. At the close of the business (about five o'clock), the consecration and installation banquet will take place.

The Metropolitan Mark Lodge of Instruction, under the sanction of the Kent Lodge of Mark Masters, will meet at the Coach and Horses Hotel, 323, and 324, Strand, on Monday, 9th March, 1874. The lodge will be opened at 8 o'clock. Supper at 9.

A meeting of the members of the Mark Benevolent Association will be held at the Coach and Horses, 323, Strand, on Monday, 9th March, 1874, at half past seven o'clock, for the purpose of declaring a ballot.

Bro. Captain William Frederick Portlock Dadson, Citizen and Turner, is a candidate for the office of Mace-bearer to the Corporation of the City of London.

NEW ILLUSTRATED WEEKLY PAPER.—A new high class illustrated weekly newspaper is announced for first appearance this day (Saturday). The title is *The Pictorial World*. The list of artists and contributors comprises many well-known names; and as the paper will be published at a popular price—three pence—a large circulation is anticipated for it by its projectors.

ANONYMOUS MUNIFICENCE.—Among the donations and subscriptions acknowledged this week by the London charities are nine sums of £1,000 each, in addition to ten sums of similar amount announced last week.—*London Mirror*.

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS.—A council was held on Wednesday, at 33, Golden-square, when nine companions, being Royal Arch Masons, were exalted in this interesting degree.

CONSECRATION OF THE PECKHAM LODGE No. 1475.

Some time since a number of brethren, members of the Peckham Lodge, No. 879, a majority of whom appear to have resided in Bermondsey and its vicinity, overruled the wishes of the remainder of the brethren, and removed the lodge to Bermondsey. That portion of its members who had been outnumbered were in sufficient force to petition for a new warrant, which the M.W.G. Master, on condition of their adopting the name of the Peckham Lodge, and promising not to remove the lodge from Peckham without his express permission, was pleased to grant, and on Tuesday, the 17th ult., Bro. Wentworth Little, Prov. G. Sec. Middlesex, &c., &c., consecrated the lodge in the presence of a large and influential gathering of brethren at the Victory Tavern, Trafalgar-road, Old Kent-road. The musical arrangements were under the management of Bro. Seymour Smith, assisted by Bros. Dawson and Carter. To say aught of Bro. Little's performance of the beautiful and solemn ceremony, can convey no adequate description of the impression that great master of our ritual and ceremonies made on his hearers; he is so well known and deservedly respected, that his presence is always cordially greeted by every member of the fraternity.

The lodge being duly dedicated, Bro. W. J. Warren, P.M. 879, took the chair, and installed Bro. Alfred Henry Watkins, the first Master, in a manner that bodes well for the efficiency of the active members of the new lodge. Bro. Watkins then invested Bro. John Thomas Dalby, S.W.; Walter Charles Canton, J.W. W. G. Warren, Treasurer; Walter E. Gompertz,

P.M. 866, Secretary; E. J. Cane, S.D.; George Duck, J.D.; Thomas Stephens, 869, I. Guard. Bro. Warren then delivered the three addresses in a manner that called forth a general expression of approval and delight. A vote of thanks to Bro. Little for his kind services, and the honorary membership of the lodge, which Bro. Little acknowledged in his usual pleasant and courteous manner, terminated the business of the day. Several propositions for initiating and joining were received, and the lodge closed. The brethren adjourned to banquet, which was laid by mine host, Bro. Rigglesworth, in a most *recherché* manner, and served *à la Russe*. Here the W.M., Bro. Watkins, at once convinced the brethren of his fitness for the honour they had done him. His knowledge of the duties in the lodge they had had abundant proofs of in the lodge of instruction, where he has been a constant attendant, and as president at the festive board, by his quiet, gentlemanly, and courteous manner and the original well-timed, and very excellent remarks in proposing the several toasts, won for him the most hearty and cordial expressions of pleasure and gratification. Bro. Little in responding to the toast of the "Consecrating Master" enlarged on the practical duties of the Masons, in the practice of the characteristic Masonic virtues. The usual loyal and complimentary toasts having been given and responded to, interspersed with some capital singing and music, the brethren broke up highly delighted with the whole proceedings. We may mention (*en-passant*) that the lodge has purchased the beautiful furniture, originally manufactured by Bro. George Kenning for the Golden Rule Lodge. Amongst the brethren present were, besides the officers and members—Bros. Allsopp, P.M. 879; D. Rose, P.M. 879; J. H. Tyler, P.M. 879; G. Fox, P.M. 73; W. E. Francis, P.M. 857; Henry W. Gompertz, 1364; G. Botton, P.M. 147; A. G. Hayward, P.M. 179; H. Bickerstaff, P.M. 700; C. Dille, W.M. 147; C. Hills, W.M. 13; S. J. Harry, 72; J. W. Jackson, 975; R. S. Suggett, 25; F. Stephens, 869; and others.

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I regret exceedingly not being able to throw any light on the subject mentioned by Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, M.A.; in his interesting communication of the 28th ult., not having either heard of, or seen the Rosicrucian work "*Glypeum Veritatis*". I will again look the matter up, and report progress if any discovery is made.

Our able Bro. Woodford would do good service if he furnished the readers of *The Freemason* with a list of all the Rosicrucian works and date of issue, which have been seen by him, or traced in his researches either in Dr. Kloss's works, or any other of the German authors, with which he is so familiar. We hardly like to ask so much, knowing the many claims in our Reverend Brother's time, but his abilities as a linguist peculiarly fit him for such a labour of love.

W. J. HUGHAN.

It is not too much to say that the introduction of Pepsine into the list of modern therapeutic agents by Dr. Corvisart created a very veritable revolution in the pathology of dyspepsia, and all diseases of the digestive organs. Whereas no complaint was so common as a chronic indigestion, perhaps the most painful martyrdom to which any one can be subjected, this should now be positively unknown, for as the disease is due to a lack of gastric juice, a dose of Pepsine, which contains the active digestive principle of the gastric juice of the stomach, restores the equilibrium, and effects a cure. Fortunately, too, for its popularity, the preparations of Pepsine, for which we have to thank Messrs Morson and Sons, of Southampton-row, are of the most elegant character, enabling it to be administered with the most extreme accuracy, and also in very palatable forms.

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Answers to Correspondents.

A. E. H.—We cannot give you the information. G. E. S.—The answer is plain. By our Constitutions a Mason is obliged by his tenure to obey the moral law, and if he rightly understands the art he will never be a stupid Atheist, nor an irreligious Christian. Let Glasgow flourish. Received with many thanks, but declined. Our able correspondent will see that such religious controversy is not wanted in the pages of *The Freemason*. Our motto is "Defence, not Defiance." "Popery and Freemasonry" received, crowded out this week.

The following Communications stand over—Masonic Festival in Glasgow. Consecration of the Marquess of Ripon Chapter. Consecration of a R.A. Chapter at Shetland.

Bro. Gee's Communication about Italian Freemasonry will appear next week.

REMITTANCES RECEIVED.

Royal Albert Library, per Thomas Adcock, Montreal, P.O.O., 12s.; H. A. Berger, Jamieson, Victoria, £1 4s.; A. S. Killin, St. Martin's, New Brunswick, 12s.; M. Rogers, M.D., St. Martin's, New Brunswick, 12s.; J. R. Norton, Grahamstown, the Cape, 10s.; T. Holliday, Grahamstown, the Cape, 10s.

The Freemason,

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FREEMASONRY AND THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH.

In our respected contemporary, *The Manchester Guardian*, of February 20th, appears the subjoined letter from a Catholic Defender under this heading, and to which our notice has been called by a correspondent. We think it better to allow the champion of his religious body to speak for himself, and then to append a few remarks and comments of our own. The subject is a very important one, and is evidently widening so much, that, the sooner the matter is carefully considered and decided in all its bearings, the better for both sides in the controversy. We therefore beg our readers careful attention to the following exposé of the Roman Catholic views on the subject:—

"FREEMASONRY AND THE CATHOLIC CHURCH. To the Editor of the *Manchester Guardian*.

"Sir, —You begin your leader to-day with the statement that 'it has been always difficult to understand the motive of the hatred borne by the Roman Catholic Church in modern times to the brotherhood of Freemasons.' I ask for some space in your journal to try to solve this difficulty, but would first suggest that the use of the word 'hostility' or 'opposition' would have been more appropriate in the passage that I have referred to than 'hatred,' which you used.

"The first of the two suggestions, which you put in the form of quotations, is that which I consider to be the true one, namely, 'the ho-

tility engendered by antithetical principles.' No two sets of principles, objects, or modes of operation can be possibly more opposed than those of the Continental Freemasonry and those of the Catholic Church. Whilst I claim the use of the word 'hostility' or 'opposition' as that of describing the attitude of the Church, I think I may accept your word 'hatred' as describing that of the brotherhood towards the Church.

"To return, however, to the causes of this hostility, opposition, or hatred. I think that a reference to the latest formal condemnation of the brotherhood by the Holy See will sufficiently show these causes or motives. They are contained in the allocution of Pius IX., delivered on September 26, 1865. By citing the decrees of those of his predecessors who had previously censured the brotherhood, he renews and adopts against them those faults and errors which they had already pointed out. He discards that pretext of mere benevolence under which these associations wish to pass, and rests his condemnation—1. On what he describes as 'the wicked designs which are debated in their secret meetings.' 2. On their holding all religious doctrine as indifferent, and framing or professing a kind of religion which is merely the residuum after the rejection of all doctrine which any of their members may choose to reject. 3. On what he calls 'the terrible oath,' that is taken by those who are initiated, and the "frightful or atrocious penalties to which they voluntarily subject themselves if they should violate that oath." And then, 4, quoting the words of our Lord, St. John iii. 20—"For every one that doth evil hateth the light,"—he further infers that an association which thus greatly fears the light of day must be impious and wicked. Next, in virtue of his office as chief bishop of the church, he condemns the association for these reasons, as it had been condemned before; that is, for teaching what is contrary to divinely revealed truth, as hostile to Christianity, to the peace of the Church, and dangerous to the safety of kingdoms. Finally, he invites the thoughtless or unguarded who have been incautiously drawn into these associations to separate themselves from them, and warns and cautions unthinking persons and youths lest they be drawn into these associations or brotherhoods by the semblance of harmlessness which they profess externally, or by the pretext that he was indifferent to them or that he approved of them if he were silent in their condemnation.

"This appears to me to be a very clear accounting for the motive which you say it is always difficult to understand. The motive is here clearly assigned in an official and public document, that is little more than eight years old. It appeared at the time in many newspapers, and it would seem that all that is wanted in order to satisfy anyone is to know whether the reasons assigned are or are not well founded. I am confident that all reasonable men would approve the condemnation of such principles. Now, you yourself admit some of these imputations; for instance, those to which the Pope applies the words of our Lord, namely, the terrible oath and the frightful penalties; for you admit that every Freemason is well known to be bound by solemn and fearful obligations to keep the secret of his Order. I find this solemn and fearful obligation described thus by one author:—"The candidate then swears that rather than betray the secret he consents to have his head cut off, his heart and entrails torn out, and his ashes cast before the wind. I believe it is pretty well known that the Freemasonry of the Continent has existed in its present form only from about the beginning of the last century. Its principles were speedily condemned, between 1730 and 1749, by Pope Clement XII.; and I feel sure that if these principles be justly assigned you would join in condemnation of them, as, admitting your own words, supposing Freemasonry to be a system of morality veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols, that may be traced back to the institutions of Pythagoras or some other Pagan fountain, you cannot be surprised that the chief bishop of the Christian Church should raise his voice against this Pagan innovation.

"I am, &c.

"LAW. CANON TOOLE.
February 17, 1874."

We have no fault "in initio," to find with the manner and matter of the writer. Unlike many of his co-religionists, and especially some Pastors which we have seen, the writer of the above letter can argue the matter, even from a Roman Catholic point of view, without being abusive of his opponents, without forgetting the common courtesies of social life, and without descending to meaningless vituperation.

The writer bases his explanation of the "antagonism," undoubtedly, as he asserts, existing between the Roman Catholic Church and Freemasons, not only "ex necessitate rei" as he puts it, owing, to their utterly opposed views and aims, and teaching, but also on the late allocution of Pope Pius IX., founded as, that, allocation no doubt is, on previous "deliverances" of Roman Catholic Pontiffs.

We may note "en passant," that, he by no means reasserts Mr. Cuffie's absurd proposition that, every Roman Catholic who is a Freemason ceases to be a Roman Catholic, *ipso facto*, a statement which, if true, would be very hard indeed, because affecting the position of numbers of devout Roman Catholics, but we believe Mr. Cuffie is entirely unwarranted in making such an assertion at all, and only betrays his own ignorance of the canon law of his own Church on the one hand, and his utter indifference to the rights of the Roman Catholic laity on the other.

But the correspondent of the *Manchester Guardian* gives us certain "heads or "notes" of the objectionable features of Freemasonry which as he mentions are referred to in express words by the last Papal rescript.

So we will take them in order:—

1. The first is, "the wicked designs which are debated in their secret meetings." What these wicked designs are, is not stated, but the truth is, they are as mythical as were certain theories or assertions of that respectable and useful assistant of our population returns "Mr. Harris."

It seems very amusing to us in England peaceable, loyal, friendly, genial, Freemasons as we really are, (despite all our little frailties) to hear of "wicked designs" in our secret meetings.

Perhaps one of the strongest arguments against Papal Infallibility comes from the fact of the extraordinary fallibility and gullibility of those who drew up and published such ridiculous asseverations.

If there be anywhere any "wicked designs" planned in a Masonic lodge, which we greatly doubt, certainly we in this country must laugh heartily at such a description by the Roman Pontiff of our very harmless meetings, and the views of our excellent brethren, who, as a general rule, are the most loyal of citizens, a never require the "surveillance" of the police.

2. The second head of wrong is "their holding all religious doctrines as indifferent a framing or professing a kind of religion which is merely the residuum of the rejection of all doctrines which any of their members may choose

Now this, though very fine writing, is simply in truth, an utter absurdity. Freemasons do not hold all religious doctrines as indifferent, neither do they frame a useless kind of religion, which merely is the "residuum," after all religious doctrines are rejected, which any of the members "may choose to reject." Freemasonry has taken up, as it appears to us—a very simple, and a very consistent position.

It is a great philanthropic sodality, based on the one great truth of the acceptance of the one Universal Father and Creator of mankind.

Were Freemasons, as in times of old, to limit their reception of members to those professing Christianity, they must shut out at once all who are not Christians.

But keeping before their memory ever the fact startling in itself, that Jewish and Tyrian Masons (who were idolators), worked together at the building of the Temple, Freemasonry since the beginning of the century, has undoubtedly been, universal and cosmopolitan, embracing in her wide fold all who acknowledge the one great Creator, Benefactor, and Preserver of all men.

This view is not palatable to many, and we do not deny that the Roman Catholic Church, has a right, to say to the members of their church, "such a view is opposed to the teaching of the Roman Catholic Church, and if you uphold it, you must leave us." But what the Church of Rome has no right to do, is, to anathematize all who are Freemasons, and then refuse, simply on the "obiter dictum" of some foolish person like Mr. Cuffe, to bury a devout Roman Catholic who happens to be a Freemason. Indeed, in our opinion, if the Roman Church were enlightened, which she won't be, and tolerant, which she never is, she would leave the Freemasons alone, and allow them to go on their way, without "let or hindrance," intent as they truly are alone on their kindly labours of peace and goodwill.

The Masonic Body everywhere repudiates, with indignation, the name of "Infidels," and "Illuminés," and "Socialists," all views and teachings most contrary to their "formulæ" of simple moral duty and obedience, but they will never surrender their great characteristic "toleration," which leads them ever to avoid the narrow limits of national differences, and even the arena of religious contentions, and to regard men as brethren of the dust.

Indifferent to religion they certainly are not, never have been, and never will be, but most assuredly they always will be found, to the instance of sectarianism, and the virulence ofroversy, and resolute in their protest against, their resistance to unholy "anathemas," debasing persecution.

The next point of objection is what the Roman Catholic champion calls the "terrible oath," the "frightful or atrocious penalties," which cling to the "Masonic profession of membership" and "rules of association."

On this point as the writer of the Allocution knows evidently very little, we mean to say, as we are of opinion that we, as Freemasons, are perfectly competent to manage our

own affairs, and practice our own ceremonies, and that we neither require, nor do we need any opinion on the subject from the unenlightened outer world. Another point is our "Secrecy," and the popular fallacy that, because our proceedings are "secret" they must therefore be *ipso facto* bad.

We need hardly point out the illogical argument thus made use of, to demonstrate that the result of the Papal assertion is simply a case of "non sequitive."

Time was, for instance, in the history of Christianity, when the "disciplina arcani" was "secret." Was it therefore, in consequence, bad?

Time was, when the "mensa mystica" was zealously guarded against the eyes and even the knowledge of the profane. Was it therefore necessarily wrong? Secrecy may as a rule be objectionable as regards the association of persons for some unknown end. Secrecy may be objected to by the state, especially if the state has reason to believe that such secrecy is a veil for seditious practices or treasonable councils. But the laws of this country allow expressly the Masonic body to meet together, though they are in one respect a secret order, and we contend that we have nothing to do with any other law-giver, and we utterly repudiate the right of a spiritual authority, above all, to interfere with our undoubted right as English citizens.

As, therefore, theoretically the argument is bad, practically the secrecy of Freemasonry is alike harmless and defensible. The last point contains a sweeping accusation indeed, which, if true, ought to settle the question, now and for ever.

Freemasonry is said to teach what is contrary to divinely revealed truth; to be "hostile to Christianity," and "to the peace of the Church" and "dangerous to the safety of kingdoms."

We have already pointed out how utterly unfounded is the charge that Freemasonry and Freemasons are "indifferent" to "religion" and certainly they teach nothing "contrary to divinely revealed truth," nor are they ever "hostile to Christianity," or "to the peace of the Church."

It is undoubtedly true, as we have previously stated, that, whether rightly or wrongly Freemasonry does endorse and embrace a wide platform on which its members can act together.

But though to some it may seem to be "without religion," and to others even to antagonize the received dogmas of Christianity, yet it is by no means the intention or the consequence of the attitude which, as Freemasons, we take as regards the great truths of Christian doctrine and discipleship.

All that we do, (we may be wrong in doing so, but we are inclined to think we are right), all that we do or say is, we do not concern ourselves with denominational differences and special controversies.

Indeed, were we to do so, our utility and our existence must soon cease! We therefore are friendly to all, hostile to none, glad to aid in all common works of good will and sympathy, not interfering with other people's consciences or acting as the inquisition of old; but we leave every

one of our members to stand or fall to his own Maker and Judge.

We do not indeed allow the open atheist or the avowed libertine to be welcomed into our Order, but beyond this our interference ceases—and tolerating others, we ask only for toleration ourselves.

As regards the ridiculous charge that Freemasonry is, "dangerous to the safety of kingdoms," in England the assertion is too absurd to need refutation, as no more orderly, peaceable, or loyal body of men exists anywhere, we make bold to say, than our "brethren in Freemasonry."

That in some foreign countries, Freemasonry and political societies may have banded together, we do not deny, but we in Great Britain have always openly regretted, and as openly repudiated any such alliance.

One more charge is made against us, namely, that our "morality," such as it is, "may be traced back to the institutions of Pythagoras or some other Pagan fountain."

A more mistaken theory never was propounded.

Our Masonic Morality is built up solely and simply on the "divine law," delivered on Mount Sinai, and still as binding now as when it was first miraculously given to Moses and though it may "be veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols," it is both simple and truthful, because based upon the inspired Word of God. Surely then the time has arrived when any unworthy jealousy or unwise persecution of Freemasons should come to an end.

We live in an age of great toleration and greater cultivation, and without laying too much stress upon the latter, we would say this, that in most cases the feelings of the age in which we live are right, as the product alike of the individual, and the aggregate conviction. Even the able defender of his church, who claims for his infallible Pontiff a right to condemn Freemasonry, must feel, we think, that the days of anathemas interdicts, and excommunications are over; that the Sword of St. Dominic is sheathed for ever, that the fires of the Inquisition can be kindled no more.

No, thank God, with all our faults, we in this free, and happy England, at any rate, having rejected the intolerance of the past, and the "odium, theologicum" of controversy, are only anxious, nay resolved, to stand fast in the golden liberty of peace and toleration, of charity and consideration, of fraternal sympathy, and fraternal goodwill, as the members one and all of the great family of the human race.

We do not quarrel with those who earnestly contend for the faith they prize, the denomination which they love. All honour to the faithful and true of all religious bodies, but, we do ask once for all, that, we as Freemasons may be left alone by those who have no province to interfere with our proceedings, or to anathematise our principles, left alone to enjoy our undoubted right as peaceable and loyal English citizens, left alone to proclaim to others in all of genuine gentleness and love, our unchanged and unchanging principles, as Freemasons, of "Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth."

THE MASONIC CHARITIES.

By a misprint "Walker" was substituted for "Watson" in our first leader the week before last, for which we apologise to Bro. Henry Watson. Bro. Binckes' able letter which appeared in our last impression, does not touch the main point we were anxious to impress upon our readers, upon himself and his brother Secretaries.

What we were desirous to call attention to, was the systematic advertisement by the charities themselves of their annual meetings, their committee meetings, their festivals, their elections, and the results of their elections.

We have casual advertisements, it is true now, and then, probably, of all the three charities, but no general rule or regular system of advertisement. If one charity does advertise this time, another charity does not, and if one result is announced by one institution, another is not by another, and so vice versa.

Hence the Craft as a body are practically in ignorance of the current business, of these our most interesting representatives, and they suffer exceedingly.

For it is one thing for the "Stewards" of the festival to advertise the festival, and it is quite good one for the Charities to advertise their own and proper proceedings! If there were no advertisements at all, though we might doubt the policy, we should have no "casus querimonie" but as the charities do advertise, all we ask is, that, whatever they do for non-Masonic papers, we may fairly receive a few "crumbs" as a brother "Freemason."

A large portion of the Craft never sees the *Times* or other London papers, and though it is true that on the principle of the largest circulation, probably, the *Times* is the paper for such advertisement, yet Bro. Binckes and his brother Secretaries should remember, that, the object of advertising at all is not to announce the fact to the non-Masonic public, but to obtain regular and liberal support from our own Order. Bro. J. H. Coates's letter in our last issue is entirely to the point, and he has put, in his own way, what we have before contended, that, what is wanted is more systematic support, be it large or little, from every lodge. At this moment a few zealous brethren and a few active lodges support practically, our great charities.

We think Bro. Coates's suggestion is a very good one for lodge subscriptions of small sums, which will enable them to benefit the charities and to obtain a perpetual vote or votes for the W.M., or some other officer of the lodge.

We thank Bro. Binckes once more, for his friendly and fraternal letter, and trust, that, every success may attend his praiseworthy efforts, on behalf of that excellent institution, of which he is the valued Secretary, while we shall hope in due time to chronicle an equally successful result for the efforts of Bro. R. W. Little, as Secretary for the Girls' School.

WEEKLY SUMMARY.

Her Majesty has returned to Windsor Castle, after a short visit in London of two days last week, and having held a drawing-room on Thursday last at Buckingham Palace.

Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales are expected to pass through Dover for London, on their return journey from Russia, on Thursday next, the 5th.

According to the latest arrangements, the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh will leave St. Petersburg on the morning of the 28th ult. on their journey to England, and arrive at Berlin at midday on the 2d inst. They will remain there until Tuesday evening, when they will leave for Cologne in company with the Duke and Duchess of Flanders, and will arrive at that city on Wednesday morning. In the afternoon the Royal party will leave Cologne for Brussels, and arrive there about 9 in the evening. Their Royal Highnesses will remain at the Belgian capital the whole of Thursday and up to the afternoon of the following day, when they will leave for Ostend, cross the Straits in the Royal yacht *Alberta*, and disembark at Gravesend. The arrival at Gravesend is fixed for 9 o'clock in the morning of the 7th of March, and the Duke and Duchess will proceed direct to Waterloo station, and thence to Windsor. The Royal couple are expected to arrive at Windsor about 1 o'clock, and their Royal Highnesses will be received on the platform by members of the Royal Family and the Mayor and Corporation of the borough. Their Royal Highnesses will be escorted through the town to the Castle by a detachment of Life Guards, and a guard of honour formed by a detachment of Foot Guards will also be present. The *cortège* will proceed from the station through the town, and enter the Castle by the gateway facing the Long Walk. The Queen will receive the Royal couple on their arrival at the Castle, and the visit is expected to extend until the 12th. Their Royal Highnesses will then take up their residence at Buckingham Palace, where they will receive the various congratulatory addresses and remain until the close of the London season. Her Majesty the Queen will accompany their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh on their public entry into London on the 12th proximo. The route will be from the Great Western Railway Station along London-street, Grand Junction-road, Edgware-road, Oxford-street, Regent-street, and Waterloo-place, to Buckingham Palace. On or about the 7th of October, their Royal Highnesses will take up their residence at Clarence House, the alterations of which are being rapidly pushed forward, and which will by that time be ready for their reception. On the 14th of next month a grand performance will be given at the Albert Hall, when Her Majesty the Queen, the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh, and several other members of the Royal Family are expected to be present. A magnificent service of gold plate is about to be presented to the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh. It is for twenty-four persons, and includes a centre-piece, four candelabra, to hold twenty-two candles, a pair of claret-pitchers, a pair of sugar-vases, two large oval and four round fruit stands, twelve figured salt-cellars, and a loving cup; but its most striking feature is a large epergne, bearing the following inscription on its hexagonal plateau:—"Presented to H.I.H. the Grand Duchess Marie Alexandrovna of Russia, on her marriage with Captain his Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh, R.N., K.G., by the officers of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines."

While driving to the deanery at Oxford on Thursday afternoon, Prince Leopold's horse fell in turning a sharp corner leading into Oriel-street, but his Royal Highness received no injury beyond a severe shaking. It is expected that on Saturday evening, March 7, after the arrival of the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh at Windsor Castle, all the members of the Royal family who may be in England will assemble at a private dinner party with Her Majesty. On the following Monday a grand State banquet will be given by Her Majesty in St. George's Hall, in honour of the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh, at which there will be about 150 guests. Her Majesty's private band and the band of one of the regiments of Guards will, it is expected, be present and play during the banquet. During the stay of the Duke and Duchess there will be great festivities at the Castle. The Great Western

and the London and South-Western Railway Companies will run special trains to and from Windsor on Saturday, and there will probably be a large influx of visitors on the occasion. Great and loyal preparations are being made at Gravesend for the reception of the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh on the 7th March, 120 young ladies, all very good-looking, have been selected to act as flower-strewers, and are going through a preparatory drill.

H.R.H. the Duke of Cambridge presided at a numerous meeting of the Governors of King's College last week with great ability and tact, and a resolution was passed to submit the questions in dispute between the House Committee and St. John's Hospital to the arbitration of two persons. It is said that those eminent statesmen, Lord Selborne and Lord Hatherley, (both by the way Wykehamists,) are to be arbitrators. Let us hope that their arbitration will result in the continuance of the present system of good and skilful nursing.

The appointments to the new ministry are nearly complete. It is understood that the Duke of Abercorn returns to Ireland, Col. Wilson Patten is to be raised to the peerage, Sir Henry Barkly, Governor of the Cape, and Sir John P. Grant, late Governor of Jamaica, have been appointed Grand Cross of the Order of St. M. and St. G.; the Marquis of Normanby, Governor of Queensland; Sir Alfred Stephen, late Chief Justice of New South Wales; Sir James M'Culloch, formerly First Minister of Victoria; Mr. John O'Shanassy, also formerly First Minister of Victoria; and Mr. John Scott, late Governor of British Guiana, have been appointed Knights Commanders; and Mr. George Berkerly, Governor of the West African Settlements; Major Robert M. Mundy, Governor of British Honduras; Mr. W. W. Cairns, Governor of Trinidad; Mr. Henry T. Irving, Governor of the Leeward Islands; and Mr. W. H. Rennie, Governor of St. Vincent, have been appointed Companions of the Order.

Mr. E. Herslet, Librarian and Keeper of State Papers at the Foreign-office, Mr. J. Milton, Accountant-General of the Army, and Mr. Reginald Earle Welby, Principal Financial Clerk in the Treasury, have been appointed Civil C.S.'s

Mr. Crum-Ewing, late, M.P. for Paisley, is to be Lord-Lieutenant of Dumbartonshire.

It is understood that Mr. Cardwell, will not surrender the name by which he has been so long and honourably known in the House of Commons, but will sit in the House of Peers under the title of Viscount Cardwell of Ellerbeck.

Mr. Cross has appointed Mr. Kynvett, as his private Secretary at the Home office.

The Castro trial is over, and the great impostor and imposture are at last unmasked and condemned. The sympathy of the English people for the matter had been generally we think, misunderstood. A great amount of it certainly arose from that love of fair play, and English good feeling to the troubled and friendless and persecuted and wronged, so creditable to our nation. Now that it is clear that their sympathy and kindness have been utterly misplaced, all feel, that not only ought Mr. Orton to be punished, but that it is a great pity he can't get a little more. From first to last, chicanery, imposture, fraud, and lying have marked the progress of the case, but at last the stern voice of justice has been heard and our lenient but effective law, and the borrowed plumage of the "Jay" is gone to return no more. All will rejoice at the vindication of Lady Radeliffe's honour, and all will approve of and applaud the Lord Chief Justice's well-merited castigation of Dr. Kennedy. The prisoner is very comfortably in Newgate, and will have time, in fourteen years of penal servitude, to remember his shamelessness, his villainy and his crime. Never was there such a trial in the annals of our country, and let us hope that we may never see such another. What it has cost the country no one knows.

Last Thursday London was startled by some Reporter's telegram from Cape Coast Castle, which anticipated the official message, but which by some proved to be wrong. On Friday we were all reassured by the following official telegram from Sir George Walsley:—

"COOMASSIE, Feb. 5.

"Reached this place yesterday after five days' hard fighting. Troops behaved admirably.

"Officers killed.—Captain Buckle, R.E., Captain [O'Neil or Nicol, Hants Militia, Lieutenant] Eyre, 19th Foot. All other casualties under 300.

"The King has left the town, but is close by, and says he will pay me a visit to-day to sign the Treaty of Peace.

"I hope to commence my march to the Coast to-morrow. All wounded doing well. Health generally good. Despatches follow by special fast steamer.

"G. H. PARKIN, Captain and Senior Officer.

"Present brought to Gibraltar by the transport E. Martin, No. 14."

* Words in brackets not clear.

The following telegram was received at the Admiralty this morning:—

"HEAD QUARTERS, COOMASSIE, Feb. 5.

"(From Commodore Hewett, V.C.)

"The army under Sir Garnet Wolseley entered Coomassie yesterday after five days' hard fighting. Casualties of the force about 300 killed and wounded. In the Naval Brigade seven officers wounded, two men killed and thirty-six wounded.

"Treaty expected to be signed to-day.

"(Signed) G. H. PARKIN, Captain and Senior Officer, Cape Coast.

"Sent by the E. Martin transport, to Gibraltar."

The next accounts will be most interesting.

We fear that the recent accounts seem to confirm the report of Dr. Livingstone's death, but we suspend our belief, still hoping perhaps against hope.

Abroad there is not much to report. General Moriones has failed, and we should think by this time is in a "pretty considerable fix." We shall never be surprised to hear of another Carlist victory and the fall of Bilbao.

We have to announce the deaths of Lady Houghton, the amiable wife of Lord Houghton; of the Dowager Duchess of Argyle, of the Duchess of Buckingham, and of the Countess of Northesk Chandos, of Lord Massey, of Lieutenant-General Garstin, R.A., of Lieutenant-Col. Adams, Royal Military College, of Lieut. Colonel H. Johnson, of Major Fife, of Captain A. L. Buckle, R.E., of Vice-Admiral Sir Andrew S. H. Greene, of Frank Munyer, R.N., Knight of the Legion of Honour and Medjidie, of Thomas Norris Hearn, retired Commander R.N., of the Rev. Thomas Binney, LL.D., Minister of the Weigh House Chapel for upwards of forty years. We have also to announce with regret the death, off Cape Coast Castle, of Capt. William Harris Blake, R.N., of H.M.S. Druid, and late in command of the Naval Brigade on the march to Coomassie. Mr. Shirley Brooks, the editor of *Punch*, died in his fifty-ninth year on Monday last. He was originally intended for the legal profession, and passed a distinguished examination with that view, but aving a preference for literature, he devoted himself to journalism and play-writing with so much success as to determine him to adhere to the literary profession. He was the author of several novels, including "Aspen Court," "The Arabian Knot," "The Silver Cord," and "Sooner or Later." He contributed political articles to the *Illustrated London News*, and had lately written a weekly column in that journal, and "Notes by the Way."

Original Correspondence

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

THE PRESENT POSITION OF OUR MASONIC CHARITIES.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In my former letter I purposely contented myself with little more than an allusion to anything practical in the shape of an answer to the question in your leading article, "How can we make the support of our great charities more regular, in our Order?" intending to devote a second letter to its consideration.

I have been to a great extent anticipated by Bro. James H. Coates, W.M. 949, Sunderland, whose letter in your last number contains many excellent suggestions. Let me, however, before dealing with these, or offering others, disabuse Bro. Coates of a misapprehension he seems to share, in common with you, that a considerable sum is annually spent by our Institution in advertising in non-Masonic journals.

A reference to our accounts, about to be circulated, will show that the entire amount expended in the past year in advertising by this Institution scarcely exceeded £35, and of this a great portion was necessitated by special requirements, which could only be met by a resort to non-Masonic publications.

The lack of continuous annual subscriptions is severely felt, and in this direction there is much to be accomplished. But how? The officials of our institutions cannot possibly get at the whole of the individual members of the Order. What they can, they do, and that is by placing themselves in communication with the Provincial Grand Secretaries, the W. Masters and Secretaries of lodges, and so endeavouring to avail themselves of the valuable assistance which our sectional organisation would seem so well calculated to afford. These communications, however, fail in effect, because, unhappily, it is too often the custom to disregard or ignore printed appeals. In how many lodges are read the circulars soliciting the services of brethren as Stewards at the Anniversary Festivals, or those with statistics and information on which are based the calls for special assistance, compiled as these are with care and no inconsiderable labour.

I see no remedy for this, and other similar instances which might be adduced, but the adoption by every lodge of the practice which obtains in some, with best results, that of appointing a "Charity Steward," whose duty shall be to bring permanently before the lodge—home to each member of it—every question bearing upon, or connected with, the charitable institutions of the Order. For the trouble thus thrown upon such officers—in my opinion—on the principle that "the labourer is worthy of his hire," they should receive remuneration.

I quite agree with Bro. Coates that there are a large number of our brethren who cannot afford to contribute even a guinea annually to the funds of the institutions, but who would be perfectly willing to assist them with such smaller sums as they could justifiably spare, and these the "Charity Stewards" would sedulously cultivate.

He would further see that an offertory, in some shape or other, took place on each night of meeting, and from this source alone—were the practice universal—in a manner unfelt by anyone, a substantial revenue in aid would accrue.

From the funds of the Lodge there ought to be a regular annual contribution, strictly enforced, as a means of support, on which reliance could always be placed. I ventured to state, at a recent meeting of the Lodge of Tranquility, that in my opinion every lodge ought to contribute in each year from its funds not less than five guineas to each of the Masonic institutions, and so favourably was this received, that in the report in your paper, it may be seen that notice of motion to that effect was given immediately.

The "Masonic Charitable Associations," happily multiplying, are doing an immense amount

of service, by bringing in as members, many who not caring to contribute largely in one sum, are perfectly willing to do so by easy instalments, and through the medium of these associations there must necessarily be a very considerable diffusion of information with reference to our Institutions.

The means by which similar good may be accomplished are numberless, but they will be only partially adopted until every Mason is brought to the recognition of a duty positively incumbent upon him in supporting our institutions, so long as he is in a position to do so, to an extent commensurate with his ability. This duty his O.B. imposes upon him; to exceed that ability, or in any way to do anything detrimental to the interests of himself or his family, no one could wish or desire.

There is one subject which has often pressed itself upon my attention, and which I to have alluded in private, and that is the singular absence of any addition to our funds in the shape of legacies. It is rarely that a day passes without seeing in the public prints a long list of bequests to charitable institutions under the will of some wealthy philanthropist. In such list the names of the Masonic Institutions are conspicuous by their absence. Why? For this reason, as we are told. They are class institutions, and ought to look for support to the members of the Order to which they are attached. But Freemasons themselves do not bequeath any portion of their gifts to institutions in the welfare of which they took in life an active interest. How many noble and wealthy members of the Order, from their position in which they derived prestige and influence, have passed away, and in the distribution of their riches, while remembering certain of the general charities of the country, have altogether overlooked or forgotten those institutions, which they ever regarded as their own?

The question of Masonic charity and how best to foster it is absolutely inexhaustible. For the present, however, I forbear, but sincerely trust that now that the subject has again been ventilated, will not be allowed to drop, but that many earnest workers will give their attention to it with a view to derive the most efficacious means of enlisting the sympathies of the many thousands who are proud of being ranged under our banners, but who have, hitherto been extremely remiss in the discharge of this first and most bounden duty.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother, your's faithfully and fraternally,

FREDERICK BINCKES.

Secy., Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, Freemasons' Hall, London.
3rd March, 1874.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,

The suggestive remarks on the above subject, by Bro. Jas. H. Coates, in your last issue, cannot fail to engage the serious attention of all who are interested in promoting the prosperity of the Masonic Charities. There can be but one opinion as to the necessity of more energetic exertion in the noble cause. The vast increase in the number of lodges, and consequently of members, naturally involves a greater percentage of applicants for relief. Year by year candidates for either institution augment, and for the great majority of applications there is scarcely a chance. It is to be lamented that the institutions should be so limited in the operations, and the question is: what can legitimately be adopted to place the charities in a position to enable them to keep pace with the ever-increasing demand for their power. Bro. Coates' suggestion for the managers of the different charities to devise some organization by which small sums might be collected, may possibly be tolerably effective, provided, as he very properly observes, the countenance and support of the higher powers could be obtained, failing which, success, I am sure is very doubtful. We have sufficient experience in this matter; propositions emanating from the rank and file—be they ever so beneficial—may sometimes be seconded by the enthusiastic few, but receive scant and

WINE AND SPIRITS (Foreign) on which duty was paid in London by some of the principal Firms in the past year.

WINES (Foreign)		SPIRITS (Foreign)	
	Gallons		Gallons
A. Gibby	80,999	W. & A. Gibby	300,504
Wall, Portal & Co.	149,949	Twiss & Browning	180,528
J. Coates	131,484	Daniel Taylor & Sons	177,500
W. & C. Co.	124,513	Trower and Lawson	151,974
Cooper & Sons	115,887	Diggwall, Portal & Co.	137,660
& Co.	101,933	R. Hooper & Sons	99,139
J. Taylor & Sons	98,750	Galbraith, Grant & Co.	78,954
Halg & Co.	86,039	E. S. Pick & Co.	66,488
Urwick & Co.	84,574	R. Barnett & Son	66,448
Smith, Junr. & Co.	84,218	Dunn & Vallentin	54,250
James & Co.	84,063	Osmond & Co.	44,139
W. & O. Co.	79,396	J. Allnut, Junr. & Co.	44,705
W. & W. Co.	74,437	Hills & Underwood	43,826
Greger & Co.	71,624	Fuleher & Robtison	43,383
J. Stern	71,624	Bischoff, Dubouché & Co.	43,383

the preceding there were upwards of 2000 Firms who pay duty on Wines and Spirits in less quantities than those above cited.—*Wine Trade Review*, 25th January, 1874.

apathetic support from the general Masonic body. Take the associations formed for the purpose of securing life governorships to subscribers by payment of the small sum of one shilling per week. Most of them are languishing for want of co-operation, some, it is true, are prosperous, but that is owing to the steady industry and activity of the managers, for if the collecting of the weekly subscriptions was left to the members, total collapse would speedily result.

We may safely take it for granted that every brother would be glad to contribute to the extent of his power towards the institutions, and the question to determine is, how can these small amounts be effectively and inexpensively collected. I do not know whether what I am about to suggest is practicable, but to mention it can do harm, namely, that the Grand Lodge should enact a regulation to make it imperative for every subscribing member to pay, besides his lodge dues, an additional five shillings for and towards the charities, the same to be optional to life Governors and life and annual subscribers, I am sure no member of any lodge would object to so trifling an extra charge. I would also suggest that the notices for the festivals should be distributed at least a couple of months prior to the event, to allow ample time for intending Stewards to visit lodges and chapters, to enable them to secure subscriptions. I heartily join Bro. Coates in his demand "Will some distinguished brother take the lead?" An authoritative appeal to the brethren cannot fail to succeed. I have never found unwillingness on the part of any individual member to support the charities, and with rare exceptions have I ever asked in vain. Some weeks ago I visited a lodge where an appeal to support the private Benevolent Fund was at once responded to by subscriptions amounting to £26 5s. Therefore we may conclude that were opportunity given, the claims of the charities made conspicuous, and kindred measures adopted, brethren might display their glittering jewels and participate in the joys of the banquetting table, and yet assist in making Masonry, pure and simple, a living reality.

Like many others, Bro. Coates has some idea that love of display and a good appetite are incompatible with a sympathetic heart and benevolent spirit. Those who observe know well the contrary to be the case. Bro. Coates's letter will have done good service, if it only provokes discussion upon this important question.

Yours fraternally,
E. GOTTHEIL, P.M. and P.Z.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

The following extract may be interesting to some of your readers. It is taken from an article in "Macmillan's Magazine" for February, 1870, on the "Constitution," promulgated by Pius IX at the beginning of the twenty-first Ecumenical Council. Speaking of the Bulla Coenae, the writer (Emanuel Deutsch) says;—"Then came Clement XIV, who abrogated it, and then—exactly a hundred years later—Pius IX, who renewed it in the shape now before us. We can but briefly glance at the rest of the edict, which embodies what obsolete "extra" cases it has been deemed proper thus solemnly to revive, referring such of our readers as are eager for some details to Mansi, Phillips, Hefele, Le Bret, Hausmann, Raumer, and the acts and histories of the Church generally. . . . Cursed are, further, all Freemasons and Carbonari. It was at the Council of Avignon, in 1325, that all secret societies were first condemned. But Freemasons, as such, of whose existence Clement XII. had heard a rumour, were especially anathematized by him in a Bull. And the Inquisitors received strict orders to look after the orthodoxy of the supposed brethren. Benedict XIV renewed this "Constitution," giving six reasons for so doing, and its last Papal confirmation dates 1846, and is signed Pius IX."

The date of the latest allocation against secret societies (Freemasons, Fenians, &c.) is, I believe, Sept. 25, 1865.

It appears then that Father Cuffe, in refusing to bury a deceased Freemason, was justified by the laws of his church. However much, therefore, we deplore the continued hostility of the Roman Catholic Hierarchy to a society founded on the great principles of brotherly love, relief and truth—objects which the Church itself professes to aim at—we must not too hastily, ourselves failing for a moment in that Christian charity which thinketh no evil, condemn as unwarrantable the conduct of a priest, who is bound to obey his ecclesiastical superiors. His practice is simply in accordance with the preaching of the Roman Catholic Church. We can only confess with regret, that, to apply the concluding words of the article above referred to, "they are both signs of the times as singular as they are humiliating."

Yours faithfully and fraternally,
H. C. L.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.
For the Week ending Friday, March 13, 1874.

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

Saturday, March 7.

- General Committee, Boys' School at 4.
- Lodge 142, St. Thomas's, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.
- Chap. 975, Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew-bridge.
- Knight Templar Preceptory, 127, Bard of Aron, Hampton Court.
- Manchester Lodge of Instruction (179), Yorkshire Grey, 77, London-street, Fitzroy-square, at 8; Bro. H. Ash, Preceptor.
- Lily Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, Surrey.
- Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. G. Dilley, Preceptor.

Monday, March 9.

- Lodge 5, St. George's and Corner Stone, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 29, St. Alban's, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.
- " 59, Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 90, St. John's, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.
- " 136, Good Report, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
- " 193, Confidence, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.
- " 222, St. Andrew's, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-st.
- " 879, Southwark, Southwark-park Tavern, Southwark-park.
- " 1366, Highgate, Gatehouse Hotel, Highgate.
- Chap. 23, Mount Zion, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st.
- Mark Benevolent Association, Coach and Horses, Strand, at 8.
- Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction (1445), Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland, at 7; Bro. T. Austin, Preceptor.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Metropolitan Mark Lodge of Instruction, Coach and Horses Hotel, 323, Strand, at 8.

Tuesday, March 10.

- odge 46, Old Union, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
- " 96, Burlington, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.
- " 166, Union, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-st.
- " 180, St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 198, Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
- " 211, St. Michael's, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.
- " 228, United Strength, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate.
- " 235, Nine Muses.
- " 548, Wellington, White Swan Tavern, Deptford.
- " 917, Cosmopolitan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
- " 933, Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.
- Chap. 185, Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 857, St. Mark's, Freemasons' Hall.
- Yarborough Lodge of Instruction, Green Dragon Steepy, at 8; Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.
- Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tavern, Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 8.
- Faith Lodge of Instruction, Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Preceptor.

- Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Lord's Hotel, Lord's Cricket Ground, St. John's-wood, at 8; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.
- Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. Crawley, Preceptor.
- Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st, Within, at 7.30; Bro. Bolton, W.M. 1227, Preceptor.
- St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, New-street, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
- Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (55), Wheathead Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey (P.M. 180), Preceptor.

Wednesday, March 11.

Anniversary Festival Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, (See advertisement.)

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at 3.

Lodge 11, Enoch, Freemasons' Hall.

" 13, Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, William-st. Woolwich.

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

" 147, Justice, White Swan, High-st, Deptford.

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

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

" 781, Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdet-road, Limehouse.

" 820, Lily of Richmond, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond.

" 1017, Montefiore, Freemasons' Hall.

" 1260, Hervey, Swan Hotel, Walham-green.

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

Chap. 1260, Hervey, Britannia Hotel, Walham-green.

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

United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.

Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction (1288), Finsbury Park Tavern, Seven Sisters'-road, N., at 8; Bro. P. Dickinson, Acting Preceptor.

Thursday, March 12.

Lodge 19, Royal Athelstan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.

" 91, Regularity, Freemasons' Hall.

" 206, Friendship, Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street.

" 263, Bank of England, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.

" 534, Polish National, Freemasons' Hall.

" 657, Canonbury, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.

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

" 1076, Capper, Marine Hotel, Victoria Dock.

" 1288, Finsbury Park, Finsbury-park Tavern, Seven Sisters'-road, N.

" 1321, Emblematic, Tulse-hill Hotel, Tulse-hill.

Chap. 72, Royal Jubilee, Horns, Tavern, Kennington.

" 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Steepy.

" 619, Beadon, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue.

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

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

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

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

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

Highgate Lodge of Instruction (1366), Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.

Friday, March 13.

Lodge 33, Britannic, Freemasons' Hall.

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

" 157, Bedford, Freemasons' Hall.

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

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.

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

St. George's Lodge of Instruction (140), Globe Tavern, Royal-hill, Greenwich.

Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st, Regent-st., at 8.

Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, (749), Coach and Horses Strand, at 8; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.

Stability Lodge of Instruction (217), Guildhall Tavern Gresham-st., at 6 p.m.; Bro. H. Muggersidge, Preceptor.

Panmure Lodge of Instruction (790), Bellamy Hotel, Bellamy, at 7.30.

Unions Emulation Lodge of Instruction (M.M.'s Freemasons' Hall, at 7.30.

Temperance Lodge of Instruction, at 7.30.

- Burdett Courts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park, at 8; Bro. Geo. W. Verry, Preceptor.
- Clapton Lodge of Instruction, White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., Preceptor.
- Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1298), the Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. W. F. Rogers, Preceptor.
- Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-road, at 8; Comp. W. West Smith, Preceptor.
- Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (733), Horse and Groom's Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8.
- Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Bro. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.
- United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Antelope Tavern, Lorn-road, Brixton, at 7.
- St. James's Lodge of Instruction, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-road, Bermondsey, at 8; Bro. Howes, P.M., Preceptor.
- Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Bro. D. S. Potts, Preceptor.
- Doric Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8.
- Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8; Bro. P. M. Wuest, Preceptor.
- St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Ross Tavern, Folham-road, S.W.
- Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.
- High Cross Lodge of Instruction (754), Coach and Horses Tavern, High Road, Tottenham, at 8.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE,
For the Week ending Saturday, March 14, 1874.

- Monday, March 9.
 - Lodge 314, Peace and Unity, Militia Mess Room, Preston.
 - " 477, Mersey, 55, Argyle-street, Birkenhead, at 6.
 - " 1021, Hartington, Masonic Hall, Barrow-in-Furness.
 - " 1398, Baldwin, Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.
 - Chap. 148, Elias Ashmole, Chapter-rooms, Warrington, at 6.30.
- Tuesday, March 10.
 - Lodge 241, Merchants', Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 5.
 - " 1140, Gilbert Greenall, Masonic Rooms, Warrington.
 - Chap. 537, Zion, 9, Hamilton-square, Birkenhead.
 - " 613, Bridson, Masonic Hall, Southport, at 7.
 - Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 7.
- Wednesday, March 11.
 - Lodge 281, Fortitude, Athenæum, Lancaster.
 - " 1023, Callender, Public Hall, Rusholme.
 - " 1094, Temple, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 - " 1356, De Grey and Ripon, 140, North Hill-street, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 6.
 - Chap. 673, St. John's, 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 8.
 - Neptune Lodge of Instruction (1264), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 7.
- Thursday, March 12.
 - Lodge 116, Harmonie, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, at 5.
 - " 333, Royal Preston, Victoria Garrison Hotel, Fulwood, near Preston.
 - " 786, Croxteth United Service, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 - " 1035, Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, at 6.
 - " 1213, Bridgewater, Cross Keys Hotel, Patricroft, near Manchester.
 - Chap. 220, Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, near Liverpool, at 5.
 - Mariners' Lodge of Instruction (249), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 8.
 - Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction (1182), 150, Park-lane, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 7.
- Friday, March 13.
 - Lodge 1289, Rock, Rock Ferry Hotel, Rock Ferry, at 6.
 - Chap. 249, Mariners', Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW.
For the week ending Saturday, March 14, 1874.
All the Meetings take place at 8 o'clock.

- Monday, March 9.
 - Lodge 102, St. Mark, 213, Buchanan-st.
 - 209, Star, 12, Trongate.
 - 362, St. Clair, 25, Robertson-st.
- Tuesday, March 10.
 - Lodge 413, Athole, 213, Buchanan-st.
 - 419, Neptune, 35, St. James-st.
 - 410, Glasgow, 22, Struthers-st.
 - Chap. 69, St. Andrew, 170, Buchanan-st.
- Wednesday, March 11.
 - Lodge 178, Scotia, 170, Buchanan-st.
 - 333, St. George, 213, Buchanan-st.
 - 113, Partick, St. Mary's Hall, Partick.
- Thursday, March 12.
 - Lodge 50, Glasgow, 213, Buchanan-st.
- Friday, March 13.
 - Lodge 144, St. Rollox, Garngad-road.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH.
For the week ending Saturday, March 14, 1874.

- Monday, March 9.
 - Lodge 148, St. Stephen, Masonic Hall, Writers'-court, High-st.
- Tuesday, March 10.
 - Lodge 1, Mary's Chapel, Waterloo Hotel, Waterloo-place, at 8.

- " 151, Defensive Band, Masonic Hall, Blackfriars, at 8.
- Chap. 40, Naval and Military, Freemasons' Hall, George-street, at 8.
- Wednesday, March 11.
 - Lodge 2, Canongate Kilwinning, St. John's Chapel, St. John's-st.
- Chap. 1, Edinburgh, Freemasons' Hall, George-street, at 8.
- Chapter General Knights Templars, Freemasons' Hall, George-st.
- Thursday, March 12.
 - Lodge 8, Journeymen, Masonic Hall, Blackfriars, at 8.
- Friday, March 13.
 - Chap. 56, Canongate Kilwinning, St. John's Chapel, St. John-st.

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The Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge of England was held on Wednesday evening at Freemason's Hall, when there was a very large attendance of brethren, and a great array of Provincial Grand Masters and Past Grand officers. The M.W.G. Master, the Marquess of Ripon, presided, having Lord Balfour of Burleigh in the S.W. chair, and Captain Platt in the J.W. Bro. Gibbs, Dist. G. Master of Bombay, acted as Deputy G.M.; and Bro. Bagshaw, Prov. G.M., Essex, as P.G.M. Among the other notabilities in Freemasonry present we observed the following brethren:—Bros. D. Hamilton, Earl of Shrewsbury, Sir Albert W. Woods, (Garter); Colonel Burdett; F. Roxburgh, Q.C.; Æ. J. McIntyre; J. M. Clabon; Rev. R. J. Simpson; Rev. A. B. Fraser; Rev. C. J. Martyn; S. Rawson; Dr. Hogg; J. B. Monckton; T. Fenn; S. Tomkins; H. J. P. Dumas; Jas. Brett; J. Smith; J. Boyd; Brackstone Baker; J. R. Stebbing; E. S. Snell; T. Adams; W. Ough; J. Coutts; Raynham W. Stewart; Wilhelm Ganz; R. J. Spiers; T. Bradford; Hyde Pullen; Joshua Nunn; John Savage; F. Binckes, and Rev. Sir J. Warren Hayes, &c.

Grand Lodge having been formally opened, Grand Secretary read the following letter from the President of the Board of General Purposes:—

"42, Sussex-gardens, March 4th, 1874.
"Dear Grand Secretary,—Will you express to Grand Lodge my regret at not being able to attend in my place to-morrow, and explain that it is due to serious and long-protracted illness.

"Yours truly,
"HORACE LLOYD,
President of the Board of General Purposes."

I am sure, my Lord, said Grand Secretary, very member of Grand Lodge will hear that after read with very great regret. (Hear, hear.) Grand Secretary, by command of the M.W.G.M., read the regulations for the government of Grand Lodge, as is usual at the March Quarterly Communication; and afterwards read the notes of last Quarterly Communication, which were read and carried unanimously.

The next business was the election of the M.W.G.M. for the year, whereupon—

Bro. Standish Grove Grady rose and said: M.W.G.M. and brethren, the Grand Secretary just read to you the nomination of Grand Master which I had the honour of making at the Quarterly Communication of this Grand Lodge in December, and I now rise with feelings of very sincere pleasure and gratification to lay the keystone upon that nomination by re-electing the Most Hon. the Marquess of Ripon, Grand Master of our Order, for the ensuing year. (Applause.) When I had the honour of making the nomination it was with the unanimous approval of this Grand Lodge as confident it is of every member of the Order, of whose wishes, feelings and sentiments, approval will be the faithful echo. During the past year the Marquess of Ripon has done us the honour to fill the throne of our Order, the duties of its members, and the extent of its success have been unprecedented in former times, and its success has been marked by one continuous series of prosperity and unanimity. It is necessary in such an assembly as I am now the honour of addressing to adduce proofs of observation, they are to be found in the facts which I have formerly alluded to as well as in the fidelity and loyalty of the Craft to its principles, and in its adherence and devotion to those principles upon which our Order is founded. I cannot but regard the present and prospects of the Craft and its unparalleled success with the utmost satisfaction; and I am confident that the nobleman whom we have the good fortune and happiness to have to govern our Institution, of whose wisdom and good sense our country has had an opportunity of knowing, whose mind is enriched by the highest principles upon which our Order is founded, and who is the embodiment of those

of those precepts and of those prac-

tices of our Order who serve him with the allegiance of loyal subjects.

In re-electing the Most Hon. the Marquess of Ripon as Grand Master of our Order, we assure him in the most emphatic manner of the high estimation in which we regard his acceptance of that office, the assiduous attention which he has devoted to the interests of the Craft, and the administration of our affairs amidst his other numerous engagements, the dignity and courtesy with which he treats every member of the Craft, and the firmness, ability, and impartiality with which he has discharged the duties of his exalted station and office. Brethren, I ask you unanimously and with acclamation to re-elect the Most Hon. the Marquess of Ripon, Grand Master of our Order for the ensuing year. (Great applause.)

Bro. Long seconded the motion, and was sure the proposition would be received with hearty unanimity. He also trusted that his Lordship would long continue to preside over Grand Lodge.

The motion was put and carried unanimously and his Lordship was saluted in due form by Grand Lodge.

The M.W.G.M., who on rising was received with hearty cheers, said: Brethren, I beg now to return you my warmest thanks for the great honour which you have just been pleased again to confer upon me. I hope that I need not tell you how highly I appreciate that honour conferred once more with complete unanimity by this great assembly of Masons as thoroughly and completely representing the Craft throughout the country. I assure you, all those of you who are here present, and those whom you represent alike, of the deep sense of gratitude by which I am animated at this renewed proof of your confidence, and I am very happy to be able once more to congratulate you upon the prosperous condition of the Craft at the present time. The Worshipful Brother who proposed my re-election in terms so much too kind and flattering, spoke of that great prosperity and of the truly Masonic Harmony which runs throughout the Craft in every part of the country. Brethren, that is true; but it is not to me as your Grand Master that that happy condition of things is due. I inherited that great heritage of prosperity and harmony from one who during the year that has passed away has been removed from amongst us, from one who had laid the foundation of that prosperity and harmony by a quarter of a century of untiring labour and by continued action, with the one desire to promote the prosperity and harmony of the Craft by every means in his power. When you succeed to such an inheritance, and have to rule a great community in quiet and peaceful times the task is easy. Little credit, therefore, on that score is due to me; but it is indeed a proud thing to be called, to stand at the head of a body of men who, while in the midst of such great prosperity and with ever-increasing numbers, are able to boast—as boast we can in these days of Masonry—that there has not been during the past twelvemonth a single cloud for one moment to over-shadow the perfect brilliancy of our Masonic Harmony. (Hear, hear.) That is a thing of which we may justly be proud, because it shews that we have been acting in the true spirit of this ancient Craft, and that we have been animated by those great principles which we ought ever to remember, and which, be it recollected, we ought to remember even more constantly and more unsparingly when we have to meet not the trials—the purifying trials as they often are—of adversity, but when we have to meet the trials, which are no less great, which attend upon all communities in times of peculiar prosperity.

I trust that we shall always bear in mind the duties that that prosperity casts upon us, that we shall always recollect that the strength of the Order does not lie in the number of its lodges or in the increasing roll of its members; but that it lies in the spirit by which those members are animated, and which lives and breathes in those lodges. (Hear, hear.) It is because I hope that those principles are deep-written in the hearts of all that I do esteem it a great hon-

our once more to be called to preside over you. (Cheers.)

The next business on the paper, is the election of a Grand Treasurer.

Bro. Pearce (33): M.W.G.M. and Brethren, it is my great pleasure to have to propose to you the re-election of our brother Samuel Tomkins as the Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year. I am perfectly prepared, brethren, to hear some indication of great approval when the name of that brother is mentioned. His great fitness and his ability to serve in that position, coupled with, I may say, the large brotherly virtues that he possesses, must be a great recommendation to you all. If I were to go over those many virtues, I should only be travelling in the well-trodden path that many brethren have done before me; and, therefore, I would only say that I shall content myself—because I know it would be most consonant with the feelings of that brother I have mentioned that this proposition should be made in as modest a way as possible, but more modest than I think it really deserves—by proposing, Most Worshipful Grand Master, that our brother Samuel Tomkins be re-elected Grand Treasurer. (Cheers.)

Bro. Grunning (4): I beg most cordially to second the proposition. It is scarcely easy for us to give an adequate proof of our confidence in him; but a renewed expression of it is the best we can give.

Carried unanimously.
The M.W.G.M. in informing Grand Treasurer of the brethren's choice expressed his own hearty concurrence in the choice they had made.

Bro. S. Tomkins: M.W.G.M. and brethren, I assure you it is with very great pleasure that I receive this renewed testimony of your kind feelings of regard. It has been a very great pleasure and a great honour for me to fill the office of Grand Treasurer for so many years; I may say the longer I hold it the more pleasure I have in holding it. Especially it is a great honour to be connected with the Craft in such times, as our Grand Master has said, of pre-eminent prosperity. Long, brethren, and Worshipful Master, may that prosperity continue. I have nothing more to say, but I heartily thank you for your kindness in re-electing me (applause).

The Report of the Lodge of Benevolence for the last Quarter, in which are recommendations for the following grants, was then brought up.

The widow of a brother of the Alexandra Lodge, No. 993, Levenshulme £50.

A brother of the Royal Union Lodge, No. 382, Uxbridge £50.

A brother of the Portsmouth Lodge, No. 487, Portsmouth £50.

Bro. J. M. Clabon, President of the Board of Benevolence, in bringing up the report, said: before I proceed to move the recommendations to Grand Lodge, I would beg to remind Grand Lodge that the Board of Benevolence are spending much less than the income they have, that there is a considerable surplus accumulating every year; but the time is coming, I hope, when that surplus will not be invested in dry consols, but will be spent in doing good. (Bro. Clabon then moved, and Bro. Joshua Nunn, Senior Vice-President, seconded, the above three grants, which were carried unanimously; in the third case, on the Motion of Bro. Clabon, seconded by Bro. John Savage, the money to be entrusted to Bro. Clabon to be given as required.)

Bro. John A. Rucker, Vice-President of the Board of General Purposes, brought up the following report:—

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The Board of General Purposes have to report that memorials or complaints having been received from Br. Hemming and others, of the British Oak Lodge, No. 831, Mile-end, in which, amongst other things it was alleged and charged, acknowledged by the W. Master to be true, that and on a regular Lodge night, the W. Master of his own motion called the Lodge off and left the room with his officers, remaining away five hours;

when he returned and resumed the Lodge, the Board duly proceeded to the consideration of the said matters, and summoned before them the several parties.

The W. Master, Brother Hackwell, delivered up the Warrant and Minute Book of the Lodge. The complaining Brethren, the W. Master and others, were severally heard at considerable length, and the Board bestowed great trouble and pains to ascertain the state of feeling amongst the Members, and it is with deep regret that the Board feels itself imperatively called upon in the interests of the Craft to report that the antagonistic feelings prevailing amongst the Members of the British Oak Lodge, No. 831, are such that it appears quite certain that the continued existence and assembling of the Lodge cannot possibly be attended with favourable results either to its own welfare or that of the Craft. Under these circumstances the Board, unwillingly but unanimously, recommend that the Lodge be erased and the Warrant declared forfeited.

The Board consider they should not close this Report without stating, for the information of Grand Lodge, that complaints of a very grave character were heard before them from members of this same British Oak Lodge, No. 831, on August 26th, 1873, when, although the Warrant was returned to the W. Master, he and the Brethren were severely reprimanded by the President, and were then informed by him that the Members of the Board had grave doubts as to whether they ought not then to suspend the Lodge, and earnestly cautioned them as to the future.

(Signed) JOHN A. RUCKER,
Vice-President.

Freemason's Hall, London, W.C.,
17th February, 1874.

Bro. Æ. J. McIntyre, Q.C., Grand Registrar, said: It had been resolved by himself and the other members of Grand Lodge that this case should be asked to be adjudicated upon by the Craft of England. It was a case which had not happened for a great many years that such a resolution had been recommended by the Board of General Purposes. The members of Freemasonry were always careful whenever submission had been made by a lodge, where the Master and Wardens were to be censured it was known that they would have an opportunity of explaining their conduct to Grand Lodge. It had always been the custom of Grand Lodge to give them that benefit. He therefore begged to move "that Lodge 831, should be summoned for the next Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge to shew cause why they should not be erased."

Bro. F. Roxburgh, Q.C., seconded the motion, which was put and carried.

Bro. McIntyre—and I beg also to move that until the next Quarterly Communication the suspension of the lodge be continued.

This was also seconded by Bro. Roxburgh, and carried unanimously.

To the Report of the Board of General Purposes was subjoined a statement of the Grand Lodge Accounts at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 13th day of February instant, shewing a balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer of £4,905 11s. 6d.; and in the hands of the Grand Secretary, for Petty Cash, £75; and for Servants' Wages, £90 17s.

There being no further business before the Grand Lodge it was then formally closed.

KILMARNOCK.—TORCH LIGHT PROCESSION.—

On Friday, Feb. 20, the members of St. Clement Lodge of Masons had a torch light procession. The lodge, preceded by an instrumental band, went through the principal streets to Riccarton, and thence returned to the lodge room in the town. A large crowd followed the novel spectacle.

A Grand Ball will be given by the Domatie lodge (Bro. F. Kent, C.C., W.M.) in aid of the Masonic Charities, on Thursday, April 9th. Full particulars will be duly advertised.

THE RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE.

ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF THE GENERAL GRAND CONCLAVE.

On Monday the annual assembly of the General Grand Conclave of the Masonic and Military Order of the Red Cross of Constantine was held at the Regent Masonic Hall, Regent-street. At six o'clock the armed Knights were drawn up in two lines, and shortly afterwards a procession was formed, and Sir Frederick M. Williams, Bart., M.P., entered the room, passing under an arch of steel, whilst Sir Knight Parker played a solemn march on the organ; and, in the absence of the Earl of Bective, the Most Eminent Grand Viceroy, took his seat on the throne. Sir Knight Colonel Burdett, officiated as the Most Eminent Viceroy.

The grand conclave having been opened in Imperial form, Sir Knt. W.R. Woodman, Grand Recorder, read the following report of the Executive Committee for the past year.

"The Executive Committee have much gratification in submitting their Tenth Annual Report, and in congratulating the members of the General Grand Conclave upon the continued progress and prosperity of the Order in all parts of the globe. During the past year twenty-four Conclaves have been established, making a total of 115, chartered by the Grand Imperial Council of England since the revival in 1865. By the organization of independent Grand Councils in the States of Pennsylvania, New York, and Illinois, 30 Conclaves have been removed from the roll; and the Committee have also recently received official notification that a fourth Grand Council was duly organized on the 22nd Dec., 1873, for the conjoined States of Massachusetts and Rhode Island; that Sir Knight Nathaniel G. Tucker was elected Grand Sovereign, and Sir Knight George E. Boyden, Grand Recorder. The post of Representative of the new Grand Council has been very cautiously tendered to Sir Knight Robert Wentworth Little, Grand Treasurer of the Order in the British Empire; but inasmuch as that Officer is already Representative for Pennsylvania, he desires to decline the intended honour, and has recommended that the name of Sir Knight Thomas William White, Grand Assistant Treasurer, be forwarded for the approval of the Grand Sovereign of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, as the Representative of the sister Grand Council in England. In thus holding out the right hand of knightly fellowship to our American freres, the Committee feel that they simply reflect the sentiments which will actuate every British Knight when he hears the announcement of the spread of the Order in America; still, it is but right to add that, while acknowledging the perfect right of the American Grand Councils to restrict the Red Cross Order to Knights Templar within their own several independent jurisdictions, the Executive Committee, in view of the original Statute of the Order, which recognizes every *Christian Master Mason* as eligible for admission, cannot allow Conclaves duly formed in the United States, in strict accordance with that ancient regulation, and holding charters from England, to be stigmatized as 'spurious' and 'clandestine' because they do not insist upon the Templar qualification, but admit Master Masons professing a belief in the Christian faith. The Committee cherish the hope that the Conclaves referred to—viz., Chicago Conclave, No. 81, and St. George's Conclave, No. 82, Boston, will be regularly recognised by the Grand Councils of their respective States, and be formally admitted under their jurisdiction; after which, as a matter of course, those Conclaves will be bound to conform to the rules adopted by the Supreme Bodies of the Red Cross Order in Illinois and Massachusetts.

"Turning to Great Britain, it is very pleasing to be enabled to note that a large proportion of the Conclaves chartered last year are located in the 'old country'; of these, England counts nine, Scotland one, and Wales no less than four. "Great credit is especially due to Sir Knights Captain F. G. Irwin, Captain G. Turner, and W. Williams, Intendants General, for the great energy which they have evinced in promoting the spread of the Order in their respective divisions; and the Committee have every reason to believe that in Sir Knight C. G. C. Christie, the recently appointed Intendant General for Midlothian and adjacent counties, the Grand Council has secured the services of an officer who will display equal ability and zeal in the important Scottish Division entrusted to his care; and they feel convinced that he will be worthily supported by the Scottish Knights, whose attachment and fidelity to the ancient landmarks of the Order, have ever been conspicuously exemplified during their connection with the Grand Council of England.

"The Committee beg to report that, in pursuance of the resolution, adopted by the General Grand Conclave in March last, a special Grand Conclave was convened at Leicester, by direction of the Grand Sovereign, on the 21st of October, at which Sir Frederick Martin Williams, Bart., M.P., who has held the office of Grand Viceroy since 1866, was nominated as Grand Sovereign in succession to the Earl of Bective, M.P., whose term of office expires at this meeting, in accordance with the Statutes (No. 5.) As the minutes of the moveable Grand Conclave will be duly published, the Committee need only add that the arrangements made for the reception of the Grand Council and Senate by the Leicester Knights, under their esteemed Intendant General, Sir Knight W. Kelly, and the M.P.S. of the Byzantine Conclave, No. 44, Sir Knight S. S. Partridge, K.G.C., were so admirable as to merit and elicit the warmest thanks of the presiding Officer, Colonel Burdett, G.S.G., and the illustrious Knights who accompanied him.

"The Committee regret to state that the Order in India, and particularly in Bombay, has suffered a severe loss by the return to Europe of Sir Knight J. Percy Leith, Chief Intendant General, whose assiduous labours in the cause are so well known; consequently, little progress can be recorded in the East; they trust, however, that Sir Knight Leith will continue to give the benefit of his assistance to the Order at home.

"A Charter for the Diamond Fields, South Africa, has been issued to Sir Knight R. W. H. Giddy, Treasurer General of the Colony, who entered the Bective Conclave, No. 22, during his stay in England. An application for a Provincial Grand Conclave has been received from New Zealand, where the Order is rapidly extending, under Sir Knight Dr. Bulmer's sway, and the Committee will recommend the Grand Sovereign to comply with the request of the applicants.

"The Accounts of the Grand Treasurer were audited on the 14th October, and showed balance on the General Account of £33 5s; the G. F. Almoner's Fund of £84 17s. 2d.; and the Suspende Fund, of £19 1s, making a total of £137 3s. 2d.

"Three donations have been granted from the Almoner's Fund—viz., ten guineas each, to the Royal Masonic Institutions for Boys and Girls, and ten pounds to the Fund, raised for the benefit of the widow of the late V. E. S. Knight Rev. N. Haycroft, D.D., G. Standard Bearer, whose decease was recorded with regret in the last report of the Committee.

"February 25th, 1874."
The reading of this report gave the highest satisfaction, and it was unanimously adopted.

Sir Knt. Little said the next business before the Conclave was to elect a Grand Sovereign, in the place of the Earl Bective, whose period of office had expired. Sir Knt. Colonel Burdett said: he rose with pleasure to propose that Sir Frederick M. Williams, Bart., M.P., be elected Grand

Eminent Viceroy, should be elected Grand Sovereign for three years, in the place of the Earl of Bective whose period of office had expired: and from what he knew of Sir Frederick M. Williams, he was sure that he would feel gratified in coming amongst them when he could spare time from his other duties, to enable him to do so. He felt assured that he would do the utmost in his power to promote the interests of every member present, and the order in general.

Sir Knt. Lavender seconded the motion which was put and unanimously carried, amidst cheering.

Sir Knt. Colonel Burdett said: he had great pleasure in communicating officially to Sir Frederick Williams that he had been unanimously elected Grand Sovereign for the next three years.

The Grand Sovereign said he most cordially thanked the Sir Knts. for his election, although he could not hope to discharge the duties in the same able manner as had been done by the Earl of Bective, but he could assure them that nothing should be wanting on his part to promote the prosperity of the order. He did not know whether he should be able to preside at all their meetings, and as he lived nearly 300 miles off, if he was occasionally absent, he must ask for their indulgence, (cheers).

The Acting Grand Marshal then required all the Sir Knts. who were not members of the order of St. John to retire, which having been done, the ceremony of enthronement was proceeded with. The Grand High Chancellor then administered the oath of fidelity.

His Eminence the Acting Grand Viceroy (Col. Burdett), then invested the Grand Sovereign with the crimson robe of state. The Grand High Prelate then handed to him the sceptre, and the Grand Chamberlain presented him with the sword of state.

The Grand Council and other officers then advanced to the altar, and severally vowed faithfully to discharge the duties of their respective offices, and the Grand Heralds proclaimed the Grand Sovereign by his style and titles.

The whole body of Knights then formed into line, and marched past the Sovereign's throne, with banners displayed and swords drawn saluting as they passed; and while this was taking place, Sir Knt. Parker, the Grand Organist played a march on the organ. The Grand High Prelate then pronounced the blessing, and with an anthem the ceremony of enthronement was brought to a close.

Sir Knt. Little then rose and said: that in accordance with the notice he had given in October last, he had great pleasure in moving that a vote of thanks should be given to their late illustrious Sovereign, the Earl of Bective, for the services he had rendered to the Order for the last seven years in promoting its welfare. At the revival of it a few years ago, had not the Earl of Bective and Sir Frederick Williams then rallied round them, they should not have arrived at their present prosperity, and without their vigorous help they never could have come to that state of perfection which they now enjoyed. He regretted that they were about to lose the services of the Earl of Bective, but at the same time they had elevated another old worker in the cause, and one who took an early interest in the Order. He moved that a vote of thanks be engrossed on vellum, and presented to the Earl of Bective.

Sir Knt. Colonel Burdett said, he had great pleasure in seconding the proposition made by Sir Knt. Little. They all knew

what the Earl of Bective had done for the Order, for he was always most anxious to assist it in every way in his power, and although he had retired from the head of it, yet, when it lay in his power he would again come amongst them. He had therefore great pleasure in seconding the proposition.

The Grand Sovereign said: he could fully endorse all that had fallen from the proposer and seconder of the motion, for he was sure that no one had taken a greater interest in promoting the prosperity of the Order than the Earl of Bective, and he was also sure that his Lordship would continue to do so.

The motion was then put and unanimously agreed to.

The Conclave was then closed in imperial form and with solemn prayer.

THE BANQUET.

The Grand Sovereign, Officers and Knights, then adjourned to the refectory, where a bountiful repast was provided.

At its conclusion grace was sung by the professional singers, and afterwards "God, Save the Queen." The solo parts by Miss L'Estrange, accompanied by Sir Knt. Parker on the piano-forte.

The Grand Sovereign then rose and said, that the next toast he had to propose he was sure would be received with a hearty welcome, as it was the health of "Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family." It was true that the Prince of Wales was not a member of their order, but still he always felt a deep interest in all that concerned the welfare of Freemasonry. It was therefore with great pleasure that he proposed the health of "Their Royal Highnesses, the Prince and Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family."

The toast was most enthusiastically responded to.

Sir Knt. Col. Burdett said: he was allowed to propose a toast, which he was confident would be received with enthusiasm in that assembly, although he could hardly do so in appropriate terms. However, he would not trespass on their time, and the toast he had to propose was, "the health of the Most Illustrious Grand Sovereign, Sir Frederick M. Williams, Bart, M.P." (Loud and continued applause). He was perfectly aware when he rose to propose the toast, that it would be received in an enthusiastic manner, and he felt sure that they would never regret the day or the hour when they elected him as their Grand Sovereign. (Renewed cheering). They were aware that as he was a member of Parliament, there were considerable calls upon his time, and they knew how he had discharged his duties, in a manner which perfectly satisfied his Constituents; but now in addition he would be called upon to perform additional duties to the Constituents he had then around him. Sir Fred. M. Williams was not only a friend of the Order, but for a considerable time he had held a high position under the Earl of Bective, their late Grand Sovereign, and he felt sure they would never regret the still higher position in which they had placed him. He gave them the health of Sir Frederick M. Williams, their Illustrious Sovereign, and with a good fire.

The toast was enthusiastically responded to.

Bro. Elmore then sang "Thou art so near and yet so far," in his best style, and for which he received loud and continued applause.

The Grand Sovereign said: he had to thank Colonel Burdett for the manner in which he had proposed his health, and the

Sir Knights for having so kindly responded to it, and he must say, that he was extremely proud of the high position in which they had placed him. He had always felt a great interest in the Order, and he sincerely hoped that the Order might still continue to prosper. Colonel Burdett had been pleased to speak of him in very gratifying terms in conjunction with his predecessors, but he was not sure that he deserved all he had said of him. All he could say, was, that he took a deep interest in Freemasonry, and he felt that he had been most fortunate in obtaining such a high position in the Craft. He had received their confidence in the past, and he hoped and trusted that he should deserve it in the future. Before he sat down he had briefly to propose a toast, which he was sure would be most cordially received by all, and the nature of the toast itself, would render it unnecessary for him to make a long speech, as it was the "Health of the Past Grand Sovereign, the Earl of Bective," and he had no doubt that such a toast would be received in the way it deserved. He had left them, but he would often be amongst them, as he took the same interest in the Order as he had always done, and he concluded by proposing his health.

The toast was drank most cordially. Song, Miss L'Estrange, "I love my love."

The Grand Sovereign said: the next toast he had to propose, was the health of one known to them all. When he mentioned the name of the Eminent Viceroy, Colonel Burdett, (loud cheers) he knew the mention of that name would be received with hearty cheering. From the position which Colonel Burdett occupied in Freemasonry, he was known to them all, and in appointing him to be his Viceroy, he should have the assistance of a very valuable friend, and therefore he had great pleasure in proposing the health of Colonel Burdett. (Cheers).

Song, Sir Knt. Parker, "The Red Cross." Words by Sir Knt. Little.

Sir Knt. Col. Burdett said: he believed a man must have nerves of steel adequately to reply to a toast which had been proposed and responded to with such cordiality; and as he did not possess such excessively strong feelings, he could hardly express his thanks for the toast which the Illustrious Sovereign had just proposed. It had given him great pleasure to be present that evening, if he could be of any benefit to the Order, but he felt a greater pleasure in accepting the office which had been conferred upon him that evening by their Illustrious Sovereign, and he hoped that it would be acceptable to every member of the Order. He felt indebted to the members of the order for the position he then occupied. It had been said that there was no locality at present without its lodges, but he would say, that no locality would be perfect without its Red Cross Conclave. Having alluded to circumstances which kept some members of the Craft from them, and the extension of this Order in India, America, and Canada. He thanked them for the kind manner in which the toast had been received, and expressed his desire to use every exertion to promote not only the prosperity of this Order, but every other connected with the Craft.

The Grand Sovereign then gave "The past and present members of the Grand Council," and coupled with it the names of Sir Knight Little. (Loud cheering). He would venture to say, that there was not a lodge or province in the kingdom, where the name of Sir Knt. Little was not known,

for there was no brother in the Kingdom who had rendered more assistance to Freemasonry than Brother Little. He believed that through his untiring exertions, this order had been restored, and he therefore had great pleasure in proposing the past and present members of the Grand Council. (Enthusiastic cheering).

Sir Knt. Little, in responding, said he should adopt the salutary rule which had been laid down by making as brief a speech as he could in responding to the toast which had been coupled with his name, and on behalf of those who had borne the heat and burden of the day. This Order had been but recently revived, but they put their shoulders to the wheel, and they saw the state of prosperity to which it had now arrived. They must excuse him if he was a little egotistical when he said he might congratulate himself upon the position at which it had now arrived. From the mustard seed had come the enormous results they had heard from Sir Knt. Woodman, for 116 conclaves had been established in about eight years, which was an event that spoke volumes for the Order and Masonry in general. He was satisfied that the more they rallied round the Red Cross Order the more they would find that it embodied and carried out all those precepts which were taught in Freemasonry. It was to him (Sir Knt. Little) a great pleasure to congratulate Sir Frederick Williams on that day becoming the Sovereign of the order, and he was satisfied that the more that he saw of the order the more he would appreciate the high position in which he was placed. The order had extended to India, America, Canada, and wherever the English language was spoken, and he trusted to see it further extended and multiplied in every part of the world until time should be no more. (Cheers.)

The Grand Sovereign gave "The Illustrous Intendants General of the Order," coupling with the toast the name of Sir Knight Percy Leith.

Song, Bro. Elmore, "As I'd nothing else to do."

Sir Knt. Percy Leith said: he rose with particular gratification to return thanks for coupling his name with the Intendants General of the order, and he felt flattered that his name should have been so coupled when he saw so many distinguished members of the order who knew more about it than he did. He had seen how it was carried out in England, and he hoped to do better when he returned to India.

The Grand Sovereign proposed "The Very Eminent Grand Preceptor and the rest of the Grand Senate."

Sir Knight White returned thanks, and said although there had been a general shift he hoped that in a short time they should shake down and all would go on in a satisfactory manner.

"The Sovereigns and Viceroys of the several Conclaves" for which Sir Knight Moss returned thanks.

The Grand Sovereign gave "The Board of Stewards and Prosperity to the Order," for which Sir Knight Woodman responded.

The Sentinel's toast brought the proceedings to a close, which throughout had been marked with unanimity and the utmost cordiality and harmony.

The Thames Valley Lodge, No. 1460, was consecrated at the Ship Hotel, Shepperton, on Saturday, the 28th instant, at half-past 3 o'clock, p.m., precisely, by the Provincial Grand Secretary, assisted by W. Bro. T. W. White, G. Steward of England as D.C.

FREEMASONRY IN NORTH WALES.

CONSECRATION OF A LODGE AT MOLD.

(From our Special Reporter in Liverpool.)

Within the last few years Freemasonry has progressed in a remarkable degree in the Principality, and nowhere more than in the combined province of North Wales and Shropshire, governed by Bro. Sir Watkin Williams Wynn, Bart., M.P., the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master. This vitality was clearly evinced on Thursday, the 26th ult., by a very large and most influential gathering at the County Hall, Mold, when and where the consecration took place of the "Sir Watkin" Lodge, No. 1,477—named after the popular head of the province—will supply a want hitherto felt in the prosperous assize town of Mold. Up to this time there has been no lodge in the place, and as about 20 brethren of influence have already enrolled themselves under the "Sir Watkin" banner there is every reason to anticipate that it will be highly successful as well as a great convenience to those to whom Masonry is not a mere name, but a bond of true brotherhood. The announcement that the consecration proceedings would be graced by the presence of Bro. Sir Watkin W. Wynn was in itself sufficient to guarantee a large attendance, and, therefore, it was no matter for wonder that brethren attended from nearly every part of the extensive province, taxing the capacity of the hall in which the ceremony took place to its utmost. The weather from early morning was about as unpleasant as a strong wind, incessant rain, and cutting cold could make it, but even with this to detract from the pleasure of the "out" at Mold, there was a strong contingent of brethren from distant places—even from Birkenhead "the city of the (very distant) future." The imposing array of the brethren was thus not only a satisfactory feature of the day's proceedings to the brethren who had had all the hard work of organisation, but a worthy honour to the lodge which bore the honoured household name of "Sir Watkin," whose zeal for Masonry is so well known and greatly valued. It is worthy of note that, during the last few years consecrations have taken place at Wrexham, Bala, Carnarvon, and other places in the Principality, but in none of these places has any lodge been opened with greater éclat than that which formed the centre of attraction on this occasion, at which were present representatives from the provinces of West Lancashire, Cheshire, Herefordshire, South Wales, &c. Amongst the most distinguished of the brethren present were Bros. Sir Watkin Williams Wynn, Bart., M.P., P.G.M.; Dr. J. W. J. Goldsborough, P.P.G.S.W.; W. H. Spaul, P.G. Secretary; John Peters, P.G.S.D.; George Broadbridge, P.P.G.D.C., West Lancashire; and J. B. Boucher, P.G.O. Amongst the visitors were Bros. D. Thomas, P.M. 721; Edward Friend, P.P.J.G.D. Cheshire; T. P. Platt, P.P.S.G.W. Cheshire; Charles Dutton, P.S.G.W., Cheshire; W. Taylor, 425; John Hannah, J. W. 721; Leigh Howell, 425; Thomas L. Cottingham, 425; Thomas Knowles, 721; J. M. Radcliffe, P.M. 605; Edward Jones, J.D., 605; M. M'Nerney, J.W. 605; John Hughes, 1380; E. E. Seller, 721; William Wasley, 721; J. C. Davis, 721; W. H. Warner, P.M. 120, P.P.G.W. Herefordshire; J. N. Davis, 721; Ellis Davies, W.M. 605; John Dennis, W.M. 721; J. S. Lloyd, J.W. 597; W. Scott, P.M. 102; D. C. Jones, 721; J. C. Denton, 425; Dr. S. Spratley, S.G.D. Cheshire; Francis Smith, P.M., 201; John Williams, 421; R. W. Worrall, P.M., 721; J. S. Gerrard, P.P.J.D. Cheshire; Edward Mellon, P.M., 597; J. S. Pierce, S.W. 597; David W. Davies, 721; J. Sydney Dawell, P.M. 108; George Boydell, 425; W. Price, 1126; Thomas M. Lockwood, J.D. 425; J. B. Mackenzie, 1182 and 349; J. S. Pye, 425; F. W. Best, P.M. 704; R. J. Sisson, W.M. 1143, Denbigh; T. Sleight, J.W. 1143; W. D. Holbrook, 1120; George Tibbitts, P.M. 721; James Knox, I.G. 425; John M'Hattie, J.W. 425; E. Sutton, Jones, J.S. 1143. Amongst the members of the new lodge present were Bros. J. S. Salmon, P.M. 425,

W.M. designate; A. J. Brereton, John E. Birch, C. J. Trevor, — Roper, T. Shimmin, D. Edwards, Rowland Morgan, S. Beresford, Algerdon Potts, John Williams, William Jones, J. D. Rowlands, R. Roberts, John Lear, A. F. Jones, J. L. Williams, A. J. Barrett, and Albert G. Smith.

The brethren assembled in the anteroom shortly after three o'clock, and, having clothed, entered the lodge, held in the grand jury room, when the craft lodge was duly and solemnly opened in the three degrees by Bro. R. W. Worrall, P.M. 721; Bro. D. Thomas, P.M. 721, acting as S.W.; and Bro. J. Dennis, W.M. 721, acting as J.W., the brethren of the new lodge being ranged in proper order, the Provincial Grand Lodge of North Wales and Shropshire, the most distinguished representatives being Bro. Sir Watkin Williams Wynn, Bart., M.P., R.W.P.G.M., entered the lodge room, and when the P.G.M. had taken his seat on the throne the usual honours were given. Bro. George Broadbridge, P.P.G.D.C., West Lancashire, acted as M.C. at the reception, as well as during the whole of the ceremony, and the manner in which he fulfilled his duties elicited general admiration.

The R.W.P.G.M. then opened the Provincial Grand Lodge, Bro. C. Dutton, P.S.G.W., Cheshire, acting as S.G.W.; Bro. E. Friend, P.P.J.G.D., Cheshire, acting as J.G.W.; and Bro. J. P. Platt, P.P.S.G.W., acting as P.G. Pursuivant.

Bro. Sir W. W. Wynn, P.G.M., as presiding officer, addressed the brethren, and said they were met together to consecrate that lodge at Mold. He had a strong hope that, from the manner in which it had been inaugurated, and the spirit displayed by all the brethren, it would prove an honour to Masonry and a great good to the order generally. After Bro. Spaul, P.G. Sec. for the province of North Wales and Shropshire, had read the petition and warrant of constitution of the new lodge, Bro. Dr. J. W. J. Goldsborough, P.P.G.S.W., proceeded to consecrate the lodge in solemn form, according to the approved ritual. The R.W.P.G.M., as presiding officer, then inquired of the brethren if they approved of the officers named in the warrant, and this having been signified unanimously, a solemn piece of music was sung. The consecration ceremony was then proceeded with in a most effective manner, Bro. Dr. Spratley, P.G.S.D., Cheshire, bearing the corn; Bro. Sisson, W.M. 1143, carrying the wine, Bro. G. Broadbridge, P.P.G.D.C., W.L., the oil; and Bro. the Rev. D. Edwards, senior curate of Mold, the censor. The musical portion of the ceremony was rendered with impressive effect by Bro. Halliday, 721 (presiding also as organist); Bro. Conway, 425; Bro. J. Knowles, 721; and Bro. T. J. Hughes, 216 (Liverpool). Himmell's anthem, "Incline thine ear," was given with splendid effect by the musical brethren, Bro. T. J. Hughes' solo being especially noticeable.

The position of installing master was then taken by Bro. J. P. Platt, P.P.S.G.W., Cheshire, and he proceeded to induct Bro. J. Salmon into the chair of the W.M., with all the ceremonial peculiar to the occasion. After a board of installed masters had been held, and the brethren generally had saluted in the several degrees, the following officers were invested for the ensuing year:—Bros. A. J. Brereton, S.W.; J. Corbett, J.W.; Rev. D. Edwards, chaplain; R. W. Lewis, treasurer; J. Beresford, secretary; A. Potts, S.D.; J. Williams, J.D., and J. E. Birch, I.G. Bro. J. Williams was unanimously elected tyler of the lodge. After the investiture of the officers, the newly-installed W.M. proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. Sir Watkin W. Wynn, P.G.M., for his great kindness in attending the consecration that day. The motion, which was seconded by the S.W., was carried by acclamation. The R.W.P.G.M., in acknowledging the compliment, expressed a hearty desire for the prosperity of Lodge 1477.—Votes of thanks were also cordially passed to Bro. Dr. Goldsborough (consecrating officer) and Bro. Platt, (installing master), who were elected honorary members of the new lodge.

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Craft Masonry.

Buxton.—*Phoenix Lodge of St. Ann* (No. 1235).—On Thursday the brethren of the Phoenix Lodge, and the companions of the Royal Arch Chapter of St. Ann, celebrated their anniversary by a most sumptuous banquet at St. Ann's Hotel, after the year's installations and appointments of officers had taken place in the lodge. There was a very good attendance of the brethren of the lodge, and the visitors included Bros. J. M. Cranswick, D.D., P.G.C., P.M., East Lancashire, and Chaplain "Robt. Burns," 599; Chas. Affleck, P.P.J.G.D. East Lancashire, P.M. 204, and P.Z. 204; J. Comyn, P.M., P.Z. Commercial 44; Thos. Dand, P.P.G.S.B., Devon, P.M. St. John's 39; John Thorpe, P.M. Peveril of the Peak, 654; S. W. Ready, P.M. 654; Capt. Arkwright, M.P., 884; J. Barrowby, W.M. 654; Thos. H. Holt, 654; James Whitehead, S.W. 654; John D. Simpson, 654; James Taylor, S.D. Cestrian, 425; Robert H. Swindlehurst, J.D. Loyalty, 320; Bernard Meyer, Lebanon, 1326; Jas. King, Anchor and Hope, 37; and others. The following brethren of the lodge were present:—Rev. A. A. Bagshawe, M.A. P.P.G.C., P.S.G.W., W.M.; F. Turner, I.P.M.; J. Taylor, S.W.; W. Millard, J.W.; W. Smith, S. Taylor, E. J. Sykes, I. Wilkinson, W. Goodwin, E. C. Milligan, J. I. Lawson, W. Skinner, W. Boughen, J. C. Lyde, G. F. Barnard, A. Barnett, Rev. A. J. Harrison, D.D.; J. Duke, G. Goodwin, C. Adams, Radbury, J. Martin, W. Shawe, G. Marsden; W. Duke, P.M., J. C. Bates, and W.M. Messour (at banquet only). The W.M. elect, Bro. Josiah Taylor, was duly installed in his office, the important and impressive duties being performed in a most impressive and effective manner, after which most interesting ceremony the W.M. invested the following officers:—Bro. Wm. Smith, S.W.; E. C. Milligan, J.W.; J. Harrison, D.D., Chaplain; G. F. Barnard, Assurer; W. Broughen, Sec.; E. J. Sykes, J. H. Lawson, J.D.; J. Whalley, St. B.; I. Wilkinson, D.C.; G. Marsden, Organist; P. Gros, I.G.; W. Goodwin, S.; W. Shawe, S. The lodge was then closed, and all adjourned to the Gros Hotel, where a splendid banquet had been prepared for them in the large dining room. The tables were beautifully laid out, the rich and glass being decorated and relieved with sprigs of acacia, and some of the finest flowers from Chatsworth Gardens. The Gros and his partner, Mr. J. Harrison, vaunted themselves of the talent and large resources of their celebrated establishment to the full effect and eclat to the event, and fully convinced the guests realise the truth of the saying "A Good Dinner is a Liberal Education." A Good Dinner the following toasts, with the usual interspersed with songs, were:—"The Queen and the Craft;" "H.R.H. Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and the Royal Family;" "M.W.G.M. Marquess of Ripon; R.W.D.G.M. the Earl of Devon, with the Officers, past and present of the Grand Lodge;" "R.W.P.G.M. of the Marquess of Hartington, M.P.; W.D.P.G.M., Houghton Charles Okeover, and the Provincial Grand Lodge Officers and present;" "The Principals of the Lodge;" "The Worshipful Master;" "The

Worshipful Board of Installing Masters;" "The Immediate Past Master, Bro. A. A. Bagshawe, P.S.G.W.;" "The Visitors," to which Capt. Arkwright, M.P., responded; "The Retiring Principals of the Chapter;" "The Charities;" "The Officers of the Lodge and Chapter, past and present;" The Tyler's Toast, and others. In the course of the proceedings a very handsome P.M. jewel was presented by Bro. Josiah Taylor, W.M., to Bro. A. A. Bagshawe, M.A., P.S.G.W., P.P.G.C., P.C. 1235, &c., from Bro. Thos. Bragg, P.M. 74; 1016; 1246; P.P.G.S.D Warwick, &c., and the present was acknowledged in the most feeling terms. Bro. J. M. Cranswick strongly protested against the recent refusal by a Roman Catholic Priest to bury a Freemason, and advocated an appeal to Government on the matter. The gathering from first to last was a most successful one.

MARKET RASEN.—*Bayon's Lodge* (No. 1286).

—When Bro. the Rev. John C. K. Saunders, M.A., was installed W.M. of this lodge, he announced his intention, as time and circumstances would permit, during his year of office, of delivering a course on lectures on Freemasonry. On the 2nd inst., after having held a Lodge of Instruction, he delivered his introductory lecture. "What is Freemasonry?" was its subject. He first examined the etymological derivation of the word, "Masonry," and its prefix 'Free,' and then proceeded to examine the well-known definition of Freemasonry, pointing out wherein that definition is defective, and suggesting such an alteration as would more clearly express the true principles of the Order. He then proceeded to point out what those principles are, whence derived, and what their effects. After giving a general outline of the objects of the Institution, the lecturer showed also what Masonry is not, and combated the various erroneous opinions which are often held by the outer world respecting the fraternity; and concluded with an earnest exhortation to the brethren by their lives, by their united and individual exertions for the welfare of the Order, to prove that the principles of Freemasonry, so divine in their origin, holy in their purposes, are conducive for the best interests of man.

[We cannot but think that if other W.M.'s were to adopt a somewhat similar plan of explaining and illustrating the principles and ceremonies of the Order, great benefit would result, as it is to be feared there are many brethren who though most worthy men and Masons, are lamentably deficient in their knowledge of what Freemasonry really is.—Ed. F.]

ROYAL STANDARD LODGE (No. 1298).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Marquess Tavern, Canonbury, on Tuesday, the 3rd inst. The officers present were Bros. W. J. Woodman, W.M.; H. Ballantyne, I.P.M.; Wilson, P.S.W., acting S.W.; Cattlin, J.W.; Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C. England, Chaplain; Rutherford, Treasurer; R. Shackell, P.M. 33, P.P.G.P. Hants, Hon. Sec.; Rafter, S.D.; Dupont, J.D.; Wright, I.G. Among the members, of which there were a very large number, this being the night of installation, we observed Bros. J. H. Younghusband, P.M., P.Z., P.P.G.J.W., West Lancashire, C. Woodman, Stevens, Dickinson, Mott, Cohen, Blackbee, Moxon, Blay, Shearman, Buderus, and Bigley. There were also several visitors, among whom we observed Bros. J. Terry, P.M. of the United Strength, P.P.P.G.S.B. Herts, &c.; R. Wentworth Little, P.M. of the Burdett Lodge, P.G. Sec. Middlesex, &c.; Barlow, W.M. Kent, No. 15; Howe, W.M. Prince Leopold Lodge; Lee, of the Rochester Lodge (N.Y.), No. 660; Jaques, 1158; Hall, of the Belgrave, No. 749, &c. The minutes of the previous meeting being confirmed, Bro. Ballantyne took the chair, and in his usual excellent manner raised Bros. Hunter and Watford, and initiated Bros. Shearman and Hurrell. The Wardens' chairs were then vacated by Bros. Wilson and Cattlin, and occupied by Bros. Little, as S.W., and Terry, J.W., so as to assist Bro. Ballantyne with the installation. Bro. Younghusband, who may be considered the father of the lodge, he having consecrated it, then in his usual kind manner presented Bro. K. Shackell, P.M. 30, who is the founder of the lodge, and who has acted as Hon. Sec. since its foundation, and worked it up to its present high position, as

as Worshipful Master elect, he having been unanimously elected to the high office, for installation, which ceremony was performed by Bro. Ballantyne, in an excellent manner, which called forth the plaudits of the brethren. Bro. Shackell then appointed and invested his officers as follows:—Bro. Cattlin, S.W.; Rafter, J.W.; R. J. Simpson, M.A., P.G. Chaplain of England, Chaplain; Rutherford, Treasurer; Bigley, Secretary; Wright, S.D.; Cohen, J.D.; Blackbee, Organist; Gladwell, I.G.; Buderus, D.C.; Stevens, A.D.C., and Bros. Blay and Shearman, Stewards. In doing so the W.M. informed the several officers that they owed their appointments to their regular attendance at the lodge, seniority, and ability to perform their duties, and we think it would be well if the several lodges were all to adopt the same course in the appointment of officers, by which means we should find the work better done, as a rule, than it is very frequently now done in some lodges. In accordance with the resolution passed on the last lodge night, the W.M. then presented to Bro. W. J. Woodman, P.M., a very handsome gold Past Master's jewel, as a mark of their appreciation for the interest evinced by him for the welfare of the lodge. According to the notice of motion given at the last meeting, Bro. Ballantyne proposed, and Bro. Shackell, the W.M. seconded, that the sum of ten guineas be given from the lodge funds to head Bro. Moxon's Steward's list, for the Girls' School, which was unanimously carried. Bro. Ballantyne having evinced so much interest for the welfare of the lodge, a committee, consisting of the W.M. and the officers, were appointed to consider the best means of acknowledging his valuable services. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, provided by Bro. Fuller. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were well given and received. The W.M. being honoured with the company of Bros. Terry, Secretary to the Royal Masonic Girls' School, gave the toast of "The Masonic Charities," and in doing so, spoke of what the Royal Standard was doing, and hoped to do in the future for those charities, and with the toast he coupled the names of the worthy Secretaries, Bros. Terry and Little, Bro. Cattlin, the late Steward of the Benevolent Fund, and Bro. Moxon, Steward for the Girls' School, all of whom responded in their usual happy and well-chosen manner, giving full details of the several institutions.

Mark Masonry.

CARDIFF.—*Langley Lodge* (No. 28).—The installation of the W.M. of this lodge took place on the 26th ult. The Secretary having read a dispensation from the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters, granting permission to instal Bro. John Rogers, S.W., as W.M. for the ensuing year, he not having passed the chair of a regular Craft Lodge, Bro. S. Weichert, I.P.M., proceeded with the ceremony of installation, which he performed in a very able and most impressive manner. The W.M. then invested his officers as follows:—Bros. Wm. Williams, jun., S.W.; J. Hurman, J.W.; T. W. Jacob, M.O.; S. W. Hurford, S.O.; Marks, J.O.; South, Treas.; Glass, Roy. M.; N. D. Marks, Sec.; Ellis, S.D.; J. C. Sladen, J.D.; Edwards, I.G. A cordial vote of thanks was proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously, to Bro. Weichert, Installing Master, for his services on the occasion. Bro. Weichert suitably acknowledged the compliment. A vote of thanks to the visitors, coupled with the name of Bro. C. Holmes, P.M. 109, was carried unanimously and responded to. Several candidates for advancement were proposed, and the lodge closed in due form and perfect harmony. The banquet afterwards took place at the Royal Hotel, and the brethren passed a very pleasant and agreeable evening.

Scotland.

GLASGOW.—*Lodge Glasgow* (No. 441).—The festival was celebrated on Friday, the 27th ultimo. It consisted of a soiree, concert, and assembly, and was held in their own hall, Struthers-street, which was filled. The chair was occupied by the R.W.M., Bro. W. H. Jackson, who expressed the pleasure it gave him

see such a gathering of the friends of 441. He was glad on this occasion to welcome the ladies to his lodge room, and if they knew what the benefits of Freemasonry really were they would cease to complain of its being a secret society, from which they were excluded, but they were not excluded from its benefits, but they had a larger benevolent fund in which, should any of them ever require it, they were all entitled to participate. Masonry had many advantages, just to mention two, applicable to a commercial city like this, where men were often leaving for foreign parts, here, before they left they would find kind hearts to press them, and caress them, and to bid them good-bye, and when after a long and perilous voyage, they landed on a distant shore, by the aid of the Masonic Calendar they would find out where the lodge met, and there they would meet again with the fraternal grasp of the hand, and the kind enquiry, "Brother, what can we do to assist you as a stranger in this land of ours?" Even if they did not want pecuniary aid the kind advice and hints then given to a brother might be of priceless value. (Cheers.) He then graphically sketched a shipwreck, and the relief coming from a crew whose captain was a Mason. These and many other reasons should induce the ladies to rejoice that their husbands and brothers were Masons. (Cheers.) The concert then began, and at the conclusion, Bro. Wheeler, of 73, delivered an address on the three grand principles of Masonry, viz., Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. After the second part of the concert, Bro. Gray, No. 1, Journeyman's Lodge, Edinburgh, proposed a vote of thanks to the committee, who had provided them with such an intellectual treat. He also congratulated the lodge on the number of military brethren present, paying some well deserved compliments to the gallant 21st regiment, of which they were members. Bro. Hugh Tulloch, I.P.M., highly complimented Bro. Jackson for his conduct in the chair, who suitably acknowledged the compliment. The concert was ably sustained by Messrs. MacDonald, Gray, Allen, and Christie, and Miss MacLean. The ball commenced at twelve o'clock, to the enlivening strains of the band of the 21st regiment, many of whom are members of the lodge, and by the kindness of the Colonel and Bandmaster, their services were gratuitously given on this occasion.

GLASGOW.—Lodge Union (No. 332) held their regular meeting on Monday, March 2nd, 1874. Bro. MacNair, R.W.M., in the chair. Three candidates were initiated into the Order in the careful manner in which all Bro. MacNair's work is performed, after which two Fellow Crafts, belonging to the Kilwinning Lodge, No. 4, were, at the request of Bro. Keild, the R.W.M., raised to the sublime degree.

GLASGOW.—Lodge St. John's (No. 3½), held their usual meeting on Tuesday, in their own Hall, Bro. F. Fletcher, R.W.M., in the chair, when the unusual number of seven brethren were raised at one time. St. John's has always been celebrated for its excellent Past Masters, and doubtless the present occupant of the chair will not detract from the ancient honour of this, the oldest lodge in the province of Glasgow.

GLASGOW.—Thistle and Rose Lodge (No. 73).—This lodge met on Tuesday, March the 13th, Bro. Geo. Weston, R.W.M.; J. Bannerman, S.W.; J. McGregor, J.W.; R. Richards, Secretary; W. Watson, Treasurer; and a number of visitors. There were two candidates for installation, which ceremony was creditably worked by the new Master. Two E. A.'s were then raised to the second degree, Bro. A. M. Wright, R.W.M. of 103, officiating.

GLASGOW.—The Clyde Lodge (No. 408).—This lodge held their usual meeting on Friday, March 6th, D. Dunvie, R.W.M., in the chair. J. McGenney, S.W.; F. Capit, J.W.; J. Martin, Secretary; F. Harper, Treasurer; and a very large attendance of members and visitors. After the usual lodge business, Bro. R. Mitchel, a member, and also P.M. of 332, spoke at some length on the refusal of the D.P.G.M. to allow the lodge to bury with Masonic honours Bro. Mitter this week, who was the oldest Mason in Glasgow, having been a member of the Craft above 65 years, and an affiliated member in this province for 23 years. Several other brethren also regretted that the permission had not been,

given saying it was the first time it had been refused, and our deceased brother, though not rich in this world, had always shown them, through a long life, that he was possessed of true Masonic virtues.

ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF KILWINNING (No. 4).—This ancient lodge held their festival in their own hall, on Wednesday, March the 4th. The lodge was opened in due and ancient form by Bro. A. Thorburn, its R.W.M., assisted by Bros. Jameison, S.W.; and Johnston, J.W.; on the dais were Bros. J. Steel, P.M. and D.P.G.M. of Glasgow; J. Sage, P.M. 4 and 360; Captain Dewar, 4; J. Wheeler, 73; J. B. McNair, R.W.M. 332; J. Buchanan, P.M. 408; and G. Wilson, C. 27, while the Wardens were supported by Bros. W. B. Pattison, 5; R. Fraser, 27; W. Bassett, 27; and W. Porter, 441. A most excellent, as well as substantial menu, had been provided by Brother J. Mullings, a worthy member of the lodge. The cloth having been cleared, the R.W.M. gave the usual loyal toasts, then "The Three Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland." To that of "The Army, Navy, and Volunteers" Capt. Dewar replied; in the course of his remarks, he reminded the lodge that a member of their own, a worthy son of a worthy sire, also one of their own members, Captain Allison, had highly distinguished himself recently in Ashantee, and as an officer of the Volunteers he could promise that if ever the necessity should arise that they would not disgrace their brothers in the regular army. The J.W. gave "The Visiting Brethren," coupling it with Bro. G. W. Wheeler, of 73 and Bro. Buchan, P.M. of 408, both of whom suitably acknowledged the compliment. The S.W. proposed "The P.G.L." They might well be proud to know that their I.P.M., Bro. Steel, had the honour of being Substitute P.G.M. of the province. Bro. Steel, S.P.G.M., was glad to acknowledge the flattering reception they had given to that sentiment. The P.G.L. he was happy to say, were not only working harmoniously amongst themselves, but also with all the daughter lodges, and no lodge in the kingdom was more loyal than Kilwinning, of which he was proud to be a member, as few lodges could show such an illustrious roll of names as those inscribed in their records. Bro. MacNair, R.W.M. of 332, having asked for the gavel, said it afforded him great satisfaction to be allowed to propose as the next toast "Prosperity to Kilwinning No 4, and Long Life to her Master." (Great cheering). Bro. A. Thorburn, R.W.M., said, as this was a toast not in the programme, they must pardon him if he was not prepared with an elaborate reply. Bro. Wheeler in his speech had alluded to their antiquity, and to their having lately recovered their old minute books, he had the oldest now laying before him, and would give them a few extracts to show how this lodge worked in 1735; by reading them some minutes taken in that year, and he thought the lodge might profit by some of the lessons there taught. He found that any member absenting himself and not contributing to the charity box after having been thrice warned was expelled from the lodge. Bro. Thorburn read several very interesting extracts, promising the lodge that whenever they had no pressure of business, he would read over to them some of the charges and lectures therein contained, some of them the contributions of master minds of bygone days. Bro. G. Wilson, of 27, proposed "The P.M.'s, and other officers of the lodge." It had been his good fortune to have known, and to have been intimately acquainted with all their Masters for twenty years back, and they could boast illustrious names like Sir A. Allison, (distinguished also as a judge and historian), Professor Nicol, and other eminent men, and he was proud to see that the present officers were active and attentive to their duties. The S.W. gracefully acknowledged the compliment. Bro. Sage, P.M., gave "Freemasonry all over the World." Since he had sat in that chair, he had spent many years abroad, and in America, in China, and Australia, he could testify to the high estimation in which Scotch Masonry was held. It had been his high privilege to hold High Commissions abroad, both in the Craft and Arch, having been the first to open a R.A. chapter in

the latter country, and he had been well received by Masons working under the English, the Irish, and the American Constitutions. Bro. Carmichael proposed "The Masonic Press." Bro. Wheeler replied on behalf of *The Freemason*, showing that if Masonry was to hold its proper position in the world the brethren must become readers of Masonic literature as well as attend at lodge. "Happy to Meet, and Sorry to Part" was the next toast, and after the lodge had been closed, all joined in singing, "Auld Lang Sayne." Excellent songs were sung during the evening by Bros. Robert Fraser, J. Macdonald, T. Mullins, J. Johnstone, Grant, McCoullough, and others, all being delighted with their evening with Kilwinning No. 4.

GLASGOW.—St. Andrew's Chapter (No. 69).—On Friday an emergency meeting was held to confer this degree on three brethren from Cambleton. We understand these gentlemen, with others, have come to Glasgow with a view, as soon as there were a sufficient number exalted, to open a Royal Arch Chapter in Cambleton. St. Andrews was opened by T. D. Humphries, Z., as Mark Master; G. W. Wheeler, S.W.; and G. Heron, J.W.; when Bros. Duncan, Drain, and John McNaughton were advanced to this degree. A lodge of Excellent Masters was then opened, with the same officers present, when Comp. T. Halket conferred on them that degree. A Royal Arch Chapter was then held, T. Halket, Z. 113, P.G.T., as Z.; T.D. Humphries, Z. as J.; and D. Campbell, H.; Comp. Balfour, P.Z., 78, and G. W. Wheeler, H. 73, as Sojourner, when the same two gentlemen were regularly exalted as Arch Masons. Thanks were given to the visitors for attending at a short notice to exalt these brethren from a distance, who could not attend at the regular chapter meeting.

EDINBURGH CONSISTORY OF THE 30TH DEGREE.—At a meeting of this Consistory, held in Freemasons' Hall, George-street, on Friday, the 6th inst, Bro. H. J. D. Copland, R.W.M., St. Luke's Lodge, No. 44, was admitted to the 18th and Comp. Bailie J. J. Muirhead, R.W.M. Mary's Chapel, No. 1, was admitted to the 30th degree.

CONSECRATION OF THE HENLEY LODGE, (No. 1472).

The Henley Lodge of Freemasons was consecrated and established at North Woolwich, with grand ceremony and great eclat, on Friday, February 20, the importance of the occasion, and the sublimity of the ancient ceremonial being augmented by the presence of the Grand Officers—V.W. Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary, who was appointed by the M.W. Grand Master to officiate; the Rev. Bro. Simpson, P.G. Chaplain; Bro. J. Terry, P.P.G.S.B., Secretary to the Aged Freemasons' B. I.; and others holding high office in the Craft. The warrant of the new lodge (No. 1472) establishes it at the house of Bro. E. West, P.P.G.S.D., Herts, the Three Crowns, and requires that it shall not be removed without especial sanction from the district known as North Woolwich; it is an off-shoot of the Nelson Lodge at Woolwich, on the other side of the river, a lodge which is the parent of a flourishing progeny, including the Capper, at Tidal Basin, and the Sydney, at Sidcup. The Henley Lodge has been founded to meet a pressing demand which has grown up of late years with the growth of Mr. Henley's telegraph factory, and other large works in the neighbourhood.

At three o'clock, the petitioners for the new lodge, and a number of brethren from other lodges, assembled and proceeded to the lodge room, where the presiding officer appointed as his Wardens, *pro tem*:—Bro. P.M. Graydon, P.P.G.S.D., Kent (S.W.), and Bro. W.M. Hobson, W.M., 700 (J.W.). The lodge was then opened, and the beautiful ceremony of the consecration was gone through in a most superb and impressive manner. The address of the Rev. P. G. Chaplain was eloquent and practical. He enjoined on the brethren of the new lodge to make the principles of Freemasonry their rule in life—to practice charity, temperance, and morality; to conduct the duties of their lodge decently and in order, to cultivate

degree fraternal affection and mutual esteem, and so to conduct themselves that other lodges should make the Henley lodge their model of perfection, and its members should be respected of all men. The musical portion of the proceedings was rendered by an efficient choir, under the direction of Bro. M. Sherwin, who presided at the organ. After the dedication, &c., the lodge was declared constituted, and the first Master of the Lodge, Bro. H. G. Sisley, was installed with the customary formula, and duly saluted in the several degrees. The W.M. then appointed and invested his officers, who are:—P.M. Bros. J. Rowland, I.P.M.; W. Griffith, S.W.; J. H. Chapman, J.W.; J. Barwick, Treas.; Braysbaw, P.M. Sec.; J. Ives, S.D.; W. Mayes, J.D.; Captain and Adj. Creagh, I.G.; Steedman, Tyler. A number of propositions for new members, and notice of some work for the next meeting, were then received, and resolutions, thanking the Grand Secretary, the Past Grand Chaplain, and Bro. Terry, for their services, and appointing them hon. members of the lodge, were carried; after which the lodge was closed in due form. The golden vessels belonging to the Grand Lodge were used in the ceremony of consecration, and were in charge of Bro. Payne, the Grand Lodge Tyler, their use having been granted by Bro. Sir Albert Woods, Grand Director of Ceremonies.

At half-past six a magnificent banquet was served in the lodge room, and about forty brethren duly clothed, sat down. The excellence of the *carre*, the quality of the fare, and the perfection of the wines, were themes of general admiration. "The Queen and the Craft" was given with the usual honours, followed by "The M.W. Grand Master," and "P.G.M. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales." The next toast was "The Deputy Grand Master and the rest of the Grand Officers."

The V.W. and Rev. Bro. Simpson, P.G. Chaplain, responded, remarking, in the course of his observations, that while the change of ministry had required the Grand Master to lay down his robe, it had enabled the Deputy Grand Master to take it up, so that, whichever party was in power, Freemasonry was always represented in the councils of the nation. (Cheers.) He thanked the Henley Lodge for its princely entertainment, and expressed a hope, now that he was a member, that it would not be his last visit to the lodge. (Cheers.) The W.M. afterwards proposed "The Consecrating Officers."

The V.W. Bro. Hervey, Secretary of Grand Lodge, responded in suitable terms, and proposed "The W. Master, Bro. Sisley, and Successor to the Henley Lodge." He said that Bro. Simpson, Bro. Terry, and himself, had gladly availed themselves of the opportunity, so seldom presented near London, of coming down to consecrate the new lodge, and add another link to the long chain of lodges on the English register. He commended the W.M. to the support of his brethren, as the Master of a new lodge had many difficulties to contend against, which were unknown in old established lodges; and he trusted that the lodge would be so shaped and moulded as its youth, that it might become a model, not only for the neighbourhood, but for the Craft in general. From the great success which had attended this, its first meeting, he augured a bright future for the Henley Lodge.

The W.M. Bro. Sisley, in response expressed a deep sense of the honour conferred upon him by the post in which he had been installed, and the especial favour bestowed upon the lodge, in appointing such illustrious personages at their installation. He had every confidence in the officers of the lodge and the members generally, believing that they would give him their hearty assistance in the work before him, and zealously cooperate with him in the endeavour to make the lodge a pattern of harmony and good work, and an ornament to the Craft, worthy the name of the great engineer after whom it had been called. There was no charitable effort in Mr. Henley's name was not conspicuous, in like manner, he hoped that the Henley lodge might be a prominent supporter of their and glorious Masonic Charities, for charity is the first impulse of the true Freemason. Secretary of the Asylum for Aged Free-masons was Bro. Terry, now present, and he was

sure that he would be well pleased at the next meeting to see a steward appointed from the Henley Lodge with £200 in his pocket. In conclusion, he expressed a hope, that, with the assistance and indulgence of the officers and members of the lodge, he should be enabled to steer the lodge safely through the shallows near the shore, and hand it over, a year hence, to his successor, safely launched on the ocean of permanent prosperity.

The healths of "The Visitors" and "The Officers" followed, and the Tyler's solemn remembrance of "all poor brethren by land and sea," brought the proceedings to a termination.

The Rev. Bro. Simpson has consented to become the Lodge Chaplain.

THE RECENT MASONIC BALL IN LIVERPOOL.

At the final meeting of the Masonic Ball Committee, held at the Masonic Temple, Liverpool, on Friday evening, the 27th ult., it was definitely ascertained that the actual monetary result of the ball recently held at the Town Hall, after paying all expenses, amounted to the handsome sum of £224 11s 1d., which will be given to the funds of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution. This is the largest amount which has ever been realised in connection with the annual ball, with the exception of what is known as the "royal" year. Cordial votes of thanks were passed to Bro. Dr. J. K. Smith, Chairman; C. H. Hill, Vice-Chairman; D. W. Winstanley, Secretary; and R. Brown, Treasurer, for their valuable services.

Masonic Tidings.

A Day Club of Instruction has been formed, which is held at the Windsor Castle, Victoria Station. The inauguration meeting took place on Wednesday, March 4th. The want of a day lodge for the instruction of Masons, whose occupation will not permit of their constant attendance at the evening lodges, is a requirement which has been long felt in the neighbourhood. The club is under the Preceptorship of Bro. Ash, a very able P.M., and there is every prospect that when it becomes generally known it will be numerously attended. The club will be held every Wednesday from 2 till 4 p.m. It is named the Union Club of Instruction, being in conjunction with the club which is held on Friday evenings.

The Great City Lodge of Instruction will be opened on Monday the 19th inst., at the offices of the London Warehousemen's Association, 33, Gutter Lane, E.C. The Fifteen Sections will be worked by Bro. T. Poore, W.M. 720, the Preceptor.

The William Preston Chapter will be consecrated on Saturday, 21st inst. at 3 o'clock, at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, Bro. Bro. Worrell is the M. E. Z. Designate.

As many questions have been asked us about Bro. Henry Watson's excellent pamphlet on the Charities, we beg to remind our readers that the pamphlet was reprinted, "in extenso," by Bro. Henry Watson's kind permission, in the March number of the "Masonic Magazine," and can be obtained from 198, Fleet-street.

We are always ready to hail with satisfaction any improvements in the manner of conducting financial business, and the extension of the cheque system bids fair to confer a great boon on a large class of the community hitherto debarred from keeping banking accounts. Messrs. G. Barker and Co., 39 and 40, Mark Lane, London, E.C., especially deserve our notice, as by imposing no limit on the amount of balance to be kept, and at the same time allowing good interest on the balance in hand (4 per cent.), unusual inducements are held out to open accounts with this firm, who also allow a uniform rate of 5 per cent. on deposits at seven days' notice. We are not surprised to learn that a large measure of success has hitherto attended Messrs. Barker in this branch of their business, and have no doubt that many will appreciate the facilities offered for enabling parties residing at a distance to keep accounts with them.—*The Hour.*

THE LANDING AT GRAVESEND.

March 7, 1874.

They've reached our shores at last,

From a great land afar;
The journey happily past,
And safe to day they are,
In this Old England true of ours,
Of high historic fame,
Of great deeds, and stalwart powers,
Of an all-unsullied name.

And so we welcome them to-day,
In pleasure, and in pride;
Amid a festival array,
Our Sailor and his Bride;
We greet them from o'er the crested foam,
With heart and voice so free,
With all the pomp of our ocean home,
Of peace and liberty.

Not one heart amid that surging crowd,
But hails them with joy sincere;
Not one voice amongst those plaudits loud,
But rings truly on the ear;
For 'tis with loyal heart and face,
That Britons gladly own,
Their love for all of Brunswick's race,
Their fealty to the Throne.

And she who comes with winning ways,
To claim our English hearts;
With whom mid' words of grateful praise,
A grave land sadly parts;
Will find in this—tho' severed wide,—
United we shall be,
As we, too, greet that gentle bride,
Russia's beloved Marie.

And so amid that festive scene,
Those damsels blithe and fair,
Amid the serried ranks between,
Rejoicing everywhere,
Amid the cannon's sterner roar,
Amid soft music's sound,
Amid yon gay and flowery store,
They stand on Albion's ground.

May all of joy and peace be theirs,
May the sun brightly smile;
Dispersing life's more sordid cares,
As to day,—when in our Isle,—
Right royally a people's greeting,
In all of English truth,
Welcomes that gracious happy meeting,
Of Love, and Trust, and Youth.

And mid' the pageant at Gravesend,
Mid' loyal hearts to-day,
As the procession now must wend
Its stately onward way;
And while from each noisy steeple,
The bells toll out the pride,
With which our English people
Welcome our Sailor's Bride,

May we all calmly bear in mind,
When the day's work is done,
When we've left the gathering behind,
That People and Throne are One,
And that in One happy bond of peace,
With God's benison from above,
Our Sovereign finds her joys increase,
In her great People's Love.

A. F. A. W.

Obituary.

We have to record the death of Bro. George Cox, of 4, Cloak-lane, which took place at his residence, Putney-park Lodge, Richmond-road, on the 26th ult., after three weeks' illness. He was eighty years of age. Bro. Cox was one of the oldest solicitors in the City. He had been for many years a member of the Old Dundee Lodge.

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CONSECRATION OF THE MARQUESS OF RIPON CHAPTER, 837.

A new Chapter, styled the Marquess of Ripon, in connection with the De Grey and Ripon Lodge 837, was opened on Saturday the 28th February. The convocation was held at the Town Hall, Ripon. The Companions assembled at 2 p.m., and welcomed the Marquess of Ripon, First Grand Prin. of the G. Chapter, on arrival. The Visiting Companions were the Rev. Dr. T. C. Smyth, D.D.P.Z., Member of Fidelity 289; P.D.G.M. of the Eastern Archipelago; Henry Smith, Prov., G.S.E.; W. A. Musgrave, Philanthropic 304, P.Z.; Mr. J. Beck 289, P.Z.; B. Wordsworth, Z. 154; C. L. Mason, Z. 304; Thos. Scholefield, Z. 306; J. Loates, J. 304; Comp. Nussey, S.N. 304, and others.

The Chapter was opened by Ex-Companions, Dr. Smyth as Z., Mason as H., Beck as J. After the rest of the Companions had been admitted, the Charter or Warrant from the Supreme Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, constituting the Chapter under the style and title of the Marquess of Ripon Chapter having been read, information was sent to the Prov. Grand Superintendent, and the Marquess of Ripon, attended by the Prov. G. Scribe Z., Ex-Comps. Scholefield and Musgrave, entered the Chapter, the Organist playing at the time. Dr. Smyth having resigned the throne of Z., the same was ascended by the Prov. G., Supt., the Chapter having saluted him, he was requested to allow the Rite of Consecration to proceed, and under his commands, Dr. Smyth, with a few preliminary remarks, commenced by reading a portion of the Sacred Scriptures, and then, calling on the Companions to join him in Prayer to the Most High.

A procession was then formed, and the Companions marching round the Chapter, saluted the Provincial Grand Superintendent in passing who, descending from the Throne, scattered corn upon the altar: the procession passed again, and wine was now poured out, and proceeding round a third time the final libation of oil having been poured on the altar, the Companions resumed their seats, and Dr. Smyth, by command, proclaimed the Chapter duly consecrated; the ceremony being concluded by a final prayer, in which a blessing was invoked for the success of the Chapter.

The ceremony of installation was now proceeded with, and Companions Robert E. Collinson, of Zetland Chapter, 236, P.M., of 837, was installed as Z.; Colonel Frederick William Ripley, of Chapter Hope (Calcutta), 109, P.M. of Lodge Archan, 646; Joseph W. Bishop, of Britannia Chapter, Sheffield, 139, P.M. of 837, as J. Companions Lieutenant Edward Fletcher, R.N., of Chapter Union of Malta 407, was invested with the Collar of S.E.; Edwin J. Crow, Z.-elect of 279, Prov. G. Organist of Leicestershire Chapter as P.S.; Dr. Paley as 1st A.S.; John Irving as 2nd A.S.; Captain J. W. Patterson as Treasurer. Companion Robert J. Williamson, of Apollo Chapter 357, who had been chosen as S.N. was unavoidably absent, and Ex-Comp. Wordsworth was invested as his Deputy.

It was proposed and seconded that M. Ex-Companion, the Marquess of Ripon, Prov. Grand Supt. of West Yorkshire, and Ex-Comp. the Rev. Dr. Thomas Cartwright Smyth, of Fidelity Chapter (No. 289), be elected Honorary Members. Much regret was felt, owing to the unavoidable absence of Ex-Companion Bentley Shaw, Grand Z.; and W. Widdop, Grand J. of the Prov. Grand Chapter.

Several Brethren of Lodge 837 were proposed and seconded as joining Members, and it was resolved that an application be made for a dispensation for the exaltation, as a serving Companion for Brother W. Storle, the old Tyler of 837, with a view to his being appointed Janitor.

The Chapter having been closed, the Companions adjourned to the Unicorn-Hotel, where an excellent banquet had been provided by Companion Collinson: the Marquess of Ripon being in the chair. After the usual loyal toasts, M.E.Z. Collinson briefly proposed "The Health of the most Honourable the Marquess of Ripon,"

First Grand Principal of the Supreme Grand Chapter, and that of the other Grand Officers. Comp. Collinson expressed the thanks of the Chapter to his Lordship for allowing the Chapter the dignity of bearing his title, and also for his kindness in presiding at the first Convocation of the new Chapter. (The toast was enthusiastically drunk with all the honours.)

Lord Ripon, in an able speech, responded. He spoke of the high privileges of Royal Arch Masonry, and stated that while he eulogized and prized the more exalted degree, he must not be supposed to detract in any way from the honour and merits of Craft Masonry. He looked on the R.A. degree as being conferred only on Brethren selected from the general body, and one that was well calculated to advance the principles of Freemasonry, and confer benefit, not only on our Order, but on the general community. He thanked the Companions for the honour they had done him. He expressed the delight he felt on his first learning, through the application for the new Chapter to bear his name, that the Companions were stirring in the matter; that he had much pleasure in being enabled that day to be present at the Consecration of a Royal Arch Chapter, in the ancient City of Ripon, with which he and his family had always been so closely connected.

Dr. Smyth proposed the Provincial Grand Chapter with "The Health of Ex-Companion Bentley Shaw, and the rest of the Grand Officers past and present."

Prov. G.S.E., Comp. H. Smith, responded.

Ex-Companion Colonel Ripley, H., proposed "The Health of the Rev. Dr. Smyth," who had, with much inconvenience to himself, attended that day, and assisted in the Consecration of the infant Chapter; that the thanks of the Companions were due and were accorded cordially to him; that there was but one opinion of the admirable and impressive manner in which the ceremony had been performed. He (Colonel Ripley) had known Dr. Smyth for many years as a fellow mason in India; that his reputation as a worthy Brother, and high authority in all that pertained to our Craft was, if he might be allowed to say so, a household word from one end to the other of the large province of Bengal, which had not then been sub-divided, and also in Singapore and the Straits Settlements.

The toast having been drunk with honours, Dr. Smyth, in returning thanks, expressed the great pleasure he had had in attending and assisting under the commands of the Prov. Grand Superintendent in the ceremony that day. He said, he thought the Companions had made a mistake in proposing his election as an Honorary Member; he thought that they ought, on that occasion, to have confined the election of Honorary Members to that of their esteemed and excellent Companion—the head of Royal Arch Masonry—whose name the Chapter bore. He pointed out that this Chapter, under the very peculiar circumstances of its name and title, and the place where it was held, and the fact of it having been inaugurated by the noble Marquess in person, would have the eyes of all R.A. Masons upon it; that he hoped and felt confident from his knowledge of those who had, by the suffrages of the Companions, been that day installed as Principals; that it would be conducted in a regular manner and agreeably with the regulations. He then briefly alluded to his career as a Mason in India, and thanked the Companions for the honour they had conferred on him.

The Chairman proposed "The Masonic Charities."

Companion H. Smith, P.G.S.E., responded, observing that although the Province of West Yorkshire stood, he might say, second to none in their assistance to these noble institutions, still he hoped that he might see further efforts made in that direction, such as would enable the managers to extend their usefulness.

Ex-Companion Bishop, J., proposed the toast of "Our Visitors." Ex-Companion Mason returned thanks.

Dr. Paley proposed "The Marchioness of Ripon and the Ladies."

The Marquess of Ripon returned thanks.

Dr. Smyth proposed "The health of M.E.Z. Companion Collinson."

Comp. Collinson thanked the Companions for drinking his health. He said that he esteemed the honour they had conferred on him. He was proud of his having been elected to his present office, that no exertion would be spared on the part of his colleagues and himself to ensure the success and prosperity of the infant Chapter.

Dr. Smyth proposed "The healths of Colonel Ripley, H., and Companion Bishop, J." wishing them success.

Colonel Ripley in returning thanks, said that although an old Royal Arch Mason, his duty in India had confined him to stations where no Chapter existed, that nearly 20 years elapsed from the date of his exaltation, to his having the pleasure of visiting his mother Chapter, or any other Chapter, he had never held any office as a R.A. Companion. He felt it a high honour his having been thus selected, to fill at once so responsible an office as Second Principal of the new Chapter, and he trusted that the endeavours of his Brother Principals and his own would, with the assistance of the other Companions, succeed in promoting the welfare of the Marquess of Ripon Chapter.

Ex-Companion Bishop, J., expressed his thanks for the cordial manner in which his health had been received.

The toast of "Our Host and Hostess" was proposed by Prov. G.S.E. Companion H. Smith, who felt sure that all present would agree with him in thanking Mr. & Mrs. Collinson, for the excellent arrangements that they had made for their entertainment that day, such as fully sustained the long established reputation of the Unicorn Hotel.

The toast was drunk with musical honours: Companion Collinson briefly returned thanks, and the party broke up after a very pleasant evening.

The fittings, paraphernalia, and clothing of the new Chapter were principally supplied by Brother George Kenning, and much admired and approved of.

FREEMASONRY IN NORTH WALES.

CONSECRATION OF A LODGE AT MOLD.

(Continued from last week.)

The W.M. said he had received a note from Bro. Henry Cecil Raikes, M.P., No. 311, presenting a copy of the volume of the sacred law to the new lodge.

Bro. Lord Richard Grosvenor was proposed as member of the lodge, and it was also announced that the Rt. W.P.G.M. Sir Watkin Williams Wynn had announced his intention of becoming a subscribing member of the lodge which bore his name. The announcement was received with loud and prolonged cheering, after which the business was brought to a close.

In the evening about 80 brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet in the large hall of the Lion Hotel, provided by Bro. Dean, the W.M. presiding, supported by Bro. Sir Watkin W. Wynn, and several P.G. officers on the right and left. The usual loyal and masonic toasts were given and responded to with the greatest enthusiasm.

Bro. Salmon, W.M., in giving the toast of Sir W. W. Wynn, P.G.M., alluded to the proverbial loyalty of masons, and humourously connected that feeling with their loyalty to the acknowledged masonic sovereign of the province of North Wales and Shropshire, whom they were glad to welcome on that auspicious occasion (Applause.) He referred to the prospects which had been entertained at one time that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales would be present at the Mold Eisteddfod, which he humourously contrasted with the presence of the Prince in Wales. In conclusion, he expressed a hope that the name of Sir Watkin would never be disgraced by that lodge.

The toast was received with the greatest enthusiasm.

In responding, the R.W.P.G.M. thanked the brethren for the hearty manner in which the toast had been responded to.

the members of the new lodge upon the highly favourable manner in which the day's proceedings had been concluded. He was much pleased to see that so many brethren were present from Chester, where he was first initiated into the mysteries of the order. The little that he did know of the principles and practices of Freemasonry he had learned in that city, and, therefore, he was glad that so many brethren were present from Chester to teach the same truths to the Mold lodge. Brother Sir Watkin referred to the recent general election, and to the bitterness of party feeling which had been engendered in some parts of the country, though not within his own experience, and said that in such circumstances Freemasons should not forget the feelings of brotherly kindness which bound them together—There were members of the order belonging to all politics and all religions. Though they might worship in different ways, he hoped that in that new lodge the brethren would always act in the spirit of brotherly kindness, and concluded by proposing the health of Brother Salmon, W.M., expressing a hope that though the lodge was the youngest it might prove an example to others of longer standing.

The W.M. replied in suitable terms, and Bros. Spaul and Dutton responded to the toast of the other P.G. lodge officers.

After several other toasts had been given and acknowledged, the proceedings were closed in peace and harmony.

It should be stated that the furnishings for the lodge had been supplied from Bro. G. Kenning's celebrated Masonic establishment in London, and, as usual, both workmanship and design were the subjects of general commendation.

CONSECRATION OF A HOLY ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

SHETLESTON.—On Wednesday, Feb. 18th, The Provincial Grand Chapter of Lanarkshire proceeded to Shetlestone to consecrate a Chapter. For many years, there has been a body in this village working under one of the old charters granted by the Duke of Kent. As that supreme body has long ceased to exist, the chapters formed under its sanction, of which there are several in Scotland who have not yet obtained the sanction of the Grand Chapter of Scotland, are, therefore, in an anomalous position; for, though working under charters that were once valid, they are, now, unrecognised by the Grand Governing body, and their members are not received as visitors by any other chapters. Comp. John Campbell, and a few others, being the disadvantages under which they were labouring, therefore, applied for admission into the Grand Chapter, and was most graciously received, both by the P.G. Superintendent, and the Scribe E., and on the 18th they were regularly received, and a new charter given them under the title of St. John's, No. 150. The ceremony took place in the old lodge-room of the Kirk, which was decorated with flags and evergreens for the occasion. The Provincial Grand Chapter was opened in due form by companions A. Barrow, Provincial Grand Superintendent, P.G.Z.; J. D. Porteous, P.G.H.; Thos. McKet, P.G.J.; A. McTaggart, M.A. P.G. S.; G. W. Wheeler, P.G.P.S.; J. Duthie, and S.; G. B. Adams, P.G. 3rd S.; and McNeill, acting P.G. Janitor. There were present, Comps. G. McLeod of 79, and Park, Z. of 122. The members of the chapter were then brought in and solemnly initiated by the P.G.Z.; after which the charter was read, and the following persons named in were duly elected by the Comps. present, —Companions John Campbell, Z.; Wm. Bell, H.; James Allan, Junr., J.; James Senr., Scribe E.; John Anoh, N.; James McKet, T.; 1st S., Walter Allan.; 2nd S., James Allan.; 3rd S., Ronald Reid; the office of Janitor being left vacant. The beautiful initiation Ceremonies were very effectively performed by Comp. Barrow and his attendant bearers; the newly installed 1st principal being the whole of them for their kindness

in coming from Glasgow for this purpose, and expressing a wish that they would increase the favor by some of them coming again to put them in the correct way of working. After the ceremony, the Comps. partook of refreshment, the new 1st P. Comp., John Campbell, presiding. After the usual toasts, he proposed the Provincial Grand Superintendent, and said in consequence of the peculiar position in which the old chapter stood, he had been obliged to trouble that gentleman a great deal, but he could assure the Comps. that it would have been impossible for any one to have treated him in a more gentlemanly and brotherly way than Comp. Barrow had done; in fact, his kindness had been so great, that he could never forget it. The P.G. Superintendent in reply stated, if he had been of service to them and the Order it was all that would be required, and he trusted that the other chapters which still held aloof from the supreme body, would copy the example set them by the Shetlestone St. John, and come in to be recognised by the Supreme Chapter. Nothing could afford him greater pleasure than working in this object. Since he had been appointed Superintendent of Lanarkshire—twelve months since—this was the 3rd new chapter he had consecrated; while before officially acting in that capacity, he had consecrated four others in the province, so that he could say he had tried to do his duty to the order. Their chairman had, also, kindly alluded to his services to the Craft in the P.G.L. He would now propose "Prosperity" to chapter St. John, No. 50, and "Long life and happiness" to their 1st Principal.

Comp. J. Campbell replied, and gave the P.G. Chapter of Lanarkshire and its Scribe F., Comp. A. McTaggart, in the course of his reply, regretted that his other avocations had prevented him from devoting as much time to the province as he could wish, but as he had, during the last year, been only feeling his way, he trusted, during the ensuing one, to do much better, and that each chapter might be found, on their visitation, to be improving. They had been for many years without any Superintendent, but now that Comp. Barrow had been placed at their head, they might be sure that the order would progress—not only in numbers and influences, but that they would take a higher stand than heretofore, and all the old chapters still working, outside of the pale of the constitution, would be glad to come under the sway of the P.G.C., and under Comp. Barrow's rule.

The P.G. Chaplain now had to leave to catch the last train for Glasgow, but the Shetlestone Comps. remained to high twelve, song and sentiment following each other.

MASONIC FESTIVAL IN GLASGOW.

LODGE THISTLE AND ROSE, No. 73.

The 120th anniversary of the Thistle and Rose, Lodge 73, was celebrated on Thursday the 26th ultimo, by a supper and ball, held at the Trades Hall, Glasgow.

On the cloth being removed Bro. Thos. Stewart P.M., and now Deputy Master, read a letter from the R.W.M. regretting that unforeseen circumstances would prevent him being present till a late period of the evening. But Brother Stewart very efficiently supplied his place, giving as the first toast "the Queen and the Craft." Second "the Prince of Wales, the patron of Scotch Masonry, and the rest of the Royal Family," both of them having been duly honoured Bro. Bannerman, S.W., who was Croupier, in a neat speech proposed "the three Grand Lodges."

Bro. Benj. Wright W.S., of the Era, 1423 (E.C.), said he was very unexpectedly called on to reply, but having been named he could not refuse the honour. Of the Grand Lodge of Scotland he need not speak as they were all as well and perhaps better acquainted with its merits than himself, neither would he detain them by dwelling on those of the Grand Lodge of Ireland; but on behalf of that of England, he could assure them that that august body as well as the private members of the Craft were glad to see the progress that Masonry was making in Scotland; for his own part he was highly pleased

with what he had seen, also the warm welcome given to him and the honour now conferred on him, and he could assure one and all of the brethren present if they ever crossed the border they would meet with a kind reception from their English friends, and nothing would give him greater pleasure than to meet any of them in 1423, when he would endeavour to repay them for their kindness to-night. On behalf of the Grand Lodge and the great body of the English Masons, he thanked them heartily for the very enthusiastic way in which they had received the toast (Cheers.)

Bro. G. McDonald, I.P.M., gave "The Provincial Grand Lodge."

Bro. G. Sinclair, P.M. 27, Treasurer of the Benevolent Fund replied, he stated that their Benevolent Fund was accumulating, for they had now funded £400 and yet they had fully relieved every case that came before them.

Bro. W. B. Paterson in a very elaborate speech gave "the Army, Navy and Volunteers." Bro. T. Stewart gave a humorous reply.

Bro. Basset of Lodge 27, proposed "the Glasgow Thistle and Rose Lodge, No. 73," and called upon the Treasurer to reply; he thought it would be prudent to let that brother speak of the position and financial prospects of the lodge.

Bro. W. Walton, Treas., said it gave him great pleasure, as Treasurer, to comply with that request for they were flourishing financially, thanks to the unremitting care of the late Master Bro. McDonald, and he might add, his own as Treasurer, for when he took office little more than two years ago he had only £9 8s. od. in hand, now though he had got them their splendid suit of Lodge clothing (from Bro. Kenning whose representatives he was glad to see there). Yet he had now nearly £100 in hand and in Bank (cheers) he thought he had better conclude as that fact was a speech in itself.

Bro. James Balentine then came forward to make a presentation to the late R.W.M. he said he supposed he was to do it as one of the oldest members of the lodge, but what he wanted in words he would make up in deeds and good wishes. A few friends has got this up for one who had worked hard and long in their behalf. Bro. McDonald had filled the chair for three years, and during that period had never been absent from a single meeting, and as his wife had had to suffer from his absence, they had not forgotten her, so in the name of the subscribers he would now present their gifts to Bro. McDonald and his wife (cheers).

The presentation consisted of an elaborately finished Time-piece, with suitable inscription, and a massive gold brooch and earrings for Mrs. McDonald, the workmanship of which was much admired.

Bro. G. W. Wheeler spoke of the merits of the recipients of the gift and recited some lines he had composed for the festival.

Bro. G. McDonald acknowledged the gift in appropriate terms the gift was valuable in itself but it was the inscription that possessed the greatest value in his eyes.

Bro. G. W. Wheeler gave the "Sister Lodges of the province," in the course of his remarks he said the best way to become bright Masons was by visiting Sister lodges and reading the Masonic literature of the day.

Bro. G. Sinclair P.M. of 27, replied on behalf of visitors present.

Bro. J. Handbridge in a truly eloquent speech proposed "the Ladies." Bro. Richard the Secretary responded on their behalf.

Bro. Stewart proposed the "Strangers," which was replied to by Mr. Elton who said though a stranger to-night he intended to become a member of their lodge at the next meeting, if the lodge would receive him. Bro. Weston, the R.W.M., who had now assumed the chair gave "the Committee who had made the arrangements." Bro. J. S. Ampleford proposed a vote of thanks to the singers, and especially to Bro. Owens of the Alexandra Music Hall for his kindness in sending two of his principal artistes, Mr. and Mrs. Elton, to amuse them.

A few remarks from the chair concluded this part of the entertainment. Dancing then commenced and was kept up with great spirit.

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"A Masonic Lecture" received, too long for *The Freemason*. Editor will write to Bro. J. C. A report of the Consecration of the University Chapter (No. 1118), and of a new lodge at Bockle, will appear in our next.

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 1874.

THE LAST GRAND LODGE.

The proceedings of the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge on Wednesday, 4th inst., offered unmixed gratification to all the loyal and intelligent members of our Order.

The re-election of the Marquess of Ripon as our Grand Master will be hailed with unanimous approval and applause by our united Craft.

No one, we make bold to say, is there who has deserved so well of our fraternity, and there is no one amid our long *rolé* of able and willing men who is more truly a Freemason at heart than our exalted brother.

Those who have watched his long Masonic career, those who have been privileged to live under his provincial rule, as well as those who have marked his skilful handling of all matters, and his impartial attitude in his curule Chair, will feel as we do sincerely, that, to no worthier hands can the destinies of our Order be committed than to his, who unites in himself the rare qualifications of unwavering geniality, and yet of authoritative determination. While no one will extend more forbearance, or evince more consideration towards his brethren, in the discharge of his important duties, no one will uphold with more unflinching firmness alike the just prerogatives of his high office, the ancient liberties of the Order, and the honour and dignity and privileges of the Grand Lodge. The unanimous voice of the Craft hailed him as the fitting successor of our late lamented Grand Master, and each succeeding year only serves to show how wise was our choice, and how truly he has justified our happy selection.

From what we saw of his Provincial rule, to which we have before alluded, we feel persuaded that the more we know of him as our Grand Master, the more we shall like him, and more are the loyal hearts in our order to day, without flattery, and in all honest affection will say,

"Master lead on,
We will follow to the last gasp,
With truth and loyalty."

We also congratulate the order on the unanimous re-election of our very worthy Bro. Samuel Tomkins, to the important post of Grand Treasurer.

There are few brethren in the Craft who claim and so command, from his long and faithful services, the entire confidence and respect of the brotherhood.

Many of our readers will be very sorry to hear of the serious illness of the very respected Chairman of the Board of General Purposes, Bro. Horatio Lloyd, Q.C., and we are but expressing a universal hope, in saying, that we trust soon to be of his restoration to health and activity, and his again discharging, as always efficiently, duties of that important office in our execution which he fills so well.

The serious question raised by the report of the Board of General Purposes, and the resignation of the Grand Registrar, with respect to Lo 831, being now practically "sub judice," forbear to make any comments upon it, far rather than saying that we think the Board of General Purposes have most properly brought the matter before Grand Lodge, and that the motion of Grand Registrar, is the only fitting corollary to that report.

Beyond this, we do not wish to say anything to the subject.

the peaceable progress and happy condition of our fraternity "per se."

May such mutual prosperity, and tranquil working long continue to characterize our English Freemasonry, and may we also evince, (as we seem to be doing), that, amid all our outward well-being, and unanimity and increase, we are not forgetful of the greatest of our professed principles—Charity, but that we are "ready, eye ready," not for the combat or the strife, but for that noblest warfare of all—the relief of the old and the indigent, and the succour of the orphan and the friendless.

OUR MASONIC CHARITIES.

We shall be very glad if the discussion which has originated in *The Freemason* about our great Charitable Institutions, may lead to some really practical results.

Bro. H. Watson's pamphlet will have proved to all who read it how well our Charities are now managed, and how worthy they are of support; while the letters from Bro. Binckes and others will confirm the view we ventured originally to introduce to the notice of our brethren, that our lodges *quâ* lodges ought to do, far more than they do.

It is quite clear that here is the weak point of our charitable efforts.

Some liberal and wealthy lodges, indeed, exist amongst us, many large-hearted brethren give often and freely, but the great majority of our lodges do not subscribe at all to the Charities.

Were our lodges which give nothing, even only to select one charity this year, and qualify the W.M. for a Life Governorship for the lodge, a very large sum would be raised, which would serve to strengthen either the position of the charity funds and of the Girls' School, or to replace the capital of the Boys' School, expended in the erection of a very noble building.

The Boys' School has now no funded property whatever, and depends entirely on the annual festival and the liberality of the Craft, so it seems a very good opportunity, this year of grace 1874, by a steady and combined effort of our lodges, to enable the House Committee of the Boys' School to form the nucleus of funded property once again.

In saying all this, we do not shut our eyes to the fact, that, instead of the claims of, and on our charities decreasing, they are pretty certainly to increase, but such is always the happy penalty of material prosperity and progress, inasmuch as the very comfort and well-being we enjoy, entail on us the corresponding duties of large-heartedness and charity. So we trust then to witness through the length and breadth of our Order, that in expanding numbers and increasing means, we have not forgotten the abounding claims upon us all, of the great charities of our universal brotherhood.

WEEKLY SUMMARY.

Her Majesty is at Windsor Castle, where she is received all the members of the Royal Family, and a distinguished circle of guests, to meet the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh. Her Majesty came to London on Thursday with the newly-married couple.

The landing at Gravesend was a great success,

and the arrangements there, to testify, the loyal attachment of the English nation to the Royal Family, and their satisfaction at this auspicious union, reflects the greatest credit on the municipal authorities, and all concerned in the preparations and decorations. We do not doubt, but that, the same loyal feeling will be exhibited on the 12th in the Metropolis, but as we go to press on Thursday, we reserve a report of that day's proceedings until next week.

Everything must have given the charming and august stranger amongst us, a most favourable impression of the English people. Happily she had Queen's weather, and from the pleasant faces of the flower-strewing maidens, down to the loyal cheers of the Eton Boys, with the naval and military and civil spectacle, as an interlude, and above all, the vast crowds of good natured exulting people of all classes and conditions, from first to last, in all and through all, there was everything befitting a thoroughly national reception of the daughter of the Czar, and the wife of the Duke of Edinburgh.

So as one of the Gravesend mottoes said, say we and all loyal Freemasons to the newly-married couple to-day, "may all of happiness attend you."

Perhaps not the least of the gratifying and touching sights of the day, was the motherly reception by the Queen of this new member of her family circle, and the representation thus happily and openly made, by the highest authority in the land, of the sanctity of those domestic ties of home life and home affections, and home union, without which public life is but a barren show, and the pageantry of the Court itself an unhealthy dream.

Sir Garnet Wolseley has taken Coomassie, burnt the palace and town, and has marched the white men back to the coast to escape the ravages of the wet season. By a later telegram the infatuated King had sent again to treat for peace. Capt. the Hon. H. Wood, 10th Hussars, A.D.C., has arrived with the official despatches, and nothing seems to have exceeded either the gallantry of the forces or the skill of their commander. Captain Glover seems to have done excellently well.

Parliament was formally opened by Commission on the 3rd. The Right Honourable H. Brand was unanimously re-elected Speaker. The swearing in of the members began on the 7th, and will continue this week. Next week we shall be able to report the actual opening and the Queen's speech. The following high officers of the Cabinet have been sworn in:—Marquis of Hertford, Lord Chamberlain; Lord Barrington, Vice-Chamberlain; Earl Beauchamp, Lord Steward; Earl Percy, Treasurer of the Household; Lord Henry Somerset, Comptroller of the Household; Marquis of Exeter, Captain of the H. Corps, of Gentlemen-at-Arms; Earl Bradford, Master of the Horse; Earl Hardwicke, Master of the Buckhounds. The following are the new Lords in waiting:—The Earl of Dunmore; the Earl of Roden; Viscount Hawarden; Lord Bagot; Lord De Ros; Lord Elphinstone; Lord Walsingham. The new Peerages are officially announced:—Viscount Sydney, to be Earl Sydney; Viscount Enfield, to be Lord Strafford; Mr. Chichester Fortescue, to be Lord Carlingford; Mr. Cardwell, to be Earl Cardwell; Sir Thomas Freemantle, to be Baron Cottesloe; Mr. Hammond, to be Lord Hammond; Sir John Pakington, to be Lord Hampton. The following gentlemen have also been recommended to the Queen by Mr. Gladstone for baronetcies:—Harry Stephen Thompson, Esq., of Kirby Hall, Thomas Nayler Grove, Esq., of Ferne House; George Burrows, Esq., M.D., President of the Royal College of Physicians; Thomas McClure, Esq., of Belfast; John Heathcoat Heathcoat Amory, Esq., of Knights Hayes; Richard Green Price, Esq.; William Miller, Esq., of Berwickshire.

The following account of Orton in prison from the *Times*, may interest some of our readers though we think the sooner he is forgotten the better for every one. It will interest the public to be informed how the prisoner fares in Newgate. In the first place, he stoutly refuses to answer to the name of Castro or Orton, but willingly responds to that of Tichborne. He was yesterday supplied with his prison dress, which

consists of a light brown woollen cloth blouse, knee breeches, ribbed worsted stockings, common leather boots, and a cap with a little knob at the top, without a peak. He has been closely shaved and had his hair cropped. His shirt sleeves measure 37 inches round, the muscle of the arm being 27 inches, while round the chest he is 56 inches. He does not pick anything like the portion of oakum allotted to him; his fingers are somewhat delicate, and the tar-rope is very trying. He rises at 6 o'clock and goes to bed at 9, and attends chapel for the present every morning. He has hitherto maintained complete silence and, considering all things, takes kindly to the skilly. When his new dress was brought to him he appeared to falter a little, but soon regained his self-possession. He sleeps well."

Mr. Jean Luie has been finally committed for trial by Sir Thomas Henry, and Captain Brown, of remarkable memory, is "up" before that same excellent magistrate, and seems likely to follow in the steps of his friend and old acquaintance, Luie.

We would just observe that on the account of the spectacle of Saturday, few things we think will have gratified the general public more, or have probably saved their pockets, than the happy idea of shutting up safe from harms way, and from a tumultuous crowd, by the gentlemen from Scotland-yard, 35 of the most adroit of London pick-pockets. It is an act of energy and good sense, which cannot be too highly commended.

The following may amuse our readers as it amused us. At the Surrey Sessions (Second Court), before Mr. H. F. Harrison, James Godwin pleaded guilty to a charge of larceny as a bailee. The prisoner was intrusted by a number of persons, chiefly of the poorer class, with their watches to repair. He seems to have been in the habit of pawning the watches as soon as they came into his possession, putting the owners off with various excuses for the non-delivery of their property. In some cases he said that a new wheel had to be made, requiring a special kind of machinery. The prisoner was found guilty on another indictment of a similar character, and there being a previous conviction against him, the chairman sentenced him to seven years' penal servitude and seven years' police supervision. At the conclusion of the case, and before sentence, Detective Bell, of the M Division, stated that the prisoner was one of the cleverest rogues in London. He had known him for a great many years. His practice was to attend meetings and assume different characters (among others a Bible class teacher and a mesmerist), and having disarmed suspicion, he would set up a shop, receive watches to mend and repair, and after disposing of the watches make off himself. The detective had succeeded in the present case in recovering seven out of the eleven watches recently lost. It was rumoured in Court that the prisoner had attempted to "mesmerize" two warders who had him in custody, and had offered to mend their watches, but had on both occasions failed to accomplish his object.

The obituary of the *Times* of March 4th contains some extraordinary illustrations of prolonged existence in ten persons,—viz., seven ladies and three gentlemen—whose united ages amounted to 867 years, giving an average of 86 years and more than eight months to each; the oldest was a gentleman, who had reached the great age of 98 years, the youngest of the same sex being 85 years of age; of the ladies the oldest was 95 and the youngest 80 years of age. The following were the respective ages:—Two at 80, 82, 83, 85, 86, 88, 90, 95, 95, 98. There were also six septuagenarians, who averaged 73 years and ten months each.

Beyond this we have no news to record.

Abroad there is little to notice, except that the Hungarian Ministry has resigned, and that General Moriones is both in bad health, and in a bad way. Marshal Serrano has gone to his relief with 16,000 foot soldiers, but we confess, we do not expect that, he can retrieve the "fortune of the day." Nous verrons.

We have to record with regret, the death of that very eminent medical man, Dr. Forbes B. Winslow, M.D., and D.C.L.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The 76th Anniversary Festival of this Institution was held on Wednesday evening at Freemason's Tavern. The Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Marquess of Ripon, presided, and was supported by Lord Balfour, of Burleigh, G.S.W.; Col. Burdett, Prov. G.M., Middlesex; Bro. John Hervey, G.S.; Bro. R. J. Spiers, P.G.S.B.; Bro. T. Fenn, P.G.D.C.; Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D.; Bro. Capt. Platt, G.P.W.; Bro. J. Boyd, P.G.P.; Bro. Goodall, Bro. Dr. J. H. Graham, G.M., G.L. of Quebec, and many other distinguished brethren. There were also about 400 brethren present, besides a large number of ladies, who were entertained at a separate banquet.

At the conclusion of the banquet grace was sung, and the toasts were proceeded with.

In giving the toast of "Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen," the Chairman said: I need not tell you what is the first toast which I intend to ask you to drink this evening. You are all well aware that that toast can only be the "Health of Her Majesty the Queen." Good Freemasons are invariably loyal subjects, and the "Health of Our Gracious and Beloved Sovereign" is always drunk with the utmost enthusiasm on every occasion when Freemasons meet together. But this evening, when we drink her Majesty's health, we do not merely drink it as Sovereign of these realms, but we drink it also as the illustrious patroness of the Institution on whose behalf we are assembled to-night. (Cheers.) By graciously granting her patronage to the Boys' School, the Queen has shown both her approval of our ancient Craft, and her interest in this valuable Institution; and I call upon you therefore with more than ordinary enthusiasm, if that be possible, to drink "The Health of Her Majesty the Queen."

The toast having been duly honoured,

The Chairman said: Again I rise to propose to you a toast which needs no words of mine to recommend it. It is "The Health of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family." (Cheers.) And I am proud to think that this toast in these fortunate times may be regarded not merely as a toast of national interest, but as also an especially Masonic toast. (Hear, hear.) The "Health of our Most Worshipful Brother the Prince of Wales," is a toast which goes straight to the heart of every member of this great fraternity. (Cheers.) But on the present occasion it is not impossible that our thoughts may turn even from His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales to think of those two illustrious members of the British Royal Family who are about to make their entry into this capital to-morrow. (Cheers.) Brethren, we of the Masonic Craft are apt, though the outside world may not think so, to be beforehand with the rest of the country in all that is good. Let us show that that is true to-night, and let us be the first to welcome with a hearty welcome their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh. (Cheers.)

Lord Balfour of Burleigh, S.G.W., said: Brethren, a very pleasant task is imposed upon me this evening, at least, it would be very pleasant to me if it was a little easier for me to do it justice. But it is not easy to chronicle the virtues of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master. (Hear, hear.) I know that you will receive his name with the utmost enthusiasm, and that feeling makes me the more confident that any shortcomings on my part will not detract from the welcome you will give him this evening. It is but a very few nights ago that I was a witness to his re-election to preside over you for the ensuing year. His re-election on that occasion was conducted with a unanimity which cannot be too highly praised, and with a cordiality which I think can be rarely exceeded. Our M.W.G.M. has been born to a very high station, and we can say how well he adorns that station. (Hear, hear.) He has chosen one of the most arduous careers which it is possible for a man to choose, that of assisting in governing his fellow countrymen, and in that he has been most successful; and while we cannot but feel that it is a

high honour to anyone to be called on to preside over a body like the Freemasons of England, we cannot but be most sensible of the fact that we are an exceptionally fortunate body of men to secure such a man to preside over us. (Hear, hear.) But, brethren, he has claims upon us this evening which are, perhaps I may be allowed to say, more urgent upon us than his being M.W.G.M.; he is President of the Institution the 76th anniversary festival of which we met here to-night to celebrate. I believe it is some time since we have been presided over, I may say, by the M.W.G.M., and I am sure it is a subject of deep congratulation to all that have the well-being of their Institution at heart, and I call upon you cordially to drink his health. (Cheers.)

After a Song,

The Chairman said: I know well that I cannot rival the dulcet tones which have just excited so much enthusiasm on your part; but at least I can say with the utmost sincerity that I thank you heartily for this cordial reception. It is, brethren, only one short week since, by the suffrages of Grand Lodge, I was called once more to preside over this ancient fraternity. I had then an opportunity of expressing to the Craft my deep sense of gratitude for the honour that was conferred upon me, and of laying before them upon an occasion more suitable than the present the principles by which I should endeavour to be guided during the time that I might hold the office which I was then called upon to fill. I have, therefore, only to-night to repeat to you my hearty thanks for the reception which you have given me now, and for the confidence which you have so lately reposed in me. The government of Freemasonry is a government which can only be conducted when the person who is called to the highest office in the Craft meets on all occasions with hearty support from his brethren. So long as that support is accorded to me I may hope to be enabled, however feebly, to discharge my duties. If that support was wanting I should not be foolish enough to undertake the duty. But, then, I appear here in another capacity as President of this Institution. Of the claims of that Institution to your confidence and support I will say nothing at this moment, because I shall be obliged to detain you for some time presently in reference to that subject. Suffice it for me to say now that I feel it a great satisfaction to hold the office of President of the Boys' School, and that I rejoice that I have been enabled once more to occupy this chair at one of the annual festivals of that Institution. (Cheers.)

His Lordship concluded by proposing "The Health of the D.G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon, the Prov. G.M.'s, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past."

Col. Burdett responded, and Bro. F. Binckes presented the winners of the Good Conduct and Canonbury prizes, to be received at his Lordship's hands. This having been done;

The Chairman said: Brethren, I now rise to ask you to drink "Prosperity to that excellent Institution" on whose behalf we are gathered together this evening, and I am sure it is not necessary for me to detain you at any great length in order to convince you that the Freemason's Boys' School is deserving not merely of being toasted on a festive occasion like this, but of higher and more substantial proofs of your confidence and regard. Brethren, this Institution has existed now for upwards of a quarter of a century. This, I find, is the 76th Anniversary Festival of an Institute that was founded in the year 1798. At that time there were only six recipients of the benefits of this school. At the present time there are 162, and within a very short period, if I mistake not, after the next election, the number of boys to be accommodated in it will be 176. Now, when you reflect upon the great advance which the Craft has made since the end of the last century, you will not regard with surprise the facts which I have mentioned; you will only see in them a proof that the managers of the Freemasons' Boys' School have endeavoured to keep pace in the extension of the benefits of that Institution with the general pro-

gress of the Craft. As you are aware, the inmates of this school do not merely receive education, but they are lodged, fed, and clothed, and you must take all that into consideration when you come to compare the cost per head of this school with the cost of other educational Institutions. I was only referring this very day to certain reports in my library in regard to the Endowed Schools of this country, with a view to seeing whether what I understand to be the average cost per boy of this Institution, viz., £45, including everything, expenses of office, and everything else, was an undue and exorbitant charge. Well, most of the Institutions that I had to look at did not include, of course, as you are well aware, any item in the nature of clothing. Now, that is an important difference to be borne in mind, and the result of my examination, I am bound to say, was this, that I do not think it appears from figures that have been placed before me, that any just charge can be made against the managers of this Institution for undue extravagance in respect of it. I doubt not that they will bear in mind that as an Institution increases in numbers it may be possible to make reductions in the cost per head. There is no doubt that very large schools of this kind can be conducted more cheaply than those which are much smaller; and that is a point which should be borne in mind as the Boys' School increases; but as I have said the impression left on my mind has been that we have no right to make any charge against those who are engaged in the management of this School, such as those which we have heard on some occasions made by persons who may not possibly have considered all the circumstances of the case. And you must recollect this, that boys are very expensive things. (Laughter.) Boys, somehow or other, take a great deal more to teach and to clothe, and, I was going to say, and I believe I might say, to feed, than girls; but somehow or other there is no doubt that schools exclusively devoted to the education and maintenance of boys must cost more than Institutions which are in any degree of a mixed character. (Hear, hear.) Now, brethren, I feel peculiar satisfaction on this occasion in taking the chair at the festival of the Boys' School, because my mind goes back to five years ago which was the last occasion when I had the honour of presiding at this festival. At that time this school was very heavily in debt of at least £10,000 upon the Institution at that time. On that occasion, in the year 1869, a very great effort was made to sweep off that debt. Since then it has been extinguished, and I have now the pleasure to stand before you to advocate the cause of the Boys' School when by the efforts of the Freemasons of England that debt has been cleared away, and the school stands free from all such incumbrance. (Cheers.) So far so good; but then this must be borne in mind, that although the debt has been cleared away, and the Institution can now proceed upon what I trust will be its long career of prosperity and usefulness without that terrible drag and encumbrance of indebtedness, nevertheless, if I am not mistaken, this Institution, in that respect less fortunate than its fellows among Masonic Institutions, has nothing in the nature of an endowment, nothing in the nature of funded property, to fall back upon. Therefore, though you have cleared off the debt, though you are, as I trust, ready upon this and upon every annual occasion to meet the annual expenses of this valuable Institution—and I understand that the estimate is, that to provide for 176 boys no less a sum than £7,000 a year will be required, though I have no doubt whatever that that sum will always be forthcoming. I cannot think that we shall have done our duty to this most important Institution, unless over and above providing for the annual expenses which year by year so come forward in its support to an extent which will enable it to lay by something out of its annual income to provide for the necessities of difficult times, and to establish it upon a basis of secure permanence. (Cheers.) And, brethren, there can be no doubt in these matters that the Boys' School—the Freemason's School—which is intended to provide means

Original Correspondence.

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

EARLY GRAND ENCAMPMENT, SCOTLAND.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Through the medium of your valuable paper I beg to draw the attention of the Craft at large to a species of tyranny lately exercised on this side the Tweed by the "Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow."

Some few months ago the Lodge Star, No. 219 on the Grand Lodge Roll, removed to a new Lodge of their own, situated at 12, Iron-gate, Glasgow, the opening of which duly appeared in your columns. As is the custom in large towns where several Masonic bodies are situated, a number of them are generally found located under the same canopy exercising their various august rites and ceremonies. Such being the case, a body of Knight Templars, designated the "Glasgow Early Grand Knight Templar Encampment, and Preceptory of Red Cross Knights," applied to the said Lodge Star for permission to meet in their Lodge room. In due time notice was received by the E.G. Encampment that their application was sustained, and by paying a certain sum per year, which was also fixed, they were accordingly allowed to enter upon part possession of the premises, and continued to do so for some two months. In the meantime, the Lodge Star had applied to the Provincial Grand Lodge to have their new Lodge consecrated, and this little matter took the P.G. Lodge some time to determine when it would conveniently be able to do so. But in the interim, it had come to their ears that the Star Lodge harboured a spurious body of Masons—the E.G. Encampment being so termed.

The Deputy Provincial Master, Bro. M.W. F. A. Barrow being the principal actor in this little drama, and his Office-bearers, are also members of the R.A. Chapter and Knight Templar Encampment, acting under the Chapter General of Scotland. And, by the way, "Tempora Mutantur, et nos mutamur in illis," they have but recently become connected with the Chapter General themselves. Previously the Encampment with which they are connected in Glasgow was an independent one, acting under their own authority, their head being long since dead. As already noticed, Bro. F. A. Barrow is Dep. P.G. Master of the 3rd Deg. by St. John's Masonry; he is also Supt. of the R.A. Chapter in the Province, and also holds a position in the Encampment. This dignity with his exalted brethren, intimated to the Star Lodge that they would not consecrate their Lodge till once they had expelled from their bosom the spurious Encampment; and in the event of the Star Lodge refusing to do so, it was gently intimated that their charter would be withdrawn. This verdict of the P.G. Lodge we will leave to the Brethren of the Craft, who we are certain will denounce it as infamous.

Be it, however, understood that the E.G. Encampment and the Encampments acting under the Chapter General, have no connection but in name. The Encampments of the Chapter General have existed under their present head only for a few years, whereas the E.G. Encampment has existed without interruption in Scotland under the same Government for nearly 100 years; thus a scion of that body, the D.P.G.M. of Glasgow considers a set of dishonourable Masons, or at least he terms them spurious, which is equally the same.

It was deemed advisable that the E.G. Encampment should communicate themselves with the P.G. Lodge; this accordingly was done, and in reply that *modus operandi* was performed which is so befitting for great men to address their humbler brethren, they denounced the E.G. Encampment as spurious, governed by no head

(not by any means the head they are connected with), and wishes to have nothing to say to them, and if any further communication should emanate from that quarter they distinctly state that no notice whatever will be taken of it. And to ensure their success in the Star Lodge, they make them pass a resolution that they let their Lodge room to no Masonic body unless they hold under the Chapter General of Scotland; and, strange to say, at the present moment the said Lodge is advertised to be let for Good Templars' meetings and other societies. "Sua cuique voluptas."

The question here arises, What right has the P.G. Lodge to interfere with a Lodge for letting their rooms to another body distinctly apart from them, who are veritable Freemasons made under the authority of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and whose only crime (a crime called by them) is that of being connected with an old-established body of Knight Templars who do not act under their authority, and consequently the fees and other benefits accruing from new initiates and otherwise they do not participate in? The sooner matters are put on a more equitable footing, and every district Body governed by those connected with it without influencing and intimidating those who may be lower down on the Masonic ladder the better.

The time has long since arrived that the different degrees which to the neutral world are called "Freemasons," should live in that spirit which they profess, and put an end to those squabbles which sometimes exist, but which do much to lessen outer respect for the Order, and thereby infringe on its great and glorious precepts—Brotherly love to all mankind. We trust that the P.G. Lodge of Glasgow will revoke their decision, so that no ill-feeling may linger in the breasts of some of their brethren.

I remain, dear Sir and Brother,
Yours fraternally,
Glasgow, Feb. 17, 1874. FRIAT JUSTITIA.

"HORRORS ACCUMULATE ON HORRORS HEAD."

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

It is not an easy matter to do justice, in a letter, to the many subjects which I have to handle this week. But I cannot allow such gross misrepresentations to go unchallenged. I am compelled to defend myself and the cause I have espoused against all unwarrantable, unjust, and malignant charges. Having acted from the purest Masonic motives, and in strict accordance with my convictions, my conscience is quite clear on the point, and I fear not the result. The question at issue is an important one to the "Craft," and equally as important to myself, and I regret only that the lot did not fall to one more competent to deal with it. My heart is in the work; however, the cause is good, and, being confident of the approval of all intelligent and well-informed Masons, I go fearlessly to work, trusting to the protection of the Grand Master of the Universe against all threats and attempts that have been, and may be made, against my life.

Fair play is all I ask. I will proceed at once, and deal first with—

"MASONIC RELICS."

In reply to G. H. W., and G. W. W., which appear to be the same—to save time and space I will refer your readers to his letters published in *The Freemason* on the 7th and 21st February respectively. I think the circulars referred to by G. H. W. were not issued from the P.G.L. of Glasgow, but from the Grand Lodge of Scotland, a copy of one of which I give further on in my trial (?) It will speak for itself, and needs no comment now.

The Melrose St. John's (No. 1) referred to is the Lodge over which I have the honour to preside. It was started some fifteen or sixteen months since, and now numbers some 300 members. Other Lodges are also working in Glasgow under the "Melrose" body, and some four new Lodges are about to be opened in a month or so. All good Masons who can work their way into the Lodge are welcome. So few

for those among our brethren who have been overtaken by misfortune, should be placed upon a foundation which can fear no contingency, and should be raised to a standard worthy of the education of the country. (Hear, hear.) Now, brethren, we live in times when the estimate of education in the mind of every reasonable man in the country is very different from that which it was when this Institution was founded. I venture to say that it was a much greater proof of the wisdom of Freemasons, and of their desire to promote the interests of their brethren when they founded the little school in 1798, than when now they maintain the great school of 1874, because you must measure the value and fruits then as compared with the fruits now by the estimate of education in the public mind at the two periods. Now, we know very well that in these days to be deprived of the means of acquiring a sound education is to be kept back in every career, is to be placed in a position in which it is hopeless to rise, and in which there can only remain a dreary struggle for those who find themselves by the neglect of others, unhappily placed in that position. (Hear, hear.) Look at the public service. You know that now it is not personal favour or political importance which gets men into situations in the public service. (Hear, hear.) There were times when the great event of the last month would have spread dismay through the hearts of thousands of candidates, and have raised the most extravagant hopes in the minds of thousands of others on the other side. (Laughter.) Those things do not exist. That is not the case now. (Hear, hear.) Now-a-days, those who desire to enter the public service of this country have to rely upon their intellectual attainments, and upon the instruction which they have received. But it is not only in those walks of life that education is now, I may say, a necessary of life; it is so, as you all know well, and it is so increasing in every career, public or private; and, therefore, it becomes a duty imperative, I say, upon every Freemason who has the means, to contribute towards Institutions of this kind which are founded for the purpose, and which we have every reason to believe are fulfilling the purpose for which they were founded; the great, the noble, the truly Masonic purpose of bringing within the reach of the children of our distressed brethren the means of obtaining a sound education which is calculated to provide for them, whatever faculties they may possess. Now, I know well that it is supposed to be the duty of the chairman of a public dinner always to congratulate everybody upon the satisfactory state which all the matters that are then under discussion are, and to endeavour to make everything pleasant as we desire that things should always be after dinner; and in many respects, indeed, I can truly follow that time-honoured usage. No doubt this Institution is receiving a very large amount of support from the Masonic body. It is increasing its numbers, has recently erected most commodious buildings; and it is, as we trust, advancing in its educational career, and taking the position which should desire it to occupy among the educational institutions of the country. But you will remember that we Freemasons have a duty, especially when we assemble together upon public occasions, of boasting exceedingly of our noble Institutions, and of telling those who are not Masons, that in those Institutions may be found the proof of what are the principles of the result of the Craft. Well, in one sense that is true; but there is another sense in which it is less true than I should desire (I am always of plain speaking on these matters, and I do, in my duty, holding the high position which I do, to say to you that which I really mean), and I have this to say, with regard to all Institutions, that it appears to me—and I become increasingly impressed with the conviction, that the burden of their support falls too much year after year upon the same shoulders. (Hear, hear.)

(To be continued in our next.)

of the Glasgow Masons, however, can do that, that we are not troubled very much. I deny that we have "much to gain" by visiting brethren. We are continually strengthening our forces by affiliating brethren from Lodges under the Grand Lodge of Scotland, who *should know* which body practices the best Masonry. Brother John Kinnaird, 33°, member of Lodges Nos. 9, 13, 62, 111, 374 (under Grand Lodge of Scotland), 193, Pa., 194, N.Y. (United States), 76 (Canada), and 204 (New Brunswick), was duly affiliated into the Melrose St. John's, No. 1, on the 17th inst. I have his permission to make the fact public, and challenge any Mason to meet him and publicly discuss the question as to the genuineness of the Melrose St. John's Masons, for £100 aside, the winning money to be devoted to benevolent purposes.

I have never seen any advertisements "requesting the attendance of Visiting Brethren," or known of any emanating from the Melrose Body. If such ever did appear, was it any crime, pray?

A Melrose Mason of many years standing, who was brought up in Melrose, informs me that he never knew or heard of any other than the old Melrose St. John's being in Melrose. If this be true where did G. H. W. get his No. 15, Kilwinning, St. Peters, No. 210, and incorporated Kilwinning, No. 102 from?

G. H. W. is quite correct, however, in stating that "The Melrose Lodge has always maintained its independence." This is true in more than one sense, they are entirely free from debt and have plenty cash in hand. Had the Grand Lodge of Scotland maintained its independence as well, it would not be burdened with its present enormous debt, or be ashamed to publish an annual financial report.

I most emphatically deny having known who G. H. W. was before I sent off my letter, which appeared on 14th Feb. I had my suspicions after sending it, but I never knew it as a fact until the 21st, when I learned it in your office here. I did not even know G. H. W., or G. W. W. by sight until my so-called trial and expulsion, which is most unfairly reported in your issue of 21st inst. Trial indeed! A greater farce never was played in a penny show. A so-called summons (the real article I enclose to you for inspection, after which please return it to your office in this city for me, and I will call for it) of which the following is a copy:—

"Abercromby-street, Glasgow,
"22nd January, 1864.

"Sir and Brother,

"I am instructed to summon you to attend the next meeting of the Lodge "Glasgow" No. 441, on Tuesday, the 10th February prox., at half-past eight o'clock p.m., to answer to the charge of your joining the "Melrose" body of Masons,

"I am, yours fraternally,

"JOHN KENNIE, Secy.

"Mr. Thos. Stratford."

Having been personally served, I attended Lodge "Glasgow," 441, at time fixed. After the charge was read I requested the R.W.M. to cause all E. A.'s and F. C.'s to retire and the lodge to be raised to the sublime degree of M.M. That done, I insisted upon all visiting brethren withdrawing. This was objected to and overruled by the lodge. One brother (of 413), however, acknowledged the justice of my demand. I protested against the so-called trial, as being inforinal, irregular, unmasonic, and illegal, inasmuch as the so-called summons not being stamped with the seal of the lodge, was Masonically illegal, according to authorised works on the laws of "Masonic Trials," that by the same law no Mason can be tried in the presence of visiting brethren without his consent.

This notwithstanding, I was put on my M.M.O.B. to answer if I had joined the "Melrose" body, and held the office of R.W.M. I admitted that I had done so, but maintained that it did not constitute a Masonic crime. If it be a crime, then I would plead guilty to the charge. A circular was then read, of which the following is a correct copy:—

"Freemasons' Hall, George-street,
"Edinburgh, 26th Dec., 1874.

"R. W. Sir, and Brother,

"I am directed by the Grand Commission to call your attention to advertisements which have appeared in the Glasgow newspapers, intimating that a lodge styled "The Melrose St. John" had been inaugurated in Glasgow by the Melrose Masons, and to caution your lodge against giving countenance or recognition to any parties hailing therefrom. The following names appear to be connected with the movement, viz., Robert Renton, Andrew Hart, John Scott, Wm. Hart, Wilson, and M. C. Barclay.

"You are aware the Melrose has persistently withheld from union with the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and has no warrant or authority for establishing new lodges.

"Be so good as to read this letter to your lodge, and cause your members generally to be informed of its import.

"I remain yours fraternally,

"ALEX. J. STEWART, G.S."

The *fearful crime* was proved (?) by the above circular. I was charged (though this does not appear in the so-called summons), "with having violated my obligation by joining a body of Masons, contrary to the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of Scotland." I asked why the circular above should say "the Melrose Lodge has persistently withheld, &c.?" That of itself proved that the Melrose Masons had frequently been invited to join the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and showed beyond doubt that they were *genuine Masons*:

I told the lodge that they knew nothing of the law of Masonic trials, and, as they were unprepared for the trial, and I wanted to have the case tried on its merits, I was *willing*, for their sakes, and the credit of the lodge, to have the trial adjourned for a month, at which time I would pledge my word to attend. And in the meantime they would have an opportunity to read up Masonic history and Masonic Law. I did not—as your report states—ask for an adjournment. Moreover, I told them distinctly that I was prepared then. I also stated that if they adjourned the case for a month, I would withdraw my objection to visiting brethren being present, and they might then have the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow, and the whole of the Grand Lodge of Scotland too, if they liked. It was decided, however, that the trial proceed. I then said they had no jurisdiction in the case. That even if all was proved as charged—as an American-made Mason, I was affiliated, only to consider 441, as next after my Mother Lodge, and as I had neither violated my American obligation, nor infringed any of her bye-laws or rules, I was perfectly clear, and I defied them to find me guilty. It was held, however, that the circular, the Constitution of Grand Lodge, and the bye-laws of the lodge, empowered them to deal with the case. Bye-law No. 37, of the lodge was then read, which is as follows, "Should any member infringe these bye-laws, he shall, after being duly summoned to attend a meeting, be liable to such penalty as the majority of the brethren present at said meeting shall deem fit and expedient."

In this case it was "deemed fit and expedient" to expel me from the lodge. I denounced the whole proceedings as unmasonic and disgraceful, and I cautioned the lodge not to take steps that they would afterwards regret. I requested that my name should not be erased from the roll until the decision of the lodge had been confirmed by the P.G.L. and G.L. of Scotland, to which tribunals I said I should appeal. Your report omits to state that the request was granted. Some one proposed that the D's should put me out of the lodge, and the S.D. at once stepped forward, between me and the altar, with that brotherly intention, he was, however, ordered to his seat by the R.W.M., who by his promptness alone, prevented a scene which none would have regretted more than myself.

I shall always feel grateful for the kindness and courtesy I received from the R.W.M. throughout these painful proceedings. I would I could say the same for the members of the lodge. I am confident though, that most of them had no desire to injure me or disgrace the Craft, and, if they erred, it was only through

ignorance of matters Masonic, or from bad judgment. I was not—as your report states—ordered but I was requested to retire. Nor was the word "spurious" or the term "spurious body" mentioned at all throughout the proceedings, your report to the contrary notwithstanding. Perhaps our friend G. W. W., who was present, will furnish your readers with an interesting account of the after piece, or the "dark scene," entitled "Moses when the candle went out," or "Noses when the gas went out." I am sure he can write feelingly on the subject.

I remain, fraternally yours,

THOMAS STRATFORD.

R.W.M., Melrose St. John's, No. 1,
and still member of Lodges 106,
N.Y., and 441, Glasgow.

Glasgow, 23rd February, 1874.

P.S.—Since writing the above I have had the pleasure of two hours' conversation with Bro. W. H. Jackson, R.W.M., of "Glasgow," 441. I have also shown him this letter of mine, and he states that it is quite correct, and that anything to the contrary is false. Bro. Jackson also states that he never saw or heard of any other circular on the subject, but the one above, issued from Grand Lodge. What can G. W. W. say for himself now?—T.S.

OUR MASONIC CHARITIES.

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The importance of the subject, and your known readiness at all times to freely open the columns of *The Freemason* for the discussion of subjects interesting to the members of the Craft, induces me to trespass on your space, and supplement my former letter with a statement of the means which, in my humble opinion, might promote the object in view, viz.—An increased annual support to all our charities. These suggestions are necessarily very crude, but I venture to put them forward in the hope, that other brethren will bring their matured experience to bear on the subject, and that by amending them or proposing some better means instead, a practicable scheme may ultimately be worked out. I am not at all wedded to any of these propositions, my chief motive in giving them shape being to stimulate discussion, a discussion that, let us hope, will bear fruit in season.

Permit me, however, first briefly to notice the letters of Bros. Binckes and Gotthiel, which appear in your issue of the 7th.

I cannot altogether agree with Bro. Binckes's statement respecting the publication of the advertisements. The claims of the charities, the elections and the results should at any rate be regularly and systematically announced in the advertising columns of *The Freemason*.

Seeing that this journal is the only medium through which extended reports of everything pertaining to the Craft can be made known, seeing that the news columns must so frequently and so largely be used in notices and reports the proprietor has certainly a right to expect, both in accordance with the usages of other bodies and newspapers, and as a matter of justice and business, that the advertisements should also regularly appear; and not only would this systematic use of the advertising columns of *The Freemason* be advantageous to the charities themselves, but the members of the Craft who are interested in them (and who amongst us should not be?) would know where to look for information respecting them.

With Bro. Gotthiel I perfectly agree, that propositions emanating from the rank and file rarely succeed, unless some prominent leader takes the matter up, and one of my reasons in again troubling you, is the hope that, by continuing the discussion, some distinguished brother will step forward and by his countenance and assistance aid in causing something practicable and permanent being devised. A recognition of work instead of social position only (when the honours of the Craft are distributed), more frequently than is now done, would be a further incentive to many active members to continue their exertions and could not fail to produce good effects. For then work is but very moderately valued, unless the brother is in some position on the social scale. I am, Sir, very truly yours, that I do not mean to say that the charities are incommensurable.

the contrary, I think that Masonic as well as other bodies, and charities, are no doubt much benefited by the social ideas that generally reign supreme after a well ordered banquet; but alas how seldom with us is that opportunity taken advantage of to press forward the claims of charity, and that societies stand as much in need of them in moderation as the human frame does with a regular allowance of feeding. My objection is that in too many instances the dinner table is too much considered, and the charity vote postponed or altogether put on one side.

The suggestion Bro. Gottheil makes, that the Grand Lodge should make it compulsory upon every member to subscribe will hardly do, seeing that it would in the first place do away with the voluntary character of our contributions, would also have a tendency to confine all subscriptions to the minimum amount laid down by such enactment, and would also in time make us an insurance society, for seeing that every one was compelled to subscribe, so in time it would come to pass that every one would expect a share in the benefits. What we really want to do, is to make certain that the claims of our charities are brought under the immediate notice of every brother, and to educate our members until they all annually or at other intervals contribute in proportion to their means.

The personal subscriptions of members ought not to diminish the subscriptions of lodges and chapters in their corporate capacity, and I do not think they would, as the members being more alive to the charities would more readily initiate or support votes towards them. *Every lodge and chapter* (as Bro. Binckes justly remarks) *ought to make an annual contribution to each of the charities.* Educate the members into giving out of their own purses, and they will soon take care that regular votes are made from the common purse.

Seeing that the machinery at present in existence does not succeed in bringing our charities sufficiently under notice, what can be devised to supplement it? It is excellent as far as it goes, but it falls very far short. The circulars and appeals are even in too many cases never either read or announced from the dais of the lodge. The W.M.'s is careless about it, and each succeeding W.M. too frequently copies his careless example.

Let us take our present organization of processes, lodges, and chapters, and consider each separately.

Could there not be established in each province a special charity board, consisting of, as officio members, the Provincial Grand Officers the year, and one or more representatives in each lodge. The P.G.M., and the P.G.M. would take honorary rank as president and vice-president respectively, the board being themselves a working chairman, and too many provinces it would be too great upon the time of the P.G.S. were the extra duties of the Secretaryship of this board placed upon him, a separate Secretary, would in many cases be deemed advisable. This board should meet quarterly, or at any rate not less than once half-year. The business might be defined to consist of receiving reports from the Charity Committees of each lodge, advising and pressing committees to do their work; they might initiate movements by which permanent subscriptions might be obtained, and to them might be delegated the local claims for which they might also report to the London Committee upon the claims of any one in their province. Where the province is large this might double itself into district committees, reporting to and acting under the whole of the province. Take this province for example—Seaham, Sunderland, Shields and might form one district; Durham, Bishopton, Chester-le-street, and Gateshead might form a second, while Hartlepool, Stockton and Barnard Castle might form a

third. These provincial boards an amply number of members would always be found ready to respond to the call on the anniversary of each province. A subsidiary to this Provincial Board a special committee might be appointed in each

lodge consisting say of the W.M., the two Wardens and two Charity Stewards, the latter of whom might be specially charged with the duty of collecting subscriptions and appealing to each individual member at least once a year. This committee might depute any one of their number to be present at the meetings of the Provincial Charity Board.

Chapters might be dealt with in the same way as lodges.

I have already occupied so much of your space, that, I will but add one or two more sentences and close, leaving details and other matters to some one else, or to a future time.

The committee of each charity, would, I anticipate, be perfectly ready to supply to each member sufficient number of copies of an appeal, so that the Lodge Charity Stewards could forward one to each member.

I cannot help further remarking that in the opinion of many the movement made last year by which the sum necessary to qualify a lodge or chapter as vice-president, governor, or subscriber, was doubled, and was a move in the wrong direction. The old arrangements by which these bodies got a perpetual rank and vote, for the same amount that an individual donor only received a *life* interest, manifestly needed alteration, but it would probably have been better, instead of altering the amount, to have limited the duration of the rank and voting power to 20 or 25 years, instead of giving the votes or vote in perpetuity.

With Bro. Binckes and others, I trust, the subject will not be allowed to drop, but that the brethren will come nobly forward and assist. If once in form, no difficulty will be found in keeping the machine in motion, and the time would soon come when our present institutions would be fully employed, when there would be few remnants to carry forward at each election. And then many claims which are exceedingly stronger (but are not now brought, because on account of the numbers already on the lists the chances are hopeless) would receive due consideration. The claims would be necessarily more numerous, but we should have increased funds to satisfy them; and when the present institutions were taxed to the uttermost, money would be forthcoming to found branch institutions in different parts of the country.

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

JAS. H. COATES, W.M. 949.

24, Holmeside, Sunderland.

March 9th, 1874.

MASONIC RELICS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I think "An English, French, and Scottish Mason" cannot have carefully read my former letter on this subject, as he would not say "they are calculated to mislead the unwary," as on page 78, I use these words, "An unrecognised assembly working without a charter or other authority from the Grand Lodge of Scotland," subsequently I say, when speaking of the old lodge at Melrose, "This lodge has always maintained its independence, not acknowledging the Grand Lodge of Scotland, but it is only recently that she has sanctioned the erecting of daughter lodges."

This, in my opinion is the pith of the case. I do not question the legality of the old lodge, I know and respect as brother Masons, gentlemen who first saw Masonic light within her bosom, but these legitimate sons join with me in questioning her right to charter fresh lodges. I am at one with an "English, French, and Scottish Mason," in thinking it would be better for the Grand Lodge to try to bring about a brotherly union, and concluded my letter on page 79, by expressing a wish that such an arrangement should be made.

I still hope that this slight controversy may stir up both parties to find out an amicable mode of settling the dispute and by granting extra privileges to the Old Melrose Lodge, as was done in the case of the Mother Kilwinning, induce that old and respected lodge to enjoy the advantages of union and universal instead of partial recognition.

I remain, yours fraternally,

G. W. W.

SUPREME GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF SCOTLAND.

The Quarterly Communication of the Supreme Chapter was held in the Freemasons' Hall, George-street, on Wednesday, the 4th inst. Present:—M.E. Comp. Wm. Hay, P.Z. No. 4, Grand Superintendent of Works, acting Grand Z.; Dr. J. T. Loth, P.Z. No. 38, acting Grand H.; Dr. J. Middleton, Z. No. 56, acting Grand J.; L. Mackersy, W.S., Grand Scribe E.; W. Mann, S.S.C. Grand Scribe N.; John Laurie, Grand Secretary, G.L., S.P.Z. No. 72, acting Grand Sojourner; Alex. Mitchell, H. No. 1, and Grand Sojourner; S. Georgiades, P.Z. No. 107, acting 3rd Grand Sojourner; and a good attendance of the companions.

The Supreme Chapter having been opened in due form, the minutes of Supreme Chapter and Committee were read and confirmed.

The following Proxy Commission was read and sustained, viz., from Chapter Homer, Symrna, No. 132, in favour of Comp. J. W. Winchester, LL.D.

Presents from (1) the Grand Chapter of Texas, U.S., and (2) the Grand Chapter of Columbia, U.S., consisting of the published proceedings of these grand bodies, were laid on the table, and the thanks of the Supreme Chapter voted thereto.

The nomination of Grand Office-bearers for the ensuing year was then made as follows, viz.:

Sir Michael R. S. Stewart, Bart., First Grand Principal; the Right Hon. the Earl of Rosslyn, Past First Grand Principal; Samuel Somerville, of Ampherlaw, M.D., Deputy Grand Principal; the Right Hon. the Earl of Kellie, Second Grand Principal; the Hon. and Rev. A. C. Baillie Hamilton, Third Grand Principal; Lindsay Mackersy, W.S., Grand Scribe E.; William Mann, S.S.C., Grand Scribe N.; Alex. Mitchell, Grand Treasurer; Alex. Hay, Grand Recorder; Henry Inglis, of Torsonce, Grand Chancellor; George F. Russell Colt, of Gartsherrie, First Grand Sojourner; Lauderdale Maitland, of Eccles, Second Grand Sojourner; Major W. H. Ramsay of Garton, Third Grand Sojourner; The Right Hon. Lord Rosehill, Grand Sword Bearer; William Hay, Grand Superintendent of Works; Alexander Wilson, First Grand Standard Bearer; Captain Charles Hunter, Second Grand Standard Bearer; James Baillie, Grand Janitor.

The arrangements for the annual festival were remitted to the Supreme Committee.

Petitions for charters to—(1) Adamant Chapter, Bakley, Cape of Good Hope No. 151; and (2) Port of Leith Chapter, Leith, No. 152, were remitted to the Supreme Committee, with powers to grant the same when certain formalities were complied with.

Report on Mark degree.—The Supreme Committee reported that the Grand Chapter of Ireland by letter declined to recognise the Grand Mark Lodge of England in respect that the same is not recognised by the Grand Lodge of England, and for this and other reasons set forth in an elaborate report by the Committee, the Supreme Chapter also refuses recognition.

Supreme Chapter was then after closed in due form.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, March 20, 1874.

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

Saturday, March 14.

- Lodge 108, London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
- " 173, Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 176, Caveac, Westminster Palace Hotel.
- " 1361, United Service, Greyhound Hotel.
- " 1423, Era, King's Arms Hotel, Hampton Court, (Emergency.)
- " 1426, The Great City, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
- " 1457, Bagshaw, Bald Faced Stag, Buckhurst-hill.
- Chap. 766, William Preston, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st., at 3 (Consecration).
- Mark Lodge 144, Grosvenor, Caledonian Hotel, Adelphi.
- Manchester Lodge of Instruction (179), Yorkshire Grey, 77, London-street, Fitzroy-square, at 8; Bro. H. Ash, Preceptor.
- Lily Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, Surrey.
- Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. G. Dilley, Preceptor.

Monday, March 16.

Lodge 1, Grand Master's, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 8, British, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 21, Emulation, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.
 " 58, Felicity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-st.
 " 185, Tranquility, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
 " 720, Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
 " 862, Whittington, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.
 " 901, City of London, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st.
 " 1159, Marquess of Dalhousie, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1201, Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall.
 Chap. 12, Prudence, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction (1445), Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland, at 7; Bro. T. Austin, Preceptor.
 Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.
 Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.
 Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern, Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gotthel, Preceptor.
 British Oak Lodge of Instruction, Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.
 St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street (opposite the Pantheon), Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.
 Wellington Lodge of Instruction, White Swan Tavern, Deptford, at 8; Bro. C. G. Dille, P.M. 1155, Preceptor.
 St. John of Wapping Lodge of Instruction (1306), Gun Tavern, High-street, Wapping, at 8; Bro. T. Mortlock, Preceptor.
 West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
 Metropolitan Mark Lodge of Instruction, Coach and Horses Hotel, 343, Strand, at 8.

Tuesday, March 17.

Board of General Purposes, at 3.
 Lodge 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, London-bridge.
 " 95, Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 162, Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 194, St. Paul's, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
 " 435, Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 704, Camden, Bull and Gate, Kentish Town.
 " 857, St. Mark's, Duke of Edinburgh Tavern, Brixton.
 " 1441, Ivy, Windsor Castle Hotel, Southwark.
 Chap. 186, Industry, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 933, Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.
 Yarborough Lodge of Instruction, Green Dragon Steyne, at 8; Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.
 Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tavern, Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 8.
 Faith Lodge of Instruction, Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Preceptor.
 Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Lord's Hotel, Lord's Cricket Ground, St. John's-wood, at 8; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.
 Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. Crawley, Preceptor.
 Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st., Within, at 7.30; Bro. Bolton, W.M. 1227, Preceptor.
 St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, New-street, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (55), Wheatsheaf Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey (P.M. 180), Preceptor.

Wednesday, March 18.

Lodge of Benevolence, at 6.
 Grand Stewards' Lodge.
 Lodge 140, St. George's, Trafalgar Hotel, Greenwich.
 " 190, Oak, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 700, Nelson, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich.
 " 969, Maybury, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1044, Wandsworth, Spread Eagle Hotel, New Wandsworth.
 " 1349, Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched-friars.
 " 1382, Corinthian, George Inn, Cubitt Town.
 Chap. 10, Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 217, Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.
 " 1269, Stanhope, Thicket Hotel, Anerley.
 Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor.
 United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
 Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30.
 New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8.
 Confidence Lodge of Instruction, Railway Tavern, London-street, City, at 7.30.
 Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 Peckham Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham, at 8; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor.
 Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar.
 Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, Thicket Hotel, Anerley, at 7.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
 Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham Court-road, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.

Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction (1288), Finsbur' Park Tavern, Seven Sisters-road, N., at 8; Bro. P. Dickinson, Acting Preceptor.
 Union Club of Instruction (day meetings), Windsor Castle, Victoria Station, Pimlico, from 2 till 4 p.m.
 Thursday, March 19.

House Committee, Girls' School, at 4.
 Lodge 23, Globe, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 49, Gibon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st.
 " 55, Constitutional, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.
 " 63, St. Mary's, Freemasons' Hall
 " 169, Temperance, White Swan, Deptford.
 " 179, Manchester, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.
 " 181, Universal Freemasons' Hall.
 " 733, Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
 " 813, New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton.
 " 1139, South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood.
 " 1278, Burdett Courts, Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park.
 " 1287, Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1365, Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton.
 Knights Templar Preceptory, E. Observance, 14, Bedford-row.
 Great City Lodge of Instruction, 33, Gutter-lane, at 6.30. Bro. T. Poore, W.M. 720, Preceptor (See Advertisement.)
 Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Anglers' Tavern Bath-street, City-road; Bro. Stean, Preceptor.
 United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
 Whittington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern, Holborn, at 8; Bro. Lewis Alexander, P.M. 188, Preceptor.
 Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
 Ebury Lodge of Instruction, Bro. Palmer's, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.
 Highgate Lodge of Instruction (1366), Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
 Friday, March 20.

House Committee, Boys' School at 4.
 Lodge 6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, King-street, St James's.
 " 201, Jordan, Freemasons' Hall.
 Chap. 862, Whittington, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.
 Knight Templar Preceptory 43, St. George's, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.
 " 48, Kemys Tynte, Masonic Hall, William-st. Woolwich.
 Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 Union Club of Instruction, Windsor Castle, Victoria Station, at 8 p.m.; H. Ash, P.M., Instructor.
 St. George's Lodge of Instruction (140), Globe Tavern, Royal-hill, Greenwich.
 Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
 Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, (749), Coach and Horses, Strand, at 8; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.
 Stability Lodge of Instruction (217), Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st., at 6 p.m.; Bro. H. Muggerridge, Preceptor.
 Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.
 Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tavern, Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.
 Burdett Courts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park, at 8; Bro. Geo. W. Verry, Preceptor.
 Clapton Lodge of Instruction, White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., Preceptor.
 Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1298), the Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. W. F. Rogers, Preceptor.
 Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-road, at 8; Comp. W. West Smith, Preceptor.
 Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (733), Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8.
 Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Bro. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.
 United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Antelope Tavern, Lorn-road, Brixton, at 7.
 St. James's Lodge of Instruction, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-road, Bermondsey, at 8; Bro. Howes, P.M., Preceptor.
 Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Bro. D. S. Potts, Preceptor.
 Doric Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8.
 Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales-road, N.W., at 8; Bro. P. M. Wuest, Preceptor.
 St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Rose Tavern, Fulham-road, S.W.
 Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.
 High Cross Lodge of Instruction (754), Coach and Horses Tavern, High Road, Tottenham, at 8.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE,
 For the Week ending Saturday, March 14, 1874.

Monday, March 9.
 Lodge 721, Independence, Barr's Hotel, Chester, at 6.
 Chap. 1051, Rowley, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster.
 Everton Lodge of Instruction (823), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 7.30.

Tuesday, March 10.
 Lodge 667, Alliance, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 1225, Hindpool, Hartington Hotel, Barrow-in-Furness.
 " 1276, Warren, Stanley Arms Hotel, Seacombe, at 6.
 Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 7.

Wednesday, March 11.
 Lodge 537, Zetland, Masonic Chambers, 9, Hamilton-square, Birkenhead, at 5.
 " 823, Everton, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 1182, Duke of Edinburgh, Coffee House, Wavertree, at 5.
 " 1086, Walton, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, at 6.
 " 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys Hotel, Eccles.
 " 1353, Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster.
 Chap. 580, Unity, Wheatsheaf Inn, Ormskirk, near Liverpool, at 4.
 Harmonic Lodge of Instruction (216), Mona Hotel, James-street, Liverpool, at 8.
 Mark Lodge No. 31, Fidelity, Norfolk Arms Hotel, Hyde, Cheshire.

Thursday, March 12.
 Lodge 203, Ancient Union, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 343, Concord, Queen's Arms Hotel, Church-street, Preston.
 " 605, Combermere, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, at 6.
 " 1299, Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, at 5.
 Encampment Wm. de la More, Assembly Rooms, Preston.
 Friday, March 13.
 Lodge 1350, Ferner-Hesketh, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 Encampment of Jacques de Molay, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 4.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW.

For the week ending Saturday, March 21, 1874.
 All the Meetings take place at 8 o'clock.

Monday, March 16.

Lodge 322, Union, 170, Buchanan-street.
 St. Mungo Encampment of Knight Templars; 213, Buchanan-st.
 Tuesday, March 17.
 Lodge 34, St. John, St. John's Hall, Buchanan-st.
 " 73, Thistle and Rose, 170 Buchanan-st.
 " 87, Thistle, 213, Buchanan-st.
 " 437, Govandale, Portland Hall, Govan.
 Wednesday, March 18.
 Lodge 117, St. Mary, Freemasons' Hall, Parick.
 " 354, Caledonian Railway, 213, Buchanan-st.
 Thursday, March 19.
 Lodge 27, St. Mungo, 213, Buchanan-street.
 " 465, St. Andrew's, Masons' Hall, Garngad-road.
 Friday, March 20.
 Lodge 360, Commercial, 19, Croy-place.
 " 408, Clyde, 170, Buchanan-st.
 " 31, St. Mary Coltness, Scott Hall, Wishaw.
 " 471, St. John, Stane Inn, Shotts.
 " 12, Kilwinning, Town-Hall, Greenock.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH.

For the Week ending Saturday, March 14, 1874.

Monday, March 9.

Lodge 44, St. Luke's, Freemasons' Hall, George-st., at 8.
 Tuesday, March 10.
 Lodge 36, St. David's, Ship Hotel, E. Register-street, at 8.
 " 405, Rifle, Freemasons' Hall, George-street, at 8.30.
 Wednesday, March 11.
 Lodge 160 Roman Eagle, Iona Hotel, Nicolson-street, at 8.
 Thursday, March 12.
 Lodge 48, St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall, George-st., at 8.
 " 226, Portobello, Royal Hotel, Bath-street, Portobello, at 8.
 Chapter 83, St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall, George-street, at 8.
 Red Cross Conclave 103, St. Giles, Masonic Hall, Blackfriars-st., at 8.

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Craft Masonry.

MALTA.—Zeland Lodge (No. 515).—The brethren of this lodge assembled on Wednesday, the 4th March, at three in the afternoon, to wish farewell to the W.M., Bro. James Ingram. The lodge being opened, the R.W. District Grand Master (Bro. Kingston) took the chair, and the P.M. read an address expressive of the regret felt by the lodge at the W.M.'s departure, and of the warm feelings of affectionate regard entertained by all the brethren towards him. A written testimonial was then presented to him to this effect, which owing to the brief notice received could not be presented in proper form, it was resolved to have this done and to forward it to him as early as possible. The lodge was then called off for a brief space, and due notice was done to the toast of "The Health and prosperity of the W.M." The lodge being resumed, was then closed.

LIVERPOOL.—De Grey and Ripon Lodge (No. 76).—The usual meeting of the brethren of this lodge was held at 140, North Hill-street, Toxtown, Liverpool, on Wednesday, the 11th inst., when there was a very large muster of the brethren. The chair of K.S. was taken by Bro. Evans, and amongst the principals present were—Bros. B. B. Marson, P.M.; S. E. Ibbs, J. R. Rothwell, S.W.; J. Bell, J.W.; J. and Treas.; Jos. Jones, Sec.; F. Nickson, J. W. Williams, I.G.; W. G. Veale, Sec.; C. Costegan, S.; R. Roberts, S., and Crawford, Tyler. Amongst the members present were—Bros. W. S. Corris, J. Cliffe, J. R. Riles, W. McVicar, W. Leech, C. Arden, F. Mair, S. H. Michelsen, C. Arden, W. W. Fletcher, W. Cain, G. Parry, W. Rich, F. Howell, G. Kerry, J. Kenwright, J.orton, A. Turner, R. Leigh, W. Hagan, J. Clough, Keet, F. Morris, W. Morris, J. son, J. Roberts, J. Neill, W. Auders, F. as, J. Horswell, H. Worthington, H. an, A. Jackson, and others. The list of members contained the names of Bros. J. Thornhill, M. 1882; P. M. Larsen, P.M. 594; A. Arison, Sec. 594; A. D. Hesketh, 182; J. Kings, Sec. 249; J. Jones, 605 and 477; Mackenzie, 349 and 182; J. W. Jeffreys, 182; Abrams, 1264; F. Roberts, 249; and 1, 594. After the lodge had been duly opened by the W.M., the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Evans, W.M., proceeded to thank Bro. Marshall, George, and Crowther for their mysteries and privileges of the Order, which throughout being exceedingly good. Singing and raising of several brethren were mentioned of the evening's work, which was creditable to all concerned.

GATE LODGE (No. 1366).—The usual meeting of this flourishing lodge was held at the House Hotel, Highgate, on Monday, the 17th inst. The W.M. opened the lodge at the usual time, and three candidates being presented, a ceremony of raising was performed.

Bro. C. Greyhill announced that his list of subscriptions for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution amounted to exactly £70. A motion having been made to relieve relatives of certain deceased brethren, and sundry other business having been disposed of, the lodge was closed.

STAR LODGE (No. 1275), met at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich, on Friday, March 6th. Bro. T. R. Darke, W.M. presided. There were present: Bros. H. Keeble, P.M. as S.W.; G. F. Guest, J.W.; Rev. Colles, P.P.G. Chaplain, Oxfordshire, Chaplain; J. Smith, P.G.P. P.M., Treas.; F. Walters, P.G. Steward, Middlesex, P.M., Sec.; J. J. Limebeer, S.D.; W. Kippes, J.D.; S. Homewood, P.M., I.G.; Waugh, P.G.P. P.M., and others. The W.M. initiated Messrs. W. B. Woodman, H. Pratt, and G. Fawn; raised Bros. Ellis, Budgett, 1302, and Appleby, 1309. The lodge being closed, banquet was served, F. Hayward, J.W. 946; W. Waglowe, S.W. 946; F. Frampton, P.M. 17; Budgett, 1309; Appleby, 1309; Dr. Pope, P.M. 946; and J. Baxter Langley, J.W. 1423, responded to the visitors' toast.

ERA LODGE (No. 1423).—On Saturday, March 7th, at Kings Arms Hotel, this prosperous lodge was held. Bro. H. A. Dubois, P.G. Steward Middlesex, W.M., opened the lodge. He was supported by Bros. J. W. Baldwin, S.W.; J. Baxter Langley, J.W.; Rev. P. M. Holden, Chaplain; F. Walters, P.G. Steward, Middlesex, P.M. Secretary; J. S. Sweasey, S.D.; M. C. Devereux, (R.N.) J.D.; E. Devereux, I.G.; A. A. F. Crow, C.S.; J. T. Moss, P. Prov. G.D., Middlesex, P.M.; T. H. Miller, P.M.; C. Raab, S. Woolf, T. H. Millburn, and others. Bros. R. Liebmann, 160 S.C.; F. W. Rawlinson (better known as Fred Coyne), 219, S.C.; F. J. Boyden, 907; G. Lawson, P.M. 314; were admitted as joining members. Bro. J. T. Moss, P. Prov. G. D. Middlesex, P.M., initiated Messrs. J. Johnson, G. W. Malim, F. King, F. B. Joyce, and G. A. Black. F. Walters, P.G. Steward, Middlesex, P.M., Sec., raised Bros. C. B. Robinson, D. Sullivan, and W. A. Simmons. The work was well done. The lodge was closed and banquet served. The only visitor was Bro. Captain G. Andrews, (late 74th Highlanders,) 784.

GREAT CITY LODGE (No. 1426).—A meeting of this lodge took place on Saturday night, March 14th, at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street. Bro. J. Stevens presided, and most of the officers were present, and about thirty members and visitors. The business consisted of two passings and two raisings, which the W.M. disposed of with his usual ability. The next business was the election of a W.M. for the ensuing year, and the choice fell unanimously upon Bro. Headon, the present S.W., who was warmly congratulated upon his appointment. An effort was made to alter the bye-laws, or at least to cause their suspension, so as to allow Bro. Headon to be installed on the anniversary of the consecration of the lodge, but this was resisted, and consequently that ceremony cannot take place until the regular meeting of the lodge in October next. This appears an absurdly long period between the election and the installation, as the present W.M. will retain that title for eighteen months. Instead of the period usually allotted to the office. Bro. Freeman was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. W. Steedman, P.M., Tyler. A report was presented, and it was agreed that sanction should be given to holding a lodge of instruction, under the warrant of this lodge. The audit committee was appointed, and after some other business had been disposed of, the lodge adjourned.

BOOTLE.—Bootle Lodge (No. 1473).—The first regular meeting of this new lodge, (the consecration of which was noticed at length in *The Freemason* a fortnight ago), took place at the Molyneux Assembly Rooms, Bootle, on Thursday, the 5th inst., when there was a very large gathering of members and visitors. The lodge was opened by Bro. S. E. Ibbs, W.M., who was supported by the following officers:—Bros. H. Wyatt, S.W.; J. W. Turley, J.W.; J. P. McArthur, Treas.; T. D. Pearce, Sec.; Richard Roberts, S.D.; T. W. Wills, J.D.; W. S. Barker, I.G.; W. H. Clemmy, S.; W. Hughes, S.; and W. Blake, Tyler. The mem-

bers present were Bros. J. A. Ross, J. Lawson, J. W. Cave-Browne-Cave, J. A. Simpson, G. Turner, W. Humphreys, C. Ewen, J. Sharp, J. Duncan, J. W. McWeare, J. J. Mills, J. Birch, J. C. Caley, G. Parry, T. Grant, D. McLaren, J. C. Patterson, E. Griffiths, A. Bucknall, F. M. Jones, and J. Evans. Amongst the visitors were Bros. H. M. Molyneux, Joseph Wood, R. R. Martin, R. H. Evans, H. Jackson, W. Hughes, G. Ellis, and about twenty more. After the minutes of the consecration meeting had been read and confirmed, the W.M. proceeded, in a most masterly and effective manner, to initiate the following candidates, who had been duly elected:—Messrs. R. J. Sprakeling, J. C. Hurbert, William Litt, Robert Roberts, and Owen Jones. The whole of the work was admirably done by the W.M. and officers. The lodge was afterwards closed in peace and harmony.

INSTRUCTION.

LIVERPOOL.—Downshire Lodge of Instruction (No. 594).—For a number of years this lodge of instruction, under the preceptorship of well-approved and capable brethren, has done good service in spreading and fostering a taste for Masonic education, which would not otherwise have been imparted, nor probably desired, and therefore the annual dinner of the brethren connected with it, which took place at the "Canton" Hotel, Victoria-street, Liverpool, on Tuesday evening, the 10th inst., was a pleasant re-union of those who had reaped the advantages of such an excellent institution, which ought to exist in connection with every lodge. Bro. W. D. Rouse, W.M., and Preceptor of No. 594, occupied the chair, Bro. Peter M. Larson, P.M., the vice-chair, and amongst the other members and visitors present were Bros. S. E. Ibbs, P.M., Treas.; T. Dilcock, J.W.; R. Ing, P.M.; A. C. Morrison, Sec.; R. P. France, S.D.; H. Worthington, S.; P. R. Thorn, P.M. 1182; J. Davison, W.M. 724; T. Evans, W.M. 1356; Jos. Jones, Sec., 1356; J. H. Edginton, S.W., 1182; W. G. Veale, Org., 1356; C. Leighton, S.W. 1325; W. E. Catelle, W. H. Moss, J. H. White, J. H. Burch, J. Whitfield, R. J. Wilkinson, R. Williams, P. Askew, J. L. Jones, W. Ferguson, S. Puce, R. Maddox, N. Ludvigsen, G. Maxwell, J. Le Comber, T. W. Knoop, and others. A dinner of excellent quality was served by Bro. W. S. Vines, P.M. 220, and 1299, which gave the most complete satisfaction to every one present. After the cloth had been drawn, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given by the W.M. in exceedingly appropriate and happy terms, and in the course of the evening he proposed "The health of Bro. R. Ing, I.P.M., and Immediate Past Preceptor," of whose valuable services he spoke in the highest terms. After an excellent speech, Bro. Rowse presented a very handsome silver tea kettle with stand, formed of the square and compasses, to Bro. Ing, as a mark of the great esteem in which he was held by the members of the Downshire Lodge of Instruction in his capacity of Preceptor. Bro. Ing, in acknowledging the toast and presentation, assured the brethren that his services had always been given gladly, and he would continue to use his utmost endeavours to make the Lodge of Instruction valuable to every one connected with it. Various other toasts were given during the proceedings, and the brethren separated at an early hour, after spending a very enjoyable evening. Several excellent songs were given by Bros. Ibbs, Evans, Veale, Edginton, and others.

Royal Arch.

IPSWICH.—Royal Sussex Chapter of Perfect Friendship (No. 376).—The quarterly convocation of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, on Wednesday, the 4th inst. There were present Comps. Stephen Burdett King, M.E.Z.; S. Wright, P.Z., as H.; W. Tracy, J.; Comps. Luff, Scribe E.; Emra Holmes, J. of St. Luke's Chapter, as N.; Fraser, Prin. Soj.; J. A. Pettit, Sen., Dr. Mills, Barfoot, A. Gamman, W. Daking, of the Union Chapter, Nova Scotia, Jack, &c. All below the rank of Principal having retired, the chapter who duly opened, and

the companions then admitted. The minutes were read and confirmed, and four candidates were balloted for and accepted for exaltation, but none being present there was no special business before the meeting. This being the first occasion the companions had met since the lamented death of Comp. J. Franks, P.Z., Scribe E., the M.E.Z., took occasion to remark on the great loss the chapter had sustained through his decease, and dwelt on the death of Comp. Townsend, for many years Treasurer of the chapter. In few, but feeling words, he expressed his own sense of the irreparable loss that he and they had met with in the death of Comp. Franks, of whom, and of whose services to the chapter he spoke in terms of warm eulogy, and he hoped that these losses would make us all think of our latter end. The cup of memory was then passed round in solemn silence, and quaffed to the remembrance of our venerated and esteemed companion. Bro. Mills also spoke very feelingly of Bro. Franks, whose constant companion he had been for thirty-six years, and begged Comp. R. Tracy to accept a medal or jewel, which had belonged to our late brother, and which he felt sure that brother would feel, was placed in proper hands. Bro. Tracy, in responding, said he should never wear that jewel without thinking of all he had done in the furtherance of the objects of Masonry, and his constant endeavour would be to follow in his footsteps. Bro. Pettit and Bro. Wright followed with some suitable remarks commendatory of Bro. Franks. Comp. Emra Holmes said that the first brother who had welcomed him in a Masonic Lodge in Ipswich was Bro. Franks. He (Bro. Holmes) had frequently testified, both here and elsewhere, to the admirable manner in which he had worked in lodge and in Royal Arch Chapter, especially in the latter, where in conjunction with their present esteemed M.E.Z., Comp. King, the ceremonies were so impressively performed, and from all he had seen and from all he had heard of our late excellent and venerable brother, he felt sure that it would be a matter of hope and satisfaction to the brethren to remember that their brother had only gone before to the Grand Lodge above. Comp. Fraser would not harrow up the feelings of the companions by dwelling more on the loss the chapter had sustained in the death of Comp. Franks. Outside the Masonic circle his loss was universally felt, for he carried out the true principles of Masonry in his daily life. He (Comp. Fraser) would tread lightly on the ashes of the dead, but he must bear his testimony to the excellence of our late brother. It was decided to address a letter of condolence to the relatives on behalf of the chapter. At the conclusion of this mournful, but impressive episode in the evening's proceedings, the ordinary business of the chapter was proceeded with. On the initiation of the M.E.Z., Comps. Emra Holmes read to the chapter the famous Masonic poem, King Solomon's Temple, by Duganne, which is published by our learned Bro. Markham Tweddell, of Stokesley, and its exceeding beauty was the subject of much admiring comment. On its conclusion a cordial vote of thanks was accorded to Comp. Holmes, and ordered to be recorded on the minutes, and several brethren expressed a wish to procure copies of the poem. The chapter being then closed, and Comp. Luff, Scribe E., having given the beautiful exordium, the companions retired for refreshment. In proposing the usual loyal and Masonic toasts the M.E.Z. regretted that he could not propose that of the Prov. Grand Superintendent, and Prov. Grand Chapter, as unfortunately they had no Prov. Grand Chapter. Now that they had opened the White Rose Chapter at Bury he thought the time had come for a Provincial Chapter. Bro. Wright also expressed a hope that the Royal Arch should be made into a province in Suffolk. Bro. Kira Holmes, in returning thanks for the visitors, dwelt strongly on the beauties and excellencies of the Royal Arch, and remarked that he was surprised at the apathy of many good Craft Masons towards the Royal Arch. No Mason should consider his Masonic career complete until he had been made an R.A., any more than we should be content to stop short at the F.C. He thought with Comp. King, the M.E.Z., that a Prov. Grand Chapter

ought to be formed, and he had no doubt the Prov. Grand Master, if properly approached, would lend the movement every assistance in his power. It is not customary to have the assistance of vocal harmony at these meetings, nevertheless the companions present enjoyed an agreeable albeit a rather sad evening.

RIPON.—*Marquess of Ripon Chapter* (No. 837).—On Saturday, 7th inst., a new Royal Arch Chapter was opened at Ripon, in connection with the De Grey and Ripon Lodge, 837. It is styled "The Marquess of Ripon Chapter." The Marquess of Ripon, as Provincial Grand Superintendent of West Yorkshire, assisted by Excellent Companions the Rev. Dr. Symth and Beck, of Fidelity Chapter, Leeds; H. Smith, Prov. Grand Scribe E.; Mason, Musgrave, and Oates, of the Philanthropic Chapter; and several other companions from Leeds, Wakefield, &c., duly consecrated the chapter, and installed Companions Rev. E. Collinson, Colonel F. W. Ripley, and Joseph W. Bishop, as Principals. The brethren afterwards adjourned to the Unicorn Hotel, where an excellent banquet was provided. The chair was taken by the Marquess of Ripon. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

ROSE OF DENMARK CHAPTER (No. 975).—The installation meeting of this chapter was held at the Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, on Saturday, the 7th inst. In the absence of the Principals the Chairs were filled by Comps. Pendlebury, M.E.Z.; Terry, H.; Longhurst, J.; Bro. Gorman, of the Egyptian Lodge, No. 27, was exalted, the whole of the ceremony being performed in a very able manner; those of the newly-elected Principals who had arrived were then inducted into their exalted positions, the retiring M.E.Z. having been presented with a jewel, and no other business offering, the companions adjourned.

UNIVERSITY CHAPTER (No. 1118), was consecrated at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Monday, the 23rd ult., by Comp. J. Hervey, G.S.E., assisted by Comp. Major J. Creaton, P.G.S.B., and Comp. R. Wentworth Little, Prov. G.S.E. Middlesex, as H. and J., and Comp. H. Radcliffe, P.Z. and M.E.Z. 91, as D.C. The various ceremonies of consecration and installation were rendered to perfection, accompanied on the harmonium by Comp. E. Stanton Jones, as Organist. Comp. S. Leith Tomkins was duly installed as M.E.Z.; Comps. Rev. A. Bruce Fraser, as H.; P. A. Latham, as J.; after which the following officers were invested:—Comps. J. Percy Leith, Treas.; E. Watson, E.; H. Sutherland, N.; H. H. Riach, P.S.; W. Masterman, A.S.; Aretas Akers, A.S. The usual compliments were paid to the consecrating officer and his assistants, after which the chapter was closed. A very enjoyable evening was afterwards passed at the banquet table, where the customary toasts were given and received with the utmost cordiality. The Hon. Judge Gibbs, D.G. Supt., Bombay, responded for the Grand Officers, and Major J. Creaton, for the visitors, and amongst other companions were Comps. S. Tomkins, G. Treas.; J. Whichcord, G.D.C.; Cooper, and Wood. Apologies for non-attendance were read from Lord Balfour, and other companions.

Scotland.

EDINBURGH.—*Lodge St. Stephen* (No. 145).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge took place on Monday, the 9th inst., in St. James's Hall, Writers' Court. Supporting the Right Worshipful Master, Bro. R. S. Brown, were Bros. D. G. C. Christie, P.M. of St. David's, No. 36; R. Wadler, W.D.M., nearly the whole of the office-bearers, and a goodly number of members. After the minutes were read and confirmed, a report was brought up by the Standing Committee, recommending certain alterations in the Bye-Laws, and by the adoption of which a step has been taken in the right direction, viz.:—That the admission of candidates for initiation or affiliation, henceforth be by ballot. (The use of the ballot-box at present is the exception, not the rule, in the Metropolis of the brethren over the border). After the transaction of the ordinary business, the lodge was called

from labour to refreshment, when deputations were received from the Lodge Celtic, No. 2, headed by Bro. J. D. Wormald, R.W.M., Lodge Edinburgh Mary's Chapel No. 1, headed by Bro. Bailie Muirhead, R.W.M. A number of visiting brethren were also present, amongst whom were Bro. P. Sinclair, R.W.M. of Le Journeyment, No. 8; Bro. Sergeant Major Willmott, of the Roman Eagle, No. 160, Bro. D. Kinnear, P.M. No. 291. The evening was spent in love, peace and harmony, and labour was resumed, the R.W.M. proposing "That to mark the respect which is entertained for two such distinguished Masons, and highly respected citizens as Bailie Muirhead, and Councillor Wormald, they be affiliated as Honorary Members of this Lodge," this met with the unanimous approval of the members, who upon the oath de fidei was taken by Bros. Muirhead and Wormald, and they resumed their seats amidst hearty congratulations. Bro. Kinnear proposed a vote of thanks to the R.W.M. for the excellent manner in which he had carried through the business of the meeting, and that same be recorded in the minutes; this was carried nem. con. and the lodge was closed according to ancient custom.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF NORTH WALES AND SHROPSHIRE

In accordance with special announcements and public advertisements, the Provincial Grand Lodge of Freemasons for the province of North Wales and Shropshire was held in Holyhead on Friday. Though the local Masonic Lodge, the St. Cybi, No. 597, is holden at the Marine Hotel, on this occasion it was deemed expedient to exchange rooms for the time being, and to occupy the spacious and more commodious rooms at the Royal Hotel, now under the able superintendence of Mrs. Head, as the anticipated number of brethren in attendance would be so numerous to be conveniently, or at all events comfortably entertained at the former place. It proved to be a happy foresight on the part of those brethren whose duty it was to provide suitable accommodation for this auspicious event. A great number of years had elapsed since the last Provincial Assembly met here, and there were, therefore, considerable expectations in the town, more especially at the St. Cybi Lodge, 579, has progressed very materially in numbers and influence of late years. Sir Watkin Williams Wynn, Bart., M.L.R.W.P.G.M.; opened the P.G. Lodge at about 2.40 p.m., assisted by his P.G. Officers. There was a crowded attendance, and the business transacted appeared to fully take up the interest of the brethren. After discussing the various questions brought forward, and closing the P.G. Lodge, the brethren formed into a procession and proceeded to the St. Seiriol Church. The service was ably and distinctly intoned by Bro. T. Lloyd Kyffin, while the musical part was extremely well rendered by the choir of the St. Seiriol Church, under the leadership of Mr. John Williams, Mr. Charles Moran presiding at the organ with his usual skill and ability. The close of the service, Bro. the Rev. Williams Jones, B.A., S.W. and Chaplain to the St. Cybi Lodge, delivered a most impressive and applicable discourse, from the 1st chapter of Paul's epistle to the Romans, 20th verse. After dwelling on the general purport of the text, the rev. brother confined his remarks to the sacred teachings and excellent principles of Freemasonry, dilating to a considerable extent upon the value of the mysterious Craft inculcates in the thousand that range under its banners, and winding up his discourse by saying that an opportunity would be given at the close of the service to practice some of the highest of those virtues—charity, as it was a collection to be made, the proceeds of which would be divided between three noble institutions in the town—the Salterns' Day Hospital, and the Lifeboat Fund. After the men a collection was made by the care of the warden, Bro. K. T. Parry, of Brynallan, amounting to £5 2s. The procession was at 10 o'clock—Two Tyles, with drawn swords, and not members of any lodge, two and two, lodges of the province according to their

ers, and each in the following order, juniors going first: The Sir Watkin Lodge, No. 1477; Tyler with drawn sword; brethren two and two; Inner Guard with a sword; S. and J. Deacons; Treasurer and Secretary; S. and J. Wardens; W. Master. The Fitz-Alan Lodge, Oswestry, No. 1432. The Bala Lodge, No. 1369. The Square and Compass Lodge, Wrexham, No. 1335. The Royal Denbigh Lodge, No. 1142. The St. Oswald Lodge, Oswestry, No. 1124. The St. Millinga Lodge, Ironbridge, No. 1120. The Anglesey Lodge, No. 1115. The Welshpool Lodge, No. 998. St. Tudno Lodge, Llandudno, No. 75. The Lodge of the Marches, Ludlow, No. 611. The Segontium Lodge, Carnarvon, No. 606. The St. John's Lodge, Wellington, No. 601. The St. Cybi Lodge, Holyhead, No. 597. The St. David's Lodge, Bangor, No. 384. The Salopian Lodge, Shrewsbury, No. 262. The Salopian Lodge of Charity, Shrewsbury, No. 117. Tyler, with drawn sword; Past P.G. Pursuivants; Past P.G. Organists; Past P.G. Organist; Past P.G. Sword Bearers; Past P.G. Directors of Ceremonies; P.G. Assistant Directors of Ceremonies; P.G. Director of Ceremonies; Past P.G. Superintendents of the Works; P.G. Superintendent of the Works; Past P.G. Deacons; P.G. Secretary, with the Book of Constitutions; Past P.G. Registrars; P.G. Registrar, with his bag; P.G. Treasurer; Past P.G. Chaplains; Past P.G. Wardens; Visiting Provincial Grand Officers, two and two, according to rank, juniors first; the P.J.G. Warden; banner of the P.G. Lodge; P.G. Warden of the year; P.S.G. Warden; P.J.G. Deacon; the Sacred Law, borne by four Master Masons' sons, and opened at the 10th Chapter Numbers; the P.G. Chaplains; P.G. Steward of the year; Past D.P.G. Masters; the R.W. D.P.G. Master; the standard of the P.G. Master; P.G. Steward of the year; P.G. Sword Bearer; the Right Worshipful of the Provincial and Master; P.S.G. Deacon; P.G. Tyler, with drawn sword. Also Brocs. John Ellis, the M. of the St. Cybi Lodge, 597, who together with his officers, the Rev. O. William Innes, V.; James Lloyd, J.W.; John Peters, P.M., Assurer; John Lloyd Griffith, P.M., Secretary; A. F. Snelson, J.D.; Robert Parry, Assent, William Innes, I.G.; Edward Mellor, and William Lewis, P.M., had made effective preparations for the occasion. There was a large muster of the brethren of the Cybi Lodge in the procession. The Worthy Chairman having pronounced the benediction, the procession left the sacred edifice in similar order, to the Royal Hotel, to partake of a sumptuous banquet, prepared under the supervision of Head. Altogether 87 sat at table. After the banquet, the R.W. P.G.M., Sir Watkin, proposed with the toast list. It must have been a festive to the brethren assembled at the festive to see the good humour, and the pure element shining so brilliantly in the Grand Master on this occasion; and though he has nobly devoted years of his life to Masonic labours, his energy and zeal diminished; but, on the contrary, appears to be expanding, and becoming more prominent by day. Very suitable addresses were given by several of the brethren, among whom mention Bros. T. C. Roden, P.M., No. G.W., Bulkeley Hughes, P. Prov. G. I. Lloyd Griffith, P.M. 597; John G.S.D.; Edward Mellor, P.M.; and others. Independent of the members of the Cybi Lodge, there were in addition to the following named, Bros. F. Jones, 384; R. J. 1143; John Ormiston, 1143; Henry 384; Owen Roberts, 1113; Robert 384; R. T. Phillips, 755; D. Cameron 1113; Haly, 384; David Wynne 1113; George Higgins, 1113; E. Hood, 24; J. Frederick Mason, St. Barnabas, 1113; Lloyd Kyffin, J.W. 1113; W. W. and James Treweek, 1113; James 6; R. H. William, P.M. 1113; and We may state in conclusion that the occasion proved a great success; every individual took special interest in the proceedings and highly gratified and pleased with the may be mentioned that after the toast of Wales, and that of Sir Watkin, Jones' songs were sung with much

eclat, Bro. Robert Parry, presiding with his usual good taste on the excellent harmonium belonging to the lodge.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

(Continued from page 163.)

The Chairman then continued:—In looking over the list of subscribers, and when I do so, I see the same men time after time coming forward nobly, with generous subscriptions to maintain these great Institutions; but I have heard an estimate made that after all there is not above one-sixth of the members of the Craft who are subscribers to these Institutions. I hope that there is some error about that calculation.

I am very well aware that there are many men in the Craft who with the best intentions have not the means of subscribing; but I am very well aware that there are very many men who might subscribe and who do not. What I want to impress upon you to-night is this, that it is far better that these institutions should be supported by small subscriptions from large numbers, than that they should be supported by large subscriptions from a few. You who do not subscribe and cannot, have no right to say that the Boys' School is a credit to Freemasonry; it is a credit to its members; it is no credit, but a discredit to those who do not subscribe. And I earnestly beg you to think these things are doubtless truly the proofs which are held up and which we may hold up to our fellow-countrymen of the advantages of the spirit by which the Craft in this country is animated; but they are only proofs in that degree, in which they are supported throughout the length and breadth of the Craft, by everyone who can give any support at all. Do not let any brother be ashamed to give a small subscription. A great many small subscriptions will in the end come, as you well know, to a great deal more than a few large ones, and what you want is that these institutions should rest upon the widest possible basis, that they should be truly representatives of the spirit of this ancient fraternity, that what we say after dinner we may say deliberately at all times without fear of contradiction, that the spirit of the Craft is to be judged by the points which it bears in institutions like this, because these institutions do not rest upon the generosity of the few, but because they are founded upon the general and broad and stable basis of the general support of the Craft. I beg to couple with this toast the name of one of "The Vice-Presidents, Bro. Raynham Stewart."

Bro. Raynham Stewart, in returning thanks, entirely concurred in the views of the Grand Master that it was more desirable that they should obtain small contributions from a large number than large contributions from a small one. Beginning operations in a very small building, the Craft had had the courage to get into debt to increase it, and now they had had the courage to get out of debt; and he added that the managers of the Institution were perfectly ready to carry out the views of the brethren as regarded extending the usefulness of the Institution if only the brethren would provide them with the means for so doing.

Bro. Binckes presented two of the boys from the Institution to the Grand Master, to receive the silver medals awarded, the one for general good conduct, and the other for popularity among the scholars. These tests of merit are somewhat peculiar, and the Grand Master wisely reminded the recipient of the popularity medal that there were many things in this world more worthy of being striven after than popularity.

Bro. Binckes then proceeded to read a list of the monies brought up by the various Stewards on this occasion, showing contributions from Town Lodges, £2,951 17s., and from the country £4,060 3s., making together £7,031. Of this sum Bro. John Sutcliffe, of East Lincolnshire, had contributed a very considerable sum. Having devoted some eight months to this cause, he had, after setting a noble example by himself contributing 250 guineas, collected in his Province in all a sum of £1,030. Bro. Binckes

concluded by announcing that there were eight lists still to come in.

In proposing the health of the Vice-Presidents, Auditors, and Committee of the Institution, the Chairman remarked that no Institution can flourish unless it is well managed; and if they were satisfied that the Boys' School was in a prosperous condition, that was the best proof that the managers had done their duty. He added, that he congratulated the brethren heartily on the results of this evening; and he was proud to say that he was connected with the Province of Lincolnshire, which had sent so noble a contribution to the funds.

Bro. Philbrick having returned thanks, the Chairman rose to propose "Prosperity to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution." He was sure that those who had assembled there in such numbers to contribute to the prosperity of the Boys' School; must also have warmly at heart the prosperity of the other Masonic Charities.

This toast was responded to by Bro. Little, who made a short but able address on behalf of the Girls' School, and hoped that the brethren present would support that Institution at the forthcoming festival.

The health of the Stewards was then proposed by the Chairman, and responded to by Bro. Capt. Platt, and the health of "The Ladies," which followed, was acknowledged in a neat speech by Lord Balfour of Burleigh.

The more serious business of the evening being now ended, the company adjourned to the Temple, where an admirable concert, under the direction of Bro. W. Ganz, G.O., was held, the principal performers being Miss Rose Hersee, Madame Thaddeus Wells, Miss Alice Fairman, Bro. Geo. Perren, Mr. Trelawny Cobham, Mr. Maybrick, Bro. Caravoglia, Bro. Paque, and Bro. Lehmyer.

[By the courtesy of Bro. Binckes we have received a full list of the subscriptions handed in by the several Stewards, which we are unable to find space for this week, but which will be found in next week's impression.

Original Correspondence.

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

FATHER CUFFE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Your correspondent "H.C.L.," appears as an apologist for Father Cuffe in his recent refusal to bury a Roman Catholic soldier who was a Freemason. He argues that the reverend gentleman was simply acting in accordance with the laws of his Church, and says "we must not too hastily . . . condemn as unwarrantable the conduct of a priest who is bound to obey his ecclesiastical superiors."

Now, Sir, "H.C.L.," (as well as some of your other correspondents) seems to miss the vital point in the matter at issue. Father Cuffe, as a Romish priest, may be perfectly justified in refusing to bury an excommunicated person. We may deplore the intolerance, the bigotry, and the want of clarity of the Pope in excommunicating any one, and of the priest in obeying such a senseless and wicked order. We may rejoice that the increased enlightenment of the age renders almost harmless all these papal threats, anathemas, and excommunications, and causes them to fall upon the world as empty words, "full of sound and fury, yet signifying nothing." We may rejoice that the curses launched against Freemasons do not deter thousands of Roman Catholics from joining the Order. We may rejoice to observe that the passionate breathings of the most infallible of Popes are less regarded than the dicta of any of his predecessors. We may rejoice that there is now no chance of a revival of those days when men trembled at the Pope's anger, when children were refused baptism at his command, and when the excommunicated dead lay unburied in the land. Yes, we may thank God that those days of grovelling superstition are gone. Beyond this mere expression of opinion, however,

we have no right to interfere in the internal discipline of the Romish Church, and, so far, "H.C.L." is right.

But, sir, as a Roman Catholic Army Chaplain, Father Cuffe owes an allegiance beyond that due to the Pope of Rome. He is a paid servant of the English State; paid by the money of Protestant and Romanist alike; paid to render to our Roman Catholic soldiers the services of their church. In his capacity of State servant, of what avail is it to prate of his duty to the Pope? We have nought to do with the Pope! The Pope has no sovereignty in these dominions. If, then, Father Cuffe says that his allegiance to the Pope will not allow him to perform the duties for which he is paid by the State, we reply, "Get you gone; resign your State Office and your salary to some one who will. There are now plenty of Catholic priests, fortunately, who have cast off the degrading fetters of an infallible Pope.

The case stands thus: Father Cuffe, as an officer of the British Army, has refused to discharge his duty; let him then be called to account by his military superiors, and be made to understand that such conduct must not and shall not be repeated.

I am, yours fraternally,
WILLIAM DATE, W.M., 814.

MASONS' MARKS.

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

After all that has been said, and written upon this subject, it is quite amusing to read such remarks as those by Bro. Chalmers I. Paton, at page 139. Were he some newly made brother his ignorance might be excused, but for Bro. Paton now to pretend not to know that the old operative Masons before last century were at liberty to take their mark with either an even or an odd number of points just as they chose is inexcusable. As a proof of this, he has only to turn to page 67 of Bro. Lyons splendid new Masonic work, "Freemasonry in Scotland," where a large number of Masonic marks from buildings and old Masonic records are so beautifully lithographed, and counting the points in the marks there shown, he will find about one half of them with an even number of points. He must also remember, as shown at page 550 of *The Freemason*, for September 2, 1871, that it was the rule among the old operative Masons to give to every apprentice his mark when being entered as an apprentice. The idea of confining the mark to Fellow Crafts was a new style of doing things, introduced when the mark degree was first instituted about the middle of the last century. The rule that the mark was to be always of an odd number of points was a new rule introduced when the mark degree was started. The reference which Bro. Paton makes to Bro. A. Kerr is rather unfortunate, one might as well bring Ptolemy forward to prove that Sir Isaac Newton was wrong as bringing Bro. Kerr forward to prove Bro. Hughan wrong. Those who desire more light upon Masons' marks, and upon the mark degree, may find some at pages 474, 489, and 522 of *The Freemason* for July 29th, and August 5th, and 19th, 1871.

I am, yours fraternally,
W. P. BUCHAN.

FREEMASONRY IN CHINA.

(FROM A CORRESPONDENT AT SHANGHAI.)

We have very interesting news of the progress of British Masonry in China, and an energetic old Mason once more appears to the front. We need only mention the name of Past Master Sidford to remind China Masons of the founder of the Tuscan Lodge, 1027 E.C., at Shanghai in 1864.

A new lodge has been established at Chin-Kiang, a rising port on the great Yang-tze River during last year, and has been very favourably mentioned as doing useful work amongst the community at that place, and from what we hear there is still plenty of work before it. We have been favoured with a copy of the minutes of a meeting of the D.G.L. of China, from which we make some extracts relative to the final con-

stitution and consecration of the Doric Lodge of Chin-Kiang No. 1433, E.C., and wish the lodge and its members "God speed," a wish that will be generally expressed amongst all our Masonic readers.

Minutes of a special meeting of the Doric Lodge No. 1433, E.C., held at the lodge-room, Chin-Kiang on Monday, 15th December, 1873, for the purpose of constituting and consecrating the lodge, and installing its first Worshipful Master and Wardens.

Present.—Worshipful Bros. Thos. W. Kingsmill, P.D.G. Superintendent of Works, acting for D.D.G.M., J. H. P. Parker, P.D.G.S.B.; Henry H. Sidford, Bros. Gearing, Abbott, Menzies, Goldspink, Nunn, Middleton, Walker, Camajee, Sanders, Moore, and Williamson.

The lodge was opened in ancient form and with solemn prayer at 9.30 a.m.

The circular convening the meeting was read as follows:—

"Doric Lodge No. 1433, E.C.,
"Chin-Kiang, 13th Dec., 1873.

"Dear Sir and Brother,

"You are requested to attend a special meeting of your lodge, to be held at the Masonic Hall on Monday, the 15th Dec., 1873, at 9.30 a.m. precisely.

"By order of the W.M.

"Yours fraternally,

(Signed) G. WILLIAMSON,
"Secretary.

"Business—The consecration of the lodge and installation of W.M. and officers."

The representatives of the District Grand Lodge, Wor. Bro. Thos. W. Kingsmill, P.M., No. 570, P.D.G. Superintendent of Works, &c., &c., and Worshipful Bro. J. H. P. Parker P.M. No. 501, P.D.G.S.B., were then announced as desiring admission, and were received with Grand honours, they were then conducted to the East., Wor. Bro. Sidford offering the chair to Wor. Bro. Kingsmill, who desired the W.M. to continue the work.

The lodge was passed to the F.C.'s degree, and all brethren below the rank of M.M. having retired, the lodge was opened in the third degree.

Wor. Bro. Sidford, then vacated the chair and handed the gavel to Wor. Bro. Kingsmill, soliciting at the hands of the delegates of the District Grand Lodge the constitution and consecration of the Doric Lodge. The delegates were also placed in possession of the charter, furniture, jewels, Regalia, and minute book of the lodge.

Wor. Bro. Kingsmill opened a District Grand Lodge in form with solemn prayer at 10. a.m.

The ceremony of constituting, and consecrating the Doric Lodge, No. 1433, E.C., was then gone through.

The minutes of the meeting of the lodge held under the Provincial Dispensation were read by the W.M. Elect, the same being approved, Wor. Bro. Kingsmill in the name of the District Grand Lodge declared them fully confirmed.

The District Grand Lodge was closed in form and with solemn prayer at 10.40, the Doric Lodge resuming labour in the third and second degrees respectively.

The W.M. Elect, Wor. Bro. P.M., Sidford was then presented for installation.

The ceremony of installation followed, the W.M., P.M. Henry Aeneas Sidford, receiving the salutations of the brethren.

The lodge closed in the third, opened in the second, closed in the second, and resumed labour in the first degree at 11.15.

The W.M. proposed a vote of thanks to the delegates of the District Grand Lodge in the following terms:—

"Worshipful and dear brethren, as the mouth-piece of the brethren of the Doric Lodge, I beg most heartily and gratefully to return our sincere thanks to you for your kind assistance in coming up to Chin-Kiang and constituting and consecrating our lodge, confirming our previous work, and installing myself and the other officers. Looking forward to this auspicious occasion, seemed at one time a long, almost a faltering expectation, but those times of anxiety and weakness are numbered amongst the things of the past, and we now go forward with renewed strength, vitality, and hopefulness. The work already cemented by your approval and confirmation has done good amongst the community

of this port; our minutes have shown you there is still plenty of labour before us, and promise as far as lies in our humble power continue faithful in the discharge of the Masonic duties which still await us. Worshipful [S] I may safely say you can never receive a more hearty expression of thanks than that which I now propose to offer to you."

Bro. S. W. Gearing gladly seconded the thanks of the Worshipful Master, and the brethren carried it with acclamation.

Worshipful Bro. Kingsmill acknowledged the pleasure it had given him in being the fortunate witness of the real prosperity of the Doric Lodge and trusted that when the time came round Worshipful Bro. Sidford to vacate the chair, successor would worthily follow his predecessor's successful example. He, Worshipful Bro. Kingsmill, would have great pleasure in testifying to the District Grand Lodge that the working of her youngest offshoots was worthy of all commendation.

The W.M. proposed, Wor. Bro. Kingsmill seconded, and the lodge carried unanimously, a cordial vote of thanks to the visiting brethren from Shanghai, coupled with the name of Bro. Camajee, whose presence amongst us was proof in itself of our universality and non-sectarian principles.

Bro. Camajee and also Bro. Saunders acknowledged the vote with a few suitable observations.

Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry in general, or this lodge in particular it closed in due and ancient form with solemn prayer at 11.35 a.m., the brethren separating in peace, harmony, and brotherly love.

(Signed) GEORGE WILLIAMSON
Secretary

A new Worshipful Master, R. J. Abbot, installed as W.M. (by W.P. Master H. Sidford) for 1874 early in January, and at next regular meeting, 13th January, a vote of thanks was proposed by the J.W. Bro. Geo. Williamson, seconded by the Worshipful Master and carried with acclamation:—

"Worshipful Sir and Brethren,

"Being one of the first to be elected upon the volume of the Sacred Law now before you, I have peculiar pleasure in proposing a cordial vote of thanks to our Immediate Past Master Wor. Bro. Henry Aeneas Sidford for presenting that handsome volume with the square and compasses, to this lodge.

I am sure all these who are privileged to this their "Mother Lodge" will join me in supplementing this proposal by gratefully acknowledging his kind and patient exertions to thoroughly fit us each and all for the several degrees he has been pleased to confer upon us. May he hereafter have the satisfaction of knowing that those whom he has placed in the corner of this lodge, not only tend to strengthen and adorn this edifice (in the rearing of which he has displayed so much ability and zeal), but that through his instructions they have also rendered better members of that vast lodge which we are surrounded, in which, as each individual has an influence for the better or the worse. And may he, and we, by acting conformably with that Sacred Law, meet again that Grand lodge above, where T.G.A.O. lives and reigns for evermore."

Chin-Kiang, 16th January, 1874.
Worshipful and Dear Bro. Abbot, Wardens, and Brethren,

The flattering and unexpected vote of thanks that I was so undeservedly honoured with at last regular meeting, took me so much by surprise that I was unable at the moment adequate to give utterance to all I then felt, and desired. You will therefore allow me now, explicitly to record my gratitude to, and my love for, all who joined in those expressive fraternal regards. May the time never be forgotten, that you alluded to, when, most earnestly and lovingly, to impress upon my mind, that with unity in your lodge, you would have strength, action and commandment, as it were, in one word, and only one, of fraternal union. Let the resources and charity of our unenlightened—possibly involved, if not

—outside world pass, on almost every occasion, unnoticed, in short, as if they had not been heard. This is our only danger—an insignificant one perhaps, but still a danger, that it is necessary to provide against. I am sensible of my own shortcomings, but with the unanimity and concord that now obtains amongst you, I entertain no doubt but that your lodge, and mine, will continue on her path of duty and usefulness, to a greater attainment of success under her present officers than I could have anticipated during my first year of Mastership. May the Almighty, our Guide, our Comforter, be ever with you, bless and prosper you as a lodge, as Masons, and as His children.

Your loving fraternal servant,
HENRY E. SIDFORD,
P.M. 1027 and 1433.

The Worshipful Master, Officers, and Brethren,
Doric Lodge 1433, Chin-Kiang.
Worshipful Bro. Sidford will have the satisfaction on leaving Chin-Kiang as, we are informed, he shortly intends, of knowing he has left a good work behind him.

MASONIC BIBLIOGRAPHY.

Among some looks which came into my hands the other day there is bound up with another treatise a copy of a little work mentioned by Kloss, page 22, No. 251.

This is, it seems, a defence of Freemasonry by the Chevalier Ramsay, according to Kloss, and had the high honour of being burnt at Rome by order of the Inquisition in 1783.

This little work is written in French, and is alleged to be printed at Dublin by Patrick J. Donoho, 1738. Kloss mentions a copy printed at London, 1749, but does not say whether any English translation of it ever existed. German translations of it do exist.

A. F. A. WOODFORD.

I see that Kloss mentions "Clypeum mistic" at page 185, No. 2523, and "Speck der Fall," at the same page No. 2526. He also at page 188, No. 2554, he mentions the *Lusæ crucis Frater Thrasionico Mendax*, the title of which I alluded to, as all written by *risopheri Filius Mundus*.

A. F. A. WOODFORD.

Let me call attention to the "Encyclopædia of Masonry and its kindred sciences, comprising the whole range of arts, sciences and literature, as collected with the institution by Albert G. Key, M.D., author of "Lexicon of Freemasonry," "A Text Book of Masonic Jurisprudence," "Symbolism of Freemasonry," &c., with illustrations."

George Kenning having been appointed Agent for the United Kingdom for the above is now prepared to supply the same at his office Depots, London, Liverpool, Glasgow, Edinburgh.

A. F. A. WOODFORD.

THE MASONIC CHARITIES.

are much pleased to inform our readers of an excellent pamphlet by our Brother Watson, W.M. 1386, "Lincoln, on our Masonic Charities" has been reprinted in the *Magazine* for March, 1874. (George Watson, 198, Fleet-street, London, 7d., postage paid.)

again to express our warm appreciation of Bro. Watson's valuable little book, and most ardently that every Freemason in this country had a copy thereof to carefully study.

PHOTOGRAPHIC NOTICE.

Mr. Moses and Son have published two splendid and wonderfully cheap photographic albums of H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh and H.I.H. the Duchess. We were not aware that these enterprising "entrepreneurs" of modern habiliments were turning their attention also to photographic art. We were acquainted with the fact indeed, that they were prepared to clothe completely even the Emperor's famous New Zealander at the most on the easiest terms, and in the most satisfactory and fashionable manner, so that the interesting personage would no longer be the subject of those respectable members of P.F. who patrol Westminster Bridge, as the specimens of photography

they have sent us are very good in themselves, we think them deserving both of notice and commendation. Any of our brethren who want these two portraits for their photographic albums, as most probably all do, cannot do better than apply for them forthwith.

SURREY MASONIC HALL.

The Directors of the Surrey Masonic Hall Company have at length completed all preliminary matters, and the excavations for the foundations for the new building are in course of progress. To such of our readers who may be interested in this undertaking, we recommend an inspection of the new plans and drawings which we have authority for stating can be seen at the offices of the architects to the Company, Messrs. Pain and Clark, Essex-street, Strand. The builder, Mr. John Oliver, signed his contract for the work on Monday last, and has engaged to have the most important portion of the building complete and ready for occupation by the 1st of September in this year. At the Board meeting on Monday it was resolved to make almost immediate preparation for the laying of the foundation stone, and it is anticipated that that ceremony will be performed by a high Masonic personage, whose convenience will, of course, have to be studied before a date can be absolutely fixed.

Obituary.

BRO. WILLIAM HENRY SMITH, OF HOLYHEAD.

The deeds of the brave and self-sacrificing brethren who have, from time to time, taken their place in the Masonic ranks are worthy of a place in a journal which is peculiarly for the Craft; and, therefore, notice is this week due to the obituary of a worthy brother, who for many years has been well-known and highly esteemed in Holyhead. The funeral ceremony of Bro. William Henry Smith, proprietor of the Marine Hotel, a member of St. Cybi Lodge, No. 527, which took place on Saturday week, was an event of more than ordinary interest, and the brethren of that and other lodges showed their respect for the deceased by attending on the occasion in large numbers. Amongst those present were:—Bros. John Ellis, W.M.; the Rev. O. W. Jones, M.A., S.W., and Chaplain; J. Peters, P.M., P.G.S.D., Treasurer; J. Lloyd, J.W.; A. F. Snelson, J.D.; R. Parry, Organist; W. Jones, I.G.; E. Mellor, P.M.; W. Lewis, P.M.; O. R. Ellis, 507; J. M. Harden, I.G. 755; and about 20 other brethren. The funeral service was impressively read by Bro. Rev. O. W. Jones, S.W., Chaplain, and at the proper time the brethren went round the grave, each dropping a sprig of acacia on the mortal remains of the departed brother, all evidently feeling the loss which had been sustained. Bro. W. H. Smith served in Her Majesty's customs for nearly 26 years, and in 1853 he was appointed collector for Beaumaris and its dependencies, from which he retired in 1866 with a well-earned pension. He was not only well known throughout the counties of Carnarvon and Anglesey, where his official duties lay, but also by repute beyond the United Kingdom, in consequence of his noble exertions in 1859 in succouring those saved from the wreck of the ill-fated Royal Charter, superintending, on behalf of the Crown, all the operations for recovering the bodies, as well as the specie and cargo. His zeal was most indefatigable; and so much were his services appreciated by the friends of those who perished, that a nobleman started a subscription for the purpose of presenting a testimonial to him. Bro. Smith, on hearing of the movement, at once declined to receive anything, stating that if he had done more than his duty he had only done what humanity dictated. The Treasury, however, were so highly pleased with his services that a special allowance was voted to him, the secretary being instructed to write acknowledging his great zeal and the satisfactory way in which he had carried out his painful and irksome duties. Exposure to the weather and his unwearied exertions laid the seeds of rheumatism, which compelled him to accept a pension in 1866. The deceased who was 52 years of age, died somewhat suddenly on the 5th inst.

As a mark of respect, the tradespeople in Holyhead closed their places of business during the hour of interment.

SOC: ROSICRUC: IN SCOTIA.

EDINBURGH.—*Edinburgh College of the East of Scotland*.—A special meeting of this College was held in Freemasons' Hall, George-st., on Saturday, the 14th inst., presided over by O. Frater John Laurie, Primus Adeptus, VIII^o, when the following brethren were admitted, members viz. J. M. Coventry, W.S.; H. J. Dickson, and John A. L. Barnett.

GRAND LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The Lodge of Benevolence, met on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. J. M. Clabon, President, Bro. Joshua Nunn, S.V.P., and Bro. James Brett, J.V.P. There was a very large large attendance of brethren. There were twenty-one cases relieved with a total of £463. Of this sum two cases were relieved with £50 each, three with £40, and two with £30; the remainder were relieved with smaller sums. The lodge sat for three hours. Six cases were deferred for further consideration, not being complete.

MASONIC INTELLIGENCE.

The rank of Queen's Counsel has been conferred on Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Grand Junior Deacon.

Bro. Mackey's new work has just reached us, and we propose to call the attention of our brethren to it fully, next week.

A COMPREHENSIVE CURSE FOR THE FREEMASONS.

A Leeds correspondent sends us the *Valparaiso Mail*, of Jan. 2, and calls our attention to this paragraph in it:—

"The Bishop of Rio Grande and the Masons.—The Bishop of Rio Grande, says the *Opinion Nationale* of Rosario, excommunicated and anathematized the Masons of that province, cursing them in the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost, of St. Peter, St. Paul, and St. Andrew, of all the Apostles and disciples of Jesus Christ, of the four Evangelists, of all the Martyrs from the beginning of the world to the end of time; he cursed them all by the heavens and the earth, all the things therein, in their houses, when travelling on land and on water, in church, coming, going, eating, drinking, playing, when courting sleep, asleep and awake, walking, riding, sitting, working, and resting. He cursed all the power of their bodies, interior and exterior, their hair, eyes, head, ears, jaws, nose, teeth, throat, shoulders, arms, legs, feet, all the joints, and finally wound up as follows:— Curse them. Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, with all the power of thy majesty, and may they be delivered up to eternal condemnation if they do not repent and confess their faults. Amen. Amen."

That is as bad a curse as that of Ingoldsby—vide "The Jackdaw of Rheims"—and approaches that quoted by Sterne in "Tristram Shandy." This was the curse on the thievish Jackdaw—

"He cursed him at board, he cursed him in bed; From the sole of his foot to the crown of his head; He cursed him in sleeping, that every night He should dream of the devil, and wake in a fright; He cursed him in eating, he cursed him in drinking, He cursed him in coughing, in sneezing, in winking; He cursed him in sitting, in standing, in lying; He cursed him in walking, in riding, in flying; He cursed him in living, he cursed him in dying!"

As to the curse of Bishop Ernulfus, of which Mr. Shandy obtained a copy from "the Chapter-Clerk of the Dean and Chapter of Rochester," some parts could not be reproduced in the columns of the *Chatham News*—readers of "Tristram Shandy" will know why. But all three excommunications are tolerably alike in the main—they are of a "common form." "Our army swore terribly in Flanders," cried my uncle Toby—"but nothing to this." We hope not.—*Chatham News*.

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ERRATA.—P. 162, column 1, for Bro. Captain Platt, G.P.W., read J.G.W.

Page 164, column 2, line 2, for "1874," read "1872," line 15, alter "Melrose" read "Lodge."

The following communications stand over, unavoidably, till next week. Whittington Lodge, St. James's Union, Lodge Glasgow, 441, Bro. Thomas Stratford's communicated anent, a lodge consecrated, Bro. Darby's letter, and Bro Legg's, Bro. W. Viner Bedolle's Knights Templar, &c., Bury-St.-Edmunds.

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The second of our great Charity Anniversary Festivals has passed away, amid circumstances of singular interest and great success.

Under the Presidency of our Grand Master, we need hardly say, that full justice was done to the claims of the institution, as there are few more effective or powerful chairmen than our exalted brother.

We beg to commend his most admirable and truthful remarks to the notice of all thoughtful members of our Order, as they serve to express more forcibly and eloquently, what we for some time have been seeking to impress upon our many readers.

Bro. F. Binckes's untiring exertions have been rewarded with the liberal return of £7,004 7s., and we think such a fact in itself redounds not only to his credit, but to that of the numerous and active Stewards, and the many large-hearted members of our Order, who have again rallied round the Boys' School.

The simple fact, that the first two anniversary meetings of our charities have produced the total sum of over £13,000, is not only full of gratifying reflections, but must be a subject of some little pride to those who have worked so heartily in so good a cause, and to English Freemasons everywhere.

And so we conclude to-day with the good old adage, "Verbum sat sapienti."

THE GRAND LODGES OF CANADA AND QUEBEC.

We are happy, in being able to announce the adjustment of all existing differences between the Grand Lodge of the province of Quebec, and the Grand Lodge of Canada.

The Grand Lodge of Canada has consented in a very fraternal spirit, we understand, to withdraw her claim of jurisdiction over the province of Quebec and all the lodges therein, which are to be duly enrolled in the registry of the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

The Grand Lodge of Canada also formally recognizes the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and will establish a fraternal communication with her. The Grand Lodge of Quebec has, it appears, already been acknowledged by nearly all the Grand Lodges in the United States, and by several Grand Lodges elsewhere.

We are, then, glad to be able to announce a Masonic peace.

THE EARLY GRAND ENCAMPMENT AND THE P. G. LODGE OF GLASGOW.

We have carefully perused the letter of "Fiat Justitia," in our last issue, and assuming the writer's statements of facts to be correct, we do not profess to understand, what jurisdiction the Prov. Grand Lodge of Glasgow has in the matter at all, or how it can interfere with the undoubted rights and privileges of a private lodge. It is quite clear, that, as a Craft Provincial Grand

Lodge, it has nothing to do with Templar Masonry, and has no locus standi whatever, in seeking to pronounce an opinion, as to the comparative value of two rival Templar orders, which as a Craft body it does know nothing, and can know nothing whatever. If the lodge thus unwisely and illegally interfered with, according to our Craft Regulations, had let rooms to a spurious body of Craft Masonry, then undoubtedly the Craft authorities could intervene.

But in this case, a Craft Provincial Grand Lodge, professes to interfere with a Craft Lodge because it has let its room to a body of Templar not in union with some Templar body, which commends itself to the Craft Provincial Grand Lodge.

Anything more injurious to Craft Masonry than this tendency of some of our Craft authorities to interfere with or take cognizance of Templary, cannot be well conceived, and furnishes another argument, if argument be needed, to our Irish Brethren, to get rid of any connection with any bodies or organizations whatever, extern to Craft Masonry. We shall await with much curiosity the defence, any, of the Glasgow Provincial Grand Lodge.

WEEKLY SUMMARY.

Her Majesty has returned to Windsor Castle after holding a Court at Buckingham Palace Friday.

The Prince and Princess of Wales are at Marlborough House.

The Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh remain at Buckingham Palace, for the present. The entry of Her Majesty with the august couple into London, on Thursday, the 12th inst., and her passage through the streets of metropolis, afforded unmixed gratification thronging masses of her people. Despite falling snow and the prevailing cold, the warmth and loyalty of those vast crowds knew no bounds, and seldom, if ever, has there been evidence more striking proof of the unchanged loyalty and hearty attachment of all ranks and conditions, in our industrious and well affected nation to the person of the sovereign, and the constituted authority of these realms. No doubt there was a good deal of honest English feeling for the newly-married couple, and of the welcome to the daughter of the Czar, but mainspring of all the remarkable pleasure joyous welcome proclaimed by the long and fringe of patient bystanders on Thursday was a devoted attachment to the Sovereign personally, and to our English Royal Family generally. Her Majesty and her children seem most sensible of the loyal manifestation sympathy and goodwill, which they beheld received from first to last, and all the arrangements alike of the military and of the police to have given the greatest satisfaction. Loyalty of Englishmen had changed our streets "for the nonce," into gay avenue flags, and carpeting and colour, and nothing more remarkable than the cheerful good humoured and orderly proceedings of the surging and gregated masses! It was, in fact, a pe-rejoicing with their Queen, and a pe-welcome to a gentle stranger.

Parliament is adjourned to the 19th, the business of the Session will commence.

Some remarkable correspondence has place between Mr. Charles Orton and the newspaper, as regards his brother in New York and both Mrs. Jury and Mrs. Pittman have appeared on the scene. Mrs. who was not examined at the inquest, maintains that the "gentleman in New York" is not her brother. Mrs. Pittman says that she is undoubtedly Orton's person's. One is reminded of the and the membership list of the last year.

The best opinion probably in the whole matter would be that of Mr. Inspector Whicher, though, we cannot expect that very cautious and skillful personage to condescend ever to write to the papers. We think that it is a great pity any more attention should be paid to a convicted criminal, and though we are daily assured that fresh proceedings are to be taken to set aside the judgment, we believe that they will turn out to be utterly futile. It seems very hard indeed to the rate-payers, and a great scandal to society, (relaxed undoubtedly as the moral feeling now is), that any persons should be associated to raise funds to continue such proceedings. Indeed it may be a fair question, whether, others besides Captain Brown, who is still "up" before Sir Thomas Henry, should not be made answerable to the laws of this country, for the part they have taken in this stupendous conspiracy.

The Bengal Famine Fund at the Mansion House, is now over £50,000 and it seems unfortunately as if a large sum would yet be needed to help the famishing multitudes in Bengal. The Government authorities are manfully straining every nerve to meet the terrible exigency; but it is, we think, clear without dispute, that their energetic efforts must be largely supplemented by our wonted English liberality, and kindly feeling at home.

Our fine troops are on their way back from Coomassie, and loyal Portsmouth is preparing to give them a right good hearty English welcome. They are expected almost daily, and may probably arrive before we go to press.

There is but little news from abroad. France is tranquil. Prince Bismarck is suffering from acute neuralgia. The Bishop of Treves is in prison, and the Bishop of Pernambuco sentenced to four years' imprisonment. This last energetic prelate could not, and would not, leave peaceable Freemasons alone, "hinc illæ lacrymæ."

From Spain we have nothing decisive. Marshal Serrano, who has taken the command, vice Moriones, is collecting a large army. Any day may bring important intelligence. Saballs has in the meantime fallen upon, and utterly routed, General Nouvilas.

We have to record the death of the Dowager Duchess of Richmond, of Augustus Chatham Strode, C.B., Captain R.N., of Col. Henry Salwey, formerly Coldstream Guards, of Sub-lieuts. R. Mundy, Victor Bradshaw, and Thos. Ficklin, on the march down from Coomassie, of Commander John Budgen, R.N., and of a military veteran, Charles Schaw, who carried the colours of a London Corps of Volunteers, being then an Eton boy, when George III. reviewed in Hyde Park 100,000 men.

The deaths of Col. the Hon. Richard Charles, of Brownlow North Garnier, late Major 53rd Regiment, of Captain Alfred Abercromby Dick, late Commandant of the 11th Bengalancers, and of the Rev. R. Demaus, principal of Whitelands Training College are also announced.

SPEECH OF BRO. J. C. PARKINSON, D.P.G.M., MIDDLESEX, ON HIS INSTALLATION AS W.M. OF ST. DAVID'S LODGE, NO. 679, ABERDARE.

In presiding for the first time as your Master, have to tender you my best thanks for unanimously electing me to that position. The handsome memorial, signed by the Past Masters, wardens, and members of this St. David's Lodge Aberdare, and the promises of diligent support contained in it, made it impossible to refuse honour they were good enough to propose. It is, no doubt, an uncommon circumstance for a Deputy Grand Master of one province to accept this office in another; but my connection with South Wales brings me frequently amongst you, and it is incumbent on us all to lend such assistance as we possess to the local development of national institutions. Experience has taught that the institution of Freemasonry is a moral and a social power, and I rejoice to have the opportunity of taking this leading position amongst the Freemasons of the Aberdare Valley, and of testifying publicly to my belief in the

usefulness and potentiality of the Craft. I have proved its value in the four quarters of the globe, and whether at home in Europe, or on the burning shores of Africa, or by the crumbling tombs and palaces of venerable Asian races, or amidst the new theories, new ideas, and vigorous stirring life of the great Republic of the West, I have found our mystic bond of fraternity strong and valid, and the right hand of Masonic fellowship held out with unflinching cordiality. There has been so much nonsense written for and against Freemasonry; there are so few people, even amongst its members, who understand the full import of its working, and silent influence, that the outer world is not unnaturally confused between the denunciations of ecclesiastics who proclaim the works of Masonry to be evil, and irreligion, revolution, and social anarchy to follow in its wake, and the sneers of literary cynics who proclaim it to be a gorgeous game of make-believe, in which the weak, the credulous, and the vain exult in gay trappings over imaginary labours, and in titles of honour which, though full of sound and fury, signify—nothing! In the one case, Freemasons are portrayed as dark conspirators, whose machinations are dangerous to the common weal. In the other, as self-glorifying noodles, who indulge in harmless foolery with cap and bells, and whose pinchbeck symbolism and spurious claims are unworthy the attention of serious men. It is obvious that these assailants confute each other. Freemasonry cannot be—as the Romish Church would have men believe—a deep plot against religion and society, and also be a mere idle excuse for conviviality, or for male millinery tempered by alms-giving. The parts of Robespierre and Danton, of Jack Pudding, and Belphegor, the mountebank, are not played by the same men at the same instant of time. It seems almost a waste of words to say this, but as it happened only the other day that the rites of burial were refused in England to a British soldier, because he was a Freemason, and as all the Freemasons in a neighbouring kingdom (Belgium) were excommunicated at a blow on the day of my last visit here, it is expedient to let the wholesome air of truth blow through these fallacies, and never more so than on an occasion like this, when a decent respect for the opinion of neighbours and friends impels one to explain the grounds upon which we are willing to give personal support to an institution so deeply maligned. Two things are indisputable, the reality of the tie which binds Freemasons together, and their profound allegiance to Order and Law. The rulers they appoint, by an elaborate system of representation, they are bound by tenets and obligations, which are never violated, to honour and obey. And this brings me to what is little understood by the world at large, Masonic titles and ranks, the high value set upon them by, and their universal recognition within the fraternity. I venture to say that the distinctions of the outer world are not more highly prized than are Masonic honours by those within the circle in which they apply. Let us see how these honours are acquired. Freemasonry is a microcosm of constitutional government. A limited Monarchy; Lords, and Commons have in it their exact parallels. The Grand Master of the Order is a ruler, elected and loyally obeyed by subjects whose rights are clearly defined; and he governs by a Constitution which every Freemason can refer to, and which is never strained. The grand officers of England are life peers, a limited number of whom—never more than from eight to twelve—are created in acknowledgment of distinguished services by the Grand Master every year, and the Commons consist of all subscribing members, each of whom has a vote for the representatives composing the supreme Parliament, called Grand Lodge. This Parliament passes laws for the government of the Craft, and decides upon the disposal of its surplus wealth. Besides this, the whole kingdom is divided into Masonic provinces, each with its own Grand Master, who rules within it; the whole being represented in and subordinate to the central authority, and governed by laws which are clearly laid down and strictly enforced. The rank conferred by a Provincial Grand Master is only really valid in the province to which

it relates, but the holder of it wears his insignia at all Masonic meetings, and courtesy awards him the title he bears at home. The Grand Officers of England—the peers—carry their rank for life, and thanks to that reverence for constituted authority, which is the keynote of our system, find their position acknowledged and respected by Masons all over the world. Masonic rank then, once won, gives its possessor influence over his fellows wherever Masons are. But as it is admitted that this rank only holds good among the initiated, the question may very naturally be put, "Do Freemasons include classes over whom influence is valuable, and with whom a reasonable man would wish to stand well?" This is a most pertinent query, and upon the answer to be given to it depends the value or worthlessness of that masonic rank which only a few can attain, but to which I should like to see every member of this lodge aspire. Lord Bacon said, two hundred and fifty years ago, "He that seeketh to be eminent amongst able men hath a great task; but one that is ever good for the public. But he that tries to be the only figure amongst cyphers helps to the decay of a whole age." It would not do, of course, to apply this sweeping saying too literally to an organisation like ours:—

In man this blunder still you find,
Each thinks his little set mankind.

But avoiding that error, we may fairly grapple with the question, "Does eminence in Freemasonry mean eminence amongst able men, or cutting a figure amongst cyphers?" We will not revert to the wisdom of King Solomon, nor bring forward proofs to-night that Shakespeare was a Freemason. Our reply shall be drawn from those whose life histories are indisputable, and if time permitted it would not be difficult to show that the eminent men who have been and who are Freemasons include every shade of opinion, every variety of talent, and diversity of avocation. To quote a few names almost at random, Sir Christopher Wren presided over Freemasons' lodges throughout the building of St. Paul's, and his gavel is preserved to this day by the Lodge of Antiquity, now meeting at Freemasons' Hall, London. George Washington, one of the purest patriots the world has seen, held Masonic Lodges during the War of Independence, presided as Master while President of the United States, when he initiated Lafayette, and was buried with full Masonic honours. Sir Walter Scott, Goethe (the great German), and Robert Burns (the sweetest and most natural of our own poets), were all faithful Freemasons. The most chivalrous of our great generals—the heroic Napier—and the most successful, the Duke of Wellington, were active Freemasons; as was that commanding genius in the art of war, Napoleon the First, who, it is well known was indebted to the Masonic organisation and his position in it for much of his marvellous power over the hearts and wills of his soldiers. Fox and Sheridan, brilliant orators and statesmen, both were Masons. The most eloquent prelate at this time on the English bench—the Bishop of Peterborough—is one of us; and from the Church, the State, the Bench, the Bar, literature, science, and the arts, lists might be compiled which would be positively startling in the intellectual wealth and lofty public service they would include. The only difficulty in drawing up the catalogue would be one of selection, owing to the abundance of rich material at our disposal. Moreover, opinion necessarily varies as to what constitutes eminence in the fields of intellect. There are often two opinions about science, and always two about literature. Discoveries are said to be not discoveries, but mistakes; books not to be good writing for which the author should be admired, but bad for which he should be despised. I, therefore propose to quote to you a list drawn from an assembly concerning which there can be no dispute as to whether a man is a member of it or is not, or as to the precise position it confers—I mean the House of Lords, which contains at this time the following Freemasons:—His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales (Past Grand Master of England, and Master of the Prince of Wales Lodge), the Duke of Cumberland, King of Hanover (Grand Master of Han-

over), the Duke of St. Albans (Provincial Grand Master of Lincolnshire), the Duke of Marlborough, the Duke of Manchester (Provincial Grand Master of Northampton and Huntingdon), the Duke of Newcastle (Provincial Grand Master of Nottinghamshire), the Duke of Abercorn, the Duke of Leinster (Grand Master of Ireland), the Marquis of Ripon (Grand Master of England), the Marquis of Townsend, the Marquis of Downshire, the Marquis of Headfort, the Marquis of Donegal (Provincial Grand Master of Antrim), the Marquis of Waterford, the Marquis of Kildare, the Marquis of Londonderry (Past Grand Warden of England), Earl of Carnarvon (Deputy Grand Master of England), Earl of Zetland, Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot (Provincial Grand Master of Staffordshire); Earl of Sandwich (a Past Master), Earl of Shaftesbury, Earl of Jersey (Past Grand Warden of England), Earl Ferrers (Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Leicestershire and Rutland), Earl Cowper, Earl Mount-Edgcumbe (a Past Master), Earl of Rosslyn (Grand Master of Scotland), Earl of Durham (Past Grand Warden of England), Earl of Yarborough, Earl of Donoughmore, Earl of Limerick (Provincial Grand Master of Bristol), Earl of Dalhousie (Past Deputy Grand Master of England), Earl of Fife, Viscount Combermere (Past Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Cheshire), Viscount Hardinge, Viscount Gough, Lord Eliot (Past Grand Warden of England), Lord Sherborne (Provincial Grand Master of Gloucestershire), Lord Northwick, Lord Lilford, Lord Erskine (Past Grand Deacon of Scotland), Lord de Tabley (Provincial Grand Master of Cheshire), Lord Wharnclyffe, Lord Tenterden (Senior Grand Warden of England), the Very Rev. Dean Lord Plunkett (Past Grand Chaplain), Lord Skelmersdale (Past Grand Warden of England), Lord Abinger, Lord Leigh (Provincial Grand Master of Warwickshire), Lord Londeshorough, Lord Annaly (Past Grand Warden of Ireland), Lord Henniker (a Worshipful Master), Lord Lytton, Lord Methuen (Provincial Grand Master of Wiltshire), the Right Rev. the Bishop of Peterborough, Viscount Powerscourt, Viscount Dunboyne (Provincial Grand Master of Limerick), Viscount Blayney, Lord Colville. The following sons of peers are Freemasons:—The Marquis of Hartington (Provincial Grand Master of Derbyshire), Lord Maldon, Lord Royston (Provincial Grand Master of Cambridge), Lord Pelham (Provincial Grand Master of Sussex), Lord Holmesdale (Provincial Grand Master of Kent), Lord Amberley, Lord Lindsay (Provincial Grand Master of Aberdeenshire, and Past Grand Warden of England), the Earl of Bective (Provincial Grand Master, Cumberland and Westmoreland), Lord Kilworth, Lord Bernard (a Past Master), Earl Percy (Provincial Grand Master, Northumberland). This is a remarkable roll of names, and not the less so that it will take Freemasons generally by surprise. The prudent reserve of the Masonic body is so great that no list of our members has ever been printed; and while it is certain that the nobles I have quoted are Masons, it is equally certain that there are many more members of the Upper House who belong to us than I am able to name. Will anyone pretend that a Society numbering in its ranks more peers than there were in all England when the peerage was most powerful—more than wrung Magna Charta from John—more than swayed the throne itself during the Wars of the Roses—more than secured to us Protestant succession and the Declaration of Rights—that such a Society is dangerous to the Commonwealth, or that the importance claimed for it is factitious? And if, as was wisely written long ago, "the dignity of commandment is according to the dignity of the commanded; to have commandment over beasts, as herdsmen have, is a thing contemptible; to have commandment over children as schoolmasters have is a thing of small honour; to have commandment over gaily-slaves is a disparagement rather than an honour." If this be true, as it undoubtedly is, then, by a parity of reasoning the dignity and rank of those submitting to the commandment and obligations of Freemasonry must be taken into account when estimating its authority and weight in this country. It is even more interesting to turn to the new House of

Commons and to note the number of Freemasons who have been just returned there. Again, I must ask you to remember that this is the first time it has been attempted to discover the Freemasons who are in Parliament, that the list I am about to quote is based upon personal knowledge and such partial information as could be obtained, and that it is necessarily incomplete. As in the case of the House of Lords, there are doubtless many members of the new Parliament who are Freemasons who have not been met or recognised as such either by me or by the friends whom I have been able to consult. The only mode of determining their numbers accurately would be to stand in the House of Commons itself on a field-night and to challenge every member there by signs—a proceeding which, even if it were practicable, might be attended with inconvenience. Taking them in alphabetical order, I submit to you the following list of members of the new Parliament who are also members of the Craft, giving you, as the joint-stock companies say, "power to add to their number," as your information becomes more complete.—Capt. P. Arkwright, (Derbyshire), Sir E. Anstobus (Wilton), Mr. James Ashbury (Brighton) Lord E. A. Bruce (Marlborough), Sir M. H. Beach, (Gloucestershire), Mr. T. Brassey (Hastings), Mr. H. A. Brassey, (Sandwich), Mr. M. Bathurst, (Cirencester), Hon. R. Bourke, (King's Lynn), Mr. Bristow (Newark), Sir R. Buxton (Norfolk, South), Mr. M. Bass (Derby), Mr. A. Bass (Staffordshire, East), Earl of Bective (Westmoreland), Mr. W. T. Boord (Greenwich), Romaine Callender, (Manchester), Mr. J. G. Dodson (Chester), Mr. W. H. Dyke (Kent, Mid), Mr. J. Dodds (Stockton), Hon. W. Egerton (Mid Cheshire), Mr. Eaton (Coventry), Mr. G. W. Elliot (Northallerton), R. Gardner (Windsor), Sir Daniel Gooch (Crickdale), Lord R. Grosvenor (Flintshire), Edward Green (Wakefield), G. Goldne (Chippenham), A. L. Goddard (Crickdale), G. Greenall (Warrington), Lord George Hamilton (Middlesex), G. Ward Hunt (Northamptonshire, N.), Marquis of Hartington (Radnor Boroughs), Hon. Col. Wood (Somersetshire, W.), A. S. Hill (Staffordshire W.), W. B. Hughes (Carnarvon Boroughs), J. Henderson (Durham), Viscount Holmesdale (Kent, Mid.), Marquis of Hamilton (Donegal), Mr. T. F. Halsey, (Hertfordshire), Lord C. Hamilton (King's Lynn), Lieut. Col. Hogg (Truro), Mr. S. Isaac (Nottingham), Mr. H. A. Johnstone (Canterbury), Sir H. Jounstone (Scarborough), Mr. Johnstone (Belfast), Sir F. Johnstone (Weymouth), Sir C. Knightley (Northamptonshire), Sir E. H. R. Lacon (Norfolk North), Colonel Loyd Lindsay (Berkshire), Colonel Egerton Legh (Cheshire, Mid.), Lord Lindsay (Wigan), Lord Muncaster (Cumberland, West), Viscount Mahon (East Suffolk), Viscount Macduff (Elgin and Nairn), Sir Lawrence Palk (Devonshire, East), A. Pell (Leicestershire, South), Earl Percy (Northumberland), Hon. D. Plunket (Dublin University), Sir F. Perkins, Southampton; Sir J. St. Aubyn, Cornwall; H. B. Sheridan, Dudley; Abel Smith, Hertfordshire; Hon. F. A. Stanley, Lancashire North; Mr. J. P. Starkie, Lancashire, North-East; Mr. C. Sykes, Yorkshire, East Riding; Sergeant Simon, Dewsbury; Mr. A. C. Sheriff, Worcester; Mr. MacCullagh Torrens, Finsbury; Mr. Cowper Temple, Hampshire South; Lord H. F. Thynne, Wiltshire South; Lord A. Hill Trevor, Down; Sir W. Wynn, Denbigh; Mr. J. Whitwell, Kendal; Mr. J. Walpole, Norfolk North; Sir F. M. Williams, Truro; Sir H. D. Wolff, Christchurch; Mr. G. H. Whalley, Peterborough. If proof were wanting that Freemasonry is not in this country, a political institution, it would be found in the nearly even balance of parties shown in the foregoing lists. If you analyse the names comprised in them, you will find that they include a nearly equal number of Conservatives and Liberals; and all we need care to congratulate ourselves upon as Freemasons is the number and influence of our brethren in both Houses of Parliament. Yes, there is one other point to rejoice over—the rarity of rejection amongst members of the Craft who have appealed to the constituencies. So far as I have been able to discover, out of the eleven or twelve hundred candidates who have

been before the country during the last few weeks, and who have gone to the poll, there have been only sixteen Freemasons who have been unsuccessful, from which it seems reasonable to infer that while we are strictly non-political, it is not precisely a drawback even at election time to be one of a powerful society which binds its members together by secret and indissoluble bonds of mutual helpfulness and goodwill. Freemasonry, whatever it may be in less favoured lands, is not political with us, because England is free. Liberty of the subject has been secured here by many a bitter sacrifice and many a gallant struggle. But if it were possible for this nation to again undergo such throbs and throes as one of the old Puritan generals graphically described when the question in dispute was whether the king should govern as a god by his will and the nation by force as beasts? or whether the people should be governed by laws made by themselves, and live under a government derived from their own consent; it is not to be doubted that the teaching and organisation of Freemasonry, with its sound doctrine of natural equality and mutual dependence, would bear gallant and substantial fruit. It is only spiritual tyranny or civil oppression that that can have ought to fear from an Institution which is powerful in its unity, and in its skilful adaptation of varied means to given ends, but every principle of which is based on an inherent reverence for Constitutional law on a profound respect for the rights of the ruler no less than the ruled, and on that common ground of religious toleration and civil liberty which makes communities happy and nations great. In conclusion, let me say that it has seemed to me to be expedient upon an occasion of this importance to state plainly our grounds for upholding an organisation which is a power in the country for good or evil, and which may, perhaps take a deeper root in this portion of South Wales for the events of this evening. I, then, maintain that a well-ordered Freemasons' Lodge cannot flourish in a district without presenting valuable constitutional lessons in an attractive form, nor without fostering that unity of feeling and that cordial attachment between men of different degree which it is sound policy and true religion to encourage and support. And further, to those whose knowledge of life has taught them that mere personal aims, when not purified by high purpose, are of all earthly things the most unsatisfying—disappointing on attainment, and ignoble in pursuit; who cherish an inner life which is as far removed from common place surroundings as the glory of the sun is above the scenes it shines upon; who see in mankind and their pursuits puppets moved by an unseen Hand, and passing, some slowly, some rapidly, all surely off the stage to be no more seen—in a word, to the thoughtful few. Symbolism has in all ages possessed a deep attraction, when it has conserved purity of worship, lessons to humanity, faith in the Unseen, and lofty conceptions of a life to come. Advancement in Freemasonry, which is a system of morality veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols, undoubtedly gives dominion of many hearts, but beyond this, it preserves an ideal which is revealed in proportion as it is sought for patiently, of happiness pure and high, because rooted in and inseparable from the happiness of others.

Who are the blest?

They who have kept their sympathies awake,
And scatter'd joy for more than custom's sake.
Steadfast and tender in the hour of need,
Gentle in thought, benevolent in deed;
Whose looks have power to make dissension cease—
Whose smiles are pleasant, and whose words are peace.

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MASONIC BALLS AT GIBRALTAR.

The Balls given by the Freemasons of Gibraltar have invariably taken a high stand amongst the enjoyments of the place, and when it was announced that the members of the Lodge of Friendship intended to entertain their friends, a pleasant evening was confidently anticipated. Never was public expectation more thoroughly realised than last night, when the lodge sustained its title by opening the doors of the Theatre Royal to about 300 guests. It is almost unnecessary to mention the theatre by name, seeing that so complete a transformation had been effected within its walls that, except for the presence of the well-known boxes, its very oldest acquaintances might have been forgiven for cutting the grimy edifice dead.

We are quite aware that we shall succeed only in conveying a faint idea of the elegance and beauty of the decorations, each one appropriate in itself and in keeping with the rest, but we must do our best, premising that in a long experience of Gibraltar we have never seen the Theatre so admirably arranged, whether for comfort or for effect, as was the case on that night.

The unsightly passage which leads to the body of the House was draped with gay bunting, and unworn carpet rendered the staircases pleasant, the eye and the foot being impartially benefited thereby. Over the entrance door of the ball room drooped the British and Russian Standards, their union a "happy thought" in reference to that recent matrimonial alliance between the two nations which has so particularly attracted the notice of the world at large. The upper end of the room had been converted into a canopy of glowing colours, beneath and at the termination of which stood, on a dais, the throne destined later on to be occupied by H.E. the Governor. On either side were the Wardens' pedestals, on one of which rested the Bible, betokening Christian Masonry, and on the other the Book of the Constitutions of the celebrated Craft. To the right and left below the dais were pillars bearing two globes, the celestial and terrestrial, and beyond those again were other emblems, from which none but the initiated may raise the veil. Behind all was a mirror, which as the evening wore on reflected the beauties of the room in every sense of the word, as well as those beings of sterner stuff, who, if not so elegant, are quite as necessary in a ball room as the fairer half of the human race. From the ceiling were festooned huge Union Jacks, and along the front of the boxes hung the banners of the various Christian Orders of Masonry, interspersed, with admirable taste, with numerous Masonic emblems, including our domestic friends, the ox and the cock, those more ferocious representatives of the inhabitants of the world, the eagle and the lion and, last but not least of tamed animals, man himself. Mingled at intervals amongst these were devices representing the jewels of the officers of the Lodge, and at the extreme end, facing the canopy, was a complete suit of armour, with the spurs and sword of a Knight Templar. Underneath the Governor's box was an illuminated scroll "Friendship, 278." The *coup d'œil*, of which we have given but a scanty idea, must have been seen to be appreciated, and the effect produced at the expense of so much exertion and trouble, reflects the highest credit upon the Ball Committee, under the invaluable personal superintendence of Bro. J. B. Imossi.

At a quarter past nine the arrival was announced of H. E. the Governor, attended by Lieut.-Colonel Smith, Gren. Guards, Assistant Military Secretary, and Lieuts. Lake and Ward, *ides-de-Camp*, and accompanied by Major deinton, R.A., and Mrs. de Winton, and Earl rosvener.

At the door His Excellency was received by the Director of the Ceremonies, Bro. W. Henry, and the Deacons, Bros. Evjenth and J. B. Imossi, by whom he was conducted to his box. H. E. the Governor was now conducted into the Ball-Room and led up between the two lines of Masons, where the following address was read presented by the Worshipful Master:—

"Gibraltar, 18th February, 1874.
Your Excellency,
It is with feelings of great gratification that officers and members of the Lodge of Friend-

ship, whom I have the honour so represent as their Master, beg to welcome you to their festivities this evening, and at the same time to express their sense of the honour you confer upon them by your presence.

"It is the sincere hope of the members of this Lodge that Your Excellency, while kindly accepting their efforts for your entertainment to-night, will also excuse such short-comings as the small numbers of our honoured and ancient fraternity may unavoidably occasion. And it is in this hope, as well as in the firm assurance that our ancient Craft will receive from Your Excellency the support and regard which it has ever experienced from your predecessors in Gibraltar, that we have the honour to unite in bidding You Excellency, and those who accompany you, a cordial and fraternal welcome this evening."

His Excellency briefly replied, expressing the pleasure he experienced in accepting the invitation of the lodge, and the gratification which he felt at meeting the ancient Order for the first time since his appointment as Governor. Anticipating a genuinely successful ball, he trusted that this would not be the last time he should meet them, and he sincerely hoped that their enjoyment would be commensurate with their efforts to ensure it.

His Excellency was then conducted to the throne at the upper end of the room and presented to the Right Worshipful District Grand Master, Bro. G. P. Cornwell, after which he took his seat on the throne. The brethren having joined hands and given their chief guests a welcome after the true Masonic fashion, dancing commenced with the Masonic Quadrille and was kept up with unflagging spirit and evident enjoyment till an early hour of the morning, interrupted about midnight by a sumptuous supper, the most conspicuous items of which were two cakes, most tastefully decorated with Masonic signs, from the establishment of Mr. Parody, the Esmeralda, in the Main-street. The elegant appointments of the ball room were supplied by Mr. James Benatar.

The Ball Committee, headed by their indefatigable Secretary, Mr. W. Glassford, worked incessantly for the comfort and enjoyment of their guests, and right well they succeeded—so thoroughly indeed that the Ball given by the Lodge of Friendship will be remembered by all present as one of the greatest successes of its kind.

CONSECRATION OF A NEW LODGE AT WARMINSTER.

The Consecration of the Longleat Lodge, No. 1478, and installation of Lord Henry Thynne, M.P., as first W.M. took place at the Warminster on Friday, the 27th ult., when a large number of Masons from all parts of the provinces of Wilts, Somerset, and Hants were present, as well as many brethren from more distant provinces. Amongst those present were noticed—V.W. the D.P.G.M. Bro. Gabriel Goldney, M.P.; Bro. Major Bousfield, M.P.; Bro. V. Fane Benett Stanford, M.P.; Bro. Terry, W. Secretary of the Masonic Benevolent Institution for aged Masons; Bro. C. W. Wyndham, P.P.J.G.W., Wilts; Bro. R. Bradford, P.G. Treasurer, Wilts; Bro. H. C. Tombs, P.G. Secretary, Wilts; Bro. R. Stokes, P.P.G.S.W., Wilts; Bro. H. Ward, P.P.G.J.W., Wilts; Bro. C. J. Marshall, P.P.G.J.W., Wilts and Somerset; Bro. W. Nott, P.P.G. Reg. Wilts; Bro. S. Gauntlett, P.P.G.S.B.; Bro. General Doherty, P.S.G.D., Wilts; Bro. E. White, P.P.G.W.; Bro. J. S. Turner, P.P.S.D., Somerset; Bro. J. Whatley, P.G.D.C., P.P.G.R., Somerset; Bro. T. E. S. Jelley, P.P.D.C., Wilts, P.P.S.D.G., Somerset; Bro. F. Lord, P.P.G.D., Wilts; Bro. J. L. Stothert, P.P.G.S.W., Somerset; Bro. W. Parham, P.P.G.R., Somerset; Bro. M. Messiter, P.P.G.J.D., Somerset; Bro. John Chandler, P.P.G.S.W., Wilts; Bro. Rev. F. King, Prov. Grand Chaplain. The Lodge was formed at the Town Hall, where it is intended to be regularly held. The V.W. the D.P.G.M., Bro. Gabriel Goldney, M.P., was received by a goodly gathering of Provincial Grand Officers, and, after forming in procession, proceeded to the new lodge room, where the V.W. the D.P.G.M.

opened the lodge in the usual Masonic form. It was hoped and expected that the R.W. the P.G.M., Bro. Lord Methuen, would have been present, but he was compelled to go to London, consequent on the disastrous intelligence received from Ashantee, and the uncertainty as to any ill having befallen his only son, who had gallantly volunteered his services to act under Sir Garnet Wolseley. The ceremony of consecration was then very impressively performed by Bro. Terry, the Worthy Secretary of the Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Masons. The ceremony of installation of Bro. Lord Henry Thynne, M.P., as the First Master of the Lodge, was then performed by the D.P.G.M., assisted by Bro. Terry. The W.M. then invested the following brethren as officers for the ensuing year—Bros. John Toone, S.W.; G. Pike, J.W.; Henry Hardick, Treasurer; G. Bush, Secretary; T. Ponting, S.D.; S. J. Haden, J.D.; S. Cross, I.G.; John Tew, Tyler. Bro. F. King, Prov. Grand Chaplain, performed his part of the ceremony, and Bro. H. Taylor, P.P.G.O., Wilts, presided at the organ, and, aided by the musical brethren, added much to the impressiveness of the services. We have good ground for believing a large number of brethren and gentlemen of rank and position in the county are likely immediately to become members of the lodge, and we doubt not, under the able rule of such a truly Masonic and generous-hearted W.M. as Lord Henry Thynne is known to be, assisted by such active and discreet officers as he has been pleased to appoint, the lodge will speedily rank as one of the first in the province with regard not only to numbers, but especially as to influence and liberality towards the Masonic charities. After the labours of the day the brethren adjourned to the large room of the Town Hall, where a most *recherché* and substantial banquet had been laid. About 100 brethren sat down to do full justice to the excellent catering of Mrs. Pike, of the Bath Arms, to whom every credit is due for the sumptuous entertainment. The usual Masonic and loyal toasts were given and responded to, and the harmony, under the management of Bro. Taylor, conducted much to the happiness of the brethren. We may add that a collection in aid of the Masonic charities was made during the evening, and realised £10 5s. We are informed that Bro. Major Bousfield, M.P. for Bath, has been pleased to present to the lodge the requisite firing glasses. We will only add, in conclusion, that we wish—as we are sure all our readers will do—"Long life and success to the Longleat Lodge." Bro. Geo. Kenning supplied the furniture.

CONSECRATION OF A NEW LODGE AT CUCKFIELD.

Wednesday, the 11th March, was a red letter day in connection with Freemasonry in the province of Sussex, it being the day set apart for consecrating a new lodge, entitled the Ockenden Lodge, at the Talbot Hotel, Cuckfield. There was a very large gathering of brethren from all parts of Sussex, including the Worshipful D.P.G.M. Bro. Furner (the Right W. Prov. G.M. Bro. Lord Pelham was prevented by ill health from attending), Bros. Tatham, P.G. Treasurer; Dixon, P.G.D. of Ceremonies; Bransley Roberts, Assistant Director of Ceremonies, Turner, Grand Steward; and T. Hughes, P. Grand Tyler. In addition to the above officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge, we observed the following brethren:—Bros. W. W. Burrell, W.M. designate of the new lodge, Major Meek (High Sheriff of Sussex), T. S. Byass, R. Mead, McCorrogher, Chaplain, Sergison, C. R. Burrell, Gallop, E. Bright, G. Ford, Eberall, Stride, Robinson, James Curtis, Devin, Broadbridge, W. R. Wood, P. Nicholson, W. Hudson, P. R. Wilkinson, G. Day, F. Noakes, Molyneux, R. Ellman, W. Reads, E. Lafneat, E. Locoek, C. Vaughan, C. Lloyd, E. Carpenter, George Smith, Walter Smith, H. Davey, Golding, Reed, J. Fabian, V. P. Freeman, W. Kune, J. M. Cunningham, R. G. Clutton, R. Croskey, G. W. Willet, C. E. Saunders, &c.

The W. Prov. D.G.M., Bro. Furner presided at the opening of the lodge, Bro. W. R. Wood, acting as S.W., and Bro. Molyneux as J.W. The varied and interesting ceremony of conse-

cration was performed most ably, and a most eloquent, practical, original and truly Masonic address was delivered by the P.G. Chaplain, the Rev. J. T. McCorrogher. Bro. W. W. Burrell was installed as W.M., and proceeded to instal his officers as under: Bros. Byass, S.W.; Sergison, J.W.; Gallop, Secretary; Meek, S.D.; C. R. Burrell, J.D.; Rev. Mead, Chaplain; and Hughes, O.G.; subsequently Bro. J. H. Scott volunteered his valuable services, and was installed as Immediate Past Master.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet in the adjacent large room, about 70 sitting down to a repast of a most sumptuous character, provided, in a style which did them every credit, by Messrs. Sayers and Marks, of the Western-road, Brighton.

The wines (of which a very liberal supply was placed upon the table, by Bro. W. W. Burrell), were of excellent quality, reflecting credit on the choice of Mr. Dumsday, host of the Talbot, who supplied them.

In the course of the after-dinner proceedings Bro. Furner proposed the health of Bro. W. W. Burrell, the W.M. of the lodge, observing that he never felt greater pleasure than on this occasion in attending the opening of a lodge. He believed the Ockenden Lodge would be found to be a comfort and a blessing to the neighbourhood. It was most gratifying to find Bro. Burrell devoting his energies to its success; than Bro. Burrell, no man was better-known, appreciated and beloved in the County of Sussex, and there could be no doubt of the prosperity of the lodge so long as his spirit pervaded it.

The toast was drunk with Masonic honours, and responded to by Bro. Burrell, where marked that he feared Bro. Furner had sung his praises too highly. He felt, as first Master of the Ockenden Lodge, that he had undertaken a very heavy responsibility, one that he was barely capable of undertaking, still he would do his best, no man could do more. With his Bro. Meek and others he had for long talked over the subject of establishing this lodge, and he had no doubt from the happy auspices under which it had been established it would make a thorough good lodge, a honour to the Province and the country. He thanked the brethren for the honour conferred upon him, and trusted, when they again met in that room, the Ockenden Lodge would be found to have proved an acceptable offering to the Province.

A number of other toasts, appropriate to the Craft and to the occasion, were given before the company separated, highly pleased with a most enjoyable entertainment. Bro. Geo. Kenning supplied the furniture.

CONSECRATION OF A NEW LODGE AT BIRMINGHAM.

On Monday, 9th inst., an interesting event in the annals of local Freemasonry took place at the Masonic Hall, Severn-street, the occasion being the consecration of the Lodge of Israel, 1474, and the installation of the W.M. designate Bro. Michael Davis, P.M. 74. In the unavoidable absence of Bro. Lord Leigh, the ceremony was performed by the V.W. Bro. Colonel Machen, D.P.G.M., who was assisted by nearly the whole of Provincial Grand Lodge. There was also an unusually large attendance of P.M.'s and other brethren eminent in the Craft (every local lodge being well represented), and the room was completely filled. After the consecration by the D.P.G.M., and an oration by Bro. Rev. Dickenson, Bro. Michael Davis was duly installed in the chair of K.S., by Bro. Jno. Pursall, P.M., P.P.G.W., in his usually impressive style. The new W.M. then invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows:—Bro. J. Myers, S.W.; Bro. S. Lyons, J.W.; Bro. E. Marks, S.D.; Bro. M. Silverton, J.W.; Bro. Rev. G. J. Emanuel, B.A., Chaplain; Bro. Philip Win. Newmann, J.G.; Bro. John Davis, Sec.; J. Silverston, Treas.; Bro. J. Brown, D.C.; Bro. Vigers, Org.; and Bros. J. Neilson, A. Jacob, and E. Abraham, Stewards.

The lodge being closed, about 110 brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly received.

The musical part of the ceremonial was under the efficient care of Bro. Stimpson, Past G.O. This lodge, though formed under Jewish auspices, is by no means a sectarian lodge, as in fact it could not be. Several propositions for initiation were made, including the names of non-Jewish candidates.

Multum in Parvo, or Masonic Notes and Queries.

I cannot confess at once, that, I do not profess to understand Bro. Paton's last remarkable communication "Anent" Mason's Marks. If Bro. Paton's statement be correct as to the Scottish Mark Ritual, it would to my mind at least only prove this fact, that such a rule belongs to speculative Mark Masonry and not to operative. Both Bro. Hughan and myself were treating on operative Mark Masonry, but could not of course know anything of such a rule, which I believe is utterly unknown to English Mark Masons.

Though Bro. Paton forbids the use of the equilateral triangle, and denies the use of the double triangle, they are most familiar marks to all who have studied a collection of Marks on the actual walls and stones of old buildings.

Indeed Bro. Paton has only to turn to the Collection of Scottish Mark contained in the pages between 424 and 425 of Laurie's History to find how utterly erroneous such a dictum as he quotes is and must be.

Bro. Laurie then gives us later marks from "St. Vinian's Masonic Lodge Book," and from "Journeymen Mason's Lodge Book," which entirely overthrows the "points" of Bro. Paton's argument. If the rule alluded to by Bro. Paton really be the ritual of Scottish Mark Masonry, I fear it only shows, how far that ritual differs from the customs and tokens that happily survive of the old Operative Masons, those too who built Brechin Cathedral and raised Holyrood Chapel.

A MASONIC STUDENT.

MASON'S MARKS.

I do not think it needful to refer to the remarks of Bro. Chalmers I. Paton, made some time since as to Freemasons' marks, but will rest satisfied by noticing his communication in *The Freemason* of the 7th inst. 1. It has been the custom for years in England for candidates on being "advanced" in lodges under the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters, to select Marks with an even or odd number of points. 2. Such a custom was sanctioned by the members in Grand Mark Lodge assembled, because in accordance with the ancient custom, as confirmed by an examination of the marks still existing on many old buildings. 3. The custom is of course, "sanctioned" by the great number of lodges on the roll of the Mark Grand Lodge, one of the most numerous and influential bodies in this country, apart from "Craft" Masonry. On these grounds, I object to the statements made by Bro. Paton, P.M., and unless to disprove similar statements, it is not my intention to continue the correspondence on the subject, especially as any Masonic student can see for himself, marks on old buildings with even points, and can consult the rolls of members of Mark Lodges, with similar marks. I have advanced over two hundred candidates myself, and each chose marks according to their tastes, and all were accepted in London.

WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, March, 27, 1874.

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

Saturday, March 21.

Lodge 715, Farmine, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
 " 1329, Spinnaz, Bridge House Hotel, London-bridge.
 " 1594, East of Zealand, Old Town Hall, Hackney.
 " 1493, Hyde Park, Westbourne Hotel, 1, Craven-road, W.
 Red Cross Conclave, 9, Villiers, Northumberland Arms House, Isleworth.

Manchester Lodge of Instruction (179), Yorkshire Grey, 77, London-street, Fitzroy-square, at 8; Bro. H. Ash, Preceptor.

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

Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. G. Dilley, Preceptor.

Monday, March 23.

Lodge 4, Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall.

" 26, Castle Lodge of Harmony, Willis's Rooms St. James's-st.

" 28, Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall.

" 183, Unity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-st.

" 902, Burgoyne, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.

" 905, De Grey and Ripon, Angel Hotel, Great Ward.

Chap. 25, Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall.

Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction (1445), Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland, at 7; Bro. T. Austin, Preceptor.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Metropolitan Mark Lodge of Instruction, Coach and Horses Hotel, 323, Strand, at 8.

Tuesday, March 24.

Lodge 14, Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall.

" 92, Moira, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-st.

" 145, Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall.

" 186, Industry, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue.

" 205, Israel, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.

" 259, Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.

" 1158, Southern Star, Montpellier Tavern, Walworth.

" Urban, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell.

" 1348, Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.

Chap. 21, Cyrus, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

" 167, Old Union, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.

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

Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tavern, Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 8.

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

Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Lord Hotel, Lord's Cricket Ground, St. John's-wood, at 8; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.

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

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st., Within, at 7.30; Bro. Boltoo, W.M. 1237, Preceptor.

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

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

Wednesday, March 25.

Lodge 2, Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall.

" 212, Euphrates, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue.

" 507, United Pilgrims, Horns Tavern, Kennington-park.

" 753, Prince Frederick William, Knights of St John Hotel, St. John's-wood.

" 754, High Cross, Seven Sisters Tavern, Page-green, Tottenham, N.

" 808, Temperance in the East, 6, Newby-place, Poplar.

" 1056, Victoria, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.

Chap. 907, Royal Albert, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane.

Red Cross Conclave, 15, St. Andrew's, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons' Avenue.

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

United Strength Lodge of Instruction (128), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.

Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road at 7.30.

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

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

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.

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

Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar.
 Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, Thicket Hotel, Anerley, at 7.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
 Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham Court-road, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction (1288), Finsbury Park Tavern, Seven Sisters'-road, N., at 8; Bro. P. Dickinson, Acting Preceptor.
 Union Club of Instruction (day meetings), Windsor Castle, Victoria Station, Picnic, from 2 till 4 p.m.
 Thursday, March 26.
 General Committee, Girls' School, at Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
 Lodge 34, Mount Moriah, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 60, Peace and Harmony, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-st.
 " 65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st.
 " 66, Grenadiers, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 99, Shakespeare, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.
 " 766, William Preston, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
 " (141), Langthorne, Swan Hotel, Stratford, E.
 Chap. 5, St. George's, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 46, Old Union, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
 " 177, Domestic, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-st.
 " 834, Andrew, Royal Sussex Hotel, Hammersmith.
 Great City Lodge of Instruction (33), Gutter-lane, at 6.30. Bro. T. Poor, W.M. 720, Preceptor (See Advertisement).
 Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Anglers' Tavern Bath-street, City-road; Bro. Stean, Preceptor.
 United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
 Whittington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern, Holborn, at 8; Bro. Lewis Alexander, P.M. 188, Preceptor.
 Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
 Eury Lodge of Instruction, Bro. Palmer's, 12, Pensonby-st., Millbank.
 Highgate Lodge of Instruction (1366), Bull and Gate, Kenish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
 Friday, March 27.
 Lodge 197, Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 509, Fitzroy, Head-quarters, Hon. Artillery Company, City-road.
 " 780, Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew-bridge.
 " 861, Finsbury, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton.
 Chap. 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 Knight Templar Preceptory, 26, Faith and Fidelity, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
 Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 Union Club of Instruction, Windsor Castle, Victoria Station, at 8 p.m.; H. Ash, P.M., Instructor.
 W. George's Lodge of Instruction (140), Globe Tavern, Royal-hill, Greenwich.
 Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
 Leigraze Lodge of Instruction, (749), Coach and Horses, Strand, at 8; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.
 Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (217), Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st., at 6 p.m.; Bro. H. Muggerridge, Preceptor.
 Anson Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.
 Anson Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 Anson Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tavern, Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.
 West Courts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park, at 8; Bro. Geo. W. Verry, Preceptor.
 West Lodge of Instruction, White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., Preceptor.
 Standard Lodge of Instruction (1298), the Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. W. F. Rogers, Preceptor.
 Grecian Chapter of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-road, at 8; Comp. W. West Smith, Preceptor.
 Bourne Lodge of Instruction (733), Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8.
 Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Bro. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.
 Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Antelope Tavern, Lorn-road, Brixton, at 7.
 James' Lodge of Instruction, New Tanners' Arms, Strange-road, Bermondsey, at 8; Bro. Howes, P.M., Preceptor.
 Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion, Lenny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Bro. D. S. Potts, Preceptor.
 Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8.
 Fane's Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8; Bro. P. M. Wuest, Preceptor.
 The Lodge of Instruction (144), Rose Tavern, Wilham-road, S.W.
 Hill Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Ackhurst-hill, at 8.
 Cross Lodge of Instruction (754), Coach and Horses Tavern, High Road, Tottenham, at 8.

MC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

at the Week ending Saturday, March 28, 1874.
 Monday, March 23.
 141, Friendship, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 5.30.
 Tuesday, March 24.
 1393, Hamer, 24, Windermere-street, Breck-road, Liverpool, at 6.

Chap. 1094, Temple, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 7.

Wednesday, March 25.
 Lodge 32, St. George's, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, at 4.
 " 86, Loyalty, Assembly Rooms, Prescott, at 6.
 " 220, Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, near Liverpool, at 4.30.
 " 484, Faith, Gerard's Arms Inn, Ashton-le-Willows.
 " 580, Harmony, Wheat-sheaf Inn, Ormskirk, at 5.
 " 724, Derby, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 758, Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 6.
 " 1325, Stanley, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool, at 6.
 Chap. 1052, Callender, Public Hall, Rusholme.
 Neptune Lodge of Instruction (1264), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 7.
 De Grey and Ripon Lodge of Instruction (1356), 140, North Hill-street, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 7.30.
 St. John's Lodge of Instruction (673), 90, Duke-street, Liverpool.

Thursday, March 26.
 Lodge 594, Downshire, 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 950, Hesketh, Royal Hotel, Dock-street, Fleetwood.
 " 1032, Townley Park, Howard's Arms, Whittle-le-Springs.
 " 1070, Starkie, Black Horse Hotel, Kirkham.
 " 1313, Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, at 7.
 " 292, Liverpool, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 Chap. 1086, Walton, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool, at 6.
 Mariners' Lodge of Instruction (249), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 8.
 Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction (1182), 150, Park-lane, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 7.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW. For the week ending Saturday, March 28, 1874. All the Meetings take place at 8 o'clock.

Monday, March 23.
 Lodge 102, St. Mark, 213, Buchanan-st.
 " 219, Star, 12, Tron-gate.
 " 362, St. Clair, 25, Robertson-st.
 Tuesday, March 24.
 Lodge 413, Athole, 213, Buchanan-st.
 Chap. 67, Cathedral, 22, Struthers-street.
 Wednesday, March 25.
 Lodge 187, St. John's, Black Bull Inn, Carlisle.
 " 510, Maryhill, 167, Main-street, Maryhill.
 Friday, March 27.
 Lodge 153, Royal Arch, Town Hall, Pollokshaws.
 " 347, St. John's, Old Council Hall, Rutherglen.
 Saturday, March 26.
 Lodge 305, St. John Woodhall, Masons' Hall, Holytown.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH. For the Week ending Saturday, March 28, 1874.

Monday, March 23.
 Lodge 145, St. Stephen, St. James's Hall, Writers' Court, at 8.30.
 " 349, St. Clair, Freemasons' Hall, George-street, at 8.30.
 Tuesday, March 24.
 Lodge 151, Edinburgh Defensive Band, Masonic Hall, Blackfriars-street.
 Red Cross Conclave 4, Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Writers'-court, High-street, at 8.
 Wednesday, March 25.
 Lodge 112, St. John's, Masonic Hall, Bridge-street, Fisher-row, at 8.
 Thursday, March 26.
 Lodge 392, Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, George-street, at 8.
 Friday, March 27.
 Lodge 223, Trafalgar, Masonic Hall, Salamander-street, Leith, at 8.

Advertisements.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.—April Election, 1874.

Your Votes and Interest are earnestly solicited on behalf of WALTER WILLIAM CATT, Aged Ten Years.
 His father, William Taylor Catt, hutekeeper, Dartford, Kent, was initiated in the Lodge of "Emulation," No. 299, in May, 1861, and remained a subscribing member until his death, which took place on the 1st January, 1871, leaving a widow and five young children in very depressed circumstances. The case is strongly recommended by—
 * Bro. G. J. Tyler, W.M., 299, 44, Carey-street, Lincoln's Inn, W.C.
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 " Lewis Finch, P.P.G.D.C., Kent, Queen-street, Ramsgate.
 " Burfield, P.M., 20, Chatham.
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 " Andrews, W.M., 299, Northfleet, Kent.
 " W. H. Bateman, No. 12, 99, Cannon-street.
 " N. Martin, P.M., 299, Dartford, P.P.G.S.B., Kent.
 " Quait, P.M., 299, Dartford, P.P.G.P., Kent.
 " Tinkler, P.M., 299, 11, Portugal-street, Lincoln's Inn, P.P.G.D.C.
 " Harvey, P.M., 299, Dartford, P.P.G.D.C., Kent.
 " W. C. Fook, (J.C.), P.M., 299, Dartford, P.P.G.S.W., Kent.
 " Jno. Miles, P.M., 299, Dartford.
 * Proxies will be received.

APRIL ELECTION, 1874. ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The Votes and Interest of the Governors and Subscribers are earnestly solicited on behalf of GEORGINA KATE DALY, Aged Eight Years.
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 The Case is strongly recommended by—
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 " E. Spooner, W.M. 1240, P.M. 201, 1044, P.Z. 22, 2, Spencer-road, New Wandsworth, S.W.
 " G. Pym, P.M. 249, 1010, P.Z. 749, S.W. 1275, 232, Kensington-road, S.E.
 " E. F. Albert, P.M. 188, 1017, P.Z. 188, 446, Oxford-street, W.
 " D. S. Bayfield, P.M. 1158, Kenning-cross, S.E.
 " T. H. Pulsford, P.M. 1158, 75, Princes-street, Leicester-square, W.C.
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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

St. George's Lodge (No. 141).—The above lodge held its last meeting for the season on Wednesday, the 18th inst., under the Mastership of Bro. Shalless, at the Trafalgar Hotel, Greenwich, the business of the evening being one initiation, and one passing. Arrangements were also made for a summer festival, to be held at Maidenhead. After the lodge was closed, the brethren adjourned to a well-spread board, ably presided over by the W.M. and Wardens, the usual toasts being proposed, especial attention being paid to that of "The Visitors," of whom a considerable number were present, the Lion and Lamb Lodge 192 being represented by the W.M., and two P.M.'s, Bros. George Abbott, Francis Trott, and George Kenning, some songs and recitations bringing to a close a very enjoyable evening.

St. James's Union Lodge (No. 182).—The last monthly meeting of the above lodge, previous to the summer recess, was held at the Freemasons' Hall, on Tuesday, 11th inst. when a large number of members and visitors assembled. The lodge was opened shortly after 4 o'clock, by Bro. Gallico, W.M., assisted by his officers, all of whom were at their posts punctually. The minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, and the lodge opened in the several degrees, Bros. Fletcher, Goff, and Chaney were duly raised to the third degree. The ceremony was performed in a most able and impressive manner by Bro. Gallico. Mr. Symonds was then initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry, which ceremony was also worked in an admirable manner. Before the lodge closed, the W.M. rose and reminded the brethren of the fact that the Boys' Festival would take place on the following evening, and strongly urged those present to support it in as liberal a manner as possible, so that they might have the honour of handing in a list worthy of so large and influential lodge as he had the honour of representing. The lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a most excellent banquet, which did great credit to Bro. Francatelli (a member of this lodge), on for the quality of its wines and viands, but also for the excellent way in which it was served. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been given, the W.M., in proposing "The health of the Visitors," regretted the unavoidable absence of Bros. Hervey, G.S.; Binckes, I., Secretary to the Boys' School; Kenning, I., etc., yet had the pleasure of welcoming distinguished brethren, who had honoured them by their presence that evening. Bro. Smith, No. 700, returned thanks. Several of the brethren were enabled by their vocal abilities to enhance the pleasures of a most enjoyable evening.

ROMANIAN LODGE (No. 209).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Adelaide Hotel, Windsor, on the 3rd inst. There was a large attendance of the members. The W.M., Bro. G. W. Dixon, was presided over by the following officers and brethren: Reid, I.P.M.; Bladon, S.W.; J. O.

Carter, J.W.; Pullen, P.M., Treasurer; Strange, P.M., Secretary; Stacey, P.M., Organist; Denne, S.D.; Crowhurst, J.D.; Cauvin, I.G.; Hume, D.C.; Roberts and Schiemann, Stewards; J. Wilson, P.M.; MacIllwham, P.M.; Bryett, Webster, and others. The minutes of the previous lodge having been read and confirmed, the report of a committee appointed at the previous meeting, recommending the removal of the lodge from the above hotel to the Masonic Hall, in St. Alban's-street (the property of the Windsor Castle Lodge), was submitted and adopted. The W.M. then initiated Mr. Thomas Hawker into the light of Freemasonry in a manner worthy of imitation. A P.M.'s jewel was unanimously voted by the brethren to the I.P.M., Bro. Reid. The sum of £5 5s. was ordered to be added to the W.M.'s list, he having announced his intention of acting as Steward at the approaching Festival in aid of the Masonic Institution for Boys. The W.M. proposed, and Bro. Bryett seconded the nomination of Mr. H. Clary as a candidate for initiation. The lodge was then closed, after which the brethren partook of light refreshment.

WHITTINGTON LODGE (No. 862).—The last spring meeting of this lodge took place at Anderton's Hotel, on Monday, the 16th inst., at five o'clock precisely. The business comprised the initiation of Mr. Louis Weber, who was duly balloted for and subsequently introduced to the lodge, the ceremony of E. A. P. being very impressively and accurately performed by Bro. Brett, P.G.P. The lodge was then opened in the second degree, and Bro. E. Southwell, of the Burdett Lodge, No. 1293, was examined, entrusted and re-admitted, upon which he was passed to the degree of a F.C. His proficiency was a matter of great admiration on the part of the brethren assembled. The lodge was then closed down, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet, served in Messrs. Clemow's usual admirable style. Thirty-four brethren of the lodge were present, and the visitors comprised the following brethren—Bros. John Hogg, 150; R. Reiley, 1293; Edward Southwell, 1293; H. J. Dagleith, No. 392, Scottish Constitution; J. Prosser, of Jersey, No. 244; Sir Gilbert E. Campbell, Bart., 1410; M. Hayden, 177; Capt. F. G. Irwin, 1222; and J. Trotman, 834. Several excellent speeches were made in reply to the various toasts, and Bro. Sir Gilbert E. Campbell stated his intention of becoming a joining member. Bro. Little proposed and Bro. Brett seconded, that Bro. Sir Gilbert Campbell be elected a joining member. It was announced by Bro. Wear that the last spring meeting of the Whittington Chapter would take place at Anderton's Hotel, on the fourth Friday in May next. The brethren separated at an early hour after a most enjoyable evening.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS.—Royal St. Edmund's Lodge (No. 1008).—The annual meeting of this lodge and installation of the Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, took place in the lodge room of the Angel Hotel, on Friday, 20th inst. There were between 30 or 40 brethren present, including several visitors from Stowmarket and Sudbury. Lodge having been opened in ancient form, a ballot was taken for a candidate for initiation, which resulted in a unanimous election. The choice of the brethren having on a previous evening fallen on Bro. Capt. and Adjutant C. J. T. Oakes, to fill the Master's chair during the next year, he was duly presented by Bro. J. M. York, I.P.M., and the W.M., Bro. W. E. Bailey, then proceeded with the impressive ceremony of installation. The new W.M., after having been regularly inducted into the chair of K.S., was saluted by the brethren in the several degrees, Bro. W. J. Nunn, Org., presiding at the harmonium. The W.M. then appointed and invested his officers, and the charges were given by the Installing Master. The officers appointed were as follows:—Bros. W. E. Bailey, I.P.M.; J. Hedley Bevan, S.W.; Major Huddleston, P.M.; J.W.; F. Fearnside, S.D.; W. G. Patrick, J.D.; Rev. R. Evans, Chaplain; W. J. Nunn, Organist; W. Armstrong, D.C.; W. H. Lucia, P.M., Secretary; W. Clarke, Steward; H. Miller, I.G. The brethren re-elected Bro. Major Huddleston, P.M., to the office of Treasurer, and Bro. Gooch, Tyler. A candidate having been proposed for election at the next meeting, lodge

was closed in peace and harmony. The brethren afterwards sat down to an elegant banquet, prepared in Bro. W. G. Guy's best manner, and under the presidency of the W.M., Captain Oakes, a most pleasant evening was spent. A liberal collection was made for the Masonic charities during the evening.

THE GREAT CITY LODGE (No. 1426).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, 14th inst., at the Cannon-street Hotel. The lodge was opened at 4 o'clock by the W.M., Bro. James Stevens. Bro. A. Carter was raised to the sublime degree, and Bro. W. Ramm passed in the second degree. The business of the evening was then proceeded with, and after a ballot, Bro. Senior Warden, N.B. Headon was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year. The result of the ballot was received with applause, and the W.M. took occasion to express his great gratification at having to announce to Brother Headon that he had been elected to fill the chair by the unanimous vote of the lodge. All the brethren knew that Bro. Headon was in fact the prime mover in the formation of the Great City Lodge, and indeed without his help it never would have been formed. He was beset with difficulties at every step, but his efforts had been crowned with success, and now that the lodge was fairly on its feet, the W.M. elect would step into the chair, conscious that he had got the hearty good-will of every brother at his back, and he (Bro. Stevens) felt sure the Great City Lodge might look forward to a successful year under the working of Bro. Headon. Several members tendered their congratulations, and Bro. Headon thanked the brethren for the high compliment they had paid him. He would do his best to maintain, and, if possible, improve, the position of the Great City Lodge, but he could not help feeling somewhat diffident, as he had to follow in the wake of such an able Master as Bro. Stevens. He trusted, however, that the officers would continue to be as attentive to their duties as they had hitherto been, then if they all worked together with a continuance of that harmony which had pervaded their past year's work, the position of the lodge would be something to be proud of. The question of holding the installation on the anniversary of the consecration (2nd May), was then discussed, but as it was found that the bye-laws would have to be altered to enable this to be done, it was ultimately decided that the installation should take place on the second Saturday in October, at the regular monthly meeting. Bro. Colmer then brought up the report of the "Lodge of Instruction" Committee, which, after a few technical amendments, was adopted, and the sanction of the lodge, as required by the rules in the Book of Constitutions, was granted. It was announced that the first meeting would take place at 33, Gutter-lane, Cheapside, on Thursday, March 19, when Bro. Thomas Poore, W.M. 721, would be proposed as Preceptor, and the fifteen sections would be worked by him. The W.M. congratulated the lodge on having been able to obtain the use of a room away from a public-house. He was sure it would follow, as a natural consequence, that the Lodge of Instruction would be well supported. Bro. Preston moved, and Bro. Colmer seconded, the following motion:—"That a Past-Master's jewel, of the value of ten guineas, be presented to Bro. James Stevens, on the completion of his Mastership, and that he be asked to accept an honorary membership in the lodge. Beside the W.M. and S.W., the following brethren were present:—J. H. Townshend, J.W.; the Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C., Chaplain; Moody, Secretary; James Freeman, Treasurer; Seex, S.D.; Stamway, J.D.; Blackie, I.G.; S. Preston, Colmer, Taylor, Boulton, Hooper, Hosker, Browne, Jackson, Partway, Hawer, Roberts, Jenkins, Kibble, Cox, and L. Barker, jun.

INSTRUCTION.

The fifteen sections will be worked in the St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction, Winsley street, Oxford-street, on Monday, the 30th of March, at 7 o'clock, Bro. W. H. Coulton, P.M. 733, in the chair; Bro. J. R. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.

Royal Ark.

WILLIAM PRESTON CHAPTER (No. 766), was consecrated at the City Terminus Hotel, on Saturday, the 21st inst., by Comp J. Hervey, G.S.E., assisted by J. Brett and Comp. Garrod, Comp. Francis, acting as D.C. The various ceremonies of consecration and installation were rendered in a very perfect manner. Comp. Worrell was duly installed as M.E.Z., Comps. Dr. Whiteman as H.; Kain, as J.; Garrod, Scribe E.; Newman, Scribe N. It was proposed by the M.E.Z., and seconded by the H., that Comps. Hervey and Brett be re-elected honorary members, and a vote of thanks be entered on the minutes to Comp. Francis for their able services. The chapter was then closed, after which the companions dined together, the usual toasts being proposed, and duly honoured. Comp. George Kenning supplied the furniture, jewels, &c.

RIPON.—*Marquess of Ripon Chapter* (No. 837).—An emergency convocation of this chapter was held (in lieu of the regular monthly meeting) at the Town Hall, Ripon, on Thursday, the 19th inst. Present Comps. R. E. Collinson, M.E.Z.; Colonel F. W. Ripley, H.; J. W. Bishop, J.; Lieut. E. Fletcher, R.N., Scribe E.; E. J. Crowe, P.S.; Dr. Paley, 1st A.S.; Captain Paterson, Treasurer. Visitors, the Rev. T. C. Smythe, D.D. LL.D., P.Z.; W. J. Bech, P.Z.; and Walter Rowley, members of Fidelity (Leeds), 289. The chapter was opened at 4 p.m., and after the minutes of the last convocation had been read and confirmed, dispensations from the Supreme Grand Chapter and the Prov. Grand Chapter of Yorkshire, granting permission to exalt Bro. W. Stork, Tyler of the De Grey and Ripon Lodge, 837, as a serving companion were read. The ballot was taken and the Most Hon. the Marquess of Ripon, K.G., &c., Prov. G. Supt. of West Yorkshire, and the Rev. Dr. Smyth, of Fidelity Chapter, were unanimously elected honorary members. Comp. E. J. Crowe, P.H. 279, Past Grand Organist of Leicester and Rutland, who was proposed and seconded at the last convocation, was elected a joining companion. Bros. S. Evans, Captain George Hearsley, T. H. Bradwell, W. Wells, W. E. M. Winn, W. Harrison, of the De Grey and Ripon Lodge, 837, who were duly proposed and seconded at the last convocation, were unanimously elected by ballot, and the first five being in attendance were exalted. The ballot having been taken, Bro. W. Stork was elected Janitor and duly exalted as a serving companion.

Mark Masonry.

STONEHOUSE.—*Sincerity Lodge* (No. 35).—The regular meeting of this lodge of M. M. Masons was held at St. George's Hall, East Stonehouse, on Monday, the 5th inst. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. D. Coates, P.P.M., Supt. of Works, who was supported by Bros. Coffin, P.P.M. J.G.W. Devon; J. E. Curtain, P.M. J.G.W. Devon, S. W.; Monkhouse, as J.W.; the Rev. J. Demon, Chaplain; Rae, P.M., P.P.M.G. Treasurer; J. S. Bayly, P.M., P.P.M. J.G.W. Devon, Secretary; Moor, M.O.; and the Rev. P. H. Newnham, P.M.G.C., Eng., Prov. M.G.C., Devon. The Right Worshipful Bro. Colonel Elliot, D.P.G.M.M. Devon, was then received and saluted according to ancient custom. The minutes of the meeting, held in December last, was read and unanimously confirmed. A letter having been read from the only candidate for advancement, expressing his regret at not being able to attend, the W.M. rose to state that it was with feelings of profound sorrow that he had to announce the fact that the present was the last occasion he was likely to preside over the lodge for a considerable period, as he had been ordered to join H.M.S. "Active" for service on the Gold Coast. Bro. Curters, S.W., proposed and Bro. Rae, P.M., seconded, a motion expressive of the regret which they were both sure could not help being felt at the loss, which it was trusted would only be temporary, and paid a high tribute of respect to Bro. Coates for his zeal and assiduity in all Masonic work. The W.M. having responded, a candidate for advancement proposed, and the

lodge was closed, and a Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners opened by Bro. the Rev. P. H. Newnham, P.C.R.; T. W. Coplin, J.; and J. E. Curters, S.; and they having duly consecrated the lodge, Bros. Col. Elliott, R. H. Rae, J. S. Bayly, T. Lemon, Monkhouse, Lester, Moon, Coates, and Rogers elevated to the degree of Royal Ark Mariners. Bro. Coffin was then installed as W.C.N., and he therefore appointed his officers as follows: Bros. the Rev. P. H. Newnham, I.P.C.N.; J. E. Curteis, J.; Col. Elliott, S.; Bayly, Treas.; Rae, Sec.; Monkhouse, S.D.; Lester, J.D.; and Rogers, Warder. A vote of thanks having been passed to Bro. Newnham for the manner in which he had performed the duties of presiding officer, and to Bro. Coffin and Curteis for their exertions in forming the lodge, and a code of bye-laws having been passed, this, the first Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners in the province of Devon, was closed.

Red Cross of Constantine.

EAST STONEHOUSE, DEVON.—*Sincerity Conclave* (No. 112).—The first meeting of the Conclave was held on the 5th January, Sir Knight J. W. Coffin, M.P.S.; Sir Knight J. Edward Curteis, Viceroy, E. There was also present Sir Knight the Rev. P. H. Newnham; F. S. Bayly, A. Leigh, and Royer. The ceremony of consecration and dedication was then admirably performed by Sir Knight Coffin, who had travelled from London for that purpose, and he subsequently consecrated Sir Knight Newnham, whom he placed in the chair of Viceroy, and Sir Knight Curteis having been duly enthroned as the M.P.S. of the Conclave, Bros. Dr. J. B. Kerswill and J. Secombe, were installed and proclaimed Knight of the Order. The following Sir Knights were then appointed to the offices attached to their names—Sir Knights J. S. Bayly, S.G. and Treas.; Leigh, J.G. and Recorder; Colonel Elliot, H. P.; W. B. Kerswill, Prefect; Seacombe, S.B.; and J. Royer, Sentinel. Sir Knight Newnham then proposed a vote of thanks to Sir Knights Coffin and Curteis for the trouble they had taken in forming the Conclave, and for their kindness in presenting to it the Warrant of Constitution handsomely framed. Sir Knight Coffin in returning thanks said that Sir Knight Curteis was mainly instrumental in founding the Conclave, which he trusted, and had every reason to believe, would prosper under his guidance. Sir Knight Curteis having also replied, the Conclave was then closed, letters of regret at non-ability to attend having been read from Sir Knights Irwin, Hughs, and others.

Scotland.

The Scotia Lodge (No. 178) was visited from the Provincial Lodge on Wednesday, the 11th inst., when the acting P.G.M. congratulated them on the excellent working of the lodge. The R.W.M., Bro. Miller, briefly acknowledged the compliment, and tendered the thanks of the lodge to the deputation. Thereafter five candidates were initiated into the Order, and as the evening was advanced, and a great deal of work on hand, the lodge adjourned to hold an emergency meeting on the following night, when Bro. Cunningham, R.W.M. of 347, conferred the first degree on five candidates, and Bro. Robert Mitchell, P.M. 332, raised seven brethren, six for this lodge, and one for his own. All the ceremonies were well wrought.

GLASGOW.—*St. Mark's Lodge* (No. 102).—This lodge held its usual meeting on the 9th inst., in their own hall, 213 Buchanan-street, Bro. J. F. Mitchell, R.W.M., in the chair. Bro. B. Herman, S.W.; A. Neville, J.W. There was a large attendance of members, as it was the night appointed for the Provincial Visitation. The Deputation was received with the usual honours. It consisted of the following brethren.—Bros. F. A. Barrow, D.P.G.M.; A. Mc. Taggart, M.A., P.G.S.; J. Walker, P.G.T.; T. Halket, P.G.; J. Balfour, P.G.D. of C.; J. Bain, P.G.B.E.; R. Robb, P.G.M.; J. Gilles, P.G.S.B.; W. Phillips, P.G.I.G.; J. Collison, P.G.D.C. The P.G. Sec. reported that he had examined the

books, and found them well kept and perfectly correct. The Acting P.G.M. said it afforded the Provincial Grand Lodge great satisfaction to commence the series of visitations for the year, under such favourable auspices, but the St. Mark's had always maintained a good name in the Province, and he felt sure that under their present Master they would not retrograde, but rather they would continue to carry out all those virtues that constitute good and worthy Masons.

GLASGOW.—*St. Andrew's Chapter* (No. 69) met on Tuesday, the 10th inst., Comp. T. D. Humphries, Z.; D. Campbell, H.; G. Heron, J. At the request of the Z., Comp. Wheeler, H. 73, conferred the Mark degree on two brethren, and also that of Most Excellent Master. Comp. J. Campbell, Z., of 152, Shettleston, then exalted the same two brethren, G. W. Wheeler acting as First Sojourner.

GLASGOW.—*Glasgow Chapter* (No. 51) met on Thursday, 19th inst., in St. John's Hall, in consequence of the death of their old and much respected Janitor, James Pollock, who had resided in their own hall. The chair was taken by Comp. J. Miller, Z.; assisted by T. Brownlie, H.; Wm. Bell, J.; James Loutitt, Scribe E.; G. W. Wheeler, acting First S.; H. Hendry, Second S.; C. Gardner, Third S. It having been announced that a deputation from the Provincial Grand Chapter, would visit the chapter on this occasion, they were received in due form. It consisted of Comps. F. A. Barrow, Provincial Grand Superintendent; W. Smith, P.G.H.; A. Mc. Taggart, P.G. Scribe E.; T. Halket, P.G.T.; James Balfour, P.G. First S. G. B. Adams, P.G. Third S.; and G. McDonald; P.G.S.B. The P.G. Superintendent said it gave them great pleasure to commence their visitations for the season with the oldest Chapter, and as they had only just received their books, he hoped to meet them again to inspect them in the meantime. From what he knew of Comp. Miller, in the Craft a zealous worker, he had no doubt that in his new position, as Z. of 50, he would equally distinguish himself. Comp. Miller said, though new to the work, he hoped to be soon able to master it, especially as he had the support of so many kind friends. Five brethren were then introduced and advanced to the degree of Mark Master. The Z. proposed that the thanks of the Chapter be recorded in the minutes to the Principals of the other Chapter, who assisted the work not only on this, but also on other occasions, namely—to J. Duthie, P.Z. 67; G. W. Wheeler, H. 73; T. Halket, Z. 113, and J. O. Park, Z. 122. These Comps. expressed their pleasure in being able to be serviceable to No. 50, or any other Chapter in the Province.

GLASGOW.—*St. Rollox Chapter* (No. 144) met on the 13th inst. to receive the P.G. Chapter, Comps. Robert Bell, Z.; J. McLeish, H.; J. Duthie, acting J.; J. O. Park, Z. 122, First S.; G. W. Wheeler, H. 73, Second S.; J. Armand, Third S. The deputation consisted of F. A. Barrow, Grand Superintendent; J. Halket, McTaggart, M.A., P.G.S.E.; J. Halket, P.G.T.; J. Balfour, P.G., First S.; and G. B. Adams, P.G. Third S. The P.G.S.E. reported that he had found the books admirably kept, and having had the pleasure of knowing Comp. Bell for nearly fourteen years, he could testify to his good qualities both as a man and a Mason, and he felt sure that as long as he was the head, the chapter would flourish. The Most excellent Z., Comp. R. Bell, then rose and said: Most excellent Grand Superintendent, and excellent Grand Officers, We, the Companions of St. Rollox, No. 144, desire to welcome you with true Masonic greeting; we are proud to see that the infant chapter has been one of the first to engage your attention, we cannot boast like Chapter 50, that you visited last night, of a lengthened existence, we are now some eight months old, but we are not, nor will we be, behind, the oldest chapter in the province, our devotion to you. I believe your personal visitations are indisputably necessary for our Masonic growth. I am certain that Masonry in Glasgow has increased an hundred fold, since the lodges and chapters have been visited periodically. It was the want of proper communication between the root and the branch that has been the bane of the craft in days gone by.

dormant as well as irregular chapters. But happily this state of things is passing away, great improvements have, and are being made by your indefatigable exertions, and on this ground also, we are glad to meet with you at St. Rollox, and to promise you our best support. The want of success in lodges and chapters has not laid so much in themselves as to the want of proper supervision by the governing bodies. It is our wish that you may long be spared to come amongst us, and that you may yet enjoy the fruits of your toils and responsibility. It is gratifying also to see here so many learned, energetic, and disinterested Masons who are so able and so willing to aid both you and us in our noble work, which has for its object the good of all. I have, therefore, much pleasure in welcoming you into our chapter, and handing over to you the emblem of authority to rule this young chapter, 144. The P.G. Superintendent expressed the pleasure he felt at the cordial reception he had now received, but would decline to deprive Comp. Bell of the honour he had so well won, and which he so worthily deserved. When he remembered that it was not nine months since he had attended in that hall to open and consecrate their chapter, he could not refrain from praising, not only their excellent Z., but also the officers and members, on the progress they had made, but he knew they were composed of the right sort of men to succeed. He could not boast, like the G.S.E., of many years acquaintance with Comp. B. Bell, but from what he had seen of him in this and other orders of Masonry, his only regret was that he had not sooner become acquainted with him. It was gratifying to himself and officers, when they visited a chapter, to meet with so hearty a welcome and so cordial an appreciation of the object of their visits, this cheered them in the work, and it was no easy task, for, between lodges and chapters he had ten visitations to make next week. He then went into the reasons why, for some years previous to his recent appointment, the province had been without a Superintendent. The Chapter having been closed, the companions entertained the deputation with a slight collation, when the usual Royal Arch toasts were responded to.

GLASGOW.—The Supreme Chapter General of Knights Templar met at Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, on Wednesday, March 11th, the Grand Master, J. W. Melville, Esq., of Benodry, residing. The Grand Registrar Major W. L. Ramsay, read the minutes of the last annual meeting, and also of two council meetings held receive two deputations from the St. Mungo encampment, also an application from the encampment at Muirkirk, asking to be received into the chapter General. He was then instructed to inform them that they could be received on the same terms as those on which the St. Mungo had been received. Favourable reports had been received from the three foreign priorities. The business was the election of the Grand officers for the ensuing year. The Grand Master proposed the re-election of the last year's officers. Sir Kt. Douglas proposed an amended list of officers for the ensuing year. After some discussion the election took place, following is the list of the officers of the chapter General for 1874:—J. Whyte Melville, of Benochy, Grand Master; Viscount Ballan, Seneschall; Earl of Rosslyn, Preceptor; Colonel Kinlock, Constable; Lord C. P. Murray, Admiral; G. H. Harriott, Treasurer and Registrar; Rev. V. G. Gill, M.A., Primate; H. Inglis, of Ayr, Provost; J. Lawrie; Beaucennifer, of Great Standard; H. D. Copland, of the Vexillum Belli; T. H. Douglass, of Bamberlain; Robert Bell, Steward. Sir J. G. Shanks, P.E.C., and P.G.S.B., applied for leave to open an encampment at Enock. Application deferred till he could obtain the requisite number of fraters to properly constitute the same. Frater Bell, E.C., of St. Andrew's, tabled a motion that in future each ward or priority be allowed to send three representatives to the Supreme Chapter General. Shanks supported the motion, as did G. W. Wheeler, who also urged on the part of the General the desirability of their taking care to secure the adhesion not only of the

Muirkirk body, but also that of the other nine independent bodies at present existing in Scotland. This being all the business, the Grand Master declared the Chapter-General closed.

CONSECRATION OF A "MELROSE" LODGE AT GREENOCK.

On Thursday, 12th inst., a deputation from Melrose Grand Lodge visited Greenock, and, after an excellent dinner at the Wheatheaf Hotel, with some of the Greenock brethren, proceeded to consecrate the Melrose St. Andrew No. 3. Bros. Robert Renton, M.W.G.M.; Andrew Hart, P.G.M.; Frank Hart, R.W.G.S. Warden; and John Pringle, R.W.G.J. Warden, opened the lodge, in the large room of the hotel, at three o'clock. The M.W.G.M. delivered a very impressive address to the brethren, dwelling particularly on the virtue of "charity in secrecy." Bro. Thomas Stratford (R.W.M. Melrose St. John's No. 1, and member of Mother Melrose No. 6, Maniton, 106, New York, Glasgow 441, &c.), read the charter. Bro. Andrew Hart, P.G.M., delivered the charges, and in a short address gave some excellent advice. Bro. Renton then installed Bro. James Sutherland, R.W.M., and Bro. Stratford installed and invested the other office-bearers. Bro. Donald Henderson, S.W.; Murdock Mathieson, D.M.; John Mackenzie, S.W.; David Stewart, J.W.; Robert Jamieson, Sec.; Alex. Bunting, Treas., &c. Bro. Jamieson presided at the harmonium. The R.W.M. and M.W.G.M. addressed the brethren, and the lodge was then closed. Visiting brethren were present from Lodges No. 6, 1, and 2 (Melrose Constitution), and from Nos. 68, 173, 182, 441, and 443 (Grand Lodge of Scotland). Refreshments were liberally supplied. "The Queen" was given with highest honours. Bro. Sutherland then gave "The Ancient Melrose Lodge," which was replied to by Bro. Andrew Hart, P.G.M., who said that the antiquity of the Melrose Lodge was unquestionable. They had always endeavoured to forward the interests of the Craft; they studied economy and practical charity; they had members in every part of the globe; they had plenty of cash in hand, and had never been in debt. They had always tried to be just and honourable, as they were ancient. They dated from A.D. 1136, and had documents several hundred years old. The Grand Lodge of Scotland had made overtures for them to amalgamate, and they had often discussed the matter themselves, but the terms and conditions were such as could not well be entertained. He thought it was not just for the Grand Lodge of Scotland to tax so heavily the lodges of working men. The Grand Lodge of Scotland charge £10 10s. for a charter, 5s. 6d. each for registering names of intrants, and 5s. for diplomas. But the Melrose charge only £5 for a charter, the deputation each pay their own travelling expenses, and 2s. 6d. pays for both registration of intrants and diploma. And yet they were comparatively rich, whilst the Grand Lodge of Scotland was worse than poor—they were heavily in debt. He had no ill feeling against the Grand Lodge of Scotland or their members, but these were facts which could not be denied. The Melrose Lodge welcomes all good Masons from wheresoever they may come. They had visitors from all parts of the world. Bro. Renton felt great pleasure at all times in promoting the welfare of the Craft. He thanked the St. Andrew's brethren for the hearty welcome they had extended to, and the splendid entertainment they provided for them on the present occasion. He wished them every prosperity. A vote of thanks was given by the lodge to the Melrose brethren, who then left by an early train. The pleasures of the day were continued into the evening, and in reply to "The Melrose Lodges, Nos. 1 and 2," Bro. Stratford said:—"The 'third' time was said to be 'never like the rest.'" He thought the old saying was applicable to the present occasion. A Mason could not properly be called a Mason until he had received the "third" degree; nor could a P.G.L. well be formed without a "third" lodge. The Melrose St. John's, No. 1, was the first important step, the St. Mungo's, No. 2, the second, and the St. Andrew's, No. 3, capped the climax.

With 300 members of No. 1, 71 of No. 2, and 200 of No. 3, he thought a Provincial Grand Lodge quite necessary—more particularly so when the three contemplated new lodges were started in Anderston, the West-end of Glasgow, and Kirkintilloch respectively, which would certainly be done within a month or two. He believed the cases of Nos. 1 and 2, were unparalleled in the annals of Freemasonry. No. 1 had been in existence less than 18 months, and numbered some 300 members, whilst No. 2 had only existed five months, and numbers 71. If they continued to make such gigantic strides, they must soon be heard of and their influence be felt. He was proud of their new ally, (No. 3); hoped they would go on and prosper, that the three lodges may always work up to the strictest Masonic rules and principles, and in unison with each other. He complimented No. 3 on their past achievements, their present flourishing condition, and their brilliant prospects for the future. They would never regret going under the Melrose body. He had himself traced the minutes of the Ancient Melrose Lodge as far back as 1674. There were many documents there of a much earlier date, and he had been told that some would be found as far back as about 1300. If so, Mary's Chapel would be put in the shade. How was it that Scotch Masonic authors so studiously avoid mentioning Melrose. Was it because they are afraid of revealing the truth? Or was it because they are too narrow-minded and prejudiced to do her justice?

"St. Andrew's, No. 3," was then given and in his reply Bro. Sutherland said that the Grand Lodge of Scotland, would not have granted them a charter for less than £10 10s., and 8s., or 10s. per head for their 200 members. He thought the £80 or £100 was quite as well in the St. Andrew's funds. They had received a charter from Melrose for £5, and he was sure Melrose was the best of the two. Bro. Stratford said he had gone over to the Melrose Masons, and espoused their cause, purely as a matter of principle. He found them injured, and cheated out of their rightful position. Although he had suffered much at their hands for the step he had taken, he felt no unfriendliness towards the Brethren under the "Grand Lodge of Scotland." He still had a tender feeling towards them, and was glad to see that body so well represented there to-night. He felt quite sure they were most of them right enough at heart, and that the existing bitterness towards the "Melrose Masons" was more the result of ignorance of the subject than anything else. If they would only enquire into it, and view the matter in the proper light, they would soon gladly extend the right hand of fellowship. Several had already seen their error, and had come over to our ranks. He was sure a better feeling would soon exist between the two conflicting jurisdictions. The present stir must lead to enquiries. Let the case be tried on its merits. The storm would soon pass, and we should be all the better of it. He would always welcome visitors from G. L. of Scotland. If we are to forgive a natural brother "71 times 7" surely we should forgive a Masonic brother 71 times 77. We can do more by a good example than anything. We must judge them charitably. We were none of us perfect. He could forget the treatment he had received at their hands, and look forward to a bright and happy future, when we shall be united, at least in the bonds of "Brotherly love." He had very much pleasure in giving "The Grand Lodge of Scotland," with the highest Masonic honours.

The toast was most warmly responded to, and a visiting brother replied. He said he hoped the day was not far distant when we shall open all our lodges to and welcome each other. He was quite sure if all Masons in Scotland would cultivate and practice what Bro. Stratford had so earnestly advised, and act in a truly Masonic spirit, all discord would soon cease, and the prosperity of the fraternity result therefrom.

Several other toasts were given, and replied to in regular Masonic style, and finally the meeting broke up, after one of the most enjoyable days ever experienced in the "St. Andrew's" No. 3.

[The report of the consecration of another Melrose Lodge in Glasgow will be given in our next.]

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The Freemason,

SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 1874.

THE INITIATION OF H.R.H. PRINCE ARTHUR.

The entire Craft will rejoice to hear, that, another member of the Royal Family has been admitted a member of our ancient and honourable Fraternity. H.R.H. Prince Arthur was, on Monday initiated by his exalted Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, as Master of the Prince of Wales's Lodge.

As a fact it is most gratifying, and interesting, that the Heir-Apparent to the throne should be included amidst the active and working W.M.'s of our great brotherhood, and above all, that he should preside, and so effectively, on such a very happy occasion!

We congratulate the Prince of Wales's Lodge, not only on its Royal Master, but in having been the happy medium, through which so illustrious a representative of the Royal Family, saw the light of Masonry.

H.R.H. Prince Arthur is, indeed, a new member of whom our Order may be proud, not merely for his high rank and princely name, but for that distinguished position he has himself achieved in the hearts and attachment of all who know him, or have served with him.

The godson of the never-to-be-forgotten Duke of Wellington, he has ever made his motto, in his military career, as he said at Belfast, "duty first and pleasure afterwards," and wherever he has been, or whatever corps he has served in, whether with his regiment or on the staff, he has gained alike the attachment of officers and men, and has endeared himself to all, by his high sense of duty, and his many genial and excellent qualities of mind and heart.

It must have been a moment of great happiness to his Royal Brother the Prince of Wales to have received a relative so near and dear to him into that Brotherhood, to which he has directly shown himself so much attached, and we congratulate the Order once more on this most interesting event, pregnant as we believe it is and will be, of good to the Craft in every way.

OUR CHARITABLE ANNIVERSARIES.

The last anniversary meeting of the Boys' School was a remarkable one for many reasons.

In the first place the announcement of the subscriptions and donations, a little over £7,000, was in itself a gratifying fact to realize, as evidencing the continued zeal and sympathy of our Order, and in the next place, the large and excellent gathering heard from the lips of our distinguished Grand Master some very wise words of warning and of counsel.

For though the efforts of our beneficent brotherhood are very striking, and very creditable in themselves, yet the annual gathering only serves to show to all thoughtful Masons, how very reasonable and how very pertinent are the pointed remarks of our Grand Master. In this present case, the £7,004 or £7,031 are made up in the following way. The Metropolitan

lodges and brethren have contributed the large sum of nearly £3,000; the Provincial lodges over £4,000. Of the £4,000, Lincolnshire alone has contributed £1,058, our very worthy Bro. John Sutcliffe, W.M. in that province, but formerly of West Yorkshire, and still we believe among its active Past Grand Officers, having given 250 guineas himself, and collected in his province about £800.

Now this list suggests several considerations, for while we must and ought to give due praise to those who have worked so well for the Boys' School, all Masons, we think, must equally feel how narrow at present is the basis on which our great efforts rest.

Year after year we have noble evidences of the zeal and good-will of our sodality in the best of all causes, but we confess we should like, as the Grand Master suggested, to see the support of charities more generally diffused over our entire Craft.

Some lodges never have subscribed anything, some lodges never do subscribe anything to our charities, and though the zeal of individual brethren, and the amounts voted by individual lodges, do a good deal, yet there is really no limit to what could be done, by a little more combined action and general effort.

We have said before, ourselves, and we agree with Bro. Binckes in his opinion, that, every lodge in the Order should have a life governor's vote at least for all the Charities.

It has been said that the somewhat heavy increase of the lodge qualification, has hindered the lodge support. That we do not believe, as exactly the same state of things existed, even when the qualification was lower and before any question arose of raising it.

But no doubt a good deal may be said "pro and con," the policy of such a material increase in the qualification of lodges.

We believe, however, that the practical solution of the whole question is to be found, in the course pursued by West Yorkshire, which some 12 or 13 years ago formed a Charity Committee composed of members annually elected by each lodge, to attend solely to the important question of the Masonic Charities.

Under its auspices a very large sum, on the whole, together with two perpetual presentations in the Boys' School, has been sent to the Metropolitan Charities, and we feel certain, that if every Province formed its own Charity Committee, a large amount of interest and new support would be elicited for our great Metropolitan Institutions.

One thing is clear, we have to Institutions now in full working order under most efficient management, in themselves a source of pride and gratification to all Freemasons. Let us then seek through their length and breadth of our great brotherhood to obtain for them universal sympathy and support, that so they may be maintained and improved, developed and enlarged as the needs arise, even to become as time moves on, still more worthy of Freemasonry more serviceable philanthropy, and fully equal to the demands and exigencies of the strong, in which our lodges

THE OLD MELROSE LODGE AND THE GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

It is a very wise maxim for all of us, never to meddle with other people's affairs, and some perhaps in Scotland may opine, that we had better "cool our ain porridge."

But as the great institution of "Amicus Curie" still happily exists, we venture to put in an appearance, and make a "deliverance" in that amiable and interesting character to-day.

It seems to be a great pity that some "mezzo termin" of agreement and unity cannot be found or invented between these two antagonistic corporations. The position of the Melrose Lodge, which so far repudiates apparently the authority of the Grand Lodge of Scotland resembles, in some points, the position of our famous Antiquity Lodge, in respect of our English Grand Lodge towards the close of the last century.

But by a little mutual forbearance and allowance on both sides, in those days, conflicting claims were harmonized and opposing jurisdictions were adjusted, and what took place then, may we think, can and should, take place now, without any surrender of principles or privileges, without any lowering of old prestige or long prescription.

The Antiquity Lodge was recognised by the Grand Lodge as having existed from "time immemorial," and became No. 2 permanently on the calendar of the Grand Lodge.

Why should not some similar process take place in Scotland "anent" the Old Melrose Lodge.

Surely that would be a far more Masonic way of settling all outstanding difficulties than unseemly bickerings and un-Masonic personalities? We cannot help thinking that if a delegation from each body could but fraternally meet together, terms agreeable and honourable to both might be speedily settled, and thus an end would come to those untoward and unseemly differences which appear apparently to exist.

We doubt very much, the right Masonically of the Old Melrose Lodge, to affiliate other lodges to itself, now that there is a Grand Lodge for all Scotland, whatever may have been the practice in "auld lang syne."

May our words be well taken by all the dissentants, and may the war-cry of party be speedily changed for the olive branch of Masonic peace and unity.

We are also interested in this question, from an archaeological point of view, as we shall like to know what old documents (if any), the lodge at Melrose possesses, though we have reason to believe, that, our indefatigable Bro. W. J. Hughan already endeavouring to make some researches re, and we shall trust to hear before long a full account of the "diggings."

WEEKLY SUMMARY.

Her Majesty has been in London, but has resided at Windsor Castle.

The Prince and Princess of Wales are at Marlborough House, the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh at Windsor Castle on a visit to the Queen. The Court goes to Osborne next week.

On Tuesday another member of the Royal Household, Prince Arthur, was added to the ranks of the Freemasons, received his initiatory degree at the hands of the Prince of Wales. Shortly

after six o'clock the Princes proceeded from Marlborough House to Willis's Rooms, where the ceremony was to be held. They were received by the officers of the Prince of Wales's Lodge, together with the Marquis of Ripon, Grand Master; the Earl of Carnarvon, Deputy Grand Master; John Hervey, Grand Secretary; Bros. Fenn, P.A.D.C.; J. C. Parkinson, Deputy Provincial Grand Master for Middlesex, and several others. The lodge having been opened in due form, Prince Arthur was admitted to the ancient rites of Freemasonry, the Prince of Wales performing the usual ceremony. Bro. Radford was the Tyler of the Lodge, and Bro. Speight, from the Grand Lodge, assisted in the duties. The lodge having been closed, the Prince of Wales, Prince Arthur, the Grand Master, and others, sat down to dinner in the banqueting-room.

H.R.H. the Duke of Cambridge, the Field Marshal Commander-in-Chief has reviewed the 23rd Welsh Fusiliers at Shorncliffe, and the 42nd at Portsmouth, and welcomed them back to England, with a few impressive words of approval and admiration.

There has been a great gathering at Chislehurst, to greet the only son of the late Emperor Napoleon III. on his 18th birthday. The young Prince, who has already attained high distinction at Woolwich, seems to have inherited the ability of his father, and the gentleness of his mother. Those who still believe in the Napoleonic star, and there are very many, will rejoice in the speech he made with so much clearness and tact, and will have departed deeply gratified with the high promise of "the Chef de la Famille!"

Parliament has opened, and the labours of the session have begun. So far the only important business transacted, besides the Queen's speech, has been the introduction of a loan of £10,000,000 for India, and several votes of supply. Nothing very interesting will probably occur until after Easter, the Budget being introduced on the 16th April. Mr. Hall, a supporter of the Government, has been returned, by a considerable majority, over his opponent, Mr. Lewis, for the city of Oxford.

Sir Garnet Wolseley, with a large staff, has reached Portsmouth in the *Manitoba*, and has had an interview with the Secretary of War, and her Majesty the Queen. King Coffee Calcutti's state umbrella is now at Windsor Castle.

The 23rd Fusiliers have been enthusiastically welcomed at Portsmouth, where they have also welcomed the 42nd, and are expecting the Rifle Brigade.

The Vice-Chancellor Malins has dismissed Dr. Hayman's bill of complaint, on demurrer, so that, though admittedly being illused, he appears to have no legal remedy. Probably no case for some time before our law courts, has excited a deeper interest in all classes, as it has an incalculable importance in its bearing on the future management of our great public schools. Dr. Hayman's treatment seems to have been from the very first unparalleled, alike in harshness and unfairness, and nothing can justify the unwholesome interference of the Bishop of Exeter, or the intemperate partizanship of Dr. Bradley. The mutinous proceedings of the under-masters deserve the severest condemnation, and many will regret now, that hasty legislation, which so unwisely interferes with the legitimate authority of the masters of our greatest educational establishments.

The Relief Fund at the Mansion House is now close upon £60,000, though we fear a good deal more will be needed.

Beyond this we have little home news to record, except that Col. Wilson Patten, M.P., has been created Baron Wymareleigh, and Lord Ravensworth Earl Ravensworth, his son the Hon. H. Liddell becoming Lord Eslington.

Abroad the news is very limited. The Emperor of Germany's birthday has been warmly and loyally kept, and the King of Italy has received congratulations on the 25th anniversary of his reign. Prince Bismarck continues suffering from acute neuralgia, and is still unable to transact public business. In Spain Marshal Serrano has done nothing, and General Nouvilas is to be tried by Court-martial. The bombardment of Bilbao continues.

We have to announce the deaths of the Dowager Lady Radnor, of Baroness Brunnow,

of the Hon. and Right Rev. Amyand Harris, sometime Bishop of Gibraltar, of Sir Keith Ball, of Mr. Henry Roberts, one of the Commissioners of Inland Revenue, of the Hon. J. P. Mostyn, of Mr. John Williams, M.R.C.S., and of Lieutenant-Colonel George J. Carruthers, K.M., late of H.M.'s 11th Regiment M.N.I., and of George Lewis Coates, Commander R.N.

ITEMS OF LONDON NEWS.

A marriage is arranged to take place between the Hon. Francis Leveson Bertie, second son of the Earl of Abingdon, and Lady Feodora Wellesley, eldest daughter of the Earl and Countess Cowley.

The Duchess-Dowager of Richmond died on the 13th, at her house in Portland-place. Her Grace was the eldest daughter of the first Marquis of Anglesey, by his first wife, Lady Caroline Elizabeth Villiers, third daughter of the fourth Earl of Jersey. She was married to the fifth Duke of Richmond in 1817. She leaves surviving issue the present Duke of Richmond, Lord Henry, Lord Alexander, and Lord George Gordon Lennox; Caroline, Countess of Bessborough; Augusta, Princess Edward of Saxe-Weimar; and Cecilia, wife of Lord Bingham.

Lord Coleridge has consented to preside at the annual dinner of the Literary Fund, on the 6th of May. At the annual meeting on Wednesday, it was announced that a sum of £2,195 had been distributed among fifty-three authors, who were applicants for grants, and that the total amount of grants actually applied by the corporation from its institution in 1790 to the present time was 76,367. Earl Stanhope was re-elected president.

The Marquis of Salisbury, in replying to a deputation from the Manchester Chamber of Commerce on Saturday to urge upon the Government the importance of a certain proportion of the Indian Council being composed of the mercantile element, said he heartily agreed with the principle of the proposal, but there would be some difficulty in carrying it into effect; for a mercantile member of the council must not be connected with the Indian trade. We had to deal with an empire of some 250 millions of people, who were in the habit of looking for indirect motives on the part of their governors, and would be glad if any pretext were given to them for imputing motives of such indirect character to those over them.

The *Birmingham Post* has information that Sir Robert Peel has been offered by Lord Derby an ambassadorship to one of the great European Powers, and it is said the right hon. baronet has intimated his willingness to accept the offer.

The Queen had fixed Friday, the 27th of March, for a review of the troops who have returned from the Gold Coast, as Her Majesty would have preferred not holding the review during Passion Week; but as the Himalaya, which brings the Rifle Brigade, is not expected to arrive before Thursday, and may be later, the Queen has been obliged to name Monday, the 30th of March, for the review, in the Home Park at Windsor.

A very successful meeting of the Society of Engineers has taken place, under the presidency of T. U. Harrison. Very good speeches were made by H.R.H. Prince Christian, Mr. Huot, Lord Carnarvon, and Lord Granville.

The *Times* of Friday, March 18th, publishes some pretty Latin lines on the entry of the Duchess of Edinburgh. The Rev. M. G. Watkyns has made a translation:—

"Nympha, nives linquens patrias et inhospita brumæ

Littora, ad Angliacam nympha rogata domum

Cur tibi nos flores ferimus, cur fusa per urbem

Signa, tonat densis cur tuba leta viis?

Vincit adulatrix melior, telluris imago

Nota tuæ, et repetens arva relicta gelu.

Ipse tibi obsequitur sollertior annus, et ipse

Surgit hyperboreus, te veniente, dies."

"Forget thy country's snow-heaped waste and come,

Long-looked for, Princess, seek thine English home!

Why smiles with flags and flowers the crowded street?

Why blares the sounding brass thy steps to greet?

A better courtier waves his magic wand,
Frost changes Britain to thy well-loved land;
With craftier welcome, snows and skies of
grey,
The year provides a more than Arctic day."

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The following is a complete list of the Stewards at the annual festival, with the respective amounts of their several lists:—

LONDON LODGES.			
Lodges		£	s. d.
1 John Gostling ...	...	10	10 0
2 C. A. Swinburne ...	...	42	0 0
3 George Phillips ...	...	39	18 0
4 Henry J. Gardiner ...	...	45	3 0
5 John Bagot Scriven ...	...	59	17 0
6 D. P. Browning ...	...	21	0 0
6 Capt. W. Platt ...	...	10	10 0
7 Robert Mansfield ...	...	38	17 0
10 Rev. Thos. Cochrane ...	...	43	1 0
11 E. J. Bradstreet ...	...	42	0 0
12 Leopold Ruf ...	...	75	2 6
14 J. G. Mackinlay ...	...	21	0 0
18 J. C. Chaplin ...	...	51	9 0
21 Robert Berridge ...	...	55	13 0
22 Edward J. Storr ...	...	64	1 0
28 David Crombie ...	...	52	10 0
29 Francis Jarman ...	...	22	1 0
33 Cromwell J. Varley ...	...	42	0 0
34 Henry Saml. Dubosc ...	...	42	12 0
55 H. W. Nevill ...	...	117	0 6
60 Edward H. Cox ...	...	77	17 0
65 George J. Cook ...	...	32	11 0
72 W. G. Brighton ...	...	33	1 6
73 George Morris ...	...	52	10 6
91 Victor M. Lafittan ...	...	37	16 0
95 Harry Bateman ...	...	29	8 0
140 Edwin Shallen ...	...	51	9 0
141 E. Gottheil ...	...	44	2 0
143 James Boulton ...	...	80	17 0
145 E. H. Thiellay ...	...	37	16 0
157 Thomas Cubitt ...	...	64	1 0
173 D. Nicolls ...	...	77	3 6
174 Charles Lacey ...	...	103	19 0
177 Frederick Kent ...	...	36	5 0
179 E. A. P. d'Alberquerque ...	...	74	0 6
180 Ale Gallico ...	...	50	18 6
181 J. Yalden ...	...	34	13 0
183 G. Pole Britten ...	...	31	10 0
185 John H. Ross ...	...	44	2 0
188 J. T. Miller ...	...	30	4 6
192 George Newman ...	...	48	6 0
197 George Findlay ...	...	29	8 0
198 Geo. E. Holland ...	...	35	14 0
201 George Whitley ...	...	27	6 0
205 M. Emanuel ...	...	26	5 0
217 Thos. James ...	...	10	10 0
227 Henry Law ...	...	40	19 0
225 Raymond H. Thrupp ...	...	24	1 0
259 John H. Scott ...	...	52	10 0
657 J. Llewellyn Jones ...	...	113	18 3
715 Henry Birdseye ...	...	30	9 0
754 D. Roberts (List not in)	...	37	16 0
766 William Worrell ...	...	28	7 0
834 Lewis Bryett ...	...	31	10 0
871 J. Baxter Langley ...	...	31	10 0
1155 Henry Moore ...	...	42	0 0
1260 Charles Darby ...	...	36	15 0
1288 John Thomas Smith ...	...	21	0 0
1297 George Clements ...	...	17	17 0
1348 John Palmer ...	...	214	4 0
1365 Chas. Robert Miles ...	...	25	4 0
1383 J. Nixon Clabon ...	...	31	10 0
1397 G. Charles Ring ...	...	26	5 0
Total London ...	...	£2881	14 0

PROVINCIAL LODGES.

	£	s.	d.
BERKS AND BUCKS:—			
G. W. Dixon ...	33	11	6
BRISTOL:—			
W. A. Scott ...	60	10	0
CHESHIRE:—			
H. S. A. Bennett ...	10	10	0
CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORELAND:—			
George J. McKay ...	34	13	0

	£	s.	d.
DERBYSHIRE:—			
G. W. Sheffield ...	28	16	6
R. R. Duke ...	1	1	0
H. G. Diamond ...	10	10	0
DURHAM:—			
Augustus H. Hunt ...	169	17	0
B. Boulton ...	101	17	0
A. Farmer ...	10	10	0
HANTS AND ISLE OF WIGHT:—			
J. Balfour Cockburn ...	34	13	0
R. L. Loveland ...	28	7	0
Frederick F. Hare ...	141	15	0
KENT:—			
R. J. Emmerson ...	10	10	0
Henry M. Baker ...	45	3	0
R. H. Williams ...	42	0	0
J. B. Maclure ...	10	10	0
EAST LANCASHIRE:—			
2 Thomas Entwistle ...	10	10	0
9 Major Thomas Parker ...	10	10	0
6 E. Grundry Heape... ..	10	10	0
1 G. P. Brockbank ...	26	5	0
11 William Slater ...	42	0	0
12 Jonah W. Taylor ...	10	10	0
4 William Green ...	10	10	0
5 Robert Grinne ...	10	10	0
10 W. H. Prince ...	115	10	0
3 George Galloway ...	52	10	0
7 C. M. Jones ...	73	10	0
WEST LANCASHIRE:—			
J. D. Moore ...	25	4	0
LINCOLNSHIRE:—			
John Sutcliff ...	1028	7	0
Jack Sutcliff ...	10	10	0
M. Broadhead ...	10	10	0
John Hadfield ...	10	10	0
MIDDLESEX:—			
William Cutbush ...	27	6	0
H. A. Dubois ...	10	10	0
H. Gloster... ..	10	10	0
S. Rosenthal ...	169	14	0
MONMOUTHSHIRE:—			
L. A. F. Homfray... ..	173	5	0
NORTHAMPTON AND HUNTS:—			
John Marson ...	15	15	0
NORTHUMBERLAND:—			
T. Y. Strachan ...	198	9	0
OXFORDSHIRE:—			
J. P. Morrell ...	31	10	0
Christopher Park ...	15	15	0
John Potts... ..	13	13	0
James Long ...	25	5	6
W. Thompson ...	10	10	0
SOMERSET:—			
E. P. Inskip ...	5	5	0
J. L. Stothert ...	217	12	0
SUSSEX:—			
Thomas Trollope ...	90	15	6
WILTS:—			
Robert Stokes ...	65	2	0
YORKSHIRE, NORTH AND EAST:—			
John Hudson ...	21	0	0
J. W. Woodall ...	31	10	0
WEST YORKSHIRE:—			
Most Hon. the Marquess of Ripon, K.G., M.W.G.M., Chairman ...	52	10	0
Bentley, Shaw, V.P., D.P.G.M. ...	5	5	0
Robert Belfit, 139... ..	10	10	0
Alexander Hay, 139 ...	10	10	0
W. Jarvis, 139 ...	10	10	0
Fras. Trickett, 139 ...	10	10	0
J. R. Wright, 139 ...	10	10	0
Jas. Cardwell, 208 ...	10	10	0
Robet Critchley, 208 ...	10	10	0
Robert Aruison, 296 ...	10	10	0
C. H. Bingham, 296 ...	10	10	0
John C. Ridal, 296 ...	10	10	0
William Skinner, 296 ...	10	10	0
Royal Brunswick Lodge, 296	70	0	0
Benj. Broughton, 302 ...	10	10	0
John Gaunt, V.P., 302 ...	31	10	0
Farrar Hanson, 302 ...	10	10	0
Robert Craig, 304 ...	10	10	0
Francis Horsley, 304 ...	10	10	0
C. Lowery, 304 ...	10	10	0
W. A. Musgrave, 304 ...	10	10	0
J. C. Malcolm, 306 ...	10	10	0
Fredk. Whitaker, V.P., 448	10	10	0
George Waton, 810 ...	10	10	0
R. E. Collinson, 837 ...	10	10	0
John Simpson, 910 ...	10	10	0
Edward Sewell, 974 ...	10	10	0

	£	s.	d.
West Yorkshire—continued.			
Thomas Tyers, 1042 ...	21	10	0
J. Wordsworth, V. Pat. ...	10	10	0
W. H. Colbeck, 1214 ...	10	10	0
S. B. Ellis, 1239 ...	10	10	0
Geo. S. Heaton, 1239 ...	10	10	0
Henry Matthews, 1239 ...	10	10	0
Wentworth Lodge, 1239 ...	10	10	0
Harmony Lodge, 275 ...	10	10	0
Edward Hemmingway ...	10	10	0
NORTH WALES AND SHROPSHIRE:—			
E. Elias ...	10	10	0
SOUTH WALES, EASTERN DIVISION:—			
S. A. Power ...	211	1	0
SOUTH WALES, WESTERN DIVISION:—			
Rev. L. Jones ...	3	0	0
GRAND LODGE OF GREECE:—			
C. F. Matier ...	23	7	0
Total, Provincial ...	£4,122	13	0
„ London ...	2,881	14	0
Grand Total ...	£7,004	7	0

Reviews.

An Encyclopædia of Masonry and its Kindred Sciences. By Albert Mackey, M.D.
Bro. Mackey's work has at last reached this country, and can be procured at any of the offices of our worthy publisher, Bro. George Kenning.
It does not belie the great fame or high abilities of our excellent American Brother, and it will be welcomed by all Masonic students as the most valuable contribution to Masonic archaeology, history, and science, which has yet appeared either in the United States, or in Great Britain.
It is, we confess, a book of somewhat formidable dimensions, namely 950 pages of large quarto, and it is just possible that its size and its price, 38s., may at first deter some readers.
But those who will but break the ice, and peruse it with the interest of the student and of an archaeologist will find themselves fully rewarded for their expenditure of time and money.
It is sometimes said that the Craft is not a reading body, and this, though true no doubt as a fact, is susceptible of some explanation.
A very large portion of our order are absolutely "bread-winners," engaged in honest industry, and toiling laboriously for the support of their families and themselves. Amid the stern and pressing claims of daily, hourly business, many of them have little time for literature and study, and therefore they are not patrons of Masonic literature, because practically they cannot attend to it. With them, Masonry assumes, to a great extent, the form of the friendly and cheerful social gathering and innocent relaxation, after the labours of the busy day are over.
We think it therefore probable that the number of Masonic students, and even of readers, must always necessarily be a limited one, and this fact accounts for the unprofitable speculations in the supply of Masonic literature, of which this age has witnessed so many.
Still it is our duty to persevere in the dissemination of a sound and useful literature, and we may hope that the number of Masonic readers and students will gradually increase amongst us.
When that "good time" arrives, few will have done more to expedite it, than our able Brother Albert Mackey.
Some of us may be acquainted with his little but excellent "Lexicon of Freemasonry," and others may read the "Monthly Freemason," and all of us who do so, must be well aware, that a one is more competent for so important a work than he is. And therefore his "Magnum Opus" comes to us to day, recommended on every ground to our welcome, and our perusal.
He tells us in his interesting preface, that his materials have been collecting for 10 years, and that the preparation of these many pages has been done by the willing hands of his daughter: he himself suffering from a temporary affection of the sight. And we will simply say to day that the book, at last coming to the world, is due to his careful research.

and his skilful handling. It is a work which ought to be in the library of every lodge, and of every Masonic student, and we sincerely trust that its excellencies may be yet appreciated and its conclusions studied, by an enlarging list of appreciative Masonic readers in this country.

Do not let our brethren imitate the example of too many, who say "we can see the book at Bro.—" or of these energetic and zealous brethren whose support of Masonic literature is evinced by their giving up *The Freemason* (price 2d.) because they can see it in the Masonic Club, or the lodge reading room.

But rather, we respectfully beg to press upon our readers, to read and study, as we have, Bro. Mackey's work for themselves, a work most creditable to our brother, an honour to America, and destined we believe, to advance the great and happy cause of Masonic literature and of intellectual cultivation in our world-wide organization.

We believe that Bro. Kenning has only a limited number of copies on hand, and we recommend an early application.—W.

Original Correspondence.

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

LODGE GLASGOW 441, THE MELROSE MASONS, AND J. STRATFORD.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

While, as stated in my former letter, I decline to enter into any controversy with Mr. T. Stratford, in justice to my own character, I cannot submit to aspersion on my truthfulness, and the accompanying letter from the Master and Wardens of Lodge Glasgow, 441, is all the reply that I need give to that gentleman.

Yours fraternally, G. W. WHEELER.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,

We, the undersigned officers of the Lodge Glasgow, 441, having read the letter of T. Stratford in your last week's number, in which he says "my so-called trial and expulsion is most unfairly reported in your issue of the 21st inst.," and having also read that report, in justice to Bro. G. W. Wheeler, who wrote it, we declare it to be a truthful report. Bro. Wheeler did not get into the lodge till it was raised to the M.M. degree. The trial, at T. Stratford's request was then commenced *de novo*, and the report in question is a fair and impartial abstract of the proceedings from that period. T. Stratford certainly did ask for an adjournment, for no one else even mentioned such a thing, neither at any stage of the proceeding did he allude to his being an American-made Mason.*

While we deeply regret what took place at that Mr. T. Stratford calls the *dark seance*, we declare that G. W. W. was *not* at it, as he never fit the lodge room from the time he entered it till the lodge was closed, at 11 o'clock.

Witness as to Bro. Wheeler entering and leaving Lodge Glasgow on the night in question.

W. JACKSON, R.W.M.

R. MAIN, S.W.

JOHN MASON, J.W.

JOHN GUTHRIE, O.G.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have just read in your issue of the 14th inst., Bro. Stratford's account of the meeting held in Lodge Glasgow on the 11th ult., to consider the question of his having joined the St. John No. 1. As to the correctness of said report, I cannot say, not having been present, but one error of a very glaring character strikes me, viz., where Bro. Stratford declares, "I then said they had no jurisdiction in the case, that even if all was proved as charged, American-made Mason, I was affiliated as a 441, as next after my Mother's, and as I had neither violated my American obligation, nor infringed any of her bye-laws, I was perfectly clear, and I defied them to make me guilty." Being a member of 441 at

the time of this said affiliation, Bro. Stratford was *not* a Master Mason, having only received in America the E.A. degree, or perhaps also his F.C. degree, therefore the application he made to 441 was that he should be raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, under the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. Thus having requested himself to be tried on his M.M. degree, he requested to be tried under the constitution, he had not merely affiliated into, but to which he had solemnly become obligated.

I remain, fraternally yours,
HUGH TULLOCH, P.M., 441.

THE SURREY MASONIC HALL.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,

Mr. Disraeli tells us that "to understand the tendency of public opinion is the secret of success," and we are emphatically told that the grand city of Solomon finally fell "because she knew not in her day the things that belonged to her place." For Freemasons to know what enlightened public opinion demands for and from them, now that all institutions are on their trial, is therefore surely most important.

Few will deny, in considering the Freemasonry of the present day, that there is one great requirement essential to its continued prosperity, and even for its existence, if it is to fulfil what is expected from it, and that is that those within her bosom should find a social home compatible with its requirements, each in their own locality, for as a former Grand Master remarked "the Mason's Lodge is his Church."

This want is to a certain extent fulfilled in the provinces, but in London, except at its centre, there is no special place available for its social or other gatherings. Its ark, like the ark in the days of Moses, dwells still beneath the curtains, and how shall its sons find rest in those tabernacles of Philistia, which chance provides and which the exigencies of trade or freaks of temper may grant or withhold.

This is not a satisfactory state of things. Far be it from me to speak unkindly of our friends the Licensed Victuallers, to whom we are so much indebted, and in whose ranks we have brethren good and true, but this condition of dependence is not consistent with the dignity of our body, or the position it claims to hold in society.

It should be the aim of each group of lodges to fix upon, as a settled home, a common hall. Each lodge is already by its constitution a corporate body, and might readily clothe itself with the usual adjuncts of such if desired. It might invite legacies and treasure its funds, whilst the sacred cause of charity, too often kept in abeyance by disproportioned outlay could, be elevated to its proper position.

The new programme now put forth by our esteemed Bro. Clark, P.M., P.G. Superintendent of Works, architect of the proposed Surrey Masonic Hall, fully meets the first grand object to be obtained. There the Craft and Ark Mason will equally find a house, and there the brethren of the Christian degrees may shadow forth their adornments.

Masonry may be said at present to be under the fire of persecution; to be a Mason is according to certain sects a crime, and is visited as a sin. It is under such circumstances, if they are duly considered, that true institutions take a deeper hold of men's minds, and rise to higher life, and for my own part I feel and believe that each one in our body, each true mason, is now called upon by his vow of fidelity to co-operate and contribute to this great end.

The design, as furnished by Brother Clark, is classical and artistic, and presents arrangements evidently the result of serious study. Few, indeed, know the thought that has been devoted to this object, for which the late esteemed Bro. Thomas, and others gone before, so cordially longed, but were not permitted to see accomplished.

Brother Clark has nobly done his duty, to him it is evidently a labour of love. Let each brother then, according to his ability, take so many of the £5 shares as his circumstances in life may fairly warrant.

Of each brother, thus bearing a hand in this

great, this noble object, it may be truly said, each in his degree "He loveth our nation and hath built us a synagogue,

W. VINER BEDOLFE, M.D.,
W.M. Sphynx Lodge, 1392.

OUR MASONIC CHARITIES.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The letters which during the past few weeks have appeared in your columns on this subject will have been noted with interest and attention by those Masons who believe that the great Charities of the Order are not only a distinctive mark of the Craft in the eyes of the world, but a fair test of its vitality, and of the extent to which its genuine principles pervade the breasts of its members. The adoption of Bro. Gottheil's suggestion of a compulsory contribution would destroy the foundation of the Institutions, and place them on the level of the Fund of Benevolence, which however grand its amount, and beneficial its work, cannot exercise the individual charity of each member of the Craft. I take it this is the glory of our three great institutions, and of those smaller and local associations, which are now happily increasing through the country. Bro. Coates has done good service by inviting discussion, and directing attention to some practical method of enlisting the general sympathy of the brethren. The proposal he makes for a Provincial Charity Board appears to me to be rather too elaborate in its plans for general adoption, except in the larger centres of population. In a scattered province, some difficulty would be experienced in the bringing up the members of the Board to a quarterly or half-yearly meeting. Nevertheless, the organisation proposed would probably work well in some districts, and is certainly worth a trial.

Will you allow me, for the information of brethren who desire to further the object of Bro. Coates's letter, to state shortly what we have, during the last three years, been doing in the Province of Staffordshire? In the year 1871, perceiving that the Charitable Associations in London were rendering very considerable assistance to the Institutions, I ventured to suggest to the brethren of my lodge, and subsequently to those of the Province that such an Association, established upon similar principles, but modified to suit local convenience, would materially increase the number of subscribers to the Charities. We accordingly formed an Association, making it permanent in character, and fixing the subscription at a guinea per annum. The working expenses are covered by an entrance fee of 2s. 6d. from each member, which up to the present time has been found amply sufficient. Meetings are held half-yearly in June, in some attractive place in the country, and in the winter in some convenient town. At these meetings a ballot is taken for as many life subscriptions as the funds in hand will allow. The result is that in the three years fifty-six members have been enrolled as life subscribers to the charities, and we have now a subscription list of 141 guineas, steadily increasing at each half-yearly meeting. I do not consider that the Province is by any means thoroughly canvassed at present, indeed the greater number of these members represent six or seven lodges. Recently a local fund (with a separate subscription of half a guinea), has been added to the association for the purpose of aiding by small or temporary grants to orphans, who may need such assistance, and especially those who are waiting for election to the Boys' or Girls' Institutions, but this fund has not yet been sufficiently developed to enable me to give any information respecting it. I believe that few, if any, of the sums subscribed by means of the association would have reached the charities but for this organization; besides this, the voting power of the province is materially and permanently increased. Brethren have met for a common charitable purpose, and cordial intercourse between members of various lodges has been promoted. I do not bring this association under notice as a model, for it is capable of much improvement, and especially of local adaptation, but I believe it possesses the advantage of being easy of adoption and elastic in character, since half a dozen brethren can form a similar

*T. Stratford received only the E.A. degree in 1871. He was passed and raised in the Lodge Glasgow, 441.

one, and a province is not too large for its operations.

Apologising for the length of this letter, I remain, sir and brother, your's fraternally,

JOHN BODENHAM,—

P.M. 726, P.G. Treas. Staffordshire.
Edgemont, Newport, Salop.
17th March, 1874.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Now that this matter is fairly started I should like to re-iterate what I so strongly advocated some years ago in the "Masonic Mirror," viz., that the joint Secretaries of our Three Charities should unite and devise a handsome, effective, but inexpensive jewel, at a cost to them of about 30s., and induce all lodges who vote from their funds a sum of money for a jewel for their retiring Master, to let the amount go to the Charity or Charities the brother may select, either as a Life Subscriber or Governor, and let the Secretary or Secretaries record the fact upon the said jewel which they should hand to the lodge for presentation to the recipient.

It must be good business to give 30s. to bring in £5 5s.

It is cruel waste of money to spend £5, £10, or £15, and upwards in a jewel to the brother, ever so deserving, because at his death no one else can wear it, and the breaking-up price is hardly as many shillings, and no one is benefitted but a jeweller. Adopt the above plan, and our Charities reap the benefit. I cannot but remark that I think it is decidedly wrong to vote lodge funds away for decorating and rewarding any brother. If he has distinguished himself and is worthy of a testimonial, let the brethren personally subscribe for it, which renders the gift doubly valuable, and reserve the lodge balance for its true source, charity. Ten W.M.'s of a lodge each taking a £5 5s. jewel in ten years is equal to a Vice Presidency.

Again I would suggest to our Secretaries to seriously consider the propriety of easing the burden imposed upon a Steward—£10 10s. for himself and £3 or £4 for incidental expenses, about £14, is a large amount to hand out at once, and I am free to confess keep some out, and others also. Many cannot afford so large a sum, having others to think of at home. I would suggest that if the amount must remain at the same figure, could it not be divided into instalments, and so ease the payment.

I fancy a smaller qualification would increase the number of Stewards. Charity begins at home, and a brother has no right to serve as Steward, which I fear is sometimes done for the sake of keeping up appearances.

I can fully endorse Bro. J. H. Coate's remarks upon the fatal step of doubling the amount to qualify a lodge or chapter as life subscriber. Being connected with a young lodge, and also a chapter, which could have voted their £5 5s., but cannot vote £10 10s., and so the Treasurers hold the cash instead of the Charities.

Yours fraternally

P.M.

CHESHIRE EDUCATIONAL MASONIC INSTITUTION.

On 16th March, the annual meeting of the General Committee of the above institution was held at No. 9, Hamilton-street, Birkenhead, by kind permission of the Zetland Lodge, 537; Bro. G. H. Wilson, W.M., 537, vice-president, in the chair. There were also present the following Life Governors.—E. G. Willoughby, P.P.J.G.W.; R. Gracie, W.M. 447; W. L. Hunt, P.M. 425; J. Dennis, W.M. 721; J. Beech, P.M. 361; F. K. Stevenson, P.G. Assist. S.; Edward Harbord, P.G., Std. B.; J. B. Platt, P.P.G.J.W.; James Hepworth, W.M. 1106; T. Stafford, S.W. 1,166, &c.

After the transaction of some formal business the annual report was presented as follows:—

"Charity never faileth, and though individual energy may flag, yet the combined efforts of the Masonic body exemplifying in a forcible manner how much that virtue is appreciated and practised by the brethren. Much has been said against the precept and practice of Masonry, and

the subject of education is one, that at the present time, causes much angry dispute, but your committee are willing to pursue their quiet way without desiring either eulogium or disparagement, and they confidently appeal to the following facts as evidence of the good work they are doing in the province of Cheshire. During the last year nineteen children have received the benefit of scholastic instruction, three of whom cease to be recipients at the end of this year, four have, in accordance with the rules, had means furnished towards their advancement into business or professional avocation, and there are now five additional candidates for education and two for advancement.

"The year began with a balance in hand of £1,731 2s. 9d., £1,500 of which was safely invested, and ends with a total of £1,995 5s. 10d. The expenses have been kept within bounds with the most scrupulous care, but the more the value of the institution becomes known the greater are the claims on its funds, and increased support is much required to enable the committee to meet all the demands upon them.

"The Committee desire to record with much pleasure the fact that the Provincial Grand Chapter, which has so recently been established in Cheshire, had made a donation of £10 10s. to the funds, with a fraternal intimation that when their finances will allow a still larger grant shall be made.

"The amateur performance in Birkenhead, referred to in the last report, when the accounts had not been fully audited, have now been made up, and shew a balance in favour of the Institution of £14 13s. 10d.

"Brethren, cannot you individually do anything to aid in the great work? Masters of Lodges, do you feel you do your duty to the best of your ability and opportunity, in bringing this charity before the members of your respective lodges? Let conscience answer.

"The Committee cannot close their report without recording their sense of the value of the constant attention and unremitting energy displayed by their esteemed Secretaries and Treasurer; and feel sure that all the subscribers will agree in a cordial vote of thanks.

"May the G.A.O.T.U. bless every effort made to advance the good of mankind.—So mote it be."

The report and the accounts, as audited, were duly passed, and the candidates for education and for advancement were recommended to the Court of Governors for adoption. A cordial vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the proceedings.

FREEMASONRY IN AUSTRALIA.

On Monday, 29th December, at high noon, the installation of P.M., Bro. H. M. Joseph, as Worshipful Master of the Mountain Lodge of Bombala, No. 920 (E.C.), took place; the installing brethren being P.M. W. H. Dudley, A. A. MacKeachie, (who rode 35 miles to be present), and the late W.M., J. H. Morgan. After the installation Bros. Henry C. Hogarth was invested with the badge of S.W.; Francis Jesse, as J.W.; J. E. Bennett, as S.D.; Emil Jonas, J.D.; E. Sutton, as Inner Guard; and J. Holyhead, as Tyler. Bro. P.M. W. H. Dudley, had been elected Secretary, and John Steward Scott, Treasurer. When the lodge had opened in the first degree, three candidates were initiated, Messrs. George Crighton, Stevenson, and W.M. Cooke. After the lodge had closed, the brethren assembled again at 7 p.m., and sat down to a splendid banquet, prepared in the lodge-room by Mrs. Solomon, widow of the late Bro. Maurice Solomon. The Worshipful Master, H. M. Joseph, occupied the chair, supported on his right by Bro. P.M. MacKeachie and Morgan, and on the left by the three newly initiated brethren, the vice-Chairmen being Bros. Hogarth, S.W.; and F. Jesse, J.W. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been given, Bro. (Tyler) Holyhead, went round with the charity box, after proposing our poor and distressed brethren, which was nobly responded to by all brethren present. The brethren adjourned to the smoking-room well pleased with their entertainment. There is a glorious future now before this lodge, six candidates were

proposed at the last lodge meeting, on the 6th January, and a great many influential gentlemen in the district, we believe, intend to join, so there is every prospect of the Mountain Lodge of Bombala, under the new regime, being the best lodge throughout the country towns of New South Wales. Bombala is situated 350 miles from Sydney, New South Wales, and Melbourne (Victoria), about equidistant between each colony.

Obituary.

BRO. ALFRED DAY.

We regret to announce the death of Bro. Alfred Day, which took place at his residence "The Hollies" Garrett-road, Tooting. The state of Bro. Day's health had for some time past caused much anxiety to his friends; hopes were however entertained of his recovery, but unfavourable symptoms manifested themselves a few days before his death, which took place on the 3rd inst. Our late Brother was well known in the City Road, where he had been engaged in business as an auctioneer, estate agent, &c., for several years, and was highly respected for his integrity and business habits.

As a Freemason few surpassed him in the ardour and sincerity in which he maintained and carried out the Grand Principles on which our Order is founded, or subscribed more liberally to our Masonic Charities. Bro. Day, was a P.Z. of the Yarborough Chapter, 554, Prov. G. Purist of Essex, W.M. of Chigwell Lodge, 453, Founder, P.M., and Treasurer of Finsbury Lodge, 861, P.M. of the Prosperity Lodge, 65, and P.M. of the Temple Lodge 101. He was ever ready to render the helping hand by purse or advice when sought.

The funeral of our departed brother took place on Tuesday, the 19th inst., at Abney Park Cemetery. The solemn service was most impressively performed by the Rev. J. E. Funnar, of the Wimbledon Common Congregational Chapel, whereof our deceased brother was a member, the rev. gentleman made a short and earnest appeal to those present to prepare for that great change which will overtake all, so that when the last trumpet shall sound, they might be ranked amongst the justified made perfect. The funeral cortege consisted of the bears and four mourning coaches, each drawn by four horses, and several private carriages following the entire funeral arrangements were executed under the care and personal superintendance of Bro. Sinclair, 81, City-road. At the grave where nearly one hundred persons had assembled we noticed Bro. R. S. Hart, W.M., with most of the officers and brethren of the Finsbury Lodge, 861; Bro. Main, P.M., and Bro. Sinclair, Treasurer of the New Concord Lodge, 813; Bro. Storey, W.M. of the Cornwallis Lodge, 1107; Bro. J. Owens, W.M. 1366, and many other friends and brethren, all met to pay their last tribute of respect to their late lamented and much esteemed friend and brother, whose memory will long be cherished by a large circle of Masonic and other friends with affectionate regard.

BRO. H. T. KELLY.

We regret also to have to announce the death of Bro. Henry Kelly, of Food's Hotel, Filey. He died on Wednesday, the 11th inst. aged 48, very greatly respected. His funeral, which took place on the following Sunday, was largely attended by the brethren of the Craft, as also by the Foresters, of which body he was an esteemed member. There was also a very numerous attendance of neighbours and friends to pay him their last tribute of respect.

"CAUSE, COURSE AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGLECTED MALADIES."—Between the stomach and kidneys, there exists a close and intimate relation, which is demonstrated by the wasting which occurs in all diseases affecting the kidneys. Disordered stomach is often the first symptom of real irregularity. Holloway's remedies used at the juncture, cut short many a serious and fatal attack. They act with wonderful efficacy in every organ of secretion, but especially do they regulate the stomach, liver, and kidneys, by restoring their healthy functions and causing every obstruction or impurity. It is a daily violation of the Oath to be well rubbed over the body daily; when absorbed it much augments the salutary influence of the Pills.—ADVERT.

Masonic Tidings.

Bro. Maxwell C. Close, M.P. for the County of Armagh, and P.G.W. and P.G.M., Armagh, ought to have been included in the list of Freemasons in the House of Commons.

We have pleasure in announcing to our readers that, at a meeting of the Chorlton Lodge, No. 1387 (West Lancashire Province), Bro. B. Newburn Brown, the W.M., was presented with a very valuable timepiece, with bronze ornaments, bearing the following inscription thereon:—"Presented to Bro. Newburn Brown, W.M., of the Chorlton Lodge 1387, by the promoters of the lodge, as a token of their high appreciation of the very valuable services rendered by him in its formation. Charlton-cum-Hardy, March 6th, 1874." A very elegant Past Master's jewel, inlaid with a costly brilliant, was also presented to Bro. Brown by the members of the lodge as a recognition of the very able manner in which he discharged the duties of W.M. during his year of office.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, April 3, 1874.

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

Saturday, March 28.

Manchester Lodge of Instruction (179), Yorkshire Grey, 77, London-street, Fitzroy-square, at 8; Bro. H. Ash, Preceptor.

City Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, Surrey.

St. George's Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. G. Dilley, Preceptor.

Monday, March 30.

Lodge 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hotel, Greenwich. Lap. 188, Joppa, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st. Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction (1445), Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland, at 7; Bro. T. Austin, Preceptor.

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

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

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

St. George's Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gotthel, Preceptor.

St. George's Lodge of Instruction, Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.

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

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

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

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

Coaches Lodge of Instruction, Coach and Horses Hotel, 343, Strand, at 8.

Tuesday, March 31.

141, Faith, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-st. 15, Harmony, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond.

Green Dragon Lodge of Instruction, Green Dragon, Percy, at 8; Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.

Palmerston Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tavern, Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 8.

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

Lord's Lodge of Instruction (753), Lord's Cricket Ground, St. John's-wood, at 8; F. G. Baker, Preceptor.

King Edward, Triangle, Wey, at 7.30; Bro. Crawley, Preceptor.

Gladstone Lodge of Instruction, Gladstone Tavern, Spingate-st., Within, at 7.30; Bro. Bolton, W.M., Preceptor.

British Stores Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores, New-street, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. T. Lams, Preceptor.

Wheat-sheaf Lodge of Instruction (55), Wheat-sheaf, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey M. 180, Preceptor.

Wednesday, April 1.

Zetland, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-st. Earl Spencer, Freemasons' Hotel, New Wandsworth.

Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue. Lodge of Instruction, (879), Southwark Park, Southwark Park, at 8; Bro. Charles William Preceptor.

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

Grafton Lodge of Instruction (128), the Grafton, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8; N. Frost, Preceptor.

Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30.

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

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

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.

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

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

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

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

Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction (1288), Finsbury Park Tavern, Seven Sisters'-road, N., at 8; Bro. P. Dickinson, Acting Preceptor.

Union Club of Instruction (day meetings), Windsor Castle, Victoria Station, Pimlico, from 2 till 4 p.m.

Thursday, April 2.

Lodge 10, Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall. 27, Egyptian, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-st. 45, Strong Man, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell.

227, Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhalls-t. 231, St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall. 554, Warborough, Green Dragon, Stepney. 742, Crystal Palace, Star and Garter Hotel, Kew-bridge.

822, Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall. 1155, Excelsior, Sydney Arms, Lewisham-road. 1351, St. Clement's Dames, 265, Strand. 1381, Kennington, Surrey Tavern, Kennington-oval. 1445, Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road.

Chap. 3, St. James's, Freemasons' Hall. 9, Moriah, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st. Rose Croix Chapter, St. George's, 33, Golden-square

Great City Lodge of Instruction, 33, Gutter-lane, at 6.30. Bro. T. Poore, W.M. 720, Preceptor

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

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

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

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

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

Highgate Lodge of Instruction (1366), Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.

Friday, April 3.

Lodge 143, Middlesex, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st. 890, Hornsey, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-st.

Mark Lodge 8, Thistle, Caledonian Hotel, Adelphi-terrace, Strand.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7; Union Club of Instruction, Windsor Castle, Victoria Station, at 8 p.m.; H. Ash, P.M., Instructor.

St. George's Lodge of Instruction (140), Globe Tavern, Royal-hill, Greenwich.

Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.

Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, (749), Coach and Horses, Strand, at 8; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.

Stability Lodge of Instruction (317), Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st., at 6 p.m.; Bro. H. Muggeridge, Preceptor.

Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.

Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.

Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tavern, Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.

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

Clapton Lodge of Instruction, White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., Preceptor.

Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1298), the Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. W. F. Rogers, Preceptor.

Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-road, at 8; Comp. W. West Smith, Preceptor.

Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (753), Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8.

Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Bro. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.

United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Antelope Tavern, Lorn-road, Brixton, at 7.

St. James's Lodge of Instruction, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-road, Bermondsey, at 8; Bro. Howes, P.M., Preceptor.

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

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, April 4, 1874.

Monday, March 30.

Lodge 148, Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington, at 6.30. 613, Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport. 703, Clifton, Clifton Arms Hotel, Blackpool.

Tuesday, March 31.

Lodge 807, Loyalty, Fleecy Inn, St. Helen's, at 6. 986, Heskest, Grapes Inn, Croston, at 4. 1256, Fidelity, Bull Hotel, Poulton-le-Fylde.

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

Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 7. Chap. 721, Grosvenor, Barr's Hotel, Chester, at 6.

Wednesday, April 1.

Lodge 580, Harmony, Wheat-sheaf Inn, Ormskirk, at 5. 073, St. John's, 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 6.30. 730, Ellesmere, Royal Oak Hotel, Chorley. 1013, Royal Victoria, Masonic Temple, Liverpool at 6.

1413, West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk, at 6. 1335, Lindsay, 20, King-street, Wigan. 1354, Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Hall, Leigh.

Chap. 477, Fidelity, 55, Argyie-street, Birkenhead. Harmonic Lodge of Instruction (216), Mona Hotel, James-street, Liverpool, at 8.

De Grey and Ripon Lodge of Instruction (1356), 140, North Hill-street, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 7.30.

Thursday, April 2.

Lodge 249, Mariners', Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6. 425, Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester, at 4. 1473, Bootle, Molyneux Assembly Rooms, Bootle, at 6.

Chap. 758, Bridgewater, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 6.

Friday, April 3.

(Being Good Friday these Meetings will, probably, be held on another evening.)

Lodge 680, Sefton, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, at 4.30. 1264, Neptune, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6. 1375, Architect, Didsbury Hotel, Didsbury. 1387, Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton-cum-Hardy.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW.

For the week ending Saturday, April 4, 1874.

All the Meetings take place at 8 o'clock.

Monday, March 30.

Lodge 103, Union and Crown, 170, Buchanan-st. Chap. 122, Thetis, 35, James-street.

Tuesday, March 31.

Chap. 73, Caledonian Unity, 170, Buchanan-street. Wednesday, April 1.

Lodge 4, Kiltwinning, 170, Buchanan-street. 117, St. Mary, Freemasons' Hall, Partick. 128, St. John, Shettleston, Freemasons' Hall, Shettleston.

354, Caledonian Railway, 213, Buchanan-st. Chap. 8, Shamrock and Thistle, 22, Struthers-street.

Thursday, April 2.

Lodge 27, St. Mungo, 213, Buchanan-street. 465, St. Andrew's, Masons' Hall, Garmad-road.

Friday, April 3.

Lodge 275, Shamrock and Thistle, 22, Struthers-street. 408, Clyde, 170, Buchanan-st. Lodge 360, Commercial, 19, Croy-place. 116, Royal Arch, Council Hall, Rutherglen. 572, Thornree, Thornlie-bank.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH.

For the Week ending Saturday, April 4, 1874.

Wednesday, April 1.

Lodge 160 Roman Eagle, Iona Hotel, Nicolson-street, at 8. Thursday, April 2.

Lodge 97, St. James, Masonic Hall, Writers'-court, High-st., at 8.

Friday, April 3.

Lodge 291, Celtic, Ship Hotel, E. Register-st., at 8.

Advertisements.

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THIRD APPLICATION.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.—April Election, 1874.

Your Votes and Interest are earnestly solicited on behalf of WALTER WILLIAM CATT,

- Aged Ten Years. His father, William Taylor Catt, hotelkeeper, Dartford, Kent, was initiated in the Lodge of "Emulation," No. 299, in May, 1861, was W.M. in 1865, and remained a subscribing member until his death, which took place on the 1st January, 1873, leaving a widow and five young children in very depressed circumstances. The case is strongly recommended by— Bro. G. J. Tyler, W.M., 299, 44, Carey-street, Lincoln's Inn, W.C. Alfred Russell, P.M., 299, Dartford, P.P.G. J.W., Kent Edwards, W.M., 20, Chatham. Lewis Finch, P.P.G.D.C., Kent, Queen-street, Ramsgate. Burnell, P.M., 20, Chatham. E. Mackney, P.M., 299, P.P.G.O., Kent, Darenth, Dartford. Ashdown, P.M., 1050, Rochester, P.P.G.S.D., Kent. Andrews, P.M., 299, Northfleet, Kent. W. H. Bateman, No. 12, 90, Cannon-street. N. Martin, P.M., 299, Dartford, P.P.G. S.B., Kent. Quait, P.M., 299, Dartford, P.P.G. P., Kent. Tinkler, P.M., 299, 11, Portugal-street, Lincoln's Inn, P.P.G.D.C. Harvey, P.M., 299, Dartford, P.P.G.D.C. Kent. W. C. Fooks, (Q.C.), P.M., 299, Dartford, P.P.G.S.W., Kent. Jno. Miles, P.M., 299, Dartford. Proxies will be received.

APRIL ELECTION, 1874.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

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

- GEORGINA KATE DALY, Aged Eight Years. Eldest Daughter of the late Bro. Robert Daly, who was a Piano-forte Dealer, and died of disease of the heart in January, 1870, leaving a widow and four children. Bro. Daly was initiated in the "Joppa" Lodge, No. 188, in 1863; also joined the Chapter, and was W.M. of the "New Wandsworth" Lodge, No. 1244, at the time of his death. The case is strongly recommended by Bro. T. S. Howell, M.R.C.S., Vice-President, Hon. Surgeon, Wandsworth, S.W. G. Kenning, Vice-Patron, P.M., P.Z., P.G. Deacon, Middlesex, Upper Sydenham. R. Grey, P.M., P.G. Std., 225, 259, 47, Russell Square, W.C. T. Frankstone, P.M., P.G. Std., 69, 71, and 73, Carter-lane, City. E. Spooner, W.M. 1220, P.M. 201, 1044, P.Z. 22, 2, Spencer-road, New Wandsworth, S.W. G. Lynn, P.M. 749, 1010, P.Z. 749, S.W. 1275, 232, Kennington-road, S.E. E. P. Albert, P.M. 188, 1079, P.Z. 188, 446, Oxford-street, W. D. S. Bayfield, P.M. 1168, Kemington-cross, S.E. T. H. Fulsford, P.M. 1159, 75, Princes-street, Leicester-square, W.C. H. M. Levy, P.M. 188, 24, Southampton-row, W.C. J. Smith, P.M. 157, 39, Bow-street, W.C. O. Roberts, W.M. 188, 38, Tottenham Court-road. G. Howick, W.M. 1044, High-street, Wandsworth, S.W. T. R. Darks, W.M. 1275, 315, Strand, W.C. F. Harrison, W.M. 27, 3, Piazza, Covent Garden, W.C. E. J. Scott, W.M. 749, 24, Bury-street, St. James's. C. Martin, J.W. 23, 27, Earl's Court Gardens, South Kensington. W. H. Waghorn, S.W. 946, 10, Vinegar-yard, Covent Garden, W.C. R. Swallow, S.W. 582, 3, King-street, St. James's, S.W. W. Travers, S.D. 750, 30, Wellington-street, Strand, W.C. W. Bustin, 75-84, 39, Broadway, Hammersmith. H. Godson, 890, Station Master, Titcham Green, W. A. W. Catmur, 749, 4, Northumberland-court, Charing Cross, W.C. T. Strip, 749, 20, Warwick-street, Cockspur-street, Charing Cross, S.W. G. Hudson, 12, 45, Strand, W.C. T. Walker, 126, Bridge-road, Hammersmith. R. H. Lough, E. 473, Grand Royal Arch Chapter Dublin 6, 36, Broadway, Hammersmith. H. F. Isaac, 188, Prospect House, 15, Brownwood Park, S. Hornsey, N. Proxies will be thankfully received by those of the above marked * or by the Widow, Mrs. G. E. Daly, 7, Overstone Road, Hammersmith.

MAY ELECTION, 1874.

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LIVERPOOL.—Ancient Union Lodge (No. 203).—The annual meeting of the brethren of this lodge took place on Thursday, the 19th inst., at the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, the whole of the evening's proceedings being of the most successful and enjoyable character. The lodge was opened shortly after five o'clock by Bro. F. W. Sarjeant, W.M., amongst his official supporters being Bros. J. Parsons, I.P.M.; B. W. Rowson, P.G. Superintendent of Works, P.M.; W. A. Wilson, P.M.; P. M. F. Neill, S.W.; J. Birtles, D.; J. Winsor, I.G.; C. Bromley, P.M., Treas.; E. Johnson, Sec.; W. Wilson, S.; and Ball, Tyler. The members of the lodge present were Bros. J. Gallaher, A. McDougall, W. Barclay, W. Winsor, R. Sillitoe, E. Greenlaw, N. Aronsburg, A. Barton, J. R. Japha, D. Beck, C. Birch, J. Hargreaves, W. Clarkson, C. Harrison, J. Bathie, J. Hilton, J. R. Williams, W. Whiteside, Ed. Maccabe, J. F. Ston, C. Desoer, J. Boyes, J. Crompton, J. Sticher, W. H. Ball, J. Thomas, T. Lovell, W. Helling, W. Myers, and W. Eastwood. Amongst the visitors present were C. H. Hill, J. Reg.; J. Skeaf, P.G.O.; Jesse Banning, S.O., C. and W.; R. R. Martin, W.M. 1634; Boulton, W.M. 823; Dr. Slack, P.M., late J. Wood, Treasurer 1004; J. T. Callow, 1. 673; E. Nash, 241; John Winsor, 251; A. Lawton, 786; Dr. C. Puzey, 857; T. Atfield, 1183; A. C. Hesketh, 1182; G. Forster, 241; G. Bird, 673; H. Burrows, 673; Price, 1393; G. Musker, 1182; T. W. Green, 241; G. W. Chirnside, 1325; H. W. Colas, I.G. 249; W. Burnet, 1013, &c. The lodge had been opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting confirmed, the retiring W.M., Bro. Sarjeant, assumed the position of acting Master, and proceeded to place Bro. McKFarlane Neill, the W.M. elect, in the chair of the lodge. By thus fulfilling the important functions of installing Master, Bro. Sarjeant closed a prosperous year of office, and exceedingly masterly and thoroughly effective in which he performed the whole ceremony not only elicited universal admiration, but that he is a Masonic student of a high order. The closing charges to the Masters, Treasurers, and brethren were especially impressive, and the closing weighty sentences were delivered with the most profound effect. The brethren invested by the W.M. as officers of the lodge were Bros. J. Winsor, I.P.M.; E. Johnson, S.W.; J. Birtles, J.W.; C. Bromley, P.M., Treas.; J. Parsons, P.M., Sec.; James Wilson, S.D.; J. Frank, J.D.; A. McDougall, W. Wilson, S.S.; and J. Hilton, J.S. Ball was again elected Tyler of the lodge, being a candidate for initiation, the newly installed W.M. commenced his year's office by initiating him into the mysteries and duties of the Order in a very creditable manner. The majority of the brethren subsequently attended a sumptuous banquet, under the presidency of the W.M., who during the earlier

part of the evening, proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts. In the course of the after-dinner proceedings, Bro. Rawson, in the name of the brethren, presented Bro. Sergeant, I.P.M., with a chaste and valuable mantle timepiece, as a token of the esteem and respect of the members of the Ancient Union. The presentation was acknowledged by Bro. Sergeant, in an exceedingly thoughtful and vigorous speech, which was much above the average of the numerous complimentary orations. The health of the W.M. was received with the most enthusiastic cordiality. A very pleasant evening was enlivened by a great number of capably rendered songs.

IPSWICH.—Perfect Friendship Lodge (No. 376).—This lodge held its jubilee meeting on Wednesday evening, the 18th ult., having attained the fiftieth year of its existence. Having been invited by the courtesy of the W.M., Bro. Gamman, to attend on this interesting occasion, we availed ourselves of the opportunity to visit this prosperous lodge, and must profess ourselves as greatly pleased and edified with the working of the lodge, and with the great harmony which prevailed—a characteristic not always found in Masonic Lodges, softly be it spoken. Amongst those present were Bros. A. Gamman, W.M., P.P.G.S.W.; Dr. Straddon, P.P.G.S.D.; J. Elliston, P.M.; W. Spalding, P.M.; N. Tracy, P.P.G.S.W., S.W.; S. B. King, P.P.G.S.D.; W. T. Westgate, P.P.G.D.C.; J. A. Pettit, P.P.G. Supt. of Works; W. A. Smith, P.P.G.D.C.; G. Scopes, J.W.; Daking, I.G.; Jack, P.P.G.S.D.; Abbott; Woods, and others. Visitors, C. F. Long, P.M. 114; P.G.D.C.; Emra Holmes, P.M. 531; P.G. Reg., P.P.G.A.D.C.; S. Wright; P. Cornell, P.P.G.S.D., of the British Union Lodge; M. Cohen and G. Abbott, of the Prince of Wales Lodge, and Bros. Westgate and King, who also represented the St. Luke's Lodge. Thus the whole of the Ipswich lodges were fitly represented, and a most agreeable and harmonious meeting was the result. The lodge having been opened by Bro. N. Tracy, in the absence of the Master, who arrived later, and the minutes read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Edward Boredd Lewcock, shipbroker, and being in his favour, and the candidate present, he was initiated into the mysteries of Masonry. The lodge being opened in the third degree, Bros. T. K. Elkington and Albert Cannon were respectively admitted, obligated, and in due form raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, the ceremonies being conducted by Bro. Tracy in admirable style, who was ably assisted by the officers of the lodge and by Bro. Westgate, who acted as Deacon. The Worshipful Master, whose business engagements had prevented his arriving earlier in the evening, but who usually conducts the whole of the ceremonies in excellent fashion himself, then resumed the gavel and entrusted the newly-raised Master Masons with the secrets restricted to this degree, and the lodge was afterwards closed down to the first degree. The W.M. then read to the brethren a letter couched in feeling and grateful terms from Mr. Franks, son of the late venerated Bro. J. Franks, P.M., in reply to the letter of condolence from the lodge to the relatives of the deceased brother, and which was ordered to be recorded on the minutes. The further business of the lodge having been disposed of, the lodge was closed in due and ancient form and with solemn prayer, and the brethren retired for refreshment. After doing ample justice to a most substantial repast, the W.M. rose and proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, not forgetting the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh, which were of course loyally and Masonically responded to, Bro. Abbott singing the solo of the National Anthem in his usual animated style. In giving "The P.G.M. and officers past and present of the Provincial Grand Lodge," the W.M. stated that he had received a letter from Lord Waveney expressing his great regret at being unable to attend that evening, but his Parliamentary duties precluded the possibility of his accepting on that occasion the invitation of the lodge. His Lordship added, however, that it would not need a jubilee meeting to bring him down, and he quite hoped ere long to visit the Perfect Friendship Lodge. The W.M. took occasion to remark on the illness of the D.P.G.M., Bro. the Rev. E.

J. Lockwood, Rector of Belstead, and expressed a hope, cordially endorsed by the brethren, that T.G.A.O.T.U. might be pleased speedily to restore him once more to health. Bro. Q. Tracey, whose name was coupled with the toast, responded for the Past Grand Officers and made a few modest and pertinent remarks. Bro. Emra Holmes responded for the present Provincial Grand Officers, who he said he believed were chosen for their Masonic zeal and attainments, and they would no doubt do their utmost to sustain the reputation of their predecessors in office. He ventured to remark on the small number of those present who were decorated with the Royal Arch jewel, and urged the younger brethren to show their Masonic zeal and extend their Masonic knowledge by taking that sublime degree as soon as they were able to do so. No Freemason should stop short of the Royal Arch if he wanted to be considered a Mason in truth and not in name only. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the evening "Success to the Perfect Friendship Lodge" which was drunk upstanding with high honours, none but Master Masons being present, and those below that rank withdrawing for a time. The W.M. in giving the toast, narrated some interesting facts culled from the old minute books in connection with the Perfect Friendship. It appears that the first meeting to constitute the lodge was held April 21st, 1824, when Bro. George Bullen, W.M. of the British Union Lodge, then No. 180, Bro. Alfred Head, S.W., of the same Lodge, and Bro. John Garnham, J.W. of St. Luke's Lodge, No. 373, attended for the purpose of installation. The lodge was opened at the Unicorn Inn, and the following were the first officers appointed:—J. Gosling, W.M.; T. Hardy, I.P.M.; J. Garnham, S.W.; S. Cook, J.W.; E. Planter, S.D.; J. Hill, J.D.; J. Bromley, I.G.; R. Cole, Treasurer; S. Pipper, Secretary; W. Rudland, Tyler. The lodge was held at the King's Head Inn, the number was 790, and at the first festival of St. John, in Dec., 1824, twenty-four members were present. The W.M. remarked that a very salutary law was in force at that time, and on the 21st Sept. 1825, officers were fined for non-attendance. The following year the first brother was erased for non-payment of quarterage. In 1829 the lodge was removed to the Bee Hive Inn, and in 1830 they applied for a Royal Arch Warrant. In 1834 there were thirty-four members, on 23rd Aug., 1835, they attended a Masonic funeral, that of Bro. Pepper, Secretary for eleven years. The lodge moved to the White Horse Hotel (celebrated in "Pickwick" by Dickens) in 1851. On Oct. 19, 1843, the lodge took part in the ceremony of laying the foundation stone of the handsome new custom house, a building in the Italian style of architecture. They attended the Church of St. Mary-le-Tower, and afterwards went in procession to the quay with the Mayor and corporation, and after the ceremony the brethren, eighty in number, dined together at the Assembly Rooms. Bro. W. Elliston was then W.M., and Bro. Pettit, the builder, was Secretary. The lodge was honoured with a visit from the R.W. the P.G.M. of Essex at the St. John's Festival in 1855. It appears to have been of a very migratory disposition, for some time afterwards it was removed to the Assembly Rooms, and then returned to the White Horse. The most sensible move however was that made in April, 1870, when the lodge was removed to the handsome Masonic Hall in Brook-street, one of the most elegant and complete Masonic halls for its size in England, where it is still held, and where its prosperity is daily on the increase. Bro. Pettit, who was initiated in 1830, and W.M. in 1835, and whose name, together with that of Bro. W. Spalding, was coupled with the toast, gave some amusing additional particulars as to the lodge in the old days. It appears the lodge used to meet on Sundays, and sometimes when they had their festivals, they sat down at 4 p.m., and left at 4 a.m. There was no Lord Aberdare in those days, and every lodge did what was right in its own eyes. There had been an old Perfect Friendship Lodge, but it had become moribund, and it was resolved at a meeting on the casting vote of the W.M. to give up the charter, as it was thought the St. Luke's being, the older lodge, should have

the preference, both lodges being in a languishing state. However, no sooner had they done it, and committed Masonic suicide, then they wanted to bring about a resurrection. The result of their efforts was the establishment of the lodge—whose jubilee they were now celebrating. Other toasts were given; Bros. King, Cohen, Smith, and Abbott added to the harmony of the evening with songs and recitations, and it was at a late hour when the brethren separated, after enjoying, speaking for ourselves, a most agreeable evening.

WEST DERBY.—*Pembroke Lodge (No. 1299).*—The brethren of this lodge assembled at Bro. Rawlinson's Hotel, West Derby, on Thursday afternoon, the 19th inst., the special business on the circular being the installation of the W.M. elect (Bro. Peter Macmudrow), the investiture of officers, election of Tyler, and one "raising" and three "passings." The installation and investment of officers, however, was found to be sufficient for one afternoon, and therefore the other portion of the programme was left in abeyance, which was a very wise step to take. The lodge was opened shortly after two o'clock by Bro. Joseph Clegg, W.M., and the officers (past and present) whose names appeared on the Tyler's book were Bros. W. S. Vines, P.M.; T. Macmudrow, S.W.; W. Jones, J.W.; H. Liversage, Treas.; Richard Bennett, Sec.; A. T. Smith, S.D.; M. Bush, J.D.; G. Aspinall, I.G.; W. Avis, Org.; Alex. Jones, Steward; and J. Robinson, Tyler. The members present were Bros. W. Brown, J. Stephenson, W. S. Bennett, S. Schonstadt, J. Sutcliffe, P.M.; J. Townley, J. Christian, J. Lonsdale, J. Capell, H. T. Bamber, A. E. Kirkpatrick, J. Dawson, J. Holmes, W. Hiles, Frank Moss, G. Foster, W. S. Hawarth, H. Dickenson, W. Nash, and F. H. Nash. The following visiting brethren were also present:—Bros. Thomas Wylie, P. Prov. J.G.W., W.L., P.M. 86 and 292; James Macmudrow, P.G. Sec., Wighton and Kirkcudbright, W.M. Lodge 41, Scotland; J. Vaughan, S.D. 86; J. E. Howard Pughe, 1094; W. J. Chapman, 667; David Paterson, 673; Samuel Kirkpatrick, 249; Richard C. Yelland, S.D., 1064; Wm. Wood, 263; Richard R. Martin, W.M. 1094; Aug. P. Fabian, P.M. 487, P.P.S.G.W., Hants; Isaiah Raw, I.G. 220, Garston; James B. Mackenzie, 1182. Although the weather was of the most unpleasant nature in the early part of the day, and although the majority of brethren had to travel by bus from Liverpool, it will be seen that there was a very good and influential gathering, thus showing the popularity and prosperity of the Pembroke, as a suburban lodge. The business having been duly opened by the reading and confirmation of the minutes, Bro. Joseph Clegg, the retiring W.M., then occupied the chair of Installing Master, and at once proceeded, according to ancient form, to instal Bro. Peter Macmudrow, as the W.M. of the Pembroke Lodge. This always interesting ceremony—no matter how often it had been witnessed—was especially remarkable on this occasion, for the effective and complete manner in which it was performed by Bro. Clegg, who was ably assisted in some portions by Bro. T. Wylie, P.P.J.G.W. After a Board of Installed Masters had been held, and the brethren, on their re-admission, had saluted the newly-chaired W.M. in the three degrees, the following brethren were invested by him as his officers:—Bros. Joseph Clegg, I.P.M.; W. Jones, S.W.; R. Bennett, J.W.; H. Liversage, Treasurer (re-elected); A. T. Smith, Secretary; M. Bush, S.D.; Geo. Aspinall, J.D.; W. Avis, Organist; Alex. Jones, I.G.; J. Sellar, P.M., D.C.; John Capel, S.S.; A. E. Kirkpatrick, J.S. Bro. Robinson was unanimously re-elected Tyler. Hearty good wishes were then given for the W.M. by brethren from Lodges 86, 220, 249, 487, 673, 1094, &c., and after several propositions had been made, and the accounts, which showed a good balance in favour of the lodge, had been passed, after a high compliment from the auditors to Bro. Liversage, the Treasurer, the brethren were called off from labour to refreshment. About half past five, nearly the whole of the brethren present sat down to an excellent dinner, provided by Bro. Rawlinson,

No. 1299, but the waiting was capable of being greatly improved without very much trouble. Of course, Bro. P. Macmudrow, the W.M., presided, and after the cloth had been removed, he proceeded, without delay, to give in a business like manner, the usual loyal toasts, which were received with true Masonic loyalty. The W.M. next proposed "The Health of the M.W.G.M., the Marquess of Ripon, the M.W.D.G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon, and the Grand Lodge Officers," a toast which was also given with enthusiasm and responded to with the greatest heartiness. A similar reception was given by the brethren to the "Health of Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, P.G.M., Bro. the Hon. Captain F. Stanley, M.P., D.P.G.M., and the other P.G. Lodge Officers," to each of whom the W.M. referred in the highest terms. Bro. Thomas Wylie, P. Prov. J.G.W. and P. Prov. G. Reg., responded to the toast, and in doing so said that Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, since his appointment had won golden opinions from every brother within his province. He (Bro. Wylie) had the assurance of his lordship that it was not his intention to perpetuate the long periods of office amongst his Provincial Grand Officers, as had formerly prevailed, except in cases where the change would be detrimental to the interests of the Provincial Grand Lodge, but he intended to change the officers every year. It was his lordship's intention to have visited every lodge in his province within one year, if possible, but now his engagements in connection with Her Majesty's Government had set that arrangement aside, and he would be prevented from carrying out his intentions for the present. The W.M., in happy terms, next gave "The Grand Masters of Scotland and Ireland, coupled with the names of Bro. James Macmudrow, P.G. Sec., Wighton and Kirkcudbright, W.M. Lodge 41, Scotland, and Bro. Aug. P. Fabian, P.M. 487, P.P.S.G.W., Hants. Bro. Macmudrow and Bro. Fabian both responded, and expressed feelings of hearty good will from their respective lodges, and the highest admiration for the working and harmony of the Pembroke Lodge. The W.M. next proposed "The Health of the Past Masters of Pembroke Lodge, coupled with the name of Bro. Vines," who acknowledged the compliment. "The Health of the Installing Master, Bro. Clegg, I.P.M.," was next given by the W.M., who after passing a high eulogium upon him for the admirable way in which he had fulfilled his duties, presented him, in the name of the brethren, with a very handsome P.M.'s jewel, set with splendid diamonds, as a token of the esteem and admiration felt for him by all the brethren. He had also great pleasure in presenting a Life Governorship of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution to Bro. Clegg, in recognition of his indefatigable exertions in connection with the lodge ball, recently held, which had not only proved a most pleasant meeting, but highly remunerative. In making the presentation of the jewel, the W.M. said:—Bro. Clegg, I have much pleasure in presenting this jewel to you in the name of the members of the Pembroke Lodge. By it they desire to convey to you their appreciation of the way in which you have conducted the affairs of the lodge during the past twelve months. A more handsome P.M. jewel I have never seen, but I am sure you will value it, not so much on account of its intrinsic worth, as for the kind feelings of fraternal regard, of which it is the expression. That you will wear it with pride and pleasure, I doubt not, but you may also look upon it as an emblem of another jewel, that we, as Masons, must strive to obtain, one which is above all value, for the just approbation of our fellow mortals is insignificant when compared with that of our Divine Creator. Your year of office as Worshipful Master in this lodge is now over, and you rest long spared amongst us in health and strength, and that when you have finished your allotted task here below, you may meet your reward in the Grand Lodge above, where the World's Great Architect lives and reigns for ever. Bro. Clegg acknowledged the high compliment and the presentations in appropriate terms, expressing much gratitude for the kindness ever shown to him,

and his assurance of a continued interest in the welfare of the lodge. Subsequently Bro. Clegg proposed the health of the W.M., which was very cordially received. Bro. Macmudrow, W.M., in responding, said it was his ambition to see the Pembroke Lodge second to none for the efficiency of its working, in regard to which he was glad to say it had already got a good name in the provinces. He afterwards proposed the health of the officers of the lodge, remarking that they had officers upon whom the might well congratulate themselves. Bro. Jones, S.W., acknowledged the toast on behalf of himself and brother officers, and assured the W.M. they would all do their utmost to assist him in his arduous duties in the conduct of the lodge. Bro. Bennett and Bro. Liversage, the Treasurer and the various other officers also responded. Bro. Liversage, in doing so, remarked that financially the lodge was never in a better position than at the present time. The "Visitors" (responded to by Bro. Wood), the "Press" (acknowledged by Bros. Vaughan and Mackenzie) and other complimentary toasts followed; most agreeable evening being spent. The proceedings were varied and enlivened by some capital songs, excellently sung by several of the brethren.

WALTHAM NEW TOWN (HERTS.)—*King Harold Lodge (No. 1327).*—The first regular meeting for the present year of this highly prosperous and flourishing lodge was held at the Britannia Hotel, on Tuesday, 17th ult., the vacation months being now December, January, and February, instead of June, July, and August as heretofore; present Bros. J. K. Young, W.M.; West, P.M., P.P.G.S.D. Herts; Evans, S.W.; Gilbert, J.W., Barwick, Treasurer; Riley, Secretary; Lacy, P.M. 174 and 1421, acting for S.D.; Tydeman, J.D., and S.W. 1437; Holmes, I.G.; Verry, Tyler, and several other brethren. The lodge was opened in due form, the minutes of the last lodge, and also of a Lodge of Emergency, were read and confirmed. The ceremony of the first, second, and third degrees was then conducted by the W.M., with the able assistance of the various officers, in that impressive manner for which he is so deservedly distinguished. Mr. M. Levy was duly initiated, Bros. Bull and Robinson were passed to the second degree, and Bro. Price raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. The lodge was closed and adjourned until April 21st, 1874. The remainder of the evening was devoted to refreshment and social enjoyment. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts being duly honoured, some excellent singing further enlivened the proceedings, and the brethren separated with mutual goodwill and satisfaction at 10 p.m.

IVY LODGE (No. 1441).—The last regular meeting of the season of this young and meritorious lodge was held on Tuesday, the 17th inst., at Bro. Plock's, the Windsor Castle Tavern, Southwark Bridge-road, and like every preceding meeting proved a source of gratification to its founders, promoters, and numerous friends. The proceedings comprised the working of the three degrees, which were begun, carried on, and completed in a pure and perfect manner by the W.M. and his principal and assistant officers. The lodge was opened soon after five o'clock by the W.M., Bro. Charles Smith, and the necessary and preliminary business despatched. Two out of the three candidates for the third degree being found to be present, the lodge was opened in the second degree, and the requisite examination was undergone by Bros. G. Skegg and W. C. Ware, who afterwards withdrew. The lodge was then opened in the third degree, and the two brethren having properly presented themselves, were afterwards re-admitted, and receive the benefit of the sublime degree. Bro. C. Pantlin, the other candidate, having arrived, the lodge was resumed to the second degree, and that brother, having satisfactorily proved his further Masonic attainments, withdrew while the lodge was again resumed to the third degree. Bro. Pantlin having been re-admitted, the sublime degree was again worked by the W.M. most solemnly and impressively, Bro. Smith terminating his labours in this degree by imparting the traditional history of the lodge, and its history in all its fulness and

The lodge was then resumed to the first degree, and Bros. J. S. Dane, W. Doherty, and G. Plock were presented as candidates for crafting. They having satisfied the W.M. and brethren that their previous introduction into Masonry had not been unfruitful of knowledge were entrusted, and retired. The lodge was again resumed to the second degree, and those three brethren were duly passed. The final resumption of the lodge was to the first degree, and the ballot was taken with a successful result for the admission into the order of Messrs. C. J. Henton and J. Lawrence. (We may here incidentally mention that another candidate for initiation, and also a brother for raising, were prevented from attending by private business of moment.) Those two gentlemen were accordingly soon properly prepared, and in accordance with a rule rigidly observed by Bro. Smith, were separately introduced and initiated, the splendid working of the W.M. evidently making a deep impression on their minds. This concluded the business of the first session of the lodge, which now stands adjourned (emergencies excepted) till the third Tuesday in September ensuing. Some simple refreshments were served, when the lodge was closed, and the brethren passed some time in social enjoyment, not separating till eleven o'clock. Thus ended the first campaign of the Ivy Lodge, which for the purity of its Masonic working, and the harmony which reigns amongst its members, stands in the very front rank in the Craft. The officers present were Bros. Geo. Mattock, S.W.; J. J. Cante, J.W.; C. S. Jolly, W.M. Vitruvian Lodge, Sec.; E. Thurble, Treas.; C. F. Poppard, S.D.; Lewis Cornelissen, J.D.; W. Ashwell, I.G.; G. T. Fox, P.M. and P. Z., Tyler. As visitors we observed, Bro. E. Farwig, St. James's Union, No. 180; Bro. J. H. Cumming, Polish National No. 534; and W. P. Drew, Belgrave, No. 749.

INSTRUCTION.

SOUTHAMPTON.—*Royal Gloucester Lodge of Instruction* (No. 310).—At the regular meeting of this lodge on Monday last, held at Freemasons' Hall, Southampton, the proceedings were especially interesting, owing to the fact that Bro. Kenneth Wilson, B.A. (who has passed all the chairs), was present for the last time prior to his departure for New Zealand, where he has been appointed Principal of Wellington College. After the business of the evening had been transacted, the brethren of the lodge of instruction, together with representatives from all the lodges in the town, entertained Bro. Wilson at a banquet, the air being taken by Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre, Prov. Sec., P.M. 130 (during whose year of office Bro. Wilson first saw the "light"); and founder and preceptor of the lodge of instruction. Bro. Le Feuvre is also one of the trustees of the summer school, where Bro. Wilson, during the six or seven years, has held the post of head master. Amongst those present were Messrs. J. R. Stebbing, Dep. Prov. Grand Master, Hampshire and Isle of Wight, Past Grand Master of England, &c.; Alex., Past Prov. Gloucestershire, P.M. 246; Thomas, M. 130; Burtenshaw, W.M. 356; H. M. 359, Past Prov. D.C.; Dyson, M. 394, Past Prov. Supt. Works; R. Sharpe, P.G.O., Sec. and Treas. lodge of instruction; Aldridge, C. J. Phillips, Miles, Hickman, Joly, Jellicoe, Dartnall, Gregory, J. Coles, Martin. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been given and drunk, Bro. Stebbing, speaking on behalf of the Grand Lodge, the worshipful brother rose and said, as Deputy Grand Master of the province in which the Gloucester Lodge was situate, and one of the oldest members of that lodge, he had been pleased to propose the toast of the evening, "Long Life, Happiness, and Prosperity to Kenneth Wilson," their guest, who to the great regret was now about to leave England for a distant colony. England was essentially a country of social life and domestic joy, and was characteristic of England's sons, that all their differences of opinion, they could esteem and respect one another. Perhaps to their feeling of social brotherhood that they owed so much of its success in our

midst. It bound men together in one common chain of indissoluble friendship, and it was gratifying to feel that although a link of that chain was now about to be severed, when their brother reached another land—his adopted home—there would be an opportunity of again uniting the links, of which he doubted not due advantage would be taken. Southampton Masons had ever been able to recognize in Masonry something beyond the ordinary ties of friendship, because in meeting to carry out its beneficent principles—feelings had been found to spring up which would cease only with life itself, and to this fact their brother, from whom they were about to separate, had been a prominent witness. We could not all occupy the same positions in society, but when one was taken from our midst, who had proved most useful in his day and generation, we feel the severance more, and of Bro. Wilson it might at least be said that in his departure, we should miss both a scholar and a gentleman, and an excellent Freemason. (Applause.) Upon this subject he should not enlarge, because he knew the temptation to appear fulsome just in proportion as one estimated the worth of a brother. He hoped, however, and had no doubt that the slight testimony which they had paid to Bro. Wilson might act in some degree as an introduction to him in his new sphere of labour. He would take with him the most generous emotions of their hearts, and their heartiest wishes that when in good time he might return to Old England he would be laden with honour and the respect of those among whom his lot was to be cast, as he had justly merited that respect from those with whom he had been associated in Southampton. The toast having been warmly drunk, Bro. Wilson, in response, said he little thought when the subject of the meeting was mentioned to him that it would assume the most gratifying character which it had taken. When he first received the intimation of his appointment he felt, and had ever since experienced a growing sense of his responsibilities, and nothing could have tended more to increase that feeling than the expression of goodwill which he had that evening witnessed, and echoed by the lodge with which he had been connected. It had been an especial pleasure to him to find the toast of his health proposed by so distinguished a member of the Craft. He felt that he should enter upon what he hoped would be a long career in Masonry on the other side of the globe under the most favourable auspices, for he knew that wherever Masonry was known, the name of their right worshipful brother was not altogether unheard of. He considered therefore an additional responsibility rested upon him, in having the sanction of his brother's name as a recommendation to him in his new sphere. Nor could he forget that under the brother who occupied the chair that evening, he first saw the light of Masonry. He should ever remember the years he had spent with his brethren in that lodge as amongst the most pleasant in his experience, and that whatever he might have been able to assist in accomplishing, was as nothing compared with what he had learnt. Whatever he might be able to do for Masonry in a distant part he should ever attribute in a great measure to what he had learnt here, for it was his hope that the three months occupied in his voyage, would form the largest period during which he should be consecutively absent from some lodge meetings. He trusted they might all be spared to meet again in Old England or elsewhere; but whatever might betide him, his earnest prayers for their welfare, would be ever with him, and he trusted to hear of the most complete success of their lodge. In responding to the toast of the Sister lodges Bro. Burtenshaw, W.M. 359, on behalf of the Lodge of Peace and Harmony, the largest in the Province, over which he was proud to preside, desired to tender his heartiest thanks for the very kind manner in which the toast had been proposed and the warmth with which it had been received by the brethren. It afforded him great delight to be there that evening to do honour to the worthy and distinguished brother who was about to leave the country. He knew full well that Bro. Wilson had endeavoured to promote goodwill, brotherly love and truth, and that he

had proved himself a good and true man and Mason. Bro. Dyson, W.M. Southampton Lodge, No. 394, who was also called on to respond to the toast of the sister lodges, expressed himself in kindly and fraternal terms towards the guest of the evening. He said that from the time of his first becoming acquainted with Bro. Wilson, he had entertained for him the greatest possible esteem, and believed fully that he would leave this country with the most sincere and best wishes of every brother with whom he had become connected. He would further say, that in expressing his personal sentiments towards Bro. Wilson, he was also conveying those of every brother of the Southampton Lodge, knowing that one and all wished him health and happiness in the undertaking he was about to enter upon. Bro. Thomas, W.M. 130, could not refrain from feeling a certain amount of sadness in hearing Bro. Wilson officiating that evening in the J.W. chair, knowing that that was the last time they would hear his voice, and that they would so soon see his face no more; but it was a pleasure to think that although they would soon have half the globe between him and themselves, yet the Masonic ties would still be between them uniting them in a bond too strong for any distance to weaken. In looking over the list of lodges in the colony of N.Z. he found there were 28 owing allegiance to our English G.L. There, our Bro. would no doubt have the opportunity of seeing the same ritual and ceremonies with which he had so thoroughly made himself acquainted in the R.G.L. of Instruction, the same authority appealed to in cases of difficulty, the same charities supported; in fact he would find that a Mason really finds a home in every clime, and he also hoped that T.G.A.O.T.U. would spare their lives that they might welcome back our brother on some future occasion, and once more see him mixing with the companions of his former toils in their dear old Gloucester Lodge. Bro. R. Sharpe, P.G.O., Sec. and Treas., wished to supplement the congratulations of the rest of the brethren to Bro. Wilson, on his valuable preferment, to assure him, that he was indeed going to a "land of promise" not literally flowing with milk and honey, but full of the milk of human kindness, where he would find a warm-hearted hospitable people, ready to hold out the right hand of fellowship, and give him a cordial greeting, whether in the capacity of Mason or citizen. It was a matter for further congratulation that he was going to a country possessed of a climate with but one rival in the world, and that one Tasmania, where he (the speaker) had resided for nearly five years, a climate which would, he felt confident, prove a rich blessing to him, because it was sure to be the means of restoring to perfect health and strength, the one who, above all, was nearest and dearest to him.

Mark Masonry.

BOLTON.—*St. John's Lodge* (Time Immemorial).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, 25th March, at the lodge room, Commercial Hotel, Town-hall-square, Bolton, at which were present, Bro. James Newton, Prov. G. Mark Inspector of Works, W.M.; John Alcock, S.W.; James Horrocks, J.W.; John Harwood, M.O.; Wm. Hamer, P.M., as S.O.; Robert Glaister, J.O.; Thos. Entwisle, P. Prov. G. Mark Master, Registrar of Marks; Thomas Morris, P. Prov. G. Mark Sword Bearer, Secretary; Thos. Holme, S.D.; Robert Pickup, J.D.; Henry Tattersall, I.G.; Robert Harwood, P. Prov. G. Mark Deacon; Daniel Stansfield, P. Prov. G. Mark Deacon, and others. The lodge being opened, and the minutes confirmed, the ballot was taken for Bro. Thomas Mycock, P.M. Clifton Lodge, 703, Blackpool, as a candidate for advancement, and was unanimously in his favour, and he being in attendance was admitted and advanced to the honourable degree of Mark Master, the ceremony being performed by the W.M. A candidate was proposed for advancement, and the lodge was closed in the usual manner.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

MANCHESTER.—*Jerusalem Chapter of Antiquity*.—A meeting of this chapter of H.M., K.H. was held at the Manchester Masonic Hall, on Tuesday, the 24th March, 1874, under circular to all the thirty members, when the following report, signed by the Past R.G.C. was adopted, and the Chapter and Senate united with the ancient and primitive rite of Masonry, under the title of the Palatine and Jerusalem Chapter of Antiquity No. 2, thus inaugurating a new era. Report.—1. A Grand Council was held in Paris in 1762, to ascertain whether the Kadosh and the Templar were one and the same order, and a resolution to adopt the black and white colours of the Templar Beauseant was adopted in their title and eagle. 2. The fact that the "Ancient and Primitive Rite of Masonry" derives from the "Primitive Rite of Philadelphes of Narbonne," 1779. 3. The absence of any evidence of the existence of the Templar Order in Great Britain and Ireland previous to 1780, and the fact that from the earliest time down to 1852, the connection between the Red Cross and Kadosh Templars was invariable, of which proof was given in English, Irish, and Scottish documents and rituals, between 1792 and 1840. 4. The fact that from 1791 to 1852 all warrants issued in England styled the degree "Grand Elected Knight Templar Kadosh of St. John of Jerusalem, &c." and that emblems known only to Kadosh Templars appear upon the certificates, in the ceremony of installation, and upon the old banners of the Jerusalem Encampment or Conclave used prior to 1835, copies of photographs of which were in possession of the R. G. Superintendent. 5. The exhibition of the ritual of the "Ancient and Primitive Rite of Masonry" in the degree of Knight Kadosh, in proof that the symbolism of the old English Templar was known only to members of each degree of the A. and P. Rite. The fact that the present Grand Conclave of Knight Templars had utterly disconnected themselves from any possible progenitors in 1852, and again in 1872, in order to ally themselves with a body spurious upon the three counts, and working a forged constitution, styling themselves the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. Therefore it is resolved that the members of the "Jerusalem Chapter of Antiquity" H.M., K.H., amalgamate and unite their Rose Croix and Kadosh Templar degrees with the same degrees of the "Ancient and Primitive Rite of Masonry" of which the R.G. Supt. is bound (under the charter of the G.W. Sanctuary of America, derived from the illustrious Bro. Marconnis de Negre, and the late Marshal Magnan, late Grand Master of the Grand Orient of France) with such powers to give the extraneous degrees as may be mutually agreed between them, the "Royal Grand Council of Ancient Rites, time immemorial," and the "Ancient and Primitive Rite of Masonry." A hope was expressed that the S.G.C. of the A. and A. Scottish Rite might, by adopting a representative constitution, end further the Masonic squabble.

Red Cross of Constantine.

EDINBURGH.—*St. Giles' Conclave*, (No. 103).—The regular monthly meeting of this flourishing conclave was held on Thursday, the 19th inst., Em. Sir Knight H. E. Jonas, M.P.S., in the chair, supported by his Viceroy, the Em. Sir Knight D. Shearer, all the officers, and a good attendance of Sir Knights. The minutes having been read and confirmed, several brethren were proposed as candidates for admission into the Order, and being balloted for were found to be unanimously approved of. The next business was the reception of Ill. Sir Knight C. G. C. Christie, attended by Very Eminent Sir Knts. J. B. Mercer and R. S. Brown, Knights Grand Cross, were received in due form under the Arch of Steel. The sceptre having been resigned to the Ill. Intendant-General, he graciously returned it to the M.P.S., and requested him to retain his position and chair, the duties of which he so admirably discharged. The M.P.S. then, in his

own name and that of the Conclave, tendered a hearty welcome to Ill. Sir Knight Christie, and expressed his thanks to him for this visit, and hoped that it would be frequently repeated. The Intendant-General expressed his gratification with the kind reception he had received, the admirable manner in which the affairs of the Conclave had been conducted since its commencement, and the great success which had attended their efforts to promote the prosperity of the Order, and it was now his duty to reward the zeal of two worthy members of the Conclave, viz., Sir Knights W. Barton and J. M. McPherson by conferring upon them the rank of Honorary Sovereigns of the Conclave. A College of Viceroy was thereupon opened and Sir Knights Barton and McPherson were duly consecrated as Viceroy, and afterwards, in a Senate of Sovereigns, duly enthroned as Honorary Sovereigns, the ceremonies throughout being conducted by the Ill. Intendant-General, assisted by the M.P.S., and Very Eminent Sir Knights J. B. Mercer and R. S. Brown. The Conclave was thereafter closed in ancient form.

Scotland.

FALKIRK.—*Lodge St. John* (No. 16).—A largely attended meeting of the members was held on Tuesday, 9th March, in the Lodge-room, Burns' Court, Falkirk, for the purpose of presenting Bro. William Snodgrass, the late Secretary, with a gold watch, as a mark of personal esteem and an expression of the appreciation with which his services to the Craft in the district are regarded. Bro. John Duncan, the Right Worshipful Master, presided, and having opened the lodge, called upon Bro. Shields, the Past Master, to take the chair. Bro. Shields expressed the pleasure he experienced at being the medium of handing over to Bro. Snodgrass a substantial token of the brethren's regard and gratitude. How well Bro. Snodgrass had served the lodge and the cause of Masonry in the district they all knew. As Secretary of No. 16, he had shown the liveliest interest in the affairs of the lodge; and from his intimate and extensive knowledge of Masonry, and his long experience in lodge-working, he had on many occasions enabled them to surmount difficulties which, without his aid, would have put them very much about. As they were all aware, Bro. Snodgrass was in a large measure instrumental in bringing about the resuscitation of the Prov. Grand Lodge. Bro. Shields concluded by presenting the handsome gift to Bro. Snodgrass, along with the best wishes of the brethren for his future happiness and success. Bro. Snodgrass, in reply, said:—Right Wor. Master, Worshipful Wardens, and Brethren—For this unexpected and unlooked-for mark of your respect and esteem I have to thank you one and all. It has been often said that out of the fulness of the heart the mouth speaketh; but there are seasons when the heart is so full that the mouth cannot give utterance to the feelings therein contained. Such is my present position. I cannot say that I feel bashful or timid; but something says to me, "What have you done over and above the other office-bearers of the lodge that you should be selected for this ovation?" Your worthy chairman has tried to explain the reason for making the presentation; but still the question comes back with redoubled force—What have you done for the lodge or Masonry, other than your duty. My answer is plain and simple. I have done to the best of my ability, irrespective of position. We are all aware that a certain duty devolves on every office-bearer and member of a lodge; and it pleased this lodge, before I was long a member, to place me in the honourable position of being its Secretary. That office I accepted, and held up till the last election on St. John's Day, when I declined to act longer, in consequence of intervening circumstances, which would prevent me from fulfilling my duties to my own satisfaction. During my term of office I tried to the utmost of my ability to fulfil it, and where I have failed it has not been for the want of the will on my part, or the love that I bore to the Craft, and your appreciation of my services

is this handsome gift, for which I have again to thank you. Much of the praise, however, bestowed on me is due to the harmonious working of the other office-bearers, and especially to your presiding Masters during my term of office, through their prompt attention to all matters connected with Lodge or Masonry, which it has been my duty as Secretary to bring before them. These duties have ever been with me a work of love to the Craft; and if my services to promote the welfare and prosperity of the Order has met with your approval, as it would appear from the present meeting, I am more than amply rewarded, although there had not been this handsome token to mark it. Ever since I first entered the portals of a Masonic lodge it has been a pleasing duty to me at all times, in whatever position I was placed, to do all that lay in my power for the prosperity of the lodge, with which I was connected and Masonry in general; and since my connection with No. 16 I may say that I have enjoyed myself Masonically more than in any other lodge to which I have affiliated. And so long as I live, I will endeavour Masonically to merit a continuance of your kind wishes and good opinion. And when my apron is worn out with *tear* and *wear* in the service of the Order, and my head grown white with years, may I still enjoy them; and when the G.A.O.T.U. sends his call to us respectively may we all meet in the Grand Lodge above. I will now close with the hope that every time I refer to this, your gift, it will bring vividly to my remembrance your kindness and regard, and the many happy evenings we have spent together; and that as I mark the moments fleeting on, it may bring to my recollection that this world is only a lodge of preparation and instruction for the Grand Lodge where we all hope to gain admittance through the grand pass-word, and my prayer is that you may be spared for many years to come in the enjoyment of health, strength, happiness, and prosperity, and that through all and in all our actions, thoughts, and words, charity, like golden and silken cord, shall be seen running through the tangled web of life, binding man to his fellow man in indissoluble bonds, and ushering in the dawn of the real golden age, which if Masonry be true, lies before rather than behind us.

Fellow Masons lend your hand
To your feeble faltering brother;
Bear in mind the sweet command—
Love ye one another.

Sow ye seeds of kindly deeds
As on through life you're roaming;
Think ye not 'twill be forgot,
Harvest time is coming.

Again thanking you all for your kindness, Votes of thanks were awarded to Bro. Shields, Warden, and A. Marshall, for their services in connection with the promotion of the memorial. The watch bears the following inscription:—"Presented to Bro. William Snodgrass by Lodge No. 16 (Falkirk), as a mark of esteem—March, 1874." The lodge was then formally closed.

MASONIC BALL IN LIVERPOOL.

The brethren of the De Grey and Ripon Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, No. 1356, held their first annual ball on the 19th inst., at the Royal Assembly Rooms, George-street, Liverpool, and there is no doubt that from the complete success attending their first merry meeting, it will not be the last. The object of this prosperous and influential lodge, the subject in view was not only to afford amusement to those who were present, but there was further noble object in view of giving substantial assistance to one of the noblest charities of brotherhood—the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, which, with its accumulated capital of about £20,000, is doing a good and noble work, in a quiet yet very successful manner. As there were upwards of 250 present at the "De Grey and Ripon" hall, the amount

SURREY MASONIC HALL.

A contract has been entered into, and the work is progressing at a rapid rate, by the directors of the above company. The builder is Bro. John Oliver, and the amount of his contract £5,000.

The building is intended partly as a Masonic Temple for holding "Craft" and "Chapter" meetings and banqueting, partly as a club for Masonic brethren, and partly, although very separately if desired, as an assembly room for lectures, balls, drawing-room entertainments, political and other meetings. The former will give all the accommodation required, even a billiard room for use of club members and visitors, while the latter will be the much required room of the locality, about 70 by 35 and 35 feet high, having all necessary dressing and retiring rooms, lavatories for ladies and gentlemen, &c.

The premises are so arranged that with convenience a dinner may be served for eighty persons, and each separate lodge or chapter may have its separate wine store.

The building in course of erection is finely classic, having a portico in advance of the general facade line, and a neat little tower rising over the vestibule in the centre of the building, from a square into octagonal form to about 60 feet high, finishing with a corona and mansard roof, decorated simply with pilasters, caps and bases.

From the plans ventilation appears to have been studied throughout, and from the general appearance of the design and plans South London appears to have taken a step in the right direction.

The architects are Messrs. Pain and Clarke, of 19, Buckingham-street, Strand, the last named being Bro. Edward Clark, P.M. 1194 and 1329, P.P.G. Superintendent of Works, under whose especial care the design has been prepared. Being a prominent Freemason, and thoroughly understanding the requisites of a Masonic temple, he will leave no stone unturned to preserve his reputation by providing a handsome as well as commodious temple worthy of the Craft.

CONSECRATION OF ANOTHER MELROSE LODGE IN GLASGOW.

In October, 1873, a few members of Lodge Melrose St. John, No. 1, having obtained a dispensation for that purpose from the Ancient Melrose body, started a new lodge in the East-end of Glasgow. They already number seventy-one members, and the character and standing of the lodge being unimpeachable, they have now received a charter, and will in future be known as Melrose St. Mungo No. 2, Glasgow. The consecration of this lodge took place in the Borough Hall, Catton, on Wednesday the 11th inst., and the interesting ceremony was performed by a deputation from Melrose Grand Lodge. Bros. Robert Renton, M.W.G.M.; Andrew Hart, P.G.M.; Frank Hart, R.W.G.S. Warden; and John Pringle, R.W.G.J. Warden, opened the lodge. Bro. John Kinnaird, 33, &c., acted as V.W.G. Chaplain, and in a truly Masonic prayer invoked the aid and blessing of the G.A. of the Universe. The charter was read by Bro. Renton, M.W.G.M., who delivered a very able address on the objects, virtues, and benefits of the Order. Bro. Andrew Hart, P.G.M., delivered the charges and admonished the brethren to practice all those virtues which every true Mason should possess, particularly brotherly love and charity. Bros. T. Stratford, R.W.M., and S. Davidson, S.W., of Melrose St. John's No. 1, were on the platform. Fifty-five members of the lodge St. Mungo, No. 2, and thirty visiting brethren were present, including some from lodges Nos. 4, 28, 87, 116, and 441 (Grand Lodge of Scotland.) The following office-bearers were installed.—Bros. John Hamilton, R.W.M.; James Hunter, S.W.; Matthew Downie, J.W.; Robertson, Secy., and others. The lodge went on to refreshment, Bros. Renton, Kinnaird, Stratford, McPherson, Hamilton, Davidson, and others, addressed the brethren, and Bro. Andrew Hart, P.G.M., expatiated on

the antiquity and merits of the Melrose Masons. As soon as the ceremony was over a telegram was despatched to Melrose, apprising Mother Melrose of the fact. A reply was shortly wired back and read:—Mother Melrose in open lodge extends right hand of fellowship to St. Mungo No. 2. This was received with deafening applause.

A deputation of Masons, presently under Grand Lodge of Scotland, requested a dispensation from the Melrose Masons, for starting a new lodge in the neighbourhood of Kirkintilloch, under that ancient body. The M.W.G.M. promised to lay their petition before the Grand Committee at Melrose. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts, votes of thanks, &c., were given and responded to, and harmony became the order of the day. The meeting broke up at a late hour.

Masonic Tidings.

Mr. Emra Holmes, of Her Majesty's Customs, Ipswich, has been once more doing good work for his necessitous neighbours. At an entertainment recently given, on behalf of the funds of the Dovercourt Institute, his humorous readings were the most agreeable feature of the evening, and elicited loud and continued applause from a delighted audience. If we had more colleagues like Mr. Holmes, the Civil Service would have a firmer hold on the affections of the people.—*Civilian*. [This is our well-known brother.—Ed.]

Washington Lodge, No. 32, of Alexandria, Virginia, have nearly completed their new Masonic Hall. The upper story is already finished and occupied. When completed, it will, it is said, be one of the finest buildings devoted to Masonry in the United States.

We understand that a number of influential Jewish brethren in Liverpool have already had one or two friendly meetings with the view of establishing a Lodge of Israel in the town. From the spirit with which the matter has been taken up, there is no doubt that the new lodge will soon be *un fait accompli*, and from the numbers and well-recognized influence of the Jewish brethren there is no doubt that it will be one of the most successful in the province.

Bro. Sir W. W. Wynn, Bart., M.P., R.W.P.G.M for North Wales, has consented to act as one of the Presidents at the Bangor Eisteddfod.

Bro. the Hon. Wilbraham Egerton, M.P., has been elected chairman of the Church Defence Association, vice Bro. C. H. Raikes, M.P., resigned.

GLASGOW.—PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE VISITATIONS.

This has been a busy week for the Province of Glasgow. Bro. F. A. Barrow, D.P.G.M. in the absence of Bro. W. M. Neilson, who is abroad, has commenced the annual visitations of all the lodges in the Province. On most occasions he has been well supported by the Provincial Grand Office Bearers, consisting of Bro. J. Steel, D.P.G.M.; John Baird, P.G.S.W.; Kinghorn, P.G.J.W.; A. Mc. Taggart, M.A., P.G.S., J. B. Walker, P.G.T.; J. Halket, P.G.S.D.; G. Thallon, P.G.J.D.; R. Robb, P.G.M.; A. Brin, P.G.B.B.; James Balfour, P.G.D. of C.; Wm. Phillips, P.G.I.G. J. Gilles, P.G.S.B.; G. Sinclair, P. of the Benevolent Fund; and C. Collinson, Janitor.

A detailed account of the visits will be given in our next.

KNOWLEDGE AND SYMPATHY.—Good spirits may be readily restored to the late fortunate owner, by a few doses of Holloway's revivifying medicine; instant action alone is wanted to prevent the development of more disagreeable and dangerous symptoms. Everyone has frequently experienced sudden personal changes from gaiety to gloom, the weather oftentimes receiving the blame, when a faulty digestion alone is the cause of the depression. Holloway's Pills can be honestly recommended for regulating a disordered stomach, and improving digestion. They entirely remove all sense of fullness and oppression after eating; they cleanse the furred tongue and act as a wholesome stimulant to the liver, and as a gentle aperient to the bowels. They healthfully arouse both body and mind.—ADVT.

result is likely to be such as to prove a substantial addition to the funds of the charity, and a reward to the brethren, who were indefatigable in devising and carrying out the arrangements. We understand that the "lion's share" of this work fell upon Bro. T. Evans, the W.M. of this lodge, and therefore he deserves the warmest praise and recognition for his untiring efforts, which so largely contributed to the enjoyment in connection with the festive gathering which every one must have realised. The "commander" had excellent "lieutenants" in Bros. S. E. Ibbs, P.M.; E. Rothwell, S.W.; Joseph Bell, J.W.; Jos. Jones, Sec. (who especially distinguished himself as "reception brother"); Ireland, Treas.; and T. Horne, S.D. Amongst the visitors from other lodges we observed Bros. Philip R. Thorn, P.M. 1182; G. Turner, P.M. 823; A. C. Morrison, Sec. 594; T. B. Myers, J.W. 1112; R. Martin, jun., S.D. 1182; J. Chisnall, 249; J. B. Mackenzie, 349 and 1182; W. Gardick, 249; — Little, 149; G. Maxwell, 594; A. Martin, 594; Bros. Eve, G. Jeffery, &c. By special dispensation, the majority of the brethren appeared wearing the jewels, clothing, and insignia of different Masonic Orders, and as there were present members of the Orders of Royal Arch Masons, Knights Templar, Mark Masons, &c., besides a number of "Craftsmen," the very excellent *salon* presented a brilliant and lively appearance, more especially as the whole of the bright-eyed and fair ladies were dressed with the most exquisite taste. The gathering was of the truest "happy family" kind, every one unselfishly striving to make the enjoyment complete, and Bro. C. Bath, a member of the lodge, contributed greatly to the pleasure and comfort of the guests by his courteous and untiring efforts as Master of the Ceremonies. Dancing commenced shortly after nine o'clock, and was kept up with great spirit until about three, capital music being furnished by Bro. Duncanson's quadrille band. Bro. Milburn, of St. Anne-street, was entrusted with the order for "creature comforts," and as these were of the most satisfactory kind, there was no grounds for complaint.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

We are requested to publish the following circular from the Girl's School:—

Office, 5, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, London, W.C.

March 31st, 1874.

I beg to inform you that at the first meeting of the Board of Stewards, on Friday, the 27th ult., the following brethren were elected officers of the Board:—

President: R.W. Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland, Provincial Grand Master for N. & E. Yorkshire.

Acting President: W. Bro. Joseph Charles Wilkinson, Vice-Patron, Deputy Provincial and Master for Middlesex.

Vice-Presidents: Present and Past Grand Officers, Present and Past Grand Stewards, Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers, Vice-Patrons and Vice-Presidents of the Institution.

Treasurer: W. Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, J.D.

Hon. Secretary: Bro. R. Wentworth Little, Secretary to the Institution.

Thirty brethren were appointed to act as Ladies' Stewards on the day of the festival.

The Steward's Deposit was fixed at two guineas, which sum is to include the price of his dinner ticket.

Ladies requiring ladies' tickets can obtain them upon a further payment of eleven shillings each ticket, application to be made not later than Wednesday, the 6th May.

Ladies remitting deposit, and amount for ladies' tickets (if required) to the Treasurer, care of

Your faithfully and fraternally,
R. WENTWORTH LITTLE,
Hon. Secretary.

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WEST LANCASHIRE MASONIC EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION.

There appeared in our last impression a very interesting account of the "Cheshire Masonic Educational Institution," by which it appeared that nineteen children were being educated that province, and we have been since favoured with the report of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, to which we think we should call attention to-day.

As a "succursale," as the French would say, of our greater system, it deserves not only respectful mention, but consideration.

For the report is a very creditable one to West Lancashire, and places in a most favourable light the educational zeal of the West Lancashire brethren, and their friendly sympathy for orphans of their deceased brethren.

The Institution was founded in 1850, and therefore fourteen years old.

During the last year forty-five children enjoyed its benefits, and the sum of £341 1s. 3d. paid for their education and advancement in

The "financial statement," says the report, we fully agree, "is one which cannot fail to be satisfactory." "At the close of the year 1873, total funds of the charity amounted to £9779 4s. 5d., whilst the present report shows the investments in Dock Bonds, and Mortgages, together with the cash in hand, and in the Treasurer's hands, amounted to £10,845, 24s. 9d."

Nothing can be apparently better managed on a more satisfactory basis, than this West Lancashire Institution, the more so as annual subscriptions and donations amount to £700, in round numbers, annually, far exceeding the present cost of education.

We have been deeply interested with this proof (if proof were needed) of Provincial and Masonic good feeling, and we congratulate the brethren of West Lancashire on the success of their useful and valuable Provincial Institution. Neither they, nor the Cheshire brethren, claim for their respective associations more than this, that they are, as far as they go, useful and beloved to the community, and their benefits, as well as their

"their advancement in business, or professional avocation," to which the reports allude.

The one great defect in both systems, is the want of general supervision, and we do not quite see or understand how the West Lancashire brethren test or gauge the value and quality of the education given and received.

But having said this, we cannot but highly commend them for this striking and successful evidence of their active appreciation of the great principles of Freemasonry, and of their laudable efforts to advance the cause of education generally, especially for those, who, by the visitation of Providence, have been deprived alike of the great blessing of parental control, and too often of the means of receiving the greatest of all helps to man, the inestimable privilege of a good and a sound education.

MASONIC HALLS.

We give, in another column, a detailed account of the New Surrey Masonic Hall, and of the buildings contemplated and already in progress.

We are very glad to hear of a fresh attempt to raise up Masonic Homes for our brethren, and we trust that the undertaking will receive the liberal patronage and hearty support of the Craft.

For some time past, the movement has been happily spreading amongst us, of raising at no little cost, and with great architectural skill those many handsome "Temples" and "Halls," which are found in most of our large towns, and even in sometimes smaller localities.

In our humble opinion, an opinion we expressed years ago, nothing has so tended to elevate the status of Masonry amongst us, as the erection of many "stately and superb edifices" as well as many a convenient lodge room, in which our brethren can associate privately, happily, and peacefully, and in which our ancient ceremonies can be duly and decorously carried out.

Some of us who call to mind the attendant circumstances and accessories of our lodge meetings and lodge rooms twenty years ago, and note the wonderful difference now, will not be surprised, we think, at the great strides Masonry has recently made, and at the general contentment and harmony, and social pleasantness, and befitting hours which now almost universally distinguish our lodge gatherings. May this state of things continue, other, may it increase, and may we seek always to encourage every effort, made by the intelligent and energetic of our Order, to supply to Freemasonry the means of regular assembly, in buildings which are a credit to the Craft, and honourable to the Brotherhood. We hope to hear, that, this undertaking has received full and substantial support from our worthy and progressing order.

Every additional Masonic Temple we raise is another proof of the extending influences and commanding power of Freemasonry, and another guarantee of social order, harmony, and peace, and the spread of general enlightenment and civilization.

So let us encourage all such efforts, and aid such enterprises, whenever they come before

us, with fraternal sympathy and support. The words of the poet seem to close appropriately this short article.

"Build, that these walls to future generations
Your strength, your skill, your faithfulness
may tell;
That all may say, as storms and centuries test
them,
'The men of old built well! built well!'
Thus ever speaks the Great Master Builder
to us,
Where'er our journeywork may be,
Whate'er the toil, the season, or the structure;
'Build well! build well! build worthily!'

WEEKLY SUMMARY.

Her Majesty is at Windsor Castle, but leaves for Osborne, for Easter, this week. Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales go to Sandringham for Easter, also, this week.

The Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh have been at Windsor Castle.

Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh, and Prince Leopold, attended by Lady Macclesfield and Lady Frances Baillie, General Probyn, Captain Ramsay, M. Kaloshine, and Mr. Collins, were present at the performance of the *Messiah* by the Royal Albert Hall Choral Society last evening.

The boat race between Cambridge and Oxford on Saturday last has been decided in favour of Cambridge by about three lengths, after plucky rowing by Oxford. Great crowds assembled as usual to cheer the dark and light blues.

It is announced that her Majesty intends to confer on Sir Garnet Wolsley a Baronetcy and a pension of £1000 a year for two lives. Sir Garnet will also be promoted to the rank of Major-General, and will receive the Grand Cross of the Order of St. Michael and St. George. From a feeling of delicacy (says the *Times*) Sir Garnet has declined the Grand Cross of the Bath, but will be advanced to the dignity of K.C.B.

We hope that Captain Glover will not be forgotten, and that Colonel Festing and the good old "jollies" will receive all befitting notice. There is no finer corps in the service, than that loyal and steady body of men, whose services are greatly distinguished "per mare et terra."

On Monday Her Majesty reviewed in Windsor Park, the regiments which had returned from the Gold Coast. Surrounded by all the Royal Family, and in the presence of the Commander-in-Chief, her Majesty gave to Sir Garnet Wolsley, the insignia of the Bath, and of St. Michael and St. George. The Victoria Cross was given to Lieut. Lord Gifford, and would have been granted to Sergeant McGaw, 42nd Highlanders, had he been present. All seems to have gone off admirably at that most interesting spectacle.

The votes of thanks to the army and navy were passed on Monday night, unanimously in both houses, and Sir E. Wilmot mentioned another very gallant trait of Col. Festing's, as a reason for giving him the V.C. Mr. Disraeli paid an eloquent tribute to the skill of the commander, the energy of Captain Glover, and the gallantry of the troops and sailors.

At the annual general meeting, held on March 30, Sir George Burrows, M.D., F.R.S., was re-elected President of the College of Physicians.

There is not much more to be noticed at home, except the following daring attempt at burglary near Windsor, during the review on Monday. Taking advantage of the excitement into which Windsor was thrown on Monday, a gang of thieves obtained forcible entrance into the dwelling house of Mr. W. Beach, Balmoral-villas, in the New-road, Clewer, and succeeded in putting together a number of valuable articles, previous to carrying them off. They were surprised, however, by the servant, who had been left in the house, and who gave the alarm. The Metropolitan police, who were on special duty near, hearing her cries, proceeded

to the house, and captured two of the gang, one of whom offered a desperate resistance, and, besides battering the officer who had arrested him about the head in an exceedingly brutal manner, shot at him five times, the last shot taking effect at the side of the constable's face. The thieves having been secured, the officer's wounds were attended to at the Infirmary, and he subsequently recovered so far as to be able to go back to London. Superintendent Hayes found on the premises several house-breaking implements, including two small jemmies. The men in custody will be brought up on Tuesday before the borough magistrates for examination. It is a very serious matter, this reappearance of armed burglars.

It has been duly announced also in the agony column of the *Times*, the well-known motto of the Freemasons is "patented" by a secret service agent. Very good of the secret service agent but hardly complimentary to the great Masonic brotherhood at home and abroad.

Marshal Serrano has evidently failed in his attack on the Carlist position, and in all probability, therefore, the fall of Bilbao is imminent. But the "Cosas de Espana" are always very ticklish things, to talk about, and nothing is really certain in that remarkable country, until it is a "fait accompli."

Lord Rosmore, of the 2nd Life Guards, died on Saturday evening, the 28th inst., of the effects of his accident.

It appears by a telegram received on Sunday, by Mr. James Gordon Bennett, that the Maboia arrived at Suez at 11 on Saturday, having Mr. Walter Laing and Jacob Wainwright on board, with the body of Dr. Livingstone. He died, it appears, on May 4th, 1873, of chronic dysentery, at a place called Muila, beyond Lake Yemba, in Bisha country. The last entry in his diary is of date April 27th.

ITEMS OF HOME NEWS.

On Wednesday evening, March 25, the Prince of Wales, accompanied by Prince Christian, presided at a dinner at Willis's Rooms in aid of the funds of the British Orphan Asylum. In attendance were the Marquis of Hamilton, General Right Hon. Sir W. Knollys, and Major-General Probyn. The subscriptions announced during the evening amounted to upwards of £2,400.

The Prince of Wales presided on the 25th inst., at Marlborough-house, over a meeting of the Commissioners for the Exhibition of 1851. There were also present the Duke of Edinburgh, Prince Arthur, Prince Christian, the Duke of Teck, the Marquis of Lansdowne, the Marquess of Ripon, the Earl of Carnarvon, Sir William Knollys, Sir Bartle E. Frere, Mr. Playfair, Sir Thomas Bazley, Sir William Anderson, Sir Thomas Biddulph, Sir F. Sandford, Mr. Edgar Bowring, Mr. T. Field Gibson, Mr. Thomas E. Harrison, General Ponsonby, General Probyn, Mr. Cole, and General Scott (secretary).

The first flower show of the season was held on Monday, 30th inst., at the Royal Botanic Society's gardens, Regent's Park. Roses, red, white, and yellow, deutzias, clematis, lilac, and many other of our summer favourites were exhibited. The number of specimens entered for prizes was so large that both sides of the corridor, 200ft. long, were well filled, and a considerable space at the east end of the conservatory had to be fitted up for the occasion. Most of the principal nurserymen were represented. Messrs. Veitch contributed a large number of hyacinths, tulips, and clematis, as well as a collection of orchids and miscellaneous plants. Mr. William Paul sent several boxes of cut roses and camellias, and some hyacinths, &c., in pots. Mr. Williams had also a display of stove plants, &c. A few well-grown though small camellias from Mr. Lane's nursery divided the general attention with the plants of clematis from Mr. Jackman and the deutzias of Mr. Reeves. There were also collections of yellow roses from the garden of Mr. Benham, and cyclamens from Mr. Little and Mr. Watson, as well as flowers of all kinds from the gardens of many other amateurs. The large Nepal tree rhododendrons are now in full bloom in the conservatory, and give us some idea of what a sight

the Himalayas must be when clothed with such flowers.

The Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress entertained Major-General Sir Garnet Wolseley, together with Colonel Sir Archibald Alison, Colonel McLeod, Colonel Mostyn, and the whole of the officers who have returned from the Ashantee Expedition, at a grand banquet in the Egyptian Hall of the Mansion House, on Tuesday evening, at seven o'clock. A distinguished company was invited to meet the officers on the occasion, including, among others, his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, H.R.H. the Commander-in-Chief, H.R.H. Prince Arthur, Mr. Gathorne Hardy, the Secretary for War, and Mr. Ward Hunt, the first Lord of the Admiralty, and Viscount Cardwell.

The Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's have received the liberal gift of £500 for the Completion Fund of St. Paul's Cathedral, from Mrs. Comber, of Worthing.

POST OFFICE TELEGRAPHS.—The following statement shows the total number of messages forwarded from postal telegraph stations in the United Kingdom during the week ending the 21st of March, 1874, and during the corresponding week of 1873:—Week ending March 21, 1874, 343,998; week ending March 22, 1873—305,508; increase in the week of 1874 on that of 1873, 37,590.

The estimates for the fiscal year 1874-75 compare as follows with the Estimates for preceding year:—

	1873-74.	1874-75.
Army Estimates	14,416,100	14,485,300
Navy Estimates	9,899,725	10,179,485
Civil Service Estimates	11,593,014	11,286,978
Revenue Department (cost of collection and postal service)	7,451,103	7,513,683
Total	43,359,942	43,465,446

The total for 1874-75 is £105,504 more than in 1873-74. It is estimated that on the Army account there will be Exchequer extra receipts in 1874-75 amounting to £1,191,500, reducing the net charge for Army services for that year to £13,293,800.

THE HOSPITAL FOR INCURABLES.—The 18th anniversary of this institution was held last evening at the London Tavern. Lord George Hamilton, M.P., presided, and the company included Mr. J. D. Allcroft, the Rev. W. P. Pearce, Mr. Alderman Ellis, Mr. Thomas Kelsey, the Rev. T. W. Aveling, the Rev. Herbert Williams, Mr. George Norbury, the Rev. E. J. Rogers, and Mr. C. W. C. Hutton. The Royal Hospital for Incurables, situate at West-hill, Putney Heath, was founded in the year 1854, for the relief, during the remainder of life, of persons above the pauper class suffering from incurable maladies, and thereby disqualified for the duties of life. In this respect the institution differs essentially from ordinary hospitals, as its action only commences where theirs necessarily ceases. For persons needing a home an asylum is provided; medical attendance, nursing, and domestic comforts are supplied; and an endeavour is made to alleviate suffering, and to cheer the life from which health has departed. To persons having a home, but without the means of support, a pension of £20 a year is granted. Since its foundation, in 1854, elections had been held twice a year, and at the present time there were 151 inmates and 319 pensioners. This might seem a large number of people for a single charity to support, but the fact was that at the present moment there were no fewer than 200 candidates waiting to participate in the advantages either of the hospital or of the pensions. The cost of maintaining a hospital for incurables was necessarily higher than that of ordinary hospitals. The balance-sheet of the past year showed that nearly £16,000 was expended in maintaining the hospital and in granting pensions. These annual meetings of the friends of the institution were held, not merely to express sympathy with the object of the hospital, but in order to collect subscriptions for its support. The noble Chairman's appeal was followed by an announcement by the secretary (Mr. Frederic Andrew) of subscriptions amounting in the ag-

gregate to £2,000: The proceedings of the evening were enlivened by the performance of a selection of vocal music, under the direction of Mr. T. Baxter.

Deputy Stapleton has given notice of his intention to propose the following resolution at the next meeting of the Court of Common Council:—"That the honorary freedom of the City of London, with a sword of the value of 150 guineas, be presented to Major-General Sir Garnet Joseph Wolseley, C.B., K.C.M.G., in recognition of his gallant services in the British army, and especially in reference to the distinguished ability and gallantry displayed by him in his command of the expeditionary force to the Gold Coast, by which he destroyed the power of the Ashantee nation and obtained results conducive to peace, commerce, and civilization on the continent of Africa. And this Court desires also to record its admiration of the patient endurance of hardship exhibited, and the valuable co-operation and assistance rendered to Sir Garnet Wolseley by Captain Glover and Commodore Hewett, and the gallant men of both services and of all arms engaged in the expedition."

Original Correspondence.

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

THE OLD MELROSE LODGE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Various brethren having expressed themselves in connection with this subject in your columns, I may say that I also was thinking of taking part in it. It so happens however, that Bro. Stratford and others have opened up the subject in the Glasgow daily papers, and in said papers special reference was made to what has been said in your own columns upon the subject. I took the liberty to reply to what your correspondents said, and in order that none of them may say that I have attacked them unknowingly, I beg to append a copy of my remarks, and if I am wrong in any point I am quite open to correction.

I am, Yours fraternally,
MASONICUS.

Glasgow, March 24.

FATHER MELROSE AND MOTHER KILWINNING.
To the Editor of the North British Daily Mail.

Sir,—Perhaps you will allow me to say a few words in reply to the remarks of "Fraternal Justice" and of Mr. Stratford, R.W.M., of Melrose St. John's, No. 1, and as they are both upon the same side, what does for one will serve for both. Mr. Stratford in closing, particularly recommended me to read "Masonic Relics," in *The Freemason* of March 7th, &c. Well, I did so, and must confess that I laughed heartily over them; my mirth, however, was not unmingled with sadness, for it was simply the old story over again. A brother who knows little or nothing of the subject rushes boldly into the forefront of the battle, ready and able, as he supposes, to carry everything before him; but, poor man, he will soon find that the weapons he wields are now of little real value. To come forward now with a recapitulation of the mushroom legends promulgated in connection with Melrose and Kilwinning, simply proves that the credulity of the writer is far in excess of his knowledge. To say as much as that Melrose is the Adam of Scottish Freemasonry, while Kilwinning is its Eve, is certainly most amusing. In this case, too, they tell us that the Masonic Adam was four years older than his Eve, and, ergo, he is, of course, entitled to precedence. To speak more plainly, I may mention that the Melrose legend tells us that the Melrose lodge was instituted at the building of Melrose Abbey in A.D. 1136, four years, we are told, before the Kilwinning Lodge, which they say was first established at the building of Kilwinning Abbey (in A.D. 1140), with one John Murdo at its head as their Grand Master *pro tem*. In proof of this, the Melrose Masons point to the extant ruins of their old abbey, which ruins they say are what remains of the structure erected in 1136. Upon examining the ruins, however, and

also their contemporary history, we find that they tell a very different story. Instead of being built in 1136, the standing portions actually say that they were not placed *in situ* before the fourteenth century, and, instead of John Murdo either living in 1136, or being "Grand Master" then, we find upon perusing the bit of autobiography written by himself upon the old abbey stones still extant, that he was living about the year 1400 A.D., and earnestly engaged superintending certain repairs then going on. We also find that, instead of placing Melrose in the first place on the roll of his operative Masonic charges, he actually puts it third, and *after* Glasgow! So, Bro. Stratford, "Fraternal Justice," and "An English, French, and Scottish Mason," what do you think of that? I dare say that may be "more light" to you, and as good as an extra degree! In case you don't believe me, however, I shall quote Mr. Murdo's own words. He says:—

"John Morow sum tym callit was I,
And born in Paris certainly,
And had in keeping all Mason werk
Of St Andrews the high kirk,
Of Glasgu, Melrose, and Paislay,
Of Nyddysdale and of Galway.
† Pray to God and Mary baith
And sweet Sanct John tae keep this haly
kirk fra skaith."

I think I need hardly say more to show how entirely inconsistent the Melrose legend is with fact; and seeing, as I said, that Murdo placed Melrose after Glasgow in the fourteenth century, the Grand Lodge of Scotland may perhaps follow suit and place it after it in the nineteenth, and as Glasgow St. John's is No. 3 bis, Melrose might manage to get No. 3 ter. Then as to bouncing about the grand working of this Melrose Lodge, I should like to know when and where it got hold of the ceremonies it now practises? In my opinion it did not know anything of them until after the institution of the Grand Lodge of Scotland in 1736; and when it did get them, it was only by copying them from the working of some of the other lodges. Further, it has struck me that the reason why the Melrose Lodge did not join in forming the Grand Lodge of Scotland in 1736 was because it was then dormant. If I be wrong in this latter point, I shall be happy to acknowledge it upon proper proof shown. And if the Melrose Masons really wish to set themselves right with the public, let them accept such an offer as that made by one of the first Masonic historians in the world—Bro. W. J. Hoghan, of Truro—who, in the *Freemason* for February 1st 1874, offers to pay the expense of an examination into their records. If they have any old minute books, &c., the sooner they send them to him the better. If, however, they think Truro too far away, perhaps our Scottish Masonic historian—Bro. D. Murray Lyon—might be induced to examine them. In regard to the question of the propriety of the members of lodge under the Grand Lodge of Scotland visiting the Melrose Lodges, the following words, contained in the *Freemason* for March 7th, to which Mr. Stratford referred me, support what I said, viz. "The authority of the Grand Lodge of Scotland is unquestionable over the lodges which unite to form it, and over the new lodges to which has granted charters." Now, if such be the case, as I think it is, the members of lodge under the Grand Lodge of Scotland have a right to violate their obligations and disobey the proper orders of their Grand Lodge. That some—possibly in ignorance—may do so does not prove it to be right. There are many thieves in the country, e.g., but that simple fact is no proof that stealing is either lawful or expedient.—am, &c.,

MASONICUS.

March 21st.

MASONIC LITERATURE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I see in this day's *Freemason* which is a covert "rap" at the ... continue taking in the ... not one of those ... ness say ...

thinking that one reason why brethren are discontinuing the *Freemason* is the direct discouragement to be a regular subscriber, which is to be found in the fact that while single numbers are only 2d., the annual charge is 10s. There might be more inducement to subscribe, if it were cheaper to do so, than to send for it week by week.

I am fraternally yours,
J. ALLEN JONES.

March 28, 1874.

MR. CUFFE.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,

There have been several letters in *The Freemason*, saying that notice ought to be taken of Mr. Cuffe's refusal to bury a Freemason. I am surprised that the Freemasons of Chatham have not met, and officially, as a body, presented a memorial to the commanding officer of the deceased, requesting them to communicate with the proper authorities.

May we hope that this may be done without further delay? Such a scandalous piece of business ought not to be allowed to be passed over in silence by the Masonic body.

Yours fraternally,
P. M.

EARLY GRAND ENCAMPMENT IN SCOTLAND.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have read the letter of "Fiat Justitia," page 163. While I do not intend to defend either Bro. Barrow or the P.G.L. of Glasgow, as I do not doubt they are able to do that for themselves, in justice to the St. Mungo Encampment of Knights Templar, I must correct two or three errors, into which your correspondent F.J. has fallen.

1st. There is no R.A. Chapter acting under the Superior Chapter General of Knights Templar for Scotland, 2nd. Nor any R.A. Chapter that has recently joined that body. There was a body of Knights Templar called the Girvan Encampment, who eighteen months ago joined the Grand Body of Knight Templars for Scotland, and are now known as the St. Mungo. 3rd. Brother Barrow is not now and never was a member either of the Girvan or St. Mungo Encampments, and there is only one member of the P.G.L. who is a member of our Encampment.

This much in correction of what I have no doubt are unintentional errors. Bro. Barrow was a member of the old Glasgow Priory, which has been dormant for some years, but I believe as now no official position in the Knight Templar body.

In conclusion I would ask the members of the early Grand Encampments in Scotland if they would not further the grand interests of Templary in general, if they were to join the Grand body, as union is strength, and they would doubtless be received with open arms, as we are. By adopting this course they would not give up their individual organisation, possibly they would be no better Templars, but they could be recognised in all quarters of the globe, instead as now being isolated and unrecognised. I can in any way contribute towards this desirable result I shall be glad to render any aid in my power.

Yours fraternally,
G. W. WHEELER.

Secy. St. Mungo Encampment of K. T.

SPEECH OF BRO. J. C. PARKINSON, D.P.G. MASTER, MIDDLESEX.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Referring to the very able speech of Bro. Parkinson, reported in *The Freemason* of the 1st inst., I would observe that Bro. Parkinson is quite right in presuming that the 56 Peers, 11 of Peers, and the 77 members of the new use of Commons whose names are given in lists are not all the Freemasons comprised under those heads, and in support of this view would mention the names of two members of the One All Lodge, 330, Bodmin. The Honourable Agar Roberts, the eldest son of a Peer, and the

Honourable F. Leveson-Gower, M.P., for Bodmin, also Colonel Deakin, M.P. for Lancaster and H. T. Cole, 26 M.P. for Falmouth.

It is also worthy of notice that of the thirteen M.P.'s for Cornwall, six of that number are members of the Craft, one of whom, Sir F. M. Williams, M.P. for Truro, is the D.P.G.M. for Cornwall.

I also venture to correct Bro. Parkinson's description of the Provincial Grand Master of Cornwall, the Right Honourable the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, who appears in his list as a Past Master.

I am Sir, yours fraternally,
RICHARD RICH, P.M.
Hon. Sec. One and All Lodge, 330, Bodmin.

Reviews.

The Freemason. New York and St. Louis.

We are always glad to welcome our Trans-Atlantic contemporaries, and have been more than once deeply impressed with the size and character of *The Freemason*, our good American cousin. It does not only "look large" in the distance, like some periodicals, but it is undoubtedly one of the largest extant.

It has some little amiable peculiarities, however, we feel bound to notice in all fraternal good-will.

Bro. McCalla gives us the following amusing story in *The Keystone*, of March 7th, which we think well to submit to our readers to-day:—

"Rev. George Hunt recently removed from Chatham, Ontario, and settled down at Pine Lake in the wilds of Michigan. The circumstance would hardly be worth mentioning, perhaps, if, in the hurry and confusion of starting, he had not made the ludicrous mistake of taking along Mr. Walter Robinson's wife and children, instead of his own."

Now our worthy Brother, the editor of *The Freemason*, St. Louis, has committed a somewhat similar mistake, though in a very different way.

In *The Freemason* of March he has, no doubt in a very great hurry, adopted the monthly summary of the *Masonic Magazine*, and made it peacefully his own.

Reading the *Freemason* at St. Louis the writer of the original summary would probably himself not know his own production, so cleverly is it broken up into separate paragraphs with an air of originality about it, which reflects the highest credit on editorial skill and arrangement. Will our good brother be offended if we ask him, the next time he so sympathetically adopts and adapts our little bantlings (to which he is heartily welcome all the same), not any more—we feel sure he won't—to leave their real poor, old legitimate father out in the cold.—[The Editor "*Masonic Magazine*."]]

Multum in Parvo, or Masonic Notes and Queries.

MASONIC RELICS (Page 165).

I am glad to find G.W.W. so far agrees with me, that a union of the Melrose Masons and the Grand Lodge would be best, but I cannot allow his own words, "An unrecognised assembly working without a charter or other authority from the Grand Lodge of Scotland," to pass without again taking exception to such words being used. The question is, are they or are they not recognised? It is the fact they are recognised all over the world, except in Scotland, and a fact also that lodges holding charters from the Grand Lodge of Scotland in foreign countries admit them as visitors, and often affiliate them. This makes it very plain that they are recognised. As to the Melrose Lodge sanctioning the erecting of daughter lodges they have as good, and as legal a right as the Grand Lodge of Scotland; if you come to the legal question, it has been said in an opinion of counsel that the Grand Lodge of Scotland had no right after a certain date to issue charters for the erection of new lodges. Besides the Melrose Lodge are only doing that which the Mother Kilwinning,

No. 0, did many years ago; Mother Kilwinning at one time issued charters to daughter lodges, and the Melrose Lodge are only following a practice which was in use long ago, thus shewing everything they have done is founded on an ancient Masonic practice.

A. E. F. and S. MASON.

ITALIAN FREEMASONRY.

From the "Eco del Tirreno" of 31st January, 1874, we publish by request the following resolution of the lodge, Anziam Virtuosi all'Or. de Livorno, under the auspices of the Supreme Counsel G.O. of Italy, sitting in Palermo.

Whereas Freemasonry is an essentially philanthropic, philosophical, and progressive institution, and its fundamental basis is the existence of God, the immortality of the soul, the exercise of beneficence, the study of morality, and the practice of virtue. That its watchword is bound in this, "Liberty, Equality, Brotherhood."

Considering that from the very first of its exalted sphere, Freemasonry requires that its watchword be made good and respected by all its members, so that it admits of no discussion of political and religious questions, and only entertains those having a truly humanitarian object in view. Considering that genuine and orthodox Freemasonry looks upon the "Internationale" as a purely class and very hurtful sect.

That the duty of Freemasonry is to enlighten the masses.

And whereas the "Internationale" urges the "abolition of property," which it considers as a theft.

That it desires to destroy the institution of the "family," and to proclaim the "annihilation" of human individuality.

Thus, in admitting such a theory, Liberty, viz., the very essence of true mankind, so that merit and demerit would be no more; reason would be destroyed, and mankind would be reduced to a mere instinct state, thus could only be considered as a brute.

Considering that by abolishing "property" destroying the "family" and "Liberty," the "Internationale" would create the worst of tyrannies, since it would affect or endeavour to affect the substance of all action, would do away with every incitement to work and produce, viz., personal interest and the love of the family.

Whereas by building up its principles into a system, the "Internationale" forbids all religious worship, and yet religion is a powerful lever and motive agent, and acts with energy on the heart of man, urging him to good actions.

Considering that said society by no means favours "Equality," since instead of the just principle to each according to his merit, it substitutes the unjust one, to each according to his need, and thereby idleness and vice alone would be encouraged, and honest labour and virtue degraded.

And whereas by carrying out its theories it would overturn the sublime principles of "Universal Brotherhood."

The Lodge Areopago Capitolare Anziam Virtuosi, all'Or. of Leghorn, true to its standard of blue, the only real one of universal Freemasonry, inasmuch as it maintains its allegiance to the Sup. Coun. in Palermo, professing the Scotch Rite Anc. and Acc.

Insisting as it does upon the sanctity and inviolable nature of oaths which are binding; not departing from what is prescribed in its gen. and spec. regulations, in fact keeping within the sphere of the truths advanced by universal Freemasonry, after a long and well-weighed discussion of the doctrines of the "Internationale," which are contrary to the real and fundamental principles of Freemasonry, the object and principles of which would be destroyed by the former.

Having seen and carefully considered the Statutes of the "Internationale,"

Also the articles of the "Gazzetta d'Italia," of 28th September, and 3rd October last.

Also Art. 3, secs. 320 and 321 of the Gen. Statutes of Scotch Freemasonry;

During its ordinary meeting of 28th January, 1874, unanimously

RESOLVES:—

1. To reject, and as not applicable to itself or its rite, the contents of the aforesaid articles of the "Gazetta d'Italia."

2. That it neither desires to, nor can have any bond or intercourse with, the "Internationale Society," but in fact must energetically protest against, and oppose the principles of the same.

3. That the doctrines advanced by said Society are subversive of family and social order.

4. That were the principles of the "Internationale Society" realised, the great Masonic watchwords, Liberty, Equality, Brotherhood, would be destroyed.

5. To make use of the weapons allowed by genuine Freemasonry in order to prevent the development of those dangerous principles.

6. Lastly that the only weapons of Freemasonry are those of enlightened reason, instruction, good example, and to preach unto all, love, labour, brotherhood, and unity among mankind.

Given at the lodge, Areopagoe Capitolare Anziani Virtuosi, this 28th day of January, 1874, E.V.

(Signatures follow).

YORKSHIRE (NORTH AND EAST).

The Installation of the Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland as Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of the North and East Ridings of Yorkshire, will take place at the City of York, under the auspices of the York Lodge, No. 236, on Thursday, the 9th, inst. next, when the favour of your attendance is requested. The ceremony of installation will be performed by the M.W. Grand Master of England, the Marquess of Ripon, K.G., &c. The York Lodge will be opened at the Guildhall, at twelve o'clock, and the Prov. Grand Lodge at half-past twelve. After the installation, the Brethren will walk in procession to the Cathedral, where a special service will be held at 2.30, and a sermon preached by the Rev. H. W. Kemp, B.A., P.P.G. Chaplain, and a collection made in aid of the funds of the York Dispensary. A collation will be provided at the Festival Concert-room, at four o'clock: Tickets 5s. each, application for which, it is particularly requested may be made before the 3rd April, to Bro. John Todd, P.M. 76, Petergate, York.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, April 10, 1874.

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

Saturday, April 4.

General Committee, Boys' School, at 4.
Manchester Lodge of Instruction (179), Yorkshire Grey, 77, London-street, Fitzroy-square, at 8; Bro. H. Ash, Preceptor.
Lily Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, Surrey.
Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. G. Dilley, Preceptor.

Monday, April 6.

Lodge 12, Fortitude and Old Cumberland, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 69, Unity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-st.
" 73, Royal Jubilee, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-st.
" 144, St. Luke's, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue.
" 188, Joppa, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.
" 236, Unions, Freemasons' Hall.
" 239, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1412, La Iberia, Hill-road, St. John's Wood.
Chap. 28, Old Kings' Arms, Freemasons' Hall.
Knight Templar Preceptory, 128, Oxford and Cambridge University, 33, Golden-square.
Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction (1445), Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland, at 7; Bro. T. Austin, Preceptor.
Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.
Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.
Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern, Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gottlieb, Preceptor.
British Oak Lodge of Instruction, Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.

St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street (opposite the Pantheon), Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.
Wellington Lodge of Instruction, White Swan Tavern, Deptford, at 8; Bro. C. G. Dilley, P.M. 1155, Preceptor.

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

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

Metropolitan Mark Lodge of Instruction, Coach and Horses Hotel, 323, Strand, at 8.

Tuesday, April 7.

Colonial Board at 3.
Lodge 7, Royal York Lodge of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall.

" 9, Albion, Freemasons' Hall.

" 18, Old Dundee, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-st.

" 101, Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

" 765, St. James's, Bridge House Hotel, London-bridge.

" 1257, Grosvenor, Caledonian Hotel, Adelphi.

" 1259, Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tavern, Commercial-road.

" 1261, Golden Rule, Hotel Royal, Regent-st.

" 1298, Royal Standard, Marquess Tavern, Canonbury.

" 1310, Harrow, Railway Tavern, Harrow.

" 1381, Kennington, Surrey Tavern, Kennington-oval.

" 1397, Anerley, Thicket Hotel, Anerley.

Chap. 145, Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall.

" 169, Temperance, White Swan Tavern, Deptford.

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

Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tavern, Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 8.

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

Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Lord's Hotel, Lord's Cricket Ground, St. John's-wood, at 8; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.

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

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st., Within, at 7.30; Bro. Bolton, W.M. 1237, Preceptor.

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

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

Wednesday, April 8.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

Lodge 3, Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall.

" 11, Enoch, Freemasons' Hall.

" 13, Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, William-st. Woolwich.

" 15, Kent, Freemasons' Hall.

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

" 147, Justice, White Swan, High-st. Deptford.

" 238, Pilgrim, Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street.

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

" 781, Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Bardett-road, Limehouse.

" 820, Lily of Richmond, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond.

" 1017, Montefiore, Freemasons' Hall.

" 1260, Hervey, Swan Hotel, Walham-green.

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

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

Rose Croix Chap. Grand Metropolitan, Freemasons' Tavern.

Southwark Lodge of Instruction, (879), Southwark Park Tavern, Southwark Park, at 8; Bro. Charles William Kent, Preceptor.

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

United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.

Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30.

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

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

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.

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

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

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

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

Finbury Park Lodge of Instruction (1288), Finbury Park Tavern, Seven Stars-road, N., at 8; Bro. P. Dickinson, Acting Preceptor.

Union Club of Instruction (day meetings), Windsor Castle, Victoria Station, Piccadilly, from 2 till 4 p.m.

Great City Lodge of Instruction, 33, Gunter-lane, at 6.30. Bro. T. Poore, W.M. 730, Preceptor.

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

United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
Whittington Lodge of Instruction (864), Crown Tavern, Holborn, at 8; Bro. Lewis Alexander, P.M. 18 Preceptor.

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

Highgate Lodge of Instruction (1366), Bull and Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.

Thursday, April 9.

Freemasons' Ball, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st. (See advertisement.)

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

" 91, Regularity, Freemasons' Hall.

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

" 263, Bank of England, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.

" 534, Polish National, Freemasons' Hall.

" 657, Canonbury, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.

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

" 1076, Capper, Marine Hotel, Victoria Dock.

" 1216, Macdonald, Head Quarters, 1st, Surrey Rifle Camberwell.

Chap. 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, London-bridge.

" 140, St. George's, Globe Tavern, Royal-hill, Greenwich.

" 657, Canonbury, Masons' Arms, Masons' Avenue.

Knight Templar Preceptory, 117, New Temple, the Inner Temple.

Friday, April 10.

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

" 157, Bedford, Freemasons' Hall.

Chap. 33, Britannic, Freemasons' Hall.

Rose Croix Chapter, Mount Calvary, Freemasons' Tavern.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 8.

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

St. George's Lodge of Instruction (140), Globe Tavern, Royal-hill, Greenwich.

Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st. Regent-st., at 8.

Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, (749), Coach and Horse Strand, at 8; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.

Stability Lodge of Instruction (217), Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st., at 6 p.m.; Bro. H. Muggidge, Preceptor.

Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.

Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M. Freemasons' Hall, at 7.

Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tavern, Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.

Burdett Coats Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park, at 8; Bro. G. W. Verry, Preceptor.

Clapton Lodge of Instruction, White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., Preceptor.

Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1298), the Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. W. F. Rogers, Preceptor.

Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-road, at 8; Comp. W. West Smith, Preceptor.

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

Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Bro. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.

United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Antelope Tavern, Lorn-road, Brixton, at 7.

St. James's Lodge of Instruction, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-road, Bermondsey, at 8; Bro. Howes, P.M. Preceptor.

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

Doric Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8.

Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8; Bro. P. M. Wuest, Preceptor.

St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Rose Tavern, Fulham-road, S.W.

Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.

High Cross Lodge of Instruction (754), Coach and Horse Tavern, High Road, Tottenham, at 8.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE & CHESHIRE,

For the Week ending Saturday, April 11, 1874.

Monday, April 6.

Lodge 113, Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Assembly Row, Preston.

" 1051, Rowley, Masonic Rooms, Lancaster.

" 1380, Skelmersdale, Waterloo, near Liverpool, & Skelmersdale Red Cross Conclave, 77, Masonic Ten Liverpool, at 6.

Everton Lodge of Instruction (823), Masonic Ten Liverpool, at 7.30.

Tuesday, April 7.

Lodge 128, Antiquity, Royal Hotel, Wigan, at 6.30.

" 905, Pursons, Masonic Temple, Uxbridge.

" 1384, Equity, Walker's Commercial Hotel, Widness, Warrington, at 7.

Chap. 205, St. John of Wapping, Warrington, at 7.30.

Mark Lodge, No. 161, Walton, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool, at 6.
 Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), Park-lane, Liverpool, at 7.

Wednesday, April 8.

Lodge 381, Fortitude, Athenæum, Lancaster.
 " 1052, Callender, Public Hall, Rusholme.
 " 1094, Temple, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 1350, De Grey and Ripon, 140, North Hill-street, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 6.
 Chap. 673, St. John's, 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 8.
 Neptune Lodge of Instruction (1264), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 7.

Thursday, April 9.

Lodge 333, Royal Preston, Victoria Garrison Hotel, Fulwood, near Preston.
 " 786, Cruxth United Service, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 1035, Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, at 6.
 " 1113, Bridgewater, Cross Keys Hotel, Patricroft, near Manchester.

Mariners' Lodge of Instruction (249), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 8.
 Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction (1182), 150, Park-lane, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 7.

Friday, April 10.

Lodge 1289, Rock, Rock Ferry Hotel, Rock Ferry, at 6.
 " 155, Perseverance, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW.

For the week ending Saturday, April 11, 1874.
 All the Meetings take place at 8 o'clock.

Monday, April 6.

Lodge 332, Union, 170, Buchanan-street.
 " 129, St. Mirren, St. Mirren's Hall, Paisley.
 Chap. 119, Rosslyn, Freemasons' Hall, 25, Robertson-street.

Tuesday, April 7.

Lodge 11, St. John, St. John's Hall, Buchanan-st.
 " 73, Thistle and Rose, 170 Buchanan-st.
 " 77, Thistle, 213, Buchanan-st.
 " 437, Govanvale, Portland Hall, Govan.
 " 370, Renfrew Kilwinning, Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Paisley.

Wednesday, April 8.

Lodge 178, Scotia, 170, Buchanan-st.
 " 333, St. George, 213, Buchanan-st.
 " 510, Maryhill, 167, Main-street, Maryhill.

Thursday, April 9.

Lodge 30, Glasgow, 213, Buchanan-st.

Friday, April 10.

Lodge 144, St. Rolox, Freemasons' Hall, Garngad-road.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH.

For the Week ending Saturday, April 11, 1874.

Monday, April 6.

Lodge 479, St. Kentigern, Royal Hotel, Penicuik, at 8.

Tuesday, April 7.

Lodge 5, Canongate and Leith, 83, Constitution-street, Leith, at 8.
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Thursday, April 9.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

KENT LODGE (No. 15).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held at Freemasons Hall, on Wednesday, the 11th ult., Bro. E. P. Barlow, W.M., in the chair, assisted by his Wardens, Bros. Martin and Giles. The minutes of the former meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. J. Goldberg was duly entrusted and the lodge opened in ancient form in the second degree, when Bro. J. Goldberg was regularly introduced and passed to the degree of F.C. The lodge was opened in ancient form in the third degree, when a board of Installed Masters was formed, consisting of Bros. J. Steeman, P.M. 15; R. E. Barnes, P.M. 15; W. P. Dukes, P.M. 15; J. P. May, P.M. 15; J. Austin, P.M. 1445; Howe, W.M., 1245; B. Portsmouth, P.P.G.D. Hants; Palmer, P.M. 1221; Chillingworth, P.M. 1228; Owens, W.M. 1336; who according to ancient custom, installed Bro. Henry Martin to the chair of the above lodge. The duties of the Board of Installed Masters was declared to be concluded and the lodge resumed in third degree. The W.M. then appointed and invested the following brethren to the offices annexed to their names, viz.:—Bros. J. Giles, S.W.; J. Pinder, J.W.; Steeman, P.M., Treasurer; E. E. Barnes, P.M., Hon. Sec.; Wharman, S.D.; Cambridge, J.D.; Weingott, I.G.; Goldberg, D.C.; Higginson, Steward; and Beckett, Tyler. The ceremony of installation was admirably performed by Bro. E. P. Barlow, whose excellent working evinced the assiduity and perseverance bestowed in acquiring the duties of the office, when it was unanimously resolved, "that the best thanks of the lodge be given to Bro. E. P. Barlow for the very efficient manner in which he discharged the duties of Installing Master, and that the same be recorded on the minutes. All business being concluded, the lodge was closed in ancient form, and the brethren adjourned to be banquet. The usual loyal toasts being given and responded to, Bro. E. P. Barlow, proposed "The Health of the W.M., Bro. H. Martin." He observed that the lodge had occasion to be delighted with the selection they had made in the choice of a Master to preside over them; his efficiency in the discharge of his duties was redoubtable in the highest degree; his punctuality of attendance, and the zeal he at all times manifested for the welfare of the lodge, and his courtesy to every member, was such as to merit their warmest approbation. Bro. Martin, in reply, assured the brethren he felt highly honored with the encomiums passed on him. As Master of the Lodge he would endeavour to promote its welfare, and during his term of office would use his utmost energies both in and out of the lodge to merit the continuance of the esteem evinced towards him. The W.M. then exhorted the brethren that he had a most important duty to perform, that of presenting to the highly esteemed Past Master, Bro. Barlow, "M's jewel, unanimously voted at the last meeting. It was to him (the W.M.) a source of great gratification that the opportunity afforded him of presenting the same. He assured it would be highly prized. The following is a copy of the inscription: "Presented by the Kent Lodge, No. 15, to Bro. E. P. Barlow, P.M., to mark the high esteem entered towards him, and the very efficient manner in which he discharged the duties of W.M., 1874." Bro. Barlow in reply assured the brethren of his truly fraternal feeling for the

sincere manner in which this mark of respect had been evinced towards him, and would at all times use his utmost endeavours to promote the interest and prosperity of the lodge. The "Health of the Past Masters," was given and severally responded to. The "Visitors" was given, the W.M. remarking that Masons never lacked hospitality, and as a rule always welcomed visitors. There were many visitors present on this occasion, and he hoped what they had seen would induce them again to visit the Kent Lodge. The toast was responded to by Bros. Portsmouth, Sexton, and Howe. The "Officers of the Lodge" was the next toast, which was replied to by the respective officers, the brethren having enjoyed the evening with true Masonic spirit. The visitors were: Bros. Austin, Doric; Howe, Prince Leopold; Simms, Prince Leopold; Blackless, Royal Standard; Clark, Temple; Portsmouth, P.P.G.J.D., Haunts Oakley; Palmer, Crystal Palace; Hainsworth, Zetland; Rothschild, 1288; Roach, Gihon; Hill, 174; Chillingworth, Beacontree; Laxton, Beacontree; Dobbs, Beacontree; Owens, W.M. 1366; Sadler, S.W. 1366.

SHEERNESS-ON-SEA.—Adam's Lodge (No. 158).—The brethren of this old and flourishing lodge held their annual meeting under the direction of the W.M., Bro. George Beckwith, P.G. Supt. of Works of Kent, at the Britannia Inn, Mile Town, on the 19th of March, for the purpose of installing Bro. Alfred Oyston, the W.M. elect for the ensuing year. Having been presented by Bro. Bagshaw, P.M., to receive the benefit of installation, and having taken the customary obligations, a board of Installed Masters was formed, at which ten were present. He was then duly installed into the chair of K.S., in a most impressive, complete, and effective manner, by Bro. Alex. Spears, P.M., P.P.G.O. of Kent, who is highly beloved for his valuable Masonic abilities by the brethren of this lodge. The lodge being resumed, and the new W.M. saluted in the three degrees, he proceeded to appoint his officers as follows:—Bros. Thos. Firainger, S.W.; Sergeant-Major Thurlow, R.A., as J.W.; John Bagshaw, P.M., Sec.; Alex. Spears, P.M., Treas.; John Kelly, S.D.; J. P. Watts, J.D.; Jas. Nunn, I.G.; H. Foster, T.; and Wiggins, Steward. Among the brethren of which there were fifty present, we were happy to see the much respected late Secretary, Bro. James Townsend, P.M., who, through the infirmity of age, was compelled to give up that office, after doing that duty, with credit to himself and honour to the lodge, for the space of 28 years, for which the brethren have shown their appreciation of his valuable services with something more than empty thanks; also we noticed his son, Bro. S. L. Townsend, P.M., P.P.G.S.D. of Kent, after a very serious illness, but still unable to take any part in the ceremonies, to the great regret of the brethren. There were present, Bros. T. Hughes, P.M. 158; J. Carpenter, P.M. 158. Visitors, Bros. John Hancock, W.M. 1089; J. Nicholls, W.M., P.G.S. 1050; Chas. Andrews, I.P.M. 77; T. M. Rigg, W.M. elect 1089; S. Newton, W.M. elect 1050; G. H. Cust, J.W. 1050; and MacDonnell, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. of Kent, 1089; G. Penny, 1019; J. Hodges; H. G. Clarkson, 1082. The lodge was then closed in due form, with solemn prayer, after which the brethren assembled at the Masonic Hall, and sat down to a banquet of excellent quality, which did great credit to the widow of the late lamented Bro. J. Green, P.M., P.P.G.J.D. of Kent, which gave the most complete satisfaction to everyone present, of which there were about 60. After the cloth had been removed, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given by the W.M., in an impressive manner, which augurs well for him in carrying out the ceremonies of the Craft. The meeting was enlivened by several excellent songs and speeches by the brethren, who, after spending a happy evening together, parted in peace and harmony, happy to meet again.

LIVERPOOL.—Mariners' Lodge (No. 249).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 2nd inst., at the Masonic Temple, Liverpool, the chair of K.S. being occupied by Bro. J. J. Rose, W.M. The other officers present were—Bros. Hamer, P.P.G. Treas.; W. Crane, P.M.; J. Hayes, J.W.; J. R. Smith, P.M. Treas.; R. Collings, Sec.; H.

P. Price, S.D.; W. Hamilton, J.D.; H. W. Nicholas, I.G.; the Rev. P. Hains, Chaplain; W. G. Veale, Org.; G. Ramson, S.; W. Forster, S.; W. H. Ball, Tyler. Amongst the members present were—Bros. J. Wood, J. C. Robinson, R. R. Martin, F. Cooper, J. Chusnall, C. Leighton, and about thirty others. The visitors, who numbered about twenty, included Bros. F. Day, J.W., 1350; H. Williams, P.M., 1264; Cheedham, P.M. 220, and others. The W.M. during the evening initiated three candidates and raised four brethren in a very creditable manner, and the lodge was afterwards closed in peace and harmony.

LIVERPOOL.—Downshire Lodge (No. 594).—The "Old Downshire" as it is familiarly called, removed from the quarters it has hitherto occupied in Duke-street, Liverpool, on Thursday, the 26th inst., and for the first time met at the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, awaiting the opening of the new hall, where it will be permanently located. The removal would have excited more general interest, but for the fact that "all the world and his wife" were at the Aintree race-course, with the double object of getting fresh air and seeing the "Grand National." As it was, there was a very good attendance of members, and the proceedings were of the most interesting character. Bro. N. D. Rowse, W.M., was in his place, and the other officers present were—Bros. B. Ing, I.P.M.; Peter M. Larsen, P.M.; J. Dilcock, J.W.; R. P. France, S.D., (acting as J.W.); J. Le Comber, J.D.; J. H. Martin, I.G.; and W. G. Veale, Org. The members present were—Bros. J. L. Houghton, P. Askew, W. E. Cattell, W. Leatham, J. Scott, D. Quayle, R. Barber, A. Moreland, R. Mowatt, A. Rankin, W. J. Burden, W. L. Moss, Isaac de Freece, G. Maxwell, J. L. Jones, D. Boden, D. Macdonald, J. Long, A. Martin, J. Whitfield, L. Yates, J. Malcolm, S. G. May, R. Dunn, J. Harris, R. Maddox, J. Riding, and J. H. White. The list of visitors included the names of Bros. W. Pughe, I.P.M., 1182; C. H. Hill, P.G. Reg.; W. Westbury, S.D., 1035; F. Atkinson, 18; J. B. MacKenzie, 1182; J. Layton, 1035; R. Hulme, 673; W. Hugheson, 292; J. Parkes, 1182, &c. The minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, the W.M. proceeded to initiate four candidates into the mysteries and privileges of the Order, which he did in a very masterly and impressive style. The lodge was subsequently opened in the second and then in the third degree, when Bro. Larsen, P.M., raised two brethren to the sublime degree of M.M. in a very satisfactory manner. At the conclusion of the business about forty brethren sat down to a sumptuous supper, under the presidency of the W.M., who proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts in an exceedingly able manner. A very pleasant evening was varied and enhanced by several capital songs, and the first night of the "Downshire" at the "Temple" will long be remembered as one of the most enjoyable nature.

LODGE OF ST. JAMES (No. 765).—A meeting of the above well known lodge was held at the Bridge House, on Tuesday, the 7th inst. Bro. William Jones, W.M., in the chair. The minutes of the last lodge having been read, the W.M. proceeded to the passing of several brethren to the second degree, after which a ballot was taken for Mr. James Caton and Frederick H. Wilcock. The result being in their favour, they were then initiated, with Mr. Robert Watts, elected at the last meeting, into the mysteries of Freemasonry, by the W.M., with his well known ability. He then resigned his chair in favour of Bro. Montague Scott, P.M., the indefatigable Secretary of the lodge, for the purpose of installing Bro. Francis Child, which ceremony was performed in a manner that could not be surpassed in correctness, impressiveness, and elocution. Bro. Scott then presented a very handsome gold jewel to the outgoing W.M., which gave great satisfaction to the whole of the brethren, there being nearly 100 present, Bro. Jones being very popular, in consequence of the able manner in which he had performed the duties of the W.M. chair and the services he had rendered the lodge by introducing a considerable number of members, and leaving the chair with a balance of ninety pounds in hand, which will enable them to devote a con-

siderable amount to our noble charities. Some routine business having been transacted, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting hall, where a well spread board awaited them, under the personal superintendence of Bro. Spencer, which gave unqualified satisfaction to all present. The usual toasts were duly proposed and acknowledged, that of the visitors being acknowledged by Bro. Charles Horsley, P. Grand Registrar Middlesex, in one of his well known humorous speeches. We also noticed a considerable number of visitors. Bro. W. J. Howe, J. Spilling, S. D. Ewins, George Kenning, and others. The Tyler's toast concluded a very enjoyable evening.

ROYAL OAK LODGE (No. 871).—On Thursday, March 26th, at the White Swan Tavern, 217, High-street, Deptford, this lodge was held, Bro. George Andrews, W.M., presided. There were present during the evening Bros. S. A. Lewin, S.W.; H. J. Tuson, J.W.; W. Andrews, P.M., Treasurer; F. Walters, P.G. Steward, P.M., Sec.; J. J. Rakes, S.D.; J. Baxter Langley, I.G.; H. J. Dawe, M.C.; H. J. Fisher, Organist; W. Wyatt, P.M.; J. W. Reed, P.M.; E. Wood, W. A. R. Harris; H. M. Fellows, J. H. Tisdell, T. Harton, W. J. Pierce, E. C. Kilsby, W. H. Hawkins, J. Allen, L. J. Harvey, R. Stringer, W. Elgood, E. Good, L. Porter, F. G. Thomas, E. James, W. Atkins, F. R. Hood, H. Schartau, J. Wollett, R. Harman, A. Maeers. The visitors were Bros. J. G. Loughborough, 140; H. R. Harker, 79; J. Lawrence, 1326; J. Larking, 1326; R. G. Beaver, 700; J. S. Sweasey, S.D. 1423; A. J. Webley, 1423; W. A. Simmons, 1423, and others. The ballot was unanimous in favour of the admission of Bro. Rev. J. M. Vaughan, P.G. Chaplain, Middlesex, P.M. 907, to become a joining member. The work done was initiating Mr. A. Maeers, crafting Bros. W. J. Pierce, J. C. Craig, F. H. Burr, E. Wood, J. Larking, 1326; A. J. Webley, 1423. Raising J. H. Tisdell, W. Atkins, Josias Lawrence, 1326. The Worshipful Master, Bro. George Andrews, proved himself a proficient worker of all the ceremonies. He did them all in a perfect manner. It was a pleasure to all present to hear each ceremony worked correctly, impressively, and efficiently. He proved himself to be the right man in the right place. We congratulate the lodge on their having such a distinguished brother in the proud and enviable position of Worshipful Master. This being the first night of work since his installation it was the only time the brethren had an opportunity of seeing what their new W.M. could do in the way of work. He did it well, and proved himself a worthy successor of such good workers in the Craft as Bros. H. A. Collington, Dr. Dixon, F. Walters, G. Wilton, Dr. Scott and others, who have filled the chair. The lodge was closed. There was not any banquet or refreshment.

WILLIAM PRESTON LODGE (No. 766).—The regular March meeting of this lodge was held on the 26th ult., at the City Terminus Hotel, when there was a full attendance of members, and a long list of visitors. The W.M., Bro. William Worrell, presided, and initiated Messrs. G. H. Davies, E. B. Broomhall, and L. G. Reinhardt; passed Bros. Keen, Johnston, French, and Lyon; and raised Bros. S. Emley, and F. Ince. The brethren then adjourned to banquet, which was served up in admirable style. When it was disposed of, the loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and drunk, and the evening was passed very enjoyably. The following is a list of officers, lay members, and visitors present:—W. Worrell, W.M.; A. Brown, S.W.; J. Pringle, J.W.; Kain, P.M., Treas.; M. Newton, S.D.; G. Cragg, J.D.; E. Ascher, I.G.; G. Newman, P.M.; R. H. Whiteman, P.M.; Newton, P.M.; W. H. Harper, P.M.; B. Abbott, P.M.; J. A. Keen, J. French, H. F. Partridge, G. Smithers, W. J. Roberts, E. Kidman, C. R. Cutmore, A. E. Rees, F. Ince, W. Johnston, S. J. Emly, S. Wilkinson, R. Lyon, E. Draper, P. Steinmann, R. Avery, J. F. Hodey, C. Scott, S. D. Ewins. Visitors, Bros. W. H. Kempster, S.D. 1420; G. H. Lay, 569; W. Goodyear, P.M. 1365; C. Hammerton, P.M. 1339; G. Jackson, 435; J.

H. Broomfall, 569; W. Donne, 192; F. G. Baker, P.M. 753. The next regular meeting of the lodge will not be held until September.

SHEERNESS.—De Shurland Lodge (No. 1089).—The ancient and solemn ceremony of installing the newly elected W.M., Bro. T. M. Rigg, took place at the Local Board of Health Room (kindly lent), on Tuesday last, the 31st ultimo, at an adjourned meeting of the lodge. The installation ceremony was performed in an able and most impressive manner by Bro. MacDonald, P.M. 1089, P.P.G.D.C., who, in the masterly manner he acquitted himself evinced to the Craft that the tuition of our lamented Bro. Keddell, P.M. 158, P.P.G.S.W., P.Z., had not been lost on his pupil, who was honoured with a hearty vote of thanks. A very pleasing duty was performed by the outgoing W.M., Bro. Hancock, viz., presenting to Bro. Bourne a massive silver goblet (beautifully engraved by Mr. J. Highley), on behalf of the lodge, in recognition of the efficient manner he had performed his duties as Secretary. Bro. Bourne, in a very neat and effective speech acknowledged the kindness of the brethren for their gift, which he least expected. The newly installed W.M. selected and invested the following brethren to serve as his officers:—Bros. Hancock, I.P.M., P.G.S.; Ingleton, S.W.; Bourne, J.W.; Pannell, P.M. 1089, P.P.G.S. of W. was invested for Bro. Shrubsole, P.M. 158 and 1089, P.P.G.S. of W., elected Treasurer (who was absent); Bro. McDonald, P.M. 1089, P.P.G.D. of C., Secretary; Bro. West, P.M. 1089, M. of C.; Bro. Dutnall, S.D.; Bonney, J.D.; Sinclair, Org.; Clarkson, I.G.; Parsons, O.G. It is very pleasing to observe that never has there been seen at the De Shurland Lodge so large a display of the purple, and it was very gratifying to the newly-installed Master to be honoured by so many. Among the visitors we observed, Bros. A. Spencer, P.M. 1063, Malling Abbey, Prov. G.S.; G. Watson, P.M. "Gwendulph," Prov. G.R.; T. Townsend, P.M. 148, P.P.G.R.; Spears, P.M. 158, Sheerness, P.P.G.O.; H. Bathurst, P.M. 133, Harmony, Faversham, P.P.G.R.; W. Sage, P.M. 1063, Mulbery Abbey, and P.P.G.R. 703; Blakey, P.M. 1174, Pentangle, P.P.G.A. D.C.; Carpenter, P.M. 158, Adams; Kelly, S.D. 158; S.D. Adams; Roach, 158; Turner, 972, and 1449; Eastley, 184; Bross, 184; Nicholls, W.M. 1050, "Gwendulph;" D. Seabrook, P.M. 1174, P.P.G. J.C.; Burley, W.M. 184; Muggleton, J.W. 184; Harris, 1273, St. Michaels; Newton, W.M. elect 1040, Gwendulph, and several other brethren. The lodge being duly closed by the new officers, the brethren adjourned to the Fountain Hotel, there to partake of a splendid banquet, which had been provided by Bro. A. W. Howe, in that manner so peculiar to himself. After ample justice had been done to the good things provided, and the cloth removed, the usual Masonic toasts were given by the W.M. in a style that brought forward a telling speech from the Prov. Grand Sec., who congratulated the lodge on the sterling abilities he had noticed in the Master. This was supplemented by Bro. Page, who stated, that being over twenty years a member of the Craft, and accustomed as he was to visit meetings of the kind, he confessed he never during his long experience was more gratified (and he expressed the feelings of many if not all of the brethren present), at the proceedings of the day, and argued that the W.M. in his selection of officers he had made would tend greatly to cement those characteristics that were so prominent in members of the Craft, characteristics which most eloquently propounded by Bro. the Rev. R. Palmer (Rector of Queenboro), Chaplain of St. Michael's, 1273, and hon. member of De Shurland. Bro. Sinclair presided in a most efficient manner at the harmonium. The brethren separated at nine o'clock, after spending a very pleasant day, the visiting brethren from the several lodges in the province, giving the Sheerness brethren a hearty invitation to attend their respective festivals.

HERVEY LODGE (No. 1260).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday afternoon, at Freemasons' Hall. At the commencement of the business, Bro. G. King, jun., W.M., raised Bro. E. C. Axford to the third degree, and passed Bros. Foss, Spalding, and Bed-

ford to the second degree: He then initiated Mr. T. W. Kingcombe in the earliest mysteries of the Order. After the report of the Audit Committee had been received, read, and adopted Bro. King proceeded, with great fluency, to install Bro. C. Darby as W.M. of the Hervey Lodge for the year 1874-5. The brethren having been admitted, and the W.M. saluted in the different degrees, he then proceeded to appoint his officers as follows—Bros. T. R. Maples S.W.; Harrison, J.W., D. Hogg, P.M., Treas. G. King, jun., P.M., Sec.; H. Hollingsworth P.M., S.D.; W. Ryan, J.D.; W. Lowes, I.G. G. King, P.M., D.C.; Alfred Brummsden, W.S. J. T. Bigwood, Assistant W.S.; John Maples Org.; C. T. Speight, T. Bro. King, jun., was invested by the W.M. as I.P.M., who after the above office had been conferred on the brethren, delivered the charges to the W.M., Wardens and brethren. The W.M. then said, addressing the I.P.M., that the brethren were fully aware of the great difficulties he had had to surmount during the time he had occupied the chair; but he had surmounted them, and came out victorious. The brethren wished to mark their sense of his conduct by making him a suitable presentation on his leaving the chair. He had already a P.M. jewel, as a P.M. of the lodge, but the brethren thought it right to distinguish his second year of office by an additional gift. They, therefore, wished him to accept a bible, as a token of their appreciation of his services, and they had had inscribed in that volume the following sentence: "Presented to Bro. George King, jun., R.M., and one of founders of the Hervey Lodge, No. 1260, together with a silver P.M.'s jewel and collar, in appreciation of the ability and zeal shown by him in serving the office of W.M. of the lodge for the second time, 1873-4. April 8th, 1874." The W.M. in conclusion trusted that Bro. King might live long to be among the brethren, and when he should quit this life might this book be handed down to his posterity, his children and grandchildren, and great grand children, that they might see that in their family there was a King, who was victorious, and who had the appreciation of his brethren. Bro. King in reply said he could scarcely find words to express his gratitude for the great honour they had done him in making him this handsome present. It was true he had undertaken the duties of the chair for the second time, and that it was a very arduous task; but thanks to the co-operation and assistance of the brethren he saw around him, he had conducted the lodge to a successful end, for in vacating the chair he had been enabled to hand over to his successor the largest balance that there had yet been in the Hervey Lodge. That lodge had been a pet of his, and it was with great pleasure he assisted in making it overcome all obstacles. Now that they were located at Freemasons' Hall he was sure there was nothing but success before them in the future, and he hoped to live to see that success. He was much obliged to the W.M. for expressing that wish to be hoped that the "Lewises" alluded to by the W.M. would see that if a Mason had troubles to go through, he was yet appreciated by his brethren. The W.M. then gave notice of motion, that in consideration of the services of Bro. King, sen., to the lodge, he should be made an hon. member, with all the privileges of an ordinary member. Whenever any officer of the lodge had been absent, Bro. King was always ready to perform his duties, and in the Lodge of Instruction he had imparted knowledge which had been useful to them all. The J.W. said that when the motion came on, he should be happy to second it, because he felt that he owed his elevation to the instruction he had received from Bro. King. A vote of thanks was then passed unanimously to Bro. Jones, the late Treasurer, and the lodge was afterwards closed. The brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, provided by Bro. C. E. Francatelli. At the conclusion of the banquet, grace having been rendered the W.M. proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, dwelling more particularly on the great interest which the Prince of Wales took in the Craft. In proposing the health of the Past Grand Masters, he regretted the absence of Bro. Hervey, which was necessitated by his having to attend at the installation of the new lodge on the next day, as Prov. G.M. 1874.

Hogg replied as a P.G.D. Bro. G. King, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and in doing so said that the W.M. had worked very hard in the Craft, and all who had been present in the Lodge of Instruction when he went through the three degrees must have been delighted with his progress. The W.M. had carried in an excellent list as Steward for the Boys' School, and in all his capacities while a member of the lodge had shewn himself a worthy Mason. He could only wish that while a member of the lodge, the W.M. might witness the prosperity which he had been so great a means of promoting. The W.M., in reply, said it was very gratifying to him to receive such a welcome. He would do the best he could to promote the welfare of the lodge. He should always set a good example to the brethren, both whilst W.M., and P.M., and he hoped that example would be followed. He trusted that when his year of office was at an end, the brethren would acknowledge that he had done good for the lodge. "The Initiates," "The P.M.'s," "The Visitors," "The Officers," and "The Tyler's Toast," were afterwards given and the brethren separated after having spent a delightful evening. The brethren present were—Bros. G. King, jun.; G. King, C. Darby, T. R. Maples, H. Hollingsworth, C. E. Axford, J. T. Bigwood, W. Ryan, T. P. Bedford, E. J. Goddard, John Foss, jun.; J. T. Spalding, G. Vine, M. Lowes, J. R. Maples, A. Dains, and Dr. Jabez Hogg. The visitors were Bros. H. S. Hilairy, P.M., 251; H. E. S. Sanderson, 69; Jas. A. Gow, W.M. 807; S. Carrington, 1314; G. Simpson, 65; H. Massey, P.M. 619; W. Goodyer, P.M. 192; T. Holland, P.M. 172; and Seymour Smith. There was a capital selection of music performed during the evening, in which Bro. Seymour Smith took a principal part.

MILDM.—*Whitwell Lodge* (No. 1390).—The monthly meeting was held on Tuesday, March 17th, at the Masonic Rooms. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Thos. Dodgson, P.G.S.S.C. and W., and P.M. 995. The minutes of last regular lodge were read and duly confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Mr. George Corkhill, of East India Road, London, which proved favourable. Bro. Bell being a candidate for being passed to the second degree, the questions being answered satisfactorily, was entrusted and retired; Bro. Newton Pearson, P.M. 955 and P.G.P. West Lancashire, took the chair, and passed Bro. Bell to second degree. Bro. Dodgson was placed on the Charity Committee for this lodge at next P. G. meeting. Bro. Dodgson then assumed the chair, and it was unanimously carried that the lodge business be adjourned until June 16. There being no other business, the lodge was closed in due form with solemn prayer at 7 p.m.

INSTRUCTION.

STRONG MAN LODGE OF INSTRUCTION (No. 45) was held at St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, on Monday evening, March 23rd, Bro. Beckett, Preceptor, in the chair; Bro. Williams, W.; Saul, J.W.; Defriez, S.D.; Harty, J.D.; Rider, I.G.; Bro. Poona, (W.M. 720), W.M. 21. The lodge was opened in the three degrees, and Bro. Beckett worked the installation ceremony, at the termination of which Brother W.M. No. 45, (in the absence of P. M. 45; who had to retire only to catch his train) presented to Bro. Beckett in the name of the Strong Man Lodge and Charterhouse Club of Instruction with a cheque for £10, subscribed by the brethren, as a mark of appreciation for the willingness he has at all times shewn in instructing the brethren in their Masonic duties. Bro. Beckett made a very able reply. A vote of thanks to the Committee was given, and the evening to a close. The brethren were a few of the brethren who attended were—M. West, 548; Sickle, J. W. Urban; J. D. 45, P.M. Bently; Rider, Davies, Cook, Storey, Baldwin, Durham, Fox, Tolmie, Crawley, Sayer, Garbett, Walker, and others.

Scotland.

GLASGOW.—PROV. G. LODGE VISITATIONS. Monday, 16th ult., there was a large attendance of the members of the Union Lodge, 332, to

do honour to the W.M. Bro. J. B. McNair, the R.W.M., and his office-bearers, were highly complimented by Bro. Barrow, on the correctness of their work and the good state of their books. After the deputation had retired, the R.W.M. proceeded to pass five brethren to the Fellow Craft degree.

On Tuesday, 17th, St. John's Lodge, No. 3, was visited. This is the oldest lodge in the province, and they claim to be the oldest in the world; their traditions carry them back beyond the Old Melrose, Mary's Chapter, Mother Kilwinning, or even the ancient York Lodge in the days of Athelstan, but the historical proof is not complete. Still the P.G.M. was able to congratulate them, and prove that old age had not impaired their vigour, and that under Brother Fletcher, their present R.W.M., they are not likely to retrograde or stop in their progress. The Thistle, No. 87, was also visited. Brother Miller, R.W.M., was not so fortunate in securing so large a meeting, but the report of P.G.S. was complimentary to the lodge.

Wednesday, the 18th, the Caledonian Railway Lodge, 354, was visited. This lodge last year had the honour of having Bro. Walter Monguire Neilson, the P.G.M., in their chair, it is therefore not to be wondered at that Bro. Shaw, his successor, should do his best to make the visit pass off with eclat, in which he succeeded, as there was a full attendance of members, and a good number of visitors. The D.P.G.M. addressed them at some length on the present aspect of Masonic affairs in the province.

On Thursday the St. Mungo Lodge, No. 27, received them under the presidency of their new R.W.M., Bro. Dugald Butler, the I.P.M., Bro. G. Sinclair, being one of the provincial deputations. The books kept by Bro. Pattison, the Secretary, were declared to be in perfect order, and after the official visit was over, the lodge was called from labour to refreshment, when with song, toast, and sentiment, the brethren enjoyed themselves to the "wee short hours ayent the twal," the sons of St. Mungo delighting to do honour to their patron saint, who is also the titular saint of the city.

On Friday the Lodge Clyde, No. 408, was visited, when the hall was crowded, as in addition to their members and several visitors from other Glasgow lodges, there was a deputation of 37 members from Rutherglen, No. 247, headed by their R.W.M., his Wardens and principal office-bearers. The lodge was opened at 8 o'clock by Bro. D. Downie, R.W.M., assisted by Bro. J. Buchanan, P.M.; McGinons, S.W.; Belsand, J.W.; Harper, T.; J. Martin, Sec. On the dais, in addition to those named were G. W. Weston, R.W.M.; G. W. Wheeler, S. 73; and W. Bassett, 27. The Provincial Lodge were received with the customary honours. Bro. McTaggart, P.G.S., reported that he had never seen books better kept than those he had now inspected. The acting P.G.M., Bro. Barrow, said it afforded him great pleasure to visit a lodge when the P.G.S. was able to report a clean bill of health. These visitations were for a double purpose, to see what they had been doing in the past, and to give them counsel for the future. He was pleased to find so many visiting brethren there to-night, but that was a point on which it behoved them to be very cautious, and he hoped the lodge would follow the advice he had already given to other lodges he had visited, and not admit any one into the lodge room without producing their diplomas, unless they were personally known either to the Master or his Wardens. This caution was necessary, now, as they had in their midst several of what he could only designate as Bush Lodges, and spurious Masons who were trying to entrap the unwary. He had no sympathy with those parties, but he pitied the poor dupes whom they got to join them; many of these had heard of the benevolence of Masons, and they were justly proud of their benevolence, but if any of these poor dupes should ever require aid they could not get it from a regular recognised lodge, neither would their widows or orphans have any claim on them or on their funds. The P.G.M. then explained a plan that had been suggested for raising more funds for benevolence, so as to ensure that every deserving brother or his family

might receive relief should they ever require it. He must, however, draw his remarks to a close, as they had another lodge to visit that night. The P.G.S. then retired.

The P.G.L. then proceeded to Crox-place, to visit the Commercial Lodge, No. 360. Bro. Morton, R.W.M., who was also well supported, not only by his office-bearers, but also by a large body of members, at 9.15, received the P.G.L. The P.G.M. congratulated the lodge on the progress they had made during the past year and the efficiency of the [Master and his staff of officers; he also cautioned them against having anything to do with spurious Masons, if they would not violate their own obligations, and also dwelt on the prominent features of the scheme of benevolence. The R.W.M. tendered the thanks of the lodge to the P.G.M. and P.G.L.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF LEICESTERSHIRE.

The annual meeting took place at Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on Thursday, the 26th ult., under the auspices of the Fowke Lodge, No. 19. The chair was taken by the R.W. Bro. W. Kelly, now the senior Prov. G.M. in the Order, and there was a good attendance of officers and members.

The business consisted only of the ordinary routine at annual meetings. The Treasurer's accounts were passed, and the Prov. G. Officers for the year were duly invested, the G. Wardens being the Earl Ferrers, Past S.G. Warden of England, and Bro. Partridge, P.M. 19. After the Prov. Lodge had been closed, the regular meeting of the Fowke Lodge was held, the W.M., Bro. W. Weare, presiding. Two candidates were advanced to the degree of Mark Master, after which the dispensation authorising the installation of Bro. J. M. MacAlister, J.W., the W.M. elect was read, (he not being a Craft P.M.), and the S.W., Bro. Toller having declined the office. Bro. MacAlister was then regularly installed, and saluted, after which he appointed and invested his officers. The ceremonies of advancement and of installation were admirably performed by Bro. Partridge, P.M. £3 3s. was voted to the Howe Memorial Widows' Fund, after which the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet, under the presidency of the newly installed W.M.

It may be mentioned that the Mark degree is exceedingly popular in Leicester, the Fowke Lodge now numbers 86 subscribing members, and amongst the present officers are six Craft P.M.'s.

Masonic Tidings.

THE CONFIDENCE LODGE OF INSTRUCTION having been removed from the Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street, to Bro. Chard's, White Hart Tavern, corner of Abchurch-lane and Cannon-street, the ceremony of consecration will be performed on Wednesday, the 15th inst. at 7 p.m., by Bro. Jas. Brett, P.G.P., after which the installation ceremony by Bro. J. Constable, W.M. 185. The attendance of brethren on this occasion is invited.

We are requested to notice the death of Mrs. Catharine Baker, who died March 28th, 1874, the beloved wife of the late Bro. William Baker, who died May 14th, 1871, and who was initiated on the 10th day of March, 1832, in the One and All Lodge, Bodmin, Cornwall. She departed this life much respected by all who knew her.

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Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

DEATHS.

BOND.—March 28, at Waterloo Dock Pier, Liverpool, aged 46, Elizabeth, the wife of Bro. G. A. Bond, master of the Prince's and Waterloo Decks.

WELSH.—March 15, at his residence in Uxbridge-street, Liverpool, Bro. William Edward Welsh, aged 38.

LOYD.—On the 25th ult., Henrietta, wife of Bro. John Lloyd, of London-road, Liverpool, aged 38.

Answers to Correspondents.

ST. VINCENT received, owing to great press has to stand over.

ACROSTIC received, declined with thanks. "Early Grand Encampment," too late for this issue; will appear next week.

The following communications stand over:—Consecration of Mark Lodges at Brighton and Gainsborough; Belfast Masonic Widows' Fund; reports of lodges 877, 102, 413, S.C.; Chapters 141, 228; Mark Lodge 129, Red Cross Conclave 17.

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EARL OF ZETLAND.

At first this announcement almost sounds strangely to the Craft, and at any rate to many of us old Masons; for the name of "Zetland" carries us back to ancient days, and a good "regime," in which this famous Craft of ours flourished and progressed in wonderful measure.

And we are glad to be permitted to make such an announcement, as it is, and will be, a subject of rejoicing to all Freemasons, to see the nephew following in the steps of his well known and most venerated uncle.

That the gathering at York to welcome our distinguished brother will be very numerous, we need hardly say, and as far as the arrangements have been made known, they seem to us to be both very simple and yet very effective.

Our Grand Master will preside in person at the installation ceremony, and we feel certain that all will be done to enhance the solemnity of the occasion, and to make this great "assembly" a "dies alba" in the memory of Yorkshire Freemasons. All that the good city of York can do to give a respectable welcome to the strangers and visitors on that day, we hope will be done and done well, and we trust that our brethren may enjoy a very happy gathering, under the shadow of that great Minster raised by our operative forefathers in times of old.

May all of good attend the installation and rule of Bro. the Earl of Zetland, and may he emulate the true Masonic spirit and zealous devotion to our Order, which characterised his lamented uncle, our good old chief. We hope to give a full account of the day's proceedings in our next issue.

THE NEXT ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL
OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

An official circular from Bro. R. Wentworth Little, the Secretary, which appeared in our last impression, informs the Craft that the Stewards for the next festival have elected Bro. the Earl of Zetland, President of the Board of Stewards, and Bro. Joseph Charles Parkinson, the D.P.G.M. for Middlesex, Vice Patron. Bro. Raynham Stewart, P.G.D., has been elected Treasurer, and all present and Past Grand Officers, Vice-Presidents, and Vice-Patrons of the institution.

The Stewards' deposit was fixed at the reasonable amount of £2 2s., and ladies' tickets can be obtained, price 11s. each.

This seems to be a very sensible arrangement, and will, we think, be acceptable to many of the brethren. We feel certain that the next Anniversary Meeting, under the presidency of our distinguished Bro. the Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot, will be a very successful one, and we hope that, by their liberal support and fraternal sympathy, our brethren will exhibit their unabated interest in that excellent institution, the Girls' School, and will thus testify that they fully endorse and approve of the recent enlargement and additions, urgently required by increasing demands for admission and education.

We would suggest, that, our excellent Bro. R. W. Little should publish before long the list of Stewards.

May our third charitable anniversary for 1874, make plain to all impugners of Freemasonry, that, whatever may be the changes elsewhere Masonic hearts are still unchanged, and beat very warmly in the "good old cause" of relief and true charity to those who are now dependant on them, in the hour of their bereavement and adversity.

REVIEW OF THE SOLDIERS FROM
THE GOLD COAST.

Though we are not politicians, as Freemasons in any sense, and though the Freemasons have nothing, *quâ* Freemasons, to do with the passing events of the world extern to Freemasonry, yet we think we are not doing wrong as English Freemasons, for alluding to the subject of our heading.

It must surely be a matter to us all of great rejoicing, as philanthropists and lovers of peace (not peace at any price), to know that a sad and distant war is over, and that our gallant soldiers have returned to receive the well-merited approval of their sovereign, and the admiration and applause of their fellow countrymen.

Though some, alas! are sleeping in their far and lonely graves, who died as English soldiers always die; though some have come back to country and friends enervated and suffering from the poisonous atmosphere of that deadly clime, a very large number of stalwart frame and cheery presence were mustered on Monday, March 30th, in Windsor Park, to await the arrival, and hail the advent of their Queen.

At their head was their excellent and skilful commander, surrounded by his efficient staff and the sunburnt men there assembled in the presence of our Royal Family and a large concourse of spectators, received from H.R.H. the Commander-in-Chief the formal assurance of Her Majesty's special admiration and approbation.

We must all rejoice at the well-merited honours which have fallen to the lot of Sir Garnet Wolseley and his subordinate officers; and we all feel proud of the young Lieutenant and of the gallant Sergeant, who have won the Victoria Cross.

Independently of the fact, that, there are no doubt some of our brethren among the officer and non-commissioned officers happily returned home as patriots as well as Freemasons, we must always feel proud of the English arm.

John Beetle-Crusher, as some one has called him, deserves very well of us all, for few persons do more hard work and do it more thoroughly than he does. And when we remember to do how very many, and how varied are the services of the English soldier, we may well admire the discipline, and courage, and devotion, and dauntless heroism, which make many of the chapters of our military history so striking and so brilliant. May those who have returned home safe and sound, from the perils of the jungle and treacherous breezes of the Gold Coast, soon recollect their woe and previous vigour, both of mind and body, amid the welcome which all at once offer to those who have served their Queen well, have so signally punished a treacherous and have maintained alike the credit of the famous regiments, and the power and prestige of England.

But in saying this we must not forget the fine body of men, the Marines, or the gallant blue jackets of our Naval Brigade, or even the West India Regiment, for all alike served well of their Queen and Country.

deed it is almost impossible to overrate the services performed by Colonel Festing and his Marines, Captain Grubbe with his blue-jackets, and Captain Glover with his native levies.

All have combined to bring the war to a successful conclusion, and we hope to teach a lasting lesson to lightly-clad Ashantees and King Coffee Kalkalli.

THE LATE BRO. HORACE LLOYD.

We have to announce with deep regret, the decease of our much respected Bro. Horace Lloyd, Q.C., President of the Board of General Purposes.

His high character and great legal attainments rendered him a most fitting person to fill that high and very important post in our Masonic officiality.

His loss will be alike deplored by the honourable profession to which he belonged, and the Order he has so long adorned, and his personal merits and Masonic qualifications will long be affectionately remembered by his brethren and Grand Lodge.

WEEKLY SUMMARY.

Her Majesty is at Osborne, having left Windsor Castle at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, April 2. Her Majesty entertained at a State dinner a large number of the officers recently arrived from the Gold Coast, on the evening of the 30th.

As it may interest some of our fair sisters, we give the following extracts relative to the Drawing Room on the 25th ult. Her Majesty wore a black watered silk dress, with a train trimmed with crape, embroidered in black silk and jet. Her Majesty also wore a ruby and diamond diadem over a long white tulle veil, and a diamond and ruby necklace and brooch. With the Riband and Star of the Order of the Garter, her Majesty likewise wore the Victoria and Albert Order, the Orders of Louise of Prussia, St. Catherine of Russia, Marie Louise of Spain, St. Isabelle of Portugal, and the Saxe-Coburg and Gotha Family Order. The Princess of Wales wore a dress of white satin, with pleatings of satin and ostrich feather trimming; the train of white satin, also with pleating of satin and ostrich feather trimming. Head-dress—a tiara of diamonds, feathers and veil. Ornaments—corsage, necklace, &c., of pearls and diamonds. Orders—Victoria and Albert, Catherine of Russia, and the Danish Family Order. Princess Beatrice wore a train and petticoat of pink silk, trimmed with Honiton lace and white daisies. Ornaments—Pearls and diamonds. Order—Victoria and Albert. The Duchess of Edinburgh wore a petticoat of white tulle over white silk, spangled with silver, and striped with wreaths of roses; a train of the same material, trimmed with a wreath of roses and plait of silver, striped with bands of silver and roses. Head dress—Coronet of diamonds and rubies, white feathers and veil. Ornaments—Necklace and brooch of diamonds and rubies. Orders—Victoria and Albert, and the Russian Order of St. Catherine.

The Prince and Princess of Wales have gone to Sandringham for Easter, and the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh are at Buckingham Palace.

The evening of Wednesday, the 29th of April, has been appointed for the ball to be given by the Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress to their Royal Highness the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh at the Mansion-house. It is needless to state that a distinguished company will be invited to meet their Royal Highnesses, and that the occasion will be in all respects worthy the illustrious guests and the traditions of the Mayoralty of the City of London.

General Sir Richard Airey, G.C.B., will shortly assume command of the troops in Ire-

land, in succession to General the Right Hon. Lord Sandhurst, G.C.B., G.S.C.I. It is expected that Lieutenant-General Sir Charles Ellice, K.C.B., will succeed Sir Richard Airey as Adjutant-General to the Forces. Major-General Sir Alfred Horsford, K.C.B., commanding the South-Eastern District, is spoken of as Sir Charles Ellice's successor.

Lieutenant-General Sir Charles Hastings Doyle, G.C.M.G., has been appointed to the command of the Southampton District, vice Lord Templetown. He has appointed Lord Burchley, Grenadier Guards, and Mr. Doyle, 2nd Dragoon Guards, his aides-de-camp.

The *Observer* understands that, during the stay of the Court at Osborne, the Queen will visit the naval invalids from the Ashantee War, now in Haslar Hospital. The review of the Naval Brigade will probably be held on Southsea Common.

Captain Glover, accompanied by Mr. Goldworthy and Capt. Sartorius have reached Liverpool. We trust that befitting rewards await him, and his subordinate officers.

The Victoria Nyanza, a large Indiaman, has been wrecked not far from Boulogne. The second mate, and five sailors, who remained with the ship, all lost but one; the rest of crew were saved.

Captain Tyler's general report on the railways of the United Kingdom for the year 1872 shows that a total sum of £569,047,346 had been expended on 15,814 miles of railway, or at the rate of nearly £36,900 a mile. By the running of trains for 190,720,719 miles, £51,304,114 was received during the year, of which £25,652,383 was expended in working and maintenance, and £25,651,731 remained as net profit. There were 422,874,822 passenger journeys, besides 272,342 season ticket holders; and 179,302,121 tons of goods and minerals were conveyed. The average rate of dividend on ordinary capital was 5.14 per cent., and upon the total capital 4.76 per cent., including £32,901,496 of ordinary capital, part of £42,582,631 of total capital, which received no interest or dividend. The results of working in 1873 present somewhat similar results of further increased receipts and further increased expenses, but it is hardly probable that either the one or the other will continue to increase in 1874 in the same ratio. The traffic of the country must be considered to have been for the last two years in an inflated condition, and the price of wages, fuel, and materials to have attained a point considerably above the average. There will, no doubt, be fluctuations in these respects in the future, as there have been in the past. But, upon the whole, and comparing longer than annual periods, the progress of the country, as shown by its railway traffic, has been marvellous. The gross receipts of the railways have increased from £23,956,749 in 1858 to £51,304,114 in 1872; or have been more than doubled in fourteen years.

The remains of the late Henry Cairnes Westenra, Baron Rossmore, whose lamented death on the 28th ult., in the Cavalry Barracks, Windsor, is fresh in the memory of our readers, were conveyed from thence to his country seat in Ireland, for interment in the family vault in the town of Monaghan. On Tuesday last, at half-past two, the hearse containing the body proceeded to the church, followed by thousands of friends and tenants. The chief mourners were his Lordship's three brothers, the Hons. Derrick, Richard, and Peter Westenra, his stepfather, Colonel Stapoole, and his brothers-in-law, Captains Candy and Stirling. On reaching the church the coffin was covered with wreaths and crosses of white flowers, sent by many of his friends unable to attend. Among them were offerings from the Countess of Bective, Viscount Helmsley, M.P., the Hon. Mrs. Candy, the Hon. Mrs. Stirling, Mr. Horace Farquhar, and several others. A wreath was sent by the soldiers of the deceased's regiment, and his corporal-major came over in person to deposit it upon his tomb. The pall-bearers were Captain the Hon. Charles Byng, Sir Simon Lockhart, Captain Fellowes, Captain Duncombe, Captain the Hon. R. Talbot, Captain Dunbar, Captain Thorold (all his brother officers), and Lord Arthur Somerset, of

the Royal Horse Guards. Among the friends and relations present in the church were the Earl of Dartrey, Lord Cremorne, Lord Charles Beresford, M.P., Viscount Hastings, Colonel the Hon. John Westenra, Mr. Leslie, M.P., Colonel Lloyd, Captain Wauchope, Mr. Madden, and others.

The *Standard* of Friday describes the distribution of the famous Tichborne Dole, which was established by a pious lady, Mabel, the wife of a Sir Roger Tichborne, in the time of Henry II., and which forms the subject of a picture at the Hall, painted just two centuries ago. The "dole" is distributed to all applicants residing in the parishes of Tichborne and Cheriton, and consists of one gallon of best wheaten flour to each adult, and half a gallon to each child. It had been intended that the distribution this year should be made on the lawn in front of the house, but the infant baronet, Sir Henry Alured Joseph Doughty Tichborne, a fine little fellow in his eighth year, was unfortunately unable to be present, as he is just recovering from an attack of the measles. The programme was therefore altered, and the lady members of the family were not present at the ceremony, which took place at the rear of the house. All being in readiness, a couple of stalwart miller's men emptied several of the sacks of flour into an immense tub. Then the resident priest of the quiet little domestic chapel which forms part of the mansion, the Rev. Thomas Quinn, offered up a short prayer, and, after invoking the blessing of Heaven on the gift, sprinkled the flour with holy water from a chalice borne by an acolyte. John Etheridge, the blacksmith, who proved such a characteristic witness for the prosecution in the Court of Queen's Bench, was one of the recipients. The old man did not personally appear, but a substitute conveyed his share to him. Kennett, coachman to the Dowager Lady Tichborne until her death—a hale old man of seventy, spare and upright, with grisly locks, who now lives in a small freehold cottage at Cheriton, of which he is owner, having retired from work on a small competency—also came forward and received three gallons of flour. Each recipient, with a curtsey or a pull at the forelock, was served in alphabetical succession, and the work extended over a period of about two hours, until nine sacks, each containing fifty gallons of flour, had been distributed. The total number of the recipients was upwards of 600.

There has been a very successful Easter Monday Review of the Volunteers, at Wimbledon, under Major-General Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar.

The foreign news is very unimportant. Marshal Serrano has so far not succeeded—in his attack on the Carlist position, or in his attempt to relieve Bilbao. What success or defeat the future may bring to the combatants time only can disclose. Prince Bismarck is happily getting better from his recent serious attack. There seems to be a little cloud rising in the East, but we must hope, that the great struggle impending may at any rate be postponed.

We have to announce the deaths of the Marquis of Downshire, General Sir W. H. Elliott, G.C.B., Major-General Charles Gostling, R.A., of Colonel Arthur Wyndham, Madras Staff Corps, Lieutenant-Colonel Fredk. Miller, C.B., of Lieutenant-Colonel Edward Gaote, late 35th Regiment, of Lieutenant-Colonel Wm. Lambert, of Major Edward Stephenson, late Rifle Brigade, of Surgeon-Major Wyatt, Coldstream Guards, of Captain Gibson, C.B., of Captain Carleton, R.N., of Sir Edward H. P. Turner, of Sir William Bodkin, of Herr Krause, Councillor to the German Embassy, and of Mr. Albert Way, F.S.A. We have also specially to deplore the loss of our distinguished Bro. Horace Lloyd, Q.C., President of the Board of General Purposes.

LONDON AND HOME NEWS.

A marriage is arranged between Lady Anne Spencer Churchill, fourth daughter of the Duke of Marlborough, and the Marquis of Bowmont.

We congratulate the Directors of the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway on being the initiators of a reform which has long been demanded in connexion with the sale of railway tickets. On and after to-day (Wednesday) the offices at the

principal stations on their lines—Manchester, Liverpool, Leeds, Rochdale, Wakefield, Bolton, Blackburn, &c.—will be open continuously on weekdays from 8 o'clock in the morning until 7 in the evening, "in order that tickets may be obtained at any time and for any train" during the day. This admirable arrangement will remove one of the terrors of railway travelling—the "crush" at the booking-offices; but we venture to suggest to the directors that if they had gone a step further and opened an office in Market-street for the sale of tickets at any hour during the day, the public would have been still more deeply indebted to them.—*Manchester Guardian*.

Colonel Stuart Wortley has been appointed by the Commissioners of Patents to the Curatorship of the Patent Museum at South Kensington, vacant by the death of Sir Francis Pettit Smith.

The Institute of France, on the nomination of the Academy of Moral and Political Sciences (Division of Political Economy and Statistics), has elected as corresponding members Mr. Wm. Newmarch, F.R.S., and Mr. David Wells, late Special Commissioner of Revenue in the United States.

The first Act of the new Parliament was yesterday issued. It was passed on Saturday, to apply £1,422,727 14s. 6d. out of the Consolidated Fund for the service of the years ending March 31, 1873 and 1874.

Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to command that Colonel Sir Garnet Joseph Wolseley, K.C.M.G., C.B., be promoted to the rank of Major-General in the Army, in recognition of his valuable services in command of the force employed against the Ashantees. The Queen has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following promotions in and appointments to the Most Honourable Order of the Bath. To be Ordinary Members of the Military Division of the Second Class, or Knights Commanders of the said Most Honourable Order, viz.:—Major-Gen. Sir Garnet Joseph Wolseley, K.C.M.G., C.B.; Capt. John Edmund Commerrell, R.N., C.B., V.C.; Captain William Nathan Wright Hewett, R.N., V.C.; Col. Sir Archibald Alison, Bart., C.B.; Col. John Chetnam M'Leod, C.B., 42nd Regiment; Deputy Surg.-Gen. Anthony Dickson Home, C.B., V.C. To be Ordinary Members of the Military Division of the Third Class, or Companions of the said Most Honourable Order, viz.:—Capt. Walter James Hunt Grubbe, R.N.; Capt. the Hon. Edmund Robert Freemantle, R.N.; Col. John Carstairs M'Neill, V.C., C.M.G., late 48th Regiment; Col. George Richards Greaves, late 7th Regiment; Col. Francis Worgan Festing, Royal Marine Artillery; Capt. Percy Pitt Luxmore, R.N.; Col. Henry Evelyn Wood, V.C., 90th Regiment; Col. George Pomeroy Colley, 2nd Regiment; Lieut.-Col. the Hon. Savage Mostyn, 23rd Regiment; Lieut.-Col. James Maxwell, 1st West India Regiment; Lieut.-Col. George Daniel Webber, 2nd West India Regiment; Lieut.-Col. Arthur Frederick Warren, Rifle Brigade; Lieut.-Col. Baker Creed Russell, 13th Hussars; Lieut.-Col. Duncan Macpherson, 42nd Regiment; Lieut.-Col. Francis Cunningham Scott, 42nd Regiment; Lieut.-Col. Robert Home, Royal Engineers; Lieut.-Col. Thomas Durand Baker, 18th Regiment; Major Redvers Henry Buller, 60th Regiment; Major Arthur John Rait, Royal Artillery; Major William Francis Butler, late 60th Regiment; Deputy-Controller Matthew Bell Irvine, C.M.G.; Staff-Surg. Ahmuty Irwin, R.N.; Surgeon-Major Thomas Macdougall Bleckley, M.D.; Staff-Surg. Henry Fegan, M.D., R.N.; Surg.-Major Robert William Jackson; Surg.-Major Charles Benjamin Mosse, African Medical Service.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to signify her intention to confer the decoration of the Victoria Cross on the undermentioned officer and non-commissioned officer, whose claims to the same have been submitted for Her Majesty's approval, for acts of bravery performed by them during the recent Ashantee War, as recorded against their names, viz.:—

24th Regiment.—Lieutenant Lord Gifford, for his gallant conduct during the operations, and especially at the taking of Becquah. The officer commanding the Expeditionary Force

reports that Lord Gifford was in charge of the scouts after the army crossed the Pele and that it is no exaggeration to say that since the Adansi Hills were passed he daily carried his life in his hand in the performance of his most dangerous duties. He hung upon the rear of the enemy, discovering their position, and ferreting out their intentions. With no other white man with him, he captured numerous prisoners; but Sir Garnet Wolseley brings him forward for this mark of Royal favour most especially for his conduct at the taking of Becquah, into which he penetrated with his scouts before the troops carried it, when his gallantry and courage were most conspicuous.

42nd Regiment.—Lance-Sergeant Samuel Mc Gaw (date of act of bravery, January 31, 1874), for having at the battle of Arnoafal led his section through the bush in the most excellent manner, continuing to do so throughout the whole day, although badly wounded early in the engagement.

On Tuesday evening, March 31, in accordance with the precedent which the Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's established in Holy Week of last year, and which then gave such unqualified pleasure, not only to all who appreciated true Church music, but to those who felt that the due observance of Lent was, at length, provided for in the great Metropolitan Cathedral, a special service was held in the dome area. The Passion Music (St. Matthew) by John Sebastian Bach, formed the musical attraction in the service, and this, as in last year, was rendered with admirable effect and complete success by a large surplined choir, numbering not less than 300 voices, and including the members of the Cathedral choir, the Chapels Royal, and a picked body of amateurs; an orchestra of stringed and wind instruments, and a large unsurplined vocal contingent in the transepts. The Cathedral was densely thronged, and it is stated on good authority that the number which assembled last year—10,000—was far exceeded on this occasion. Even the galleries were filled with people. The organ was played by Mr. George Cooper, and Dr. Stainer, the organist of St. Paul's, conducted the choir. The Bishop of London, the Dean of St. Paul's, and Canons Gregory, Liddon, and Lightfoot were present, together with a large number of the clergy. The service commenced at 7 o'clock with the *Miserere*, to the music of the "Tonus Regalis" adapted by Dr. Stainer, the intoning priest being the Rev. W. C. F. Webber, the sub-Dean of the Cathedral. Then followed some versicles and prayers, and afterwards the *Matthew* Passion Music was given from beginning to end. The congregation, at places marked in the service paper, stood while the most solemn and impressive parts of the music were being sung, and a short and striking pause between that part of the musical narrative which ends with Our Lord's agony in Gethsemane and resumes at His return to His Disciples was set apart for private prayer and meditation. At the end of the service, which lasted nearly three hours, the benediction was pronounced by the Bishop of London, and the congregation dispersed.

Bicton, the seat of Lady Rolle, was discovered to be on fire about noon on Monday. The furniture and costly paintings were removed to the lawn in front of the building. The conservatories and servants' dwellings are completely gutted, but at present the mansion has escaped much damage. The servants have lost the whole of their wearing apparel, and it is feared many valuable works of art are destroyed. Lady Rolle superintended the removal of the furniture, &c., as she sat in her brougham. Up to a late hour in the evening the flames were not subdued.

About fifty of Earl of Fitzwilliam's foxhounds have been shot, in consequence of canine madness having shown itself amongst them.

Bro. Sir Frederick Perkins, M.P., has been elected a member of the Reform Club.

Bro. George Arthur Brown, of Bush-Jane, Spitalfields, Past Master of the Bedford Lodge, No. 157, died suddenly on Wednesday, in his 45th year. He was much respected.

ITEMS OF FOREIGN NEWS.

The differences of opinion as to the proper site for the memorial to the Duke of Brunswick at

the erection of which was a condition of the quest to the town—have proved too serious to be settled without reference to some higher authority. Accordingly, M. Viollet-Leduc, the famous architect, of Paris, has been invited to give the necessary opinion; and this distinguished savant has contrived in a manner to satisfy all parties, by rejecting all the sites previously contended for, and fixing on the Place des Alpes as the most suitable spot within the limits of the municipality.—*Pall Mall Gazette*.

The Wurtemberg journals state that an audacious robbery has just been committed at the mausoleum of the Rothenberg, near Stuttgart, which contains the ashes of King William and Queen Catherine, *née* Grand-Duchess of Russia. The thieves blew open the doors of the vault with gunpowder, and carried off all the valuable objects they could find, the whole, in gold and precious stones, being worth 500,000*l.* The thieves have been arrested. They are Hanoverians.

The King and Queen of the Belgians have consented to the marriage of their daughter, Princess Louise, with Prince Raphael-Ferdinand, of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha.

Marshal MacMahon has reduced the term of imprisonment of the late Prince Ghika's seconds in the recent duel to three months, and that of Prince Sontzo's to six, but the punishment of Prince Sontzo himself remains unaltered.

A despatch from Rome states that Monsignor Manning, Champs, Antici, Mattei, De Merode, Vitelleschi, Nina, Simeoni, and Bartolucci have received intimation that they will be made Cardinals at the next Consistory of the Sandwich Islands.

Prince Kalakua has been elected King of the Sandwich Islands. The disappointed adherents of Queen Emma attacked and set fire to the House of Assembly, but some United States and British Marines landed and dispersed the mob. The King is threatened with assassination.

Herr Von Balan, the German Ambassador at Brussels, died suddenly a short time ago.

The Roman *Opinione* says that, in spite of the law suppressing religious corporations, there exist in the province of Florence alone at the present time 123 free societies, comprising no less than 2,051 persons of both sexes vowed to a religious life.

The band led by the notorious brigand chief Donato was destroyed by the Italian troops last week. The province of Catanzaro is thus completely freed from the scourge of brigandage.

A Portuguese Commission, appointed to manage the exhibition of Portuguese wines in London, has left for Southampton.

An expedition, which the Russian Government proposes to despatch to Siberia and China to discover a more advantageous route for the importation of tea, is to start shortly on its journey, proceeding *via* Kiachta to Peking, and is expected to reach the Chinese capital in May. Thence it will go on to Hong Kong, afterwards to Kashgar. It is to return through the southern province of Western Siberia.

A vine, situated about three miles and a half from Santa Barbara, California, has a trunk 4 feet 4 inches in circumference. It begins to branch out at about six or eight feet from the ground, and is then supported on frame-work, which it covers as a roof. The whole vine thus supported now covers over an acre of ground. Several of the limbs are as much as 10 inches in circumference at a distance of 25 or 30 feet from the trunk. The annual yield of grapes from this mammoth vine is from 10,000 to 12,000 pounds. The clusters average, when ripe, from 2 to 2½ pounds each. This vine which is about 40 years old, is on rather high ground, and it is stated that the soil about it has never been manured at all. The vine has a small stream of water running near it.—*Garden*.

It is an admitted fact in China and Japan that the older the tree the better the tea. The shrubs which supply the nobles of Japan with their favourite beverages are said to be in many instances 300 year old.—*Land and Water*.

A collection of the treasures of ancient Arabic literature, scattered in different parts of Egypt is now being made for the library of the Ministry of Education at Cairo by order of the Khedive. The Emperor of Austria has sent to Mr. B. J.

Reed, C.B., M.P., through Count Beust, a Knight Commandership of the Imperial Order of Joseph. Mr. Reed returned on Tuesday from St. Petersburg, having on his way back visited the Minister of Marine of the Imperial German Admiralty at Berlin, and also the German ironclads building at Stettin, and the extensive locks which are in construction at Bremerhaven.

Original Correspondence.

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

OUR MASONIC CHARITIES.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

For this discussion to be of any value, it should lead to some practical results. Some of the letters which have appeared upon the subject display much ability, and all contain more or less pertinent remarks, but the vital question at issue has scarcely been touched. For we have to ascertain or discover some method, by which every member of the Craft should, as is his bounden duty to do, subscribe to the institutions which are the pride and glory of the Order. That the charities are mainly supported by the minority is without dispute. That the whole fraternity ought to contribute not only towards their efficient maintenance, but also to lay foundations for extended usefulness will, I think, scarcely be questioned. Then how is this to be accomplished. Bro. Coates proposes the establishment of a provincial charity board, Bro. Bodenham deems that scheme too elaborate for general adoption, and recommends a method excellent in itself, but according to his showing too circumscribed in its operations. He asserts that the members of the association, which he thinks if generally adopted will meet the case, are drawn from six or seven lodges in his province. It would be well to know whether every one of the members of these lodges subscribe one guinea per annum. We have a number of similar societies in London. Their beneficial influence cannot be overrated. But unless you can induce every member of the Craft to subscribe to such an association we shall be as far off as ever of obtaining subscriptions from each individual, and that is the point in question. The usual methods adopted have proved inefficient. The circulars regularly sent by the Stewards prior to each of the festivals are for the most part so much waste paper and futile expenditure of postage stamps. We cannot reach the brethren in the lodge, for the average attendance at a regular meeting of any given lodge is about two thirds, and those who happen to be absent during a collection lose their opportunity. Many of the absentees would no doubt gladly give. But at their next attendance the matter is either forgotten or neglected; thus the institutions suffer. Therefore until a better mode is suggested, I still think that the influence of the Grand Lodge alone can secure the desired result. Bro. Bodenham thinks that compulsory contributions would destroy the foundations of the institutions. I do not see how. I firmly believe the same percentage of brethren will always be found not only willing but anxious to become vice-Presidents, Life Governors, and Life and Annual Subscribers. It is ridiculous to presume that in consequence of a small tax per annum, all the said to benefit the institutions which has hitherto characterised Freemasons would immediately expire. Besides several of your correspondents insist that all lodge subscriptions, instead of being expended for the gratification of the palate or the decoration of deserving brethren, should be paid in to the charities. Would not that constitute compulsory contribution? I do not see any reason for fastidiousness in this matter provided the end proposed is legitimately and efficiently secured. The importance of the subject and your own kindness may justify the request that you will permit and encourage this discussion. I shall perhaps by persistently and clearly stating the different bearings of the case some more able

and influential brethren may be induced to move in the matter.

Let the call be sounded at head quarters and there is no doubt every member of the Craft will heartily and right loyally respond.

Yours fraternally,

E. GOTTHEIL, P.M. and P.Z.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I think the Masonic Charities would immensely benefit by the appointment of local or provincial secretaries and collectors, who might be empowered to solicit and receive subscriptions and donations from lodges and brethren.

I think the guinea subscriptions to the Boys' and Girls' Institutions is, as a minimum subscription, too high. I would venture to suggest that such guineas subscribed should carry two votes, and a half-guinea subscription one vote at each election, and subscriptions of five shillings should entitle the subscriber to one vote at one election in the year. I would also venture to suggest that the balance sheets of the several charities should be annually printed, and several copies sent to each donor and subscriber, and to the Secretary of every lodge and Scribe E. of every chapter for distribution, and that the Secretary of every lodge and Scribe E. of every chapter should be encouraged to act as Hon. Secretary or collector to the several charities by giving them some advantage in votes according to the amount collected.

I quite agree with your correspondent, R. W., in to-day's *Freemason*, that the amount of the Stewards' fee must often have acted as a drawback to the success of the Masonic charities. An instance occurred in my own lodge this year. £10 10s. was proposed to be given out of the lodge funds to the list of any brother of the lodge who would be willing to serve the office of Steward for the Boys' Festival this last time, but it was declined on account of the largeness of the incidental expenses, and the ten guineas was thus lost for a time to the Boys' School. At the same time I may say we have for the last two years sent a Steward to the Old People's Festival, and a brother in the lodge has signified his intention of serving the office next year. I have myself served the office of Steward to one of the charities, and am a life governor of each, and a subscriber to two of the charities. I should have myself accepted the offer of the £10 to take the office of Steward for the Boys', but felt I would much rather do, as I did, give £5 direct to one of the charities.

I am, dear sir and brother, fraternally yours,

AD REFERENDUM.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

A great deal has lately been written on this subject, but your correspondents have, it appears to me, overlooked the most efficacious, as well as the most simple, plan for advancing the interests of the charities.

A compulsory contribution from every Mason, as suggested by some, would never do; it would destroy entirely the nature of the institutions; and I think the Charity Boards and Committees proposed by Bro. Coates would be found too unwieldy. Moreover what would, by such an arrangement, be the business of several would probably not be done by anyone. The work of raising funds for the Masonic Charities should be one man's work in each lodge and chapter, and if that one be energetic and zealous he will do far more good; he will draw far more money than would be obtained by any committee. Every lodge and chapter should have its Charity Steward, whose duty it should be to bring the claims of the Charities under the notice of every member, and as these charitable institutions are not only countenanced, but also partly supported by Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, those august bodies should compel the appointment of a Charity Steward in every daughter lodge and chapter, otherwise many lodges, &c., will never have such an officer; and it could easily be done by a motion to that effect in Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter.

If such a rule were made, the Charity Steward would be either a new officer of the lodge, &c., or the duties would be attached to some office already existing. In the former case the Charity Steward, considering the importance of his work, should rank next after the J.W.; but a far better plan would I think be to make the J.W. the Charity Steward also. The Junior Warden has little to do besides qualifying himself for the higher chairs, and the intimate acquaintance that his duties as C.S. would give him with each member of the lodge, would certainly be advantageous to him on becoming W.M. Besides this the J.W. has charge of the brethren at those times when the purse-strings are most likely to be freely loosened; thus he has opportunities for pressing the claims of the schools, &c., which others have not. Again, the Wardens being members of Grand and Provincial Grand Lodges, the Charities would be well represented in those bodies. Moreover the addresses of all Wardens are in the hands of Grand and Provincial Grand Secretaries, so that the Secretaries of the Institutions would have no difficulty in forwarding the necessary documents to them. In R.A. Chapters I would suggest that the S.N. would be the best officer to undertake the duties of C.S., all the ranks above him having quite enough to attend to at present if they do their work properly.

Hoping, with you, that the good of the Charitable Institutions may be materially advanced by the discussion now going on, I remain,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

G. SHANKS, 18°

P.M. 189, Z.1205, P.P.G.W. Devon.

MASONS' MARKS.

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

There is an old Scottish proverb which says that "if you put your spoon in other folk's kail, you are sure to get burned." This is beautifully applicable to Bro. W. P. Buchan, and also to your correspondent who signs himself "A Masonic Student," with respect to their letters published in p. 174 and p. 180 of the *Freemason*. They have chosen to intermeddle in the controversy between Bro. Hughan and me as to Masons' Marks, which perhaps we might as well have been left to finish for ourselves, if we could do so in a proper manner. In their haste, however, Bro. Buchan and the "Masonic Student" have rushed into print, unprepared by any sufficient study of the subject. They have thrown no light on it, and have only succeeded in showing that they know very little about it. Bro. Buchan has mistaken the very point at issue between Bro. Hughan and me. Any one who looks at Bro. Hughan's letter at p. 180 of the *Freemason* may see that he is only defending the system at present practised in England, by the lodges that work the Mark Degree, for he says:—"It has been the custom for years in England for candidates on being "advanced" in lodges under the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters, to select marks with an even or odd number of points, and he goes on to state that this custom was sanctioned by the Grand Mark Lodge, because in accordance with the ancient custom, as confirmed by an examination of the marks still existing on many old buildings. What I said is, a mark ought to have an odd number of points, and this I maintain is what has been taught in lodges for more than one hundred and fifty years. The Grand Lodge of Mark Masters in England was only constituted a few years ago, to take charge, so to speak, of the Mark lodges in England; but all these English lodges received their charters from Scotland, and along with them their ritual, which they could have no right to change, and in which it is distinctly laid down as a fixed rule that candidates are to choose no other mark than one with an odd number of points. If the lodges could not change the ritual which they had received, neither could the Grand Lodge constituted by them. Any such change would be a violation of the charters of the lodges, and it would be a violation of a landmark of Freemasonry.

I may ask how does it happen that the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters is not recognised by the

Grand Lodge of England, or that of Ireland, or that of Scotland, and that no arrangement has been entered into for fraternal relations between it and any of these Grand Lodges.

All the lodges of Mark Masters in England are daughters of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland, which supplied Mark books along with the charter and ritual to every daughter lodge; and all the marks in these books have an odd number of points.

As to marks with an even number of points, found on old buildings, their presence admits of easy explanation. I shall not occupy your space at present by showing what that explanation is. For this is not the present question, but that question is what at present is, and has been for more than one hundred and fifty years, the practice of lodges?

Bro. Buchan and "A Masonic Student" have both wandered from this question which concerns speculative Masonry only, to a question concerning operative Masonry. Perhaps if they will duly consider this hint, they will find out for themselves how to account for marks with an even number of points to be found on buildings, and Bro. Buchan's amusement at my statement as to Masons' Marks may give place to a somewhat different feeling. He may find that it is not my ignorance, but some other body's that needs to be excused.

Yours fraternally,

CHALMERS I. PATON.

A Mark Master of England and Scotland.

MELROSE ST. JOHN'S LODGE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Our attention having been called to a correspondence by Mr. Stratford, on the above subject in your columns, we have much pleasure in sending you a letter to the Editor of the *North British Daily Mail*, Glasgow, explaining a visit of three masons, under Grand Lodge Constitution, to this lodge, which we think will speak for itself, and disabuse the minds of your Masonic readers of the idea that it was a fraternal visit, which Mr. Stratford attempted to convey by the tone of his letter to which we replied.

Trusting you will give it a place in your columns.

We are yours fraternally

THE THREE VISITORS.

MELROSE "BUSH" LODGE.

To the Editor of the *North British Daily Mail*.

Sir,—In reply to Thomas Stratford's letter in your paper of 20th inst., we beg to say that, having seen an advertisement that his lodge was to meet on a certain evening (the date of which neither of us can recollect) to "install office-bearers," we thought, seeing there was no Masonic ceremony, that it would be a suitable opportunity to visit for the purpose of gratifying our curiosity, and also, if necessary, putting our veto upon the proceedings, and exposing to the members their true position with regard to the lodges and members thereof holding of Grand Lodge of Scotland. When we arrived at the place of meeting there was a sederunt book, in which we entered our names; but will it be believed of this "lodge of lodges" that may some day confer so much honour as to join Grand Lodge—though we would suggest to Mr. Stratford rather to offer Grand Lodge the honour of joining it—that their door keeper was unclothed, and on our interrogating him, there was no doubt in our minds that he was not a Mason. We were admitted without being tested, which is another sample of how business is conducted at this Temple of Masonic (?) perfection; and pity it is that we had not had an instantaneous lens, in order that we might have presented a carte of this worthy meeting to each lodge in the province. The chairman expressed his regret that he was not competent to install the office-bearers, but requested Bro. Miller to have the kindness to do so, and hoped he would have no objection. This, need scarcely say, was promptly and positively refused him, and in a protracted discussion which ensued, we repudiated their charter, protested that their meetings were un-masonic, exposed to the members their position relative to constitutional lodges and their members, and censured in unsparing terms the con-

duct of those who were carrying on the trade, but more especially that of Mr. Stratford, seeing he declared himself a Mason under Grand Lodge laws. We have the satisfaction of knowing that the report of our visit was the means of an agitation which resulted in Mr. Stratford being ignominiously expelled from Lodge Glasgow No. 441, and we hesitate not to say that he will not be permitted to enter any lodge in the province, and we have a very erroneous opinion of the gentleman if he attempts to do so. We neither saw nor heard anything of their charity, and as regards Melrose Lodge being instituted to benefit the "craft," and not the "crafty," the less Mr. Stratford says about that the better, but had his statement been that it was instituted by the "crafty," it would have had our cordial approval. When it was proposed to close the meeting, we intimated that as we could discern no pretensions for its being a Masonic lodge, we must retire, and accordingly did so. Thomas Stratford is not now a member of any properly constituted Masonic lodge, and we would say to those whom he may advise to join his party that they will not be admitted into the fellowship of any Masonic lodge in this or any other province in the kingdom. We intend this letter as an explanation to brethren, and not as a reply to Mr. Stratford, whose conduct is unworthy of notice, unless indeed it be criminal to conduct an illegal secret society. Further correspondence on this subject will have no reply from us.—We are, &c.

THE THREE VISITORS.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The General Committee of this institution met last Saturday at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, V.P., in the chair. There was a good attendance of members, notwithstanding the holiday season and the inclemency of the weather. Among the brethren present were James Weaver, Hyde Pullen, J. G. Chancellor, S. Rosenthal, James Terry, John Symonds, Richard Spencer, R. Motion, H. Massey, and F. Binckes, Secretary.

After the reading of the minutes of the former general and house committee meetings, in which latter the tenders of tradesmen for provisions for the school were set out, four petitions were read for placing as many candidates on the list for election at the quarterly court in October. The whole of them were found to be satisfactory, and in one of them, which was a London case from No. 228, the candidate appeared before the committee, and though only seven years of age, read very fluently. All four cases were ordered to be placed on the list.

The sum of £50 was ordered to be transferred from the general account of the school to the Sustentation Fund, as that amount would probably be required for the purposes for which the fund was established.

Bro. John Symonds, V.P., gave notice that he would at the next meeting of the General Committee on the 2nd May, move that £50 be added to the salary of Bro. Binckes, from the commencement of the present year, on account of his long service as the Secretary of the Boys' School, and the efficiency of that service.

The Committee then adjourned.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, April 17, 1874.

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

Saturday, April 11.

- Quarterly General Court, Girls' School, at 12.
- Lodge 108, London, Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street.
- " 173, Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 1328, Granite, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 1361, United Service, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond.
- " 1423, Era, Kings' Arms Hotel, Hampton Court.
- " 1446, Mount Edgcombe, Swan Tavern, Battersea.
- Mark Lodge 104, Macdonald, Head Quarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Brunswick-road, Camberwell.
- Manchester Lodge of Instruction (179), Yorkshire Grey 77, London-street, Fitzroy-square, at 8; Bro. H. Ash, Preceptor.
- Lily Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, Surrey.

Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. G. Dilley, Preceptor.

Monday, April 13.

- Quarterly General Court, Boys' School, at 12.
- Lodge 5, St. George's and Corner Stone, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 29, St. Alban's, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.
- " 90, St. John's, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.
- " 136, Good Report, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.
- " 193, Confidence, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.
- " 223, St. Andrew's, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.
- " 957, Leigh, Freemasons' Hall.
- Chap. 22, Mount Zion, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st.
- Red Cross Conclave 2, Plantagenet, Caledonian Hotel, Adelphi.

Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction (1445), Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland, at 7; Bro. T. Austin, Preceptor.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Wellington Lodge of Instruction, White Swan Tavern, Deptford, at 8; Bro. C. G. Dilley, P.M. 11.55; Preceptor.

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

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

Metropolitan Mark Lodge of Instruction, Coach and Horses Hotel, 323, Strand, at 8.

Tuesday, April 14.

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

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

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

" 228, United Strength, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate.

" 235, Nine Muses.

" 548, Wellington, White Swan Tavern, Deptford.

" 834, Ranelagh, Clarendon Hotel, Hammersmith.

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

Chap. 185, Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall.

Mark Lodge 22, Southwark, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.

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

Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tavern, Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 8.

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

Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Lord's Hotel, Lord's Cricket Ground, St. John's-wood, at 8; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, King Edward, Triangles Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. Crawley, Preceptor.

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

St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Store Tavern, New-street, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. A. Adams, Preceptor.

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

Wednesday, April 15.

General Committee, Grand Chapter, at 3.

Grand Stewards' Lodge.

Lodge 140, St. George's, Trafalgar Hotel, Greenwich.

" 174, Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st.

" 190, Oak, Freemasons' Hall.

" 700, Nelson, Masonic Hall, William-st. Woolwich.

" 969, Maybury, Freemasons' Hall.

" 1044, Wandsworth, Spread Eagle, Hotel, N. Wandsworth.

" 1150, Buckingham and Chandos, Freemasons' Hall.

" 1349, Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars.

" 1382, Corinthian, George Inn, Cubitt Town.

Chap. 192, Lion and Lamb, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.

Mark Lodge, Bon Accord, Freemasons' Tavern.

Southwark Lodge of Instruction, (879), Southwark P. Tavern, Southwark Park, at 8; Bro. Charles Willis Kent, Preceptor.

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

United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), The Gros Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.

Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-st. at 7.30.

New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Railway Br. Tavern, Hoxton, at 8.

Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8 Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 Confidence Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lace, at 7.30.
 Peckham Lodge of Instruction, Malsmore Arms, Park-road, Peckham, at 8; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor.
 Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar.
 Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, Thicket Hotel, Anerley, at 7.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
 Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham Court-road, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 Finbury Park Lodge of Instruction (1288), 4bury Park Tavern, Seven Sisters-road, N., at 8. Bro. P. Dickinson, Acting Preceptor.
 Union Club of Instruction (day meetings), Windsor Castle, Victoria Station, Pimlico, from 2 till 4 p.m.

Thursday, April 16.

Lodge 23, Globe, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 49, Gibon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st.
 " 55, Constitutional, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.
 " 169, Temperance, White Swan, High-street Deptford.
 " 179, Manchester, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-st.
 " 181, Universal, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 733, Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
 " 813, New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton.
 " 1227, Upton, Spotted Dog Tavern, Upton.
 " 1287, Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1339, Stockwell, Half Moon, Herne Hill.
 Chap. 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hot'l, Greenwich-Saight Templar Preceptory, E. Obscervance, 14, Bedford-row.

Great City Lodge of Instruction, 33, Gutter-lane, at 6.30. Bro. T. Poore, W.M. 720, Preceptor.
 Fishery Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Anglers' Tavern, Bath-street, City-road; Bro. Stean, Preceptor.
 United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
 Whitington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern, Holborn, at 8; Bro. Lewis Alexander, P.M. 188, Preceptor.
 Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
 Elwyn Lodge of Instruction, Bro. Palmer's, 12, Pensonby-st., Millbank.
 Highgate Lodge of Instruction (1366), Bull and Gate, Kenish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.

Friday, April 17.

House Committee, Boys' School, at 4.
 Lodge 6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, King-st., St. James's.
 " 201, Jordan, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 975, Rose of Deonmark, White Hart Hotel, The Terrace, Barnes.
 Chap. 92, Moira, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-st.
 Rose Croix Chap. Invicta, Masonic Hall, William-st. Woolwich.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7; Union Club of Instruction, Windsor Castle, Victoria Station, at 8 p.m.; H. Ash, P.M., Instructor.
 St. George's Lodge of Instruction (140), Globe Tavern, Royal-hill, Greenwich.
 Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
 Belgrave Lodge of Instruction (749), Coach and Horses Strand, at 8; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.
 Stability Lodge of Instruction (217), Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st., at 6 p.m.; Bro. H. Muggeridge, Preceptor.
 Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.
 Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tavern, Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.
 Burden Courts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park, at 8; Bro. Geo. W. Verry, Preceptor.

Clapton Lodge of Instruction, White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., Preceptor.
 Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1298), the Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. W. F. Rogers, Preceptor.
 Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-road, at 8; Comp. W. West Smith, Preceptor.
 Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (733), Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8.
 Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Bro. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.
 United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Antelope Tavern, Lorn-road, Brixton, at 7.
 St. James's Lodge of Instruction, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-road, Bermondsey, at 8; Bro. Howes, P.M., Preceptor.
 Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Bro. D. S. Potts, Preceptor.
 Doric Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8.
 Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales-road, N.W., at 8; Bro. P. M. Wuest, Preceptor.

St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Rose Tavern, Fulham-road, S.W.
 Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.
 High Cross Lodge of Instruction (754), Coach and Horses Tavern, High Road, Tottenham, at 8.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE,

For the Week ending Saturday, April 18, 1874.

Monday, April 13.

Lodge 314, Peace and Unity, Militia Mess Room, Preston.
 " 477, Mersey, 55, Argyle-street, Birkenhead, at 6.
 " 721, Independence, Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row, North Chester, at 5.
 " 1021, Hartington, Masonic Hall, Barrow-in-Furness.
 " 1398, Baldwin, Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.
 Chap. 1051, Rowley, Masonic Rooms, Athensum, Lancaster.

Everton Lodge of Instruction (823), Masonic Temple Liverpool, at 7.30.
 Red Cross Conclave of Instruction, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 7.

Tuesday, April 14.

Lodge 241, Merchants', Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 5.
 " 1250, Gilbert Greenall, Masonic Rooms, Warrington, Chap. 537, Zion, 9, Hamilton-square, Birkenhead.
 Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), Park-lane, Liverpool, at 7.

Wednesday, April 15.

Lodge 537, Zetland, Masonic Chambers, 9, Hamilton-square, Birkenhead, at 5.
 " 823, Everton, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 1182, Duke of Edinburgh, Coffee House, Wavertree, at 5.
 " 1086, Walton, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, at 6.
 " 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys Hotel, Eccles.
 " 1353, Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster.
 Harmonic Lodge of Instruction (216), Mona Hotel, James-street, Liverpool, at 8.

Thursday, April 16.

Lodge 203, Ancient Union, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 343, Concord, Queen's Arms Hotel, Church-street, Preston.
 " 605, Combermere, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, at 6.
 " 1299, Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, at 5.

Friday, April 17.

Lodge 1350, Fernior-Hesketh, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 Red Cross Conclave, Liverpool, No. 55, Adelphi Hotel, at 6.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW.

For the week ending Saturday, April 18, 1874. All the Meetings take place at 8 o'clock.

Monday, April 13.

Lodge 102, St. Mark, 213, Buchanan-st.
 " 219, Star, 12, Trongate.
 " 363, St. Clair, 25, Robertson-st.

Tuesday, April 14.

Lodge 413, Athole, 213, Buchanan-st.
 " 441, Glasgow, 22, Struthers-street.
 Chap. 69, St. Andrew, 170, Buchanan-st.

Wednesday, April 15.

Lodge 117, St. Mary, Freemasons' Hall, Partick.
 " 354, Caledonian Railway, 213, Buchanan-st.
 Chap. 70, Commercial, 19, Croy-place.

Thursday, April 16.

Lodge 27, St. Mungo, 213, Buchanan-street.
 " 465, St. Andrew's, Masons' Hall, Garngad-road.

Friday, April 17.

Lodge 31, St. Mary Coltness, Scott Hall, Wishaw.
 " 12, Kilwinning, Town-Hall, Greenock.
 " 360, Commercial, 19, Croy-place.
 " 408, Clyde, 170, Buchanan-st.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH.

For the Week ending Saturday, April 18, 1874.

Monday, April 13.

Lodge 145, St. Stephen, St. James's Hall, Writers' Court, at 8.
 " 349, St. Clair, Freemasons' Hall, George-street, at 8.30.

Tuesday, April 14.

Lodge 1, Mary's Chapel, Waterloo Hotel, Waterloo-place, at 8.
 Lodge 151, Edinburgh Defensive Band, Masonic Hall, Blackfriars-street.

Wednesday, April 15.

Lodge 160, Roman Eagle, Iona Hotel, Nicolson-street, at 8.30.

Thursday, April 16.

Lodge 48, St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall, George-st. at 8.
 " 226, Portobello, Royal Hotel, Bath-street, Portobello, at 8.

Friday, April 17.

Red Cross Conclave 103, St. Giles, Masonic Hall, Blackfriars-st., at 8.
 Chapter 83, St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall, George-street, at 8.

MAY ELECTION, 1874.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION FOR WIDOWS OF FREEMASONS.

The favour of the Votes and Interest of the Governors and Subscribers to the above Institution is earnestly solicited on behalf of

JEMIMA SPICER,

Widow of the late Bro. Walter Spicer, of the Lodge of Science, 437, Bourton, Dorset, to which he subscribed 30 years. He was elected to the above Institution in 1857, where he died last year. Mrs. Spicer's only means of support, is one half the Annuity formerly allowed her late husband, which will be ultimately discontinued in accordance with the laws of the Institution. The case is strongly recommended by Bro. B. Head, V.P., P.G.D., 12, East-terrace, Kensington.
 " Dr. Strong, P.M., 42, 405, P.Z., 453, 463 P.P.G.W., Surrey 64, North-end Croydon.
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 " W. Masterman, P.M., P.Z. 410, Wellesley-road, Croydon. Proxies will be thankfully received by Mrs. Spicer at the Masonic Institution, Croydon.

APRIL ELECTION, 1874.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

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

GEORGINA KATE DALY,

AGED EIGHT YEARS.

Eldest Daughter of the late Bro. Robert Daly, who was a Piano-forte Dealer, and died of disease of the heart in January, 1870, leaving a widow and four children.
 Bro. Daly was initiated in the "Joppa" Lodge, No. 188, in 1863; also joined the Chapter, and was W.M. of the "New Wandsworth" Lodge, No. 1244, at the time of his death. The Case is strongly recommended by
 " Bro. T. S. Howell, M.R.C.S., Vice-President, Hon. Surgeon, Wandsworth, S.W.
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Proxies will be thankfully received by those of the above marked* or by the Widow, Mrs. G. E. Daly, 7, Overstone Road, Hammersmith.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS—Battersea-Place.

Your Votes and Interest are earnestly solicited on behalf of

FANNY GERTRUDE OSBORNE,

AGED NINE YEARS.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

CROYDON.—*East Surrey Lodge of Concord* (No. 463).—The installation meeting of this old and prosperous lodge took place on Thursday, the 2nd inst., at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon. The lodge was opened at 3 o'clock by Bro. Podmore, W.M., and the three degrees worked by the W.M. and his officers in a masterly manner, after which Bro. Henry Wallis Hunt, the S.W., was duly installed into the chair of King Solomon, by Bro. Woodward, P.M. and Sec. of the lodge, in his usual able and impressive style. The W.M. began his year of office by announcing himself a Steward for the coming festival of the Girl's School, when £5 5s. was voted from the lodge funds to be placed on his list (not a large sum for a lodge consisting of some ninety members). The lodge being duly closed, the members adjourned to the banqueting room, where, judging from the printed "menu" placed before them, a most sumptuous banquet was waiting for them. The W.M. gave the usual Masonic toasts, and the health of the W.M. was received with the most enthusiastic conviviality. Among the brethren we noticed, Bros. Price, P.M., P.G. Treas. Surrey; J. G. Chancellor, P.M., P.P.G.D.; E. A. Sacre, P.M., P.P.G.D.; Crispe, P.M., P.P.G.D.; Wm. Roebuck, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; J. W. Dosell, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; F. H. Ebsworth, P.M. 73, &c., &c.

JERSEY.—*Royal Alfred Lodge* (No. 877).—The 13th anniversary meeting of this lodge took place at the Masonic Temple with more than ordinary eclat. The suffrages of the brethren had been unanimously given in favour of Bro. Ellis Anwyl Owen, a Mason highly esteemed and respected. His induction to the chair was attended with peculiar circumstances of felicitation, both to the members of the lodge, and to his brethren and friends of the other lodges, and awakened a desire among them to be present at the gratifying ceremony. The lodge was opened in the first degree by Bro. Wm. Adams, W.M., assisted by his Wardens, E. A. Owen, Major Woodall, J. Le Cronier, M.D., P.M., D.P.G.M.; A. Schmitt, P.P.G.S.W., as I.P.M.; W. F. M. Turner, S.D.; W. J. Ennis, J.D.; General T. C. Kelly, C.B., I.G.; F. T. Cooke, &c., &c. Among the visitors were pleased to observe Bros. E. L. Bennett, W.M. 244; E. Martel, W.M. 491, P.G.D.C.; Captain Fawcett, &c., &c. The minutes were read and confirmed, and the lodge opened in the second degree, when Bros. D. J. Le Cronier and A. Schmitt were requested by the W.M. to present Bro. Ellis Anwyl Owen, the W.M. elect, for receiving the benefit of installation. The customary enumeration of duties was made and acknowledged, the ancient charges were read and willingly assented to, and the Ob. of W.M. elect administered. The lodge was opened in the 3rd degree, and all who had not passed the hair withdrew. A Board of Installed Masters was then formed, and Bro. Ellis Anwyl Owen was duly placed in the chair of K.S. according

to ancient custom. The Board being closed, the several classes of Masons were in turn admitted, and the processions and proclamations were gone through, respecting which it need only be recorded that Bro. Adams conducted the ceremonies with great exactitude and impressiveness. After the usual address to the W.M., delivered with effect, Bro. Ellis A. Owen briefly remarked that, fully acknowledging the difficulty of the task he had undertaken, he was sensible of the honour conferred upon him. He accepted the responsibility, and trusted with the G.A. of the U.'s help, he should not be found wanting in the worthy discharge of it, especially as he had been promised, and could confidently rely upon efficient assistance from the P.M.'s. He therefore had every reason to hope he should be enabled to make his year of rule advantageous to the lodge and the Craft in general. The following appointments were made, the W.M. in each case offering the usual and appropriate observations: Bros. Fred W. Woodall, S.W.; W. F. M. Turner, J.W.; D. J. Le Cronier, Treas.; Wm. Adams, Sec.; W. J. Ennis, S.D.; General T. C. Kelly, J.D.; F. Le Feuvre, I.G. The retiring W.M. presented to the lodge a splendid Master's jewel and collar, for which, on the proposition of the W.M. and the D.P.G.M., a grateful and hearty vote of thanks was passed, and ordered to be recorded in the minutes. After the ceremonial part of the proceedings had been concluded, the brethren, by the invitation of the W.M., adjourned to the refreshment room, where a banquet was provided. After the cloth was drawn, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and enthusiastically received, and the brethren dispersed, expressing themselves highly delighted by the truly Masonic, and social manner in which the whole business had been conducted.

ROYAL STANDARD LODGE (No. 1291).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on the 7th inst., at the Marquess Tavern, Canonbury, when there was a goodly muster of brethren to greet the new Master, Bro. Robert Shackell, P.M. 30, P.P.G.P. Hants. The minutes having been read and confirmed, the W.M. proceeded in an able manner to pass Bros. Shearman and Hurrell, to the degree of Fellow Craft. The lodge then received the report of the officers committee respecting the presentation of a testimonial to Bro. Ballantyne for his valuable services rendered to the lodge during the past year, after which a sum of five guineas was voted from the lodge funds to head the list of subscriptions for that purpose. The lodge was then closed in peace and harmony, and the brethren adjourned for a light repast. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were excellently given by the W.M., and the evening was enlivened with some good singing by Bro. Watford, and others, and by some capital music by one of the visitors, Bro. Dore, assisted by the Organist of the lodge, Bro. Blackbee.

Royal Arch.

FAITH CHAPTER (No. 141).—An emergency convocation of this chapter was held at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C., on Monday the 30th ult. Comp. Thos. Mortlock, the M.E.Z. presided. He was assisted by Comps. C. C. Taylor, H.; N. Gluckstein, J.; E. Gottheil, P.Z.; M. Bamberger, Treasurer; Gompertz, S.E.; Hogard, S.N.; John Constable, P.S.; John Ross, 1st A.; Bloomfield, D.C.; Hollands, W.S. Bros. Parkinson, Godhart, and Taylor, were admitted to the exalted degree with the usual ceremony, the working was excellent. Each officer without exception displayed abilities rarely seen in a Royal Arch Chapter. Those who are acquainted with the degree know the task is onerous, and great credit is certainly due to the companions for the pains they have taken to enable them to attain such perfection. The Faith Chapter may confidently look forward to a prosperous future, if the rest of its members will emulate the example of those in whose hands its guidance is now placed. After an ordinary but ample repast, the usual toasts were given. It happened to be the whim of the companions that each individual should reply on his own account, and the result

was a succession of brief but humorous speeches. These were interspersed with songs by Comps. Mortlock, Henley, South, Constable and Ross. Thus passed a very pleasant evening, and the companions separated before ten o'clock Comps. Henley and Christian were admitted joining members. The only visitor present was Comp. R. A. Wright, P.Z., who expressed himself highly delighted with the proceedings, and the remarkable efficiency of the officers of so young a chapter.

IPSWICH.—*St. Luke's Chapter.*—The usual quarterly convocation of the members of this chapter was held at the Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich, on Wednesday the 25th March; present —Comps. J. Turner, H., as Z. (the First Principal Comp. Richmond, having died since the last meeting); Emra Holmes, J. acting H.; Dr. Mills, P.Z. of the Royal Sussex Chapter, as J.; S. B. King, P.Z., Scrib. E.; G. Abbott, Scrib. N.; Byford, Prin. Soj.; Henry Ward, S. Godball, C. Godball, and others. The chapter having been opened, and the usual business transacted, the accounts were audited, and Comp. Mills delivered up the sum held by him, as the representative of the deceased much respected Treasurer, Comp. J. Franks, whose recent death has been so much felt in Ipswich by the members of the mystic tie. This being the annual meeting for the election of officers, the following were nominated:—J. Turner, Z.; Emra Holmes, H.; Byford, J.; G. Abbott, Prin. Soj.; S. B. King, Scribe E.; Jobson, Scribe N. Comp. King took occasion to remark on the great loss the chapter had sustained through the lamented death of three of its oldest members since the last meeting. Comps. Richmond, First Principal; J. Franks, P.Z.; and J. Tracey, P.Z.; and Comp. Holmes moved that a letter of condolence, couched in suitable terms, should be addressed to the relatives of each of the companions on behalf of the brethren of this chapter, which was agreed to *nem. con.* Comp. Mills spoke in feeling terms of his fidus achates, Comp. Franks, whose constant friend and companion he had been for thirty years, and the members present expressed their deep sense of the regret at the melancholy changes which had taken place. Comp. Holmes moved that at next regular meeting of the chapter, when the Three Principals were to be installed, a banquet should be held, which was agreed to. The companions having shared the secrets, the chapter was closed, and the brethren partook of refreshment. The usual toasts were given, and a pleasant social gathering broke up at an early hour.

Mark Masonry.

MACDONALD LODGE (No. 104).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday evening, at the head quarters of the First Surrey Rifles, Brunswick road, Camberwell New-road, when there were present:—Bros. Arthur Wolton, W.M.; Wm. Worrell, S.W.; C. Hamerton, P.M.; James Stevens, P.M.; Thomas Meggy, P.M., Treas.; F. Cozens, Organist; W. Wigginton, S.D.; E. Drewett, J.D.; N. J. F. Bassett, S.D.; and W. P. Collins, I.G.; G. W. Verry, W. Bell, jun., George Motion, J. K. Pitt; visitors, H. D. Martin, and H. Massey. No candidates for advancement made their appearance, and the lodge therefore went on with the other business. The first was the election of Bro. James Stevens, P.M., as an honorary member, he having on the last meeting of the lodge resigned his membership on account of the day of meeting of the Great City Lodge happening to be the same on which the Macdonald Lodge assembled. The brethren of the Macdonald feeling that the lodge was much indebted to Bro. Stevens, among others, for its high position in the order as a working lodge, considered that they could not afford to lose such a member, and Bro. Meggy placed a motion on the paper to elect Bro. Stevens an honorary member. On the motion coming on for discussion, of course in the absence of Bro. Stevens from the lodge, the brethren decided unanimously to elect him in accordance with the terms of Bro. Meggy's motion, and on Bro. Stevens's admission to the lodge the W.M. announced the result of the brethren's

decision. Bro. Stevens in acknowledging the compliment said that the Macdonald Lodge would always be the first in his heart in connection with Mark Masonry, and in order to show his appreciation of the brethren's kindness he should consult the interests of their lodge on all occasions, in addition to which he should be present at its meetings as often as his other engagements would allow. Bro. Meggy also moved that members of the lodge leaving England for twelve months or residing ten miles beyond the place of the lodge's meeting should be eligible to be placed on the list of country members to pay only a guinea per annum. The motion was seconded by Bro. Hammerton, and carried unanimously. Another motion, proposed by Bro. Meggy, and seconded by Bro. Motion, that such members be disqualified during that time from taking office in the lodge, was also carried unanimously, and Bro. Stevens proposed Bro. F. Kent, W.M. of the Domatic Lodge, 177, and Bro. Worrell proposed Bro. W. Partridge, of the William Preston Lodge, 766, as candidates for advancement at next meeting. The W.M., informed the brethren of what had been done relative to a notice from the Macdonald Craft Lodge, 1216, which had been given to the Mark Lodge to remove from its present quarters. He said that the matter had been debated at an emergency meeting of Craft Lodge at which there was a very full attendance of members. When the permission to use the room and the furniture was given, it was thought that it would be beneficial to the lodge and the volunteer corps, but as many withdrawals and other circumstances had in the course of time occurred, it had been found that there were but few names now on the mark lodge book who were members of the corps. The Mark Lodge was, therefore, looked upon very much in the light of strangers and intruders. It therefore became necessary to look out for new quarters, for he was afraid they would not now be able to work harmoniously with the Craft Lodge. A notice of motion should, therefore, be placed on the paper for next meeting for removing the lodge. Bro. Worrell gave notice of motion for removing to the Cannon-street Hotel, where at present there was no Mark Lodge. As many Craft lodges met there, and among them the Great City Lodge, it might be of great service both to them and the Mark Lodge. Bro. Stevens said that by October there would be a suitable building (the Surrey Masonic Hall) ready within a few hundred yards of their present place of meeting; and as a director of the company he pledged himself to a very favourable consideration of this lodge's requirements. Ultimately Bro. Worrell gave notice of motion "That the Macdonald Mark Lodge be removed." The W.M. directed the Treasurer to send £5 to the Macdonald Craft Lodge for the use and repair of the furniture. The lodge was afterwards closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. In the course of the evening the usual toasts were proposed and drunk. Bro. Meggy responded for "Earl Percy, G.M.; the Earl of Limerick, D.G.M.; and the rest of the Grand Officers." Earl Percy was always at his post when his health permitted him, and the Earl of Limerick was no less an ardent supporter of the degree. The whole of the Grand Officers were anxious to do their best, and they did all they could to sustain and assist those who were in office. With regard to the members of Grand Lodge they were selected by the Grand Master for their ardour, and for their desire to make the Mark Degree assert itself. The W.M. next proposed the toast of "The Prov. Grand Master." Bro. Hammerton proposed "The W.M.," who, in reply, said that when he accepted the office, he promised to attend the meetings, and fulfil his part to the best of his ability. That ability was not very great, but his heart was thoroughly in his work, and it gave him great pleasure to see his officers support him so well on all occasions. This was the last occasion he should have the pleasure of presiding over them, but he hoped that for many years he should be able to attend. At a future time, he trusted to go through the offices again, and he would promise always to be faithful to his lodge. As a proof of his desire to do the

work of W.M., he might inform them that he had come 120 miles that day to preside. After some other speeches had been delivered, the lodge was closed, and the benevolent fund, which had been collected in the course of the evening, was further increased by the initiation of the brethren present, into an amusing un-masonic body called "The Benevolent Society of Corks," of which Bro. Meggy was Captain, and Bro. Hammerton Lieutenant.

Red Cross of Constantine.

BRISTOL.—*William De Irwin Conclave* (No. 17).—The regular meeting of this conclave was held on Friday, March 13th, at seven o'clock p.m. Eminent Sir Kat. G. F. Tuckey, M.P. Sov., occupied the throne; and amongst those present were Sir Knts. William Hodges, V.E.; J. J. Hallam, S.G.; William Munro, J.G.; J. M. Hunt, H.P.; George Tonkin, Recorder; A. G. Williams, Treasurer; Henry Amor, Herald; Michele Ansaldo, Stand, Bear; Henry Wills Lane, Orator; Joseph Coles, Sentinel; W. A. Scott, M.P.S. No. 101; Captain G. S. Tricks, S.G. No. 101; William H. Bowden, Hon. Sov., No. 2 A. After the usual preliminary business Bros. Benham, P.M., Lodge 103; Collins, W.M., Lodge 1404; W. Richards, J.D., Lodge 68; Edward Ware, Lodge 610; Charles H. Plaister, Lodge 326; W. Thomas, Lodge 1363; Bevan, Lodge 973; and Knill, Lodge 610; were duly balloted for, and being declared unanimously elected, those in attendance were admitted and installed, according to the ritual of the Order. The working was most complete and satisfactory, and reflected the highest credit on every officer of the conclave. The M.P.S. then stated that it was his intention at an early date to open a sanctuary of K.H.S. and Commandery of St. John, and invited any Sir Knights, being Royal Arch Masons, who would like to join, to signify the same to the Recorder. Several present gave their names as candidates for these orders. There being no further business for consideration by the Sir Knights, the conclave was closed in perfect harmony.

CONSECRATION OF THE HOVA ECCLESIA LODGE, NO. 1466, AT BRIGHTON.

On Wednesday, 8th inst., at the Old Ship Hotel, the above named lodge, which is intended to be held at Cliftonville as soon as suitable provision is made, was opened and consecrated in due form. A large number of the officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Sussex, were present, and took part in the ceremony.

The lodge having been opened in due form by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, the petitioning brethren present, namely, Bros. German, C. J. Smith, S. Wing, E. Walker, and J. W. Stratford, were placed before the W.M., the petition to and charter from Grand Lodge was read, and a most impressive address was made by the Prov. G. Chaplain, the Rev. J. C. McCarogher. Bro. German was then formally invested as first Master of the new lodge by Bro. J. H. Scott, and appointed his officers as follows:—Bro. C. J. Smith, S.W.; Capt. Stratford, J.W.; Capt. Jennings, S.D.; McMinnie, J.D.; Wing, Treasurer; Storr, I.G.; T. Lane, Director of Ceremonies.

All business being ended, the lodge was closed, and the brethren proceeded to banquet. Mr. Robert Bacon provided in the elegant Assembly Rooms, one of those entertainments for which the Old Ship Hotel has for many years been proverbial. The bill of fare was admirable, the wines of the finest vintages, and the service all that could be desired. Bro. German, the newly installed W.M. of the lodge, was prevented from presiding, owing to the death that morning of his old and esteemed friend Dr. Bryce. In the absence of the W.M., the W. Prov. D.G.M., Bro. Furner, occupied the post of honour.

On the removal of the cloth, the D.P.G.M. gave "The Queen and the Craft," to which due honour was rendered, Bro. Devin, P. Prov. G. Organist, leading, on the pianoforte, with the National Anthem. The Prov. G. Chaplain (the Rev. J. MacCarogher) said he had been sud-

denly called on, owing to the position occupied by their Prov. D.G.M. that day, to propose the next toast, that of "The M.W.G.M. the Most Hon. the Marquess of Ripon, the W. the Dep. G.M., the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, and Officers of Grand Lodge, Past and Present." He desired to connect with the toast the name of their Prov. D.G.M., whose services were highly appreciated wherever he went. His health would be proposed, subsequently, in another form, therefore he would say no more on that occasion than simply commend the toast to their notice, coupled with the name of their most able Prov. D.G.M. of Sussex, Bro. Furner. Bro. Furner, Prov. D.G.M., briefly, but appropriately responded. Bro. W. W. Burrell, W.M. of the Ockenden Lodge, Cuckfield, proposed "The R.W. the Prov. G. Master, Lord Pelham, the W. the Dep. Prov. G. Master, Bro. E. J. Furner, and the Officers (Present and Past) of the Provincial Grand Lodge. He thanked the Prov. Grand Lodge Officers for their exertions, lately manifest, especially both at Cuckfield and Brighton, as well as manifest on all occasions when their services were required. Bro. W. R. Wood, (Prov. G.S.W.) responded. He was ever earnest in the service of Freemasonry, and it was with especial pleasure that he found that day a new lodge opened in "the old classic walls of the Old Ship." If the members of the Craft generally would only realise in practice as in profession the beautiful precepts inculcated in all their ceremonies, they would be living up to Masonry and promoting most thoroughly the principles of brotherly love, relief, and truth. Bro. Molyneux (P. Prov. J. Warden), also responded in a few brief, but very well timed remarks.

The Prov. D.G.M. then gave the "W.M., and Success to the New Lodge." In doing so he expressed his deep regret at the absence of their W.M. His absence they all regretted, appreciated the reasons, and sympathised deeply with him in the cause of his absence. He had every reason for believing that this would be a prosperous lodge, would be a credit to the officers, and would be a credit to the province of Sussex.

Bro. C. J. Smith (S.W. of the lodge) responded. Most unexpectedly he was called on to do this, owing to the absence, through the death of his friend, of their esteemed W.M. It was his desire, and that of his brother officers, to do their duty to the Craft, and act up honourably to the principles inculcated in the Book of Constitutions.

Bro. C. J. Smith again rose, and proposed the health of "The Consecrating Officer," whom and his admirable colleagues of the day, he desired to thank most sincerely for their services.

The W.D. Prov. Grand Master (Bro. Furner) most ably acknowledged the last toast.

The W. the Deputy Grand Master, being compelled to retire, then delegated the function of his office to Bro. J. H. Scott, Prov. G. Secretary.

Bro. Scott (acting W.M.), then proposed "The Visitors." He regretted that, owing to the absence of their W.M., he was called upon to propose this toast, Bro. German felt unequal to the duty of attending, owing to the death of on whom he (Bro. Scott) dearly esteemed, Bro. Bryce; although he had differed with him very much, he ever felt great pleasure in making up with him, believing him ever to be actual with the most warm, kindly, and genial sentiments towards all. Bro. Freeman responded regretting the absence of their excellent W.M. and the cause—the death of one whom they so highly esteemed. Bro. Fabian also responded.

Bro. Sabine proposed "The Masonic Benevolent Institution," and said he supposed he had been called upon to propose this toast on account of the great interest he had for many years taken in the success of the Masonic Boys' and Girls Schools. There were about 160 girls and 100 boys who were clothed, educated and trained in the battle of life. He had on eight different occasions acted as Steward at the different festivals, and he might safely total his exertion on their behalf at one thousand pounds. He mentioned this not with a view to his own glorification, but to show what a great and necessary individual member might be.

his overtime to this subject; therefore he hoped they would ever bear in mind that each one had, in the words of the poet,—

“Sworn with generous gifts to care
For those in sorrow-stricken.
The brother on the darkened square,
The widow with dishevelled hair,
The orphan doomed, alas, to stray
Along life's cold and cheerless way;
Whose tears gush forth unbidden.
On holy book these vows we've taken,
And we will break them never,
But will observe them ever.”

Bro. Challen acknowledged the toast and exhorted the brethren to still further carry out the good example set them by Bro. Sabine. Bro. A. Creak then proposed “The Officers of the Lodge,” which was suitably acknowledged by the officers, after Bro. Challen had sung very prettily “Sweet Mary of the Vale.” Bro. C. J. Smith then made some practical observations as to the desirability of the erection of a Freemasons' Hall and a Freemasons' Club in Brighton. He could tell them of a gentleman who was prepared to advance £5,000 towards carrying out the project of a Masonic Hall. Bro. J. H. Scott would be happy to advise his colleagues as to the establishment of a Masonic Hall, whenever a feasible scheme was put forward. He was very pleased to tell them that Masonry was flourishing in the country, since the charter for this lodge was granted, No. 1466, 20 more charters had been granted, making the last lodge number 1486. (Applause). “The Tylers toast,” by Brother Hughes, brought the proceedings to a very happy termination.

CONSECRATION OF JOHN O'GAUNT LODGE, NO. 172, GAINSBOROUGH.

The consecration of this lodge took place on Thursday, the 26th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Gainsborough, when a goodly number of Mark Master Masons assembled to welcome V. W. Bro. Binckes, G. Sec. M.M.M. At two p.m. the lodge was opened, assisted by the following officers: Bros. Binckes, W.M.; Chas. Harrison, I.D., (P.M. Remigius, 117, Lincoln) as P.M.; G. Moore (117), S.W.; Hayward (117), W.; Cullen (117), M.O.; H. Watson W.M., I.D.; S.O.; J. H. Oldham (117), J.O.; F. Pearson (W.M. 117), S.D.; Motley (117), D. The following, amongst other brethren, were present: Bros. Hayes, Goodman, Roberts, Ansham, R. C. Carline (Registrar and S.W., 7), Trafford, Kirk (Star of the East Lodge, Gainsborough), Swanston (117).

The following brethren were then advanced in a solemn and impressive manner: Bros. W. B. Hanaly (W.M. Yarborough Lodge 422); Nixon (P.M. 422); Wm. E. Hartlett (P.M. 422); James Braithwaite (422). The ceremony of consecration was then conducted in a sublime manner by Bro. Binckes, who delivered a splendid oration to the brethren on the principles and history of Mark Masonry generally, after which he proceeded to install Thomas Hugh Oldman, K.T., Z. All Saints' Lodge 422, P.M. 422, &c., as first W.M. of John O'Gaunt Lodge, which was performed in the usual impressive manner, for which Bro. Binckes is known, after which the new W.M. designated the following as his officers: Bros. S.W.; George Horsham, J.W.; Motley, S.O.; Hayes, S.O.; Swanston, J.O.; Robin-Goodman, S.D.; Roberts, J.D.; Noxon, &c. and the new lodge having been thus duly installed, was closed by the new W.M. and his brethren. The brethren then adjourned to Bro. Binckes, at the White Hart Hotel to a most elegant banquet, and the usual toasts were responded to, under the presidency of Oldham, some eloquent speeches being delivered by Bro. Binckes, whose presence contributed much to the harmony and success which characterized the whole proceedings. We are informed that the prospects of the John O'Gaunt Lodge are most encouraging, there already several applicants for advance-

ment must not omit to state that Bro. Mason (117), presided at the harmonium with great taste and skill.

CONSECRATION OF THE KEYSTONE LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS, No. 168, AT BRIGHTON.

The ceremony of consecrating this new lodge took place on Saturday, at the Old Ship Hotel, a warrant having been granted by the M.W. Grand Master, Earl Percy, M.P., dated September, 1873, the consecration having been unfortunately deferred in consequence of the recent illness of the Worshipful Master Designate, Bro. Sir John Cordy Burrows. The health of the worthy knight has happily been sufficiently restored to enable him to undertake the duties devolving upon that important position.

At half-past two, the consecrating officer, specially deputed to perform this interesting ceremony, R.W. Bro. F. Binckes, P.G.J.W., and Grand Secretary of this degree, attended by several officers of Grand Lodge, entered the lodge room, which was appropriately set out. Having taken the Master's chair, he appointed V.W. J.M. Cunningham, P.M. 75, P.G.J.O. to the Senior Warden's pedestal; W. Bro. Wm. Hudson, P.M. 75, P.G.A.D.C., to the Junior Warden's pedestal; W. Bro. Thos. J. Sabine, P.M. 22, W.M. 78, P.G.A.D.C., as Director of Ceremonies; Bro. Ade, J.W. 164, was deputed to act as Chaplain; and Bro. Chas. J. Smith, 164, officiated as Secretary.

The Consecrating Officer then addressed the assembled brethren on the nature of the ceremony about to be performed. The Director of the Ceremonies next arranged the petitioning brethren, to the number of 12, six on each side of the lodge room, when Bro. Binckes requested to know the grounds on which the petition had been made? W. Bro. T. J. Sabine, P.M. 22, W.M. 75, and P.G.A.D.C., stated that the prosperity of Mark Masonry was evidenced by the establishment of a large number of new lodges in the past year, of those, notably in Sussex, the very successful new lodge at Hastings, under the auspices of Bros. Dr. Trollope, Kirkland, and Wellard; and of the lodge at Hayward's Heath, under the auspices of Bros. Wm. Hudson, Pearson, and Ade, together with the generally expressed wish that Sussex should be formed into a Province of Mark Masonry, thereby following the example set by the counties of Kent on the East, Hampshire on the West, and Surrey on the North, all of which have Provincial Grand Mark Lodges, and in addition to the necessity which has for a long time past been felt for placing the Sussex Mark Lodges under the protection of a Provincial Grand Lodge. To this end after frequent interviews between the local leaders of this degree it was determined to seek the assistance of Bro. Sir John Cordy Burrows, who had very kindly consented to be nominated as the first Provincial Grand Master. A second reason may be adduced that the Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 75, had between 40 and 50 subscribing members on its roll, among whom were many Past Masters in the Craft anxious to become P.M.'s of the “Mark.” These were the reasons which prevailed towards the establishment of the Keystone Lodge.

The Consecrating Officer, than whom few men are better acquainted with the ancient and modern history of the Mark Degree, then delivered an address, of which the following is an outline. After a brief introduction, and speaking of the rise and progress of the Grand Mark Lodge of England, &c., he entered into a consideration of the origin and antiquity of the Masonic system generally, and the position of the Mark Degree in connection therewith. Though not forming a part of what is called the “recognised system of English Freemasonry,” its antiquity and authenticity of a Craft degree could be proved as clearly as those of any other degree. Its practice could be traced back to the 16th century, and its traditions have come down from a date antecedent to that claimed by some as the origin of English Masonry, viz: 1717. Differing widely as do the opinions of learned writers on, and students of Freemasonry, as to its source and antiquity, the arguments in favour of the one view or the other are not one wit more strong than those adduced with reference to the Mark Degree, which—without attempting to decide the question of the “operative” or

“speculative” origin of Masonry generally—most certainly combines the operative and speculative more fully than does any other known degree. Ignored by the supreme jurisdiction in England, the Mark Degree is regarded as essential in Scotland, where two supreme bodies claim power to rule over it, the same in Ireland, and also in America; while in France the degree, or one similar to it, is incorporated in the system as there practised. Its principles are as high, its teachings as sound as those inculcated in any degree. It maintains the doctrine of universality, claimed as the one great charm of Craft Masonry—knowing no distinction of creed, but steadfastly insisting on devotion to one Almighty Ruler. Trace its existence in the deeply imbedded foundations—recently brought to light—of the Temple at Jerusalem, on the stones of ruined abbeys and splendid cathedrals, whether in this country or on the continent, and he would inquire what surer basis was there for the support of any degree under any system of Freemasonry than can be adduced in favour of this degree? Let the question be treated in a fair, candid, and dispassionate spirit—free from bias or prejudice—and the Mark Masons need fear no scrutiny, nor shrink from no investigation. His own conclusion was—having seen the working of the degree in various parts of the country—having had the benefit of the opinions, as well as the result of the researches of others, and bearing in mind the comparatively modern introduction of what is known as the “Third Degree,” that this is the real old “Chair-Master's Degree,” that the Mark Master was advanced to that position to enable him to preside over a lodge of Operative Masons, consisting of entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts, to which two grades the lodges of old were confined. Do not be dismayed by the application of the terms “fancy” or “spurious” to this degree. Believe that to-day we are not adding to our structure a mere “ornament,” but that we are affording additional means for the promotion of brotherly love, relief, and truth, the great objects and sublime principles on which this degree is founded, claiming, therefore, as it does, an importance and a usefulness not to be surpassed by any other branch of our ancient and honourable institution.

The acting Secretary (Bro C. J. Smith), was then called upon to read the warrant or charter of constitution, which was done at length. The Consecrating Officer next inquired if the brethren approved of the principal officers designate, viz:—Worshipful Master, Bro. Sir John Cordy Burrows, J.P., P.M. 811, P.P.G.W. Sussex; Senior Warden, Bro. W. R. Wood, P.M. 63, 315, 811, P.G. Steward, P.G.S.W., Sussex; Junior Warden, Bro. John Nathan Stoner, P.M. 56. Three Past Masters carried the silver vessels containing the corn, wine, and oil. Bro. Cunningham strewed the lodge with corn as an emblem of plenty, and to mark the wish of all for its future prosperity. Bro. Hudson sprinkled the lodge with wine as an emblem of joy, to mark the desire to perpetuate the Masonic virtues, the researches into which are extended by advancement into this universal degree. Bro. Sabine dropped oil upon the lodge as an emblem of peace, and to mark the hope of all in this degree for its peaceful career.

The lodge was then dedicated and constituted for the purposes of Mark Masonry, and its members empowered to advance into the privileges of this honourable and ancient degree duly qualified Craft Masons.

The Worshipful Master Designate, Bro. Sir J. Cordy Burrows, was next installed, in the presence of a Board of Installed Masters, comprising Bros. Binckes, Cunningham, Sabine, Lockyer, Trollope, Cook, Hudson, Robinson, &c. The brethren having been re-admitted, the Master proceeded to nominate and invest his officers; after which Bro. Cook, P.M., delivered in an admirable manner the addresses to the Master, Wardens, Overseers, and brethren, which were received with Masonic applause. Bro. Cunningham, by special request, then worked the ceremony of advancement. Bro. Sabine was elected Treasurer, and Bro. Thomas Hughes, Tyler. We may here state that Bro. Charles J. Smith, of 36, Albany Villas, Cliftonville, is the

Secretary for the ensuing year, to whom applications should be made by Master Masons (Craft) desirous of entering this lodge. A Committee of General Purposes was elected, and on motion duly made, the Consecrating Officer was unanimously elected an honorary member.

The installation banquet took place at the Old Ship Hotel, a bountiful and well prepared repast being served in an admirable manner by Bro. Bacon, the proprietor.

Bro. Sir J. Cordy Burrows, W.M., presided, and after the usual loyal and patriotic toasts had been honoured in a truly Masonic manner,

Bro. Binckes, P.G.J.W., G.M.S., proposed "Success to the Keystone Lodge of Mark Masons," coupling with it the health of its W.M., Bro. Sir Cordy Burrows. In the course of a long and eloquent speech, he alluded, amidst cheers, to the benevolence of the Order in supporting charitable institutions. There was, he observed, the Boys' Institution, supported entirely by Freemasons, in which 150 boys were receiving a first-class education, the admirable system and complete nature of the instruction given having again and again called forth the warmest commendations of Inspectors and Examiners. In the Girls' Institution, an education, similar to that given to the boys, was provided for 150 girls, both boys and girls being sent forth into the world well qualified to fulfil any position to which they might be called, and suitable situations being found for them. Then, too, they had their Masonic Benevolent Institution, and a Home for the Widows of Masons, where old men and old ladies of 60 had their annuities, and where the aged and decayed of both sexes lived, comparatively speaking, "in clover," after having sustained the heat and burden of the day. As an example of the generosity of the members of the Order, he mentioned that at the last anniversary of the Boys' Institution, under the presidency of the Marquess of Ripon, no less a sum than £7,000 had been subscribed, and this, he said, was much to the honour of the great and important principles of Masonry (applause). People were fond of describing the members of the Order, from the frequent banquets which they held, as "knife-and-fork Masons;" but they would do well to recollect, before casting such a stigma upon them, that a proportion of the subscription of every man who sat down to his dinner went to support the numerous, the noble, and the benevolent and charitable institutions connected with Masonry (hear, hear, and applause). Alluding next to their W.M., Sir Cordy Burrows, the speaker descanted with much pathos upon the occasion when Sir Cordy had received the girls and the boys of the Masonic Institutions, and had given them a collation at his own expense. On that occasion the Rev. Dr. Griffith, not then being a Mason, had said that the Masons were practically carrying out the doctrines which the clergy preached, and so impressed was he with the good that the Order was achieving that he immediately joined it, and not he alone, but others, with tears in their eyes, gave testimony to the worth and influence of Masonic institutions. With the utmost pleasure, he begged to give them "Success to the Keystone Lodge of Mark Master Masons," and the health of its W.M., Sir Cordy Burrows.

The toast having been received, and drunk with all due and customary honours,

Bro. Sir J. Cordy Burrows, the Worshipful Master of the Lodge, in acknowledging the toast, made some pertinent remarks in regard to Freemasonry, and respecting the motto of the Order—"Friendship, Love, and Truth." They were, he said, the principle which every man, whether a Mason or not, should endeavour to carry out in his daily avocations. Every man's conduct should be animated by love to all creation, man and beast; not even a worm should be unnecessarily trod upon; and truth should be every one's great and abiding principle and aim. For years, throughout his whole career, he had endeavoured to carry out the great principle of love and friendship to all men, and he at all times and in all places tried to inculcate and exemplify the great good and need of truthfulness in all the various relations and avocations of life. Love for mankind, and for all animated creatures, was a great and glorious principle, and if they only carried it out to the fullest

extent, they would not unnecessarily or wantonly inflict pain upon any living creature. It was likewise their duty as Masons to make both their great aim and object. He thanked them for drinking his health.

Bro. E. Lewis, 75, Mark Lodge (publisher of the *Brighton and Hove Daily Mail*), then proposed "Success to the Sister Mark Lodges, Royal Sussex, No. 75; Southdown, No. 164; East Sussex, No. 166, and prosperity to the Mark Degree throughout the country." In doing so he alluded in flattering terms to the perseverance and energy with which Bro. Sabine had maintained the position of the Mark degree in Sussex, also to the faith which he had created in the minds of his brother Mark Masons by the example he had set of patience and hope. In conclusion he called upon Bro. Sabine, as the W.M. of the Senior Lodge in the province, to respond to the toast.

Bro. Sabine, on rising, was received with applause, which having subsided, he said: Since I was first advanced into Mark Masonry, I have taken a deep interest in its welfare, and in its spread, contending as I have always done, that a Mason's experience is incomplete without the Royal Arch and Mark degrees being conferred upon him. In March, 1865, the warrant for the first lodge ever held in Sussex was granted, so few were the Mark Masons at that time it was with difficulty that three or four who had taken the degree in other places could be found to sign the petition of these few; he, the speaker, was one, and since the day, May 13th, 1865, when the Royal Sussex Lodge was consecrated until the present time, he had taken a deep and permanent interest in the success of the degree. These efforts continued for many years, almost single-handed, had been materially aided and assisted by several other Mark Masons, until he was gratified to announce that a petition was in course of signature, asking the R.W. Grand Master to constitute the four lodges into a province, and nominating the newly-installed W.M., Bro. Sir John Cordy Burrows, as the first M.W. Provincial Grand Mark Master Mason. To this petition there were attached between 80 and 90 names of men of influence and position residing in various parts of the county of Sussex. In the early autumn he trusted to see a large and influential gathering of Mark Masons from all parts of the South of England, to assist at the dedication of the Provincial Mark Lodge of Sussex. I thank you for your good wishes, for your assistance, and for the sympathy I have ever received from you, and trust that our united efforts may be directed to maintain and uphold pure and unsullied the ancient and universal degree of the Mark, from the unwise attacks which from time to time have been made against it by certain local Masons, who are, however, powerless to prevent its spread among the true hearted and just Craft Masons. A year ago only it was reported that the Mark degree would be crushed out, and the only lodge closed. What has been the result of this threat? The Mark Masons have formed themselves into a close and compact body, and during the last few months, three new lodges have been opened, and a Provincial Grand Lodge, not only talked about, but the petition for its charter almost completed. These have been the results, in which I am satisfied to say I have had my share of the work, and you, with many who are unavoidably absent (looking round the table) have given me much valuable assistance.

Bro. W. R. Wood, P.M. 63, 135, 811, P.G. Steward, P.G.S.W. Sussex, in responding to the toast of "The Officers of the Lodge," which had been proposed by the W.M., expressed his great desire to carry out to the utmost of his power and ability all the principles which Masonry inculcated. In showing forth his love for his fellow men, he should do all in his power to assist those who were less fortunate in life than himself; he always endeavoured to do his utmost to assist and carry out the great principle of truth. Masonry and Masonic institutions were progressive and progressing, and as an instance of this he alluded to the fact that some years ago there were only two lodges of Masons in Brighton, whilst at the present time there were four, and it was anticipated that another would be formed in the course of a few days.

The principles of Masons were grand, glorious and true ones, and they ought not to keep their exclusive; he believed that Masonry was one of the great means by which society would progress and improve (applause). He was sincerely grateful, and heartily thanked them for the kind manner in which they had drank the health of the officers.

Bro. S. R. Ade, J.W. 75, proposed "Success to all the Masonic Institutions," commenting in appropriate terms on the fact that the various secretaries have during the past two years done so much to raise them in the estimation of the Masonic public. They were a credit to those members of the Masonic circle who contribute something from their means towards their support. He was happy to say that the Royal Sussex Mark Lodge, 75, of which lodge he was the J.W., had, at the suggestion of Bro. Sabine, qualified the W. Master's chair with a Life Governorship for the Boys' and Girls', and shortly he hoped this would be the case for the Benevolent Institution.

Bro. Binckes, Secretary of the Boys' School, replied, and the evening closed with mutual expressions of satisfaction at the position of the Mark Degree in Sussex.

Masonic Tidings.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Belgrave Lodge of Instruction on Friday, April 24th, 1874, at "The Coach and Horses," Strand, by Bro. C. G. Dille, P.M. 1155, W.M. 147, assisted by fifteen members of the Wellington Lodge of Instruction. Lodge opened at seven o'clock precisely.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Confidence Lodge of Instruction on Wednesday, April 22nd, at the "White Hart Tavern," Cannon-street, E.C., by Bro. F. Adams, P.G.P., W.M. Lodge will be opened at 6.30 p.m. Brethren are earnestly solicited to support our veteran brother upon this occasion, we believe the only octogenarian in the Craft.

A weekly newspaper, in English and French entitled *The Eastern Echo*, (*L'Echo D'Orient*), is announced, designed to deal especially with questions of the East, and particularly of the Levant. It will be published in London. The first number will appear on the 25th April next. It will be conducted by Bro. Edward W. John Fairman.

STAR LODGE OF INSTRUCTION (No. 1275) —The fifteen sections will be worked in this lodge, on Saturday, April 25th, 1874, at the Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road, by Bro. John Shaw, J.W. 79. Lodge opened at 6.30 precisely.

We are pleased to be able to record that the sum of £30 1s. 6d., the profits of a concert given by the members of St. John Lodge, No. 175, at Greenock, has been handed over to the Treasurer of the Infirmary.

The Reformed Presbyterian Church in Strouness, which was closed in consequence of the transfer of the minister, has been sold to the Freemasons.

The foxhound, the pointer, the retriever, the greyhound, and the pet spaniel or terrier, however much they may differ in all other qualities are alike in this, that they require careful feeding to be kept in good condition. The great difficulty experienced by all trainers and breeders is to find a food that shall always be alike, that it may be graduated according to the weather, and the work a dog is doing. This desideratum is secured, so far as we know, only by the very excellent biscuits manufactured by the Navy firms of Harrison and Harbridge, of Liverpool, which being made of the best English flour and the best beef, can always be depended upon, and we have invariably found that wherever these biscuits are used, the dogs remain constantly in good condition, instead of being "burnt" from day to day.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF WEST LANCASHIRE.

On Wednesday, 8th inst., the annual convocation of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Freemasons of West Lancashire was held in the New Masonic Rooms, King-street, Wigan; the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, Most Excellent Provincial Grand Superintendent, presiding. Amongst those present were the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, Prov. Grand Z.; Comp. Cornelius Sherlock, P.G.H.; Comp. H. W. Johnston, P.G.J.; Comp. H. S. Alpass, P.G.S.E.; Comp. D. W. Finney, First P.G. Assistant S.; Comp. James Hamer, P.G. Treasurer; Comp. Thomas Wylie; P.G. Reg.; Comp. Landless, P.G. Herald; Comps. T. Dodgson, Z. 995; T. Armstrong, P.P.G. Soj.; E. Pearson, H. 995; E. Meugens, P.Z. 32; W. Doyle, H. 249; T. Clark, P.Z. 673; J. K. Goepel, P.Z. 86; J. Case, P.Z. 995; J. Cossler, J. 703; W. Mossop, P.Z. 148; C. Fryer, P.Z. 133; S. Rowbottom, P.P.G.S.N.; W. C. Deeley, P.Z. 180; E. Kyle, J. 220; D. Jones, P.Z. 216; J. Sooth, P.Z. 220; John Pemberton, P.Z. 1094; J. C. Lunt, Z. 1086; Thomas Chesworth, P.Z. 1036; George Turner, P.Z. 823; P. M. Larson, P.Z. 220; Jos. Skeaf, P.G. Org., H. 216; J. Gaskell, P.Z. 178; Robt. Wylie, P.P.G.D. of C.; Rev. Philip Hains; J. T. Callow, H. 673; Edward Harbord, P.G. Standard Bearer, Cheshire; W. Archer, P.Z. 1886; J. Hotten, P.Z. 220; J. Lamb, P.Z. 178; J. Lunt, Z. 241; A. C. Mott, P.G.S.N.; W. Leader, 178.

The Prov. Grand Chapter having been opened in ancient and solemn form, the minutes of the last convocation at Preston were read by E. Comp. Alpass, P.G.S.E., and unanimously confirmed.

E. Comp. Hamer, P.G. Treas., presented the accounts for the year, which showed a balance in hand of £46 14s. 2d., against £40 8s. 11d. last year. The accounts had been duly audited by Comps. G. Turner, Z. 86; J. M'Kune, Z. 216; and J. Lunt, Z. 1086; and were unanimously approved, on the motion of Comp. A. C. Mott, seconded by Comp. G. Turner.

On the motion of Comp. Robert Wylie, seconded by Comp. A. C. Mott, Comp. Hamer was cordially re-elected Treasurer; and Comp. Hamer, in acknowledging the compliment, said that, although he had intended resigning the office this year, still he would endeavour for one year more to justify the confidence that had been reposed in him.

Comp. Peter Ball was unanimously re-elected G. Janitor for the ensuing year.

The following officers were appointed, and installed by the Most Excellent Superintendent, P.G.—Comp. Thomas Wylie, H.; E. Meugens, H. S. Alpass, S.E.; Kellet Smith, S.N.; C. Deeley, P.S.; Goepel, 1st Assistant S.; Landless, 2nd Assistant S.; Charles Hill, G.; Mossop, P.G.Sd.B.; Comp. Fryer, 1. Std.B.; T. Dodgson, D. of C.; J. Skeaf, G.; — Simpson, Std.

The M.E.P.G. Superintendent said, having appointed his officers for the ensuing year, he wished to say a few words to the companions, and be thanked for their hearty support on occasion. It was extremely gratifying to learn that Royal Arch Freemasonry was pressing in the province, and exerting itself to note the great ends which the noble science intended to advance. It had been suggested after the convocation of the Prov. Grand Chapter, a Provisional Grand Lodge should be with a view to opening in Masonic form elegant building in which they were then assembled, but it was found that there was no object for and no ceremony proper to such occasion, and it was hardly right to create such precedent. Therefore the suggestion was declined. At the same time, he could not resist the giving a few words expressive of thanks to P. Leader, the owner of the spacious building in which they met that day, for the energy which he had brought the construction of the building to a conclusion, and of congratulation on the success with which the design had been carried out. The room in which they were assembled would be as handsome a room as any division, and they must all rejoice to see

Freemasonry holding such a firm place in the hearts of Masons as to induce them to erect such a building, and to provide so handsome, commodious, and convenient a place of meeting as that. His hope was that such an excellent example as had been set in Wigan might be followed throughout this great province, and that they might be truly able to say no province could excel West Lancashire for its thorough and hearty exemplification of the great principles of Freemasonry—brotherly love, relief, and truth.

Comp. T. Wylie, P.G.H., gave notice that at the next convocation, he should move that ten per cent. of the annual income of the Provincial Grand Chapter be set apart as a fund for the support of the Masonic Charities.

On the motion of Comp. Robert Wylie, seconded by Comp. T. Armstrong, the votes of the province were appropriated, together with £5, towards securing the election of an old companion to the benefits of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons.

After the transaction of some formal business the P.G. Chapter was closed in ancient and solemn form, after which the companions banqueted together, and separated shortly after seven o'clock.

EARLY GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF SCOTLAND.

The Grand Council of the Early Grand Encampment of Scotland, held their usual quarterly meeting in the Sun Hotel, Kilmarnock, on Saturday, the 4th inst., Sir Knight Pollock, of Newmilns, Grand Commander of the Order, presiding.

The Grand Officers being placed at their respective posts, the encampment was opened in ancient form. The Grand Registrar having read the minutes of last meeting, which being approved of, were endorsed by the council in their minute book. Deputations of three Sir Knights from each of the various Early Grand Encampments attended, with the exception of Muirkirk, whose absence was explained by the significant fact that they had made application to the Chapter General of Scotland, under whose banner they desired to be enrolled; the position Muirkirk has thus taken in alienating themselves from the body they have been connected with for nearly a century, elicited some warm remarks, but as the old adage says—"The losing of one is the gaining of two," has again proved true. A dormant charter was re-granted, and a deputation attended from Girvan, praying for a charter of erection in that place, their application to lie over till next meeting. It is to be hoped that the Muirkirk body will reconsider their position, seeing as yet they have not accepted the very honourable proposals of the Supreme Chapter.

Obituary.

BRO. ROBERT BROWN.

We have to record the demise of an old member of the Craft, Bro. Robert Brown, who passed away at the house of his son-in-law, Fakenham, Norfolk. Bro. Brown was a native of the City of Carlisle, we believe, and for above twenty years was superintendent of police at Cocker-mouth, from which public office he retired on a pension in the year 1861. Bro. Brown spent a few years of his early life in France, and while there was initiated into Masonry. He was one of the original seven that founded Skiddaw Lodge, Cocker-mouth, 1002, in the spring of 1864, and he was a subscribing member till the date of his death. Bro. Brown was more than once offered a Warden's chair in Skiddaw Lodge, but his modesty, and strictly undemonstrative disposition, always led him to decline anything higher than I.G., which office he was the first to hold in connection with the lodge just referred to. Bro. Brown died on the 2nd inst., after a short but severe illness, at the ripe age of 77, and his remains were removed to Cocker-mouth for interment on Saturday last. The members of Skiddaw Lodge were not apprised of the arrangements for the funeral in time, otherwise arrangements would have been made for attending in full strength.

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THE JESUITS.

I think it well to subjoin the following note from the *Times* of the 8th, on Captain Cuttle's famous principle, "when found make a note of it."

Although the "Jesuit Question" is not altogether cognate to Masonic researches, yet once upon a time, some credulous persons believed the Jesuits were Freemasons, and that the Freemasons were Jesuits. See Bonneville's *Jesuites chasses de la Maconnerie*. And though to most, probably the "Jesuiten Garten," or some of Wurtzburgh's will be far more agreeable than all "die Lehren der Jesuiten," yet the note below has its interest for us, as in truth all has which refers to an Order, famous or infamous in the world's history, as you like to look at it, but I believe consistent in their endeavours to advance the study of science and the spread of education. Certainly they were in days gone by, whatever they may be in the present day.

With this little preface I commend the note to the notice of my brother Masonic students.

I have thought it best to put it forward at this time, especially when the "popularis aura" is blowing very adversely to the order everywhere. "In a work lately published in Berlin (*Die Lehren der Jesuiten*") it is said that in 1750 the Jesuits had 669 Colleges, 24 houses for professi, 61 for probationers, 176 seminaries, &c., 335 residences, and 273 missions, in which there 22,589 members, among whom 11,293 priests lived. In 1872 there were 8,951 members. The laws of the Order are found in the "Examen Generale et Constitutiones cum Declarationibus," which was sketched out in part by Loyola, and completed by Lainez and Salmeron, but was not intended for any till they had actually taken the vow. Up till then they were provided with no more than the "Summarium Constitutionum et Reglæ." These and other such works were kept secret for a long time; but at length one and another came into notice, till at length an Antwerp bookseller, Johann Meursius, published in 1702, with the consent of the superior, a collection of the most important documents connected with the society, in two quarto volumes, and under the title "Corpus Institutionem Societatis Jesu." In 1757, at the command of the 18th General Congregation, a more complete work was published, under the title of "Institutio Societatis Jesu, auctoritate Congregationis Generalis xviii. meliorem in ordinem digestum auctum et recusum." A newer edition of this appeared at Avignon in 1827-1838 in seven volumes, "Die Lehren der Jesuiten" gives the Latin on one side, and a German translation on the other, and consists of 100 pages, with notes, some of which are very interesting. A MASONIC STUDENT.

MASONIC BIBLIOGRAPHY.

I have read in *The Freemason* for Feb. 28th, 1874, a note from Bro. A. F. A. Woodford, in which he alludes to the Rosicrucian work entitled "Clypeum Veritatis," as one which he had not seen, and he makes enquiry concerning it. This work was written by Gotthardus Arthusius, co-rector of the Frankfort Gymnasium, and published in 1618 (not 1619), under the pseudonym of Irenæus Agnostus. Like Bro. Woodford, I have never seen the "Clypeum Veritatis," but in the "Frater non Frater," by the same author, (1619) which is in my library, he refers to it in the expression "in unser clypeo." The book is described by Kloss (Bibliog.), No. 2523. ALBERT G. MACKAY, M.D.

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THE ASSEMBLY AT YORK.

The report of the last great Masonic assembly at York has a deep interest for every English Freemason!

For not only does the name of Zetland carry us back to some of the brightest annals of our English Order, but the associations which York preserves for all student Masons, and for our world-wide Craft, are alike most precious and remarkable.

With York is bound up very clearly, for instance, the legendary records of our Order, the histories and constitution of the Craft guilds, and at any rate for 350 years, York has been designated by name as the "Alma Mater" of English Freemasonry. Inferential evidence of a very clear and striking kind might lead us not unwarrantably to trace this connection to the

end of the fourteenth century, at any rate, as the "syte" of the oldest Masonic chronicles is undoubtedly York.

With York is also bound up the famous legend of Athelstan, and even of an earlier Edwin, and there seems no possible a priori reason why the great Assembly of Athelstan's time may not have taken place, as our records tell us it did, at York. That assembly was in all probability simply the annual assembly of the Craft guild of Masons, to legislate for the general and special interests of the sodality. Thanks to the Surtees society and Canon Raine, we have fabric rolls of York Minster, and regulations of the chapter from 1360, shewing, that, the Freemasons were a recognised body, and besides their customary suit and service to the chapter to which they were bound by an oath of obligation, had evidently certain franchises and customs, and privileges of their own.

Indeed, beneath the cold and technical terms of a Monastic fabric roll, its simple statements, and its terse account of things and persons, the educated Freemason can clearly discern that the "Le loge Latomorum," was governed by its own "Magister" and "gardiani" and "Seniores" pretty much as at the present day.

What the real "status" of the Freemason's lodge at York Minster in the 14th century was, as regards ourselves, it is not easy now to lay down or decide; but if the Masonic token in Mr. Brown's possession, still, we believe, at York, be a relic of the old Masonic guilds, that connection was far closer than some of us might be willing to believe.

The tradition of our order is, however, perfectly uniform as to the connection with York, and we see no reason to discredit it, or reject it.

Drake, the learned historian, when he aided in reviving the Grand Lodge at York, in the last century, clearly saw no difficulty in this claim of our English Freemasonry, and we owe to him the true version, undoubtedly, of the Edwin legend.

If doubts in later times have been cast on the tradition and on the so-called York Constitution such doubts seem to resolve themselves into fair historical criticism on the alleged documents, and evidences themselves, and by no means, as it appears to us, affect the probability or truth of the original legend, or of the connection of York, with Freemasonry.

Since the days of Athelstan no more distinguished Assembly of York Masons ever was gathered together, than that which greeted our Grand Master and Bro. Lord Zetland, the new Provincial Grand Master, on Thursday last.

We congratulate the members of the York Lodge on the success which has attended their zealous efforts to do honour to their Masonic rulers and brethren, and greatly to be commended is the friendly concurrence of the municipal authorities, and the sympathetic support of the excellent Dean, and the Clergy of the Cathedral body.

The sermon preached by our Bro. Kemp was a most eloquent one, and truly befitting the occasion, and we rejoice to think that like the "good Samaritan" of old, the members of our brotherhood sought to pour the wine and oil of

love and relief, into the open wounds of common humanity.

proceedings reflect the great credit on those concerned in them. proceedings which cannot fail to have produced a very favorable impression, and to have raised our anti-brotherhood in the good opinion of the loyal citizens of the metropolitan city. Indeed quite takes us back to olden days, to find classes thus combining to promote the assembly of York Masons, and pleasant it is for students of our archæology and all lovers of our Craft, to find history thus repeating itself as the centuries leave us in turn, in our annals, and labours, and gatherings and assemblies of our time-honoured, but we will a beneficent Brotherhood.

The collection at the end of the service amounted to a little over £48.

WEEKLY SUMMARY.

Her Majesty is still at Osborne.

The Prince and Princess of Wales spent 1 week at Sandringham the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh remained at Buckingham Palace.

The Prince and Princess of Wales, accompanied by the Duke of Cambridge, the Hereditary Grand Duke of Mecklenburg-Strelitz, and the Maharajah Dhuleep Sing, left Sandringham on Wednesday morning, April 8th, and proceeded to Ely for the purpose of inspecting the fine cathedral. The Royal party afterwards returned to Sandringham House.

The twenty-first birthday of Prince Leopold George Duncan Albert, youngest son of the Queen, was celebrated at Windsor yesterday with the customary honours paid to members of the Royal Family.

The Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh, not, after all, go to Sandringham with the Prince and Princess of Wales, but stayed their Easter in London. On Sunday the Duke and Duchess were at the organ performance at the All Hall. The ball to be given by the Lord Mar to the Duke and Duchess has been fixed for 29th inst. The Mansion House will be transformed for the occasion, being splendidly decorated and illuminated like the Imperial Palace at St. Petersburg on the night of the Duke and Duchess's marriage. The Royal party have a reception, retiring, and supper reserved for them. Between 800 and 1000 persons are invited. The Duke and Duchess going to pay Ireland a visit in August, & they will stay in Dublin with the Duke of Cornwall.

The Princess Louise and the Marquis of Lorne took possession last week of their home at Dornden, near Tunbridge Wells. Good Friday the Marquis and Marchioness went to the service at St. Paul's, Rusthall, next day the Duke of Argyll arrived on a Sunday the Princess, with her husband the Duke, went to Langton Church, and on Tuesday the Marquis and several of his wife drove to Tunbridge Wells to see some of sports.

Windsor Castle is fully occupied in preparation for the Czar's coming visit, and the State Apartments are closed for the present, in order to get ready for his Majesty. The Emperor occupies the State Apartments overlooking the north terrace—almost identical with the habited by the ex-Emperor and Empress French on their visit to Windsor in 1854. include the Vandyke Room, or old ball the Lucharelli Room, or Queen's State D Room, the Queen's Closet, the King's and the Council Chamber. The suite lodged in the Audience and Presence Chamber as well as part of the Round Tower. The his brother, the Grand Duke Constantin his third son, the Grand Duke Alexis, expected at Berlin on the 2nd inst.

There is little other news at home. The session of Parliament has recommenced with

week, but owing to the time we go to press we cannot give a precis of the Budget until next week.

Dr. Kenealey has been excluded from the Bar Mess on the Oxford Circuit, but "en revanche" has edited a new paper called *The Englishman*, what the *Times* terms "noble but monotonous, and which seems so far to be entirely to the honour and glory of Dr. Kenealey himself."

The Corporation of the City of London propose to invite the Czar Alexander of Russia, to a great festal reception, when here, a guest of Her Majesty the Queen.

Sir John Karslake, in consequence of ill-health, has resigned the office of Attorney-General, and has been succeeded by Sir Richard Baggallay.

The office of Solicitor-General has been offered to Mr. Huddleston, Q.C.

Abroad the news is not so far important.

The German Parliament have levied 4,000,000 men for seven years, and Prince Bismarck is recovering.

Marshal Serrano has made proposals to Don Carlos, which have been, Baron Reuter says, definitely rejected, and so we shall see then what we shall see.

We regret to say that the Famine in Bengal, is not decreasing, nearly £75,000 have been already collected by the Mansion House Fund.

We have to announce the deaths of the Marquis of Clanricarde, of the Duchess Dowager of Leeds, of the Baroness Dumfermline, of the Lady Colridge, of Col Peter Drummond, Bengal army, of Col. George Harold, half pay of the 42 and 92nd Highlanders and of Sir Henry Oglander.

LONDON AND HOME NEWS.

The Earl of Guildford is about to marry Georgiana, sister to Sir George Chetwynd.

The International Exhibition of 1874 was opened on Easter Monday, but the occasion was marked by no formal ceremony. The number of visitors during the day, however, reached 14,525. Several departments are as yet incomplete, including the Indian and French Courts; and it is announced that the exhibition of wines, which will form a most important part of this year's programme, cannot commence before the 1st of May.

On Wednesday, the 6th, there was much festivity at Worcester in honour of the completion of the restoration of the Cathedral, which has been in the hands of the architects and decorators for the last twenty years, the work costing £100,000. Two services were held in the sacred building, each attended by about 500 clergy, who filled the choir, while the nave, transepts, and aisles were crowded with the select of the laity admitted by ticket. The Bishop of Worcester preached in the morning, and the Bishop of Derry in the evening. The Mayor gave a breakfast to the Corporation and the Freemasons of the province, and the Dean and Chapter entertained some distinguished guests at the College Hall.

Oxford "Commemoration" will be held on the 17th June.

The Warwick Castle restoration subscriptions have now amounted to £9,651. The work is being rapidly completed, and in a very short time the Castle will be restored to its former grandeur.

The Royal College of Physicians of London have addressed to Mr. Disraeli a memorial, in which they say that, in the daily exercise of their profession, they are brought much into contact with the poorer classes of the population, and are deeply interested in everything that concerns their welfare, not only on account of the poor themselves, but also because the evils engendered among them often affect the whole of society:—It is within their knowledge that the wholesale demolition of the houses inhabited by the poor, which had been carried on of late years under various railway and improvement acts, while it has been serviceable in removing many very bad streets and dwellings, has incidentally caused much distress to the persons displaced, and has almost uniformly driven them to crowd into neighbouring quarters, which were already as full, or fuller, than was consistent with healthiness. They believe that private enterprise is powerless to provide the fresh and improved

house accommodation which is required for those who have been expelled from their former habitations, in addition to that which is called for by the constant increase of the population by reason of the impossibility of securing suitable sites for building. Even so rich and powerful a body as the trustees of the Peabody Fund has been repeatedly foiled in particular attempts to obtain land to build upon. They believe that the mere enabling powers which are at present entrusted to various authorities have proved, and must prove, insufficient to effect the desired object. In their opinion a remedy for these evils is urgently required, and they therefore venture to express the hope that Mr. Disraeli will favour them by holding out some prospect that this question of the dwellings of the London poor, upon which the health and morality of the people so much depend, will be taken up by Government in the present session of Parliament.

A stained glass window has just been placed in the parish church, of Folkestone to the memory of Dr. William Harvey, the discoverer of the circulation of the blood, who was born in the town in 1578. It is the gift of the medical profession, more than 3,000 of whom have contributed towards the cost. The artist was Mr. C. E. Kempe, of Beaumont-street, London. The window was formally uncovered, when the "Hallelujah Chorus" was sung by the united choirs of the churches in the town. In the chancel of this church there is a brass to the memory of Joan Harvey, mother of Dr. Harvey, which bears the following inscription:—"A.D. 1605, Nov. 8th, dyed in ye 50th yeere of her age, Joan, wife of Thomas Harvey, mother of 7 sons and 2 daughters, a godly, Harmless Woman; a chaste lovinge wife; a charitable quiet Neighbour; a cofortable friendly Matro; a provident diligent Hyswyfe; a carefull te'der harted Mother; deere to her Hysband; reverensd of her children; beloved of her Neighbour; elected of God; whose Sole Rest in Heaven; her Body in this Grave, to her a Happy Advantage, to Hers an Vnhappy loss."

The sum of £24 8s. 10½d. was collected at the voluntary service in the Royal Military Chapel, Wellington Barracks, on Sunday evening, April 5, after a sermon preached by the Chaplain-General. The amount will be lodged to the credit of Lady Wolseley's Fund.

On Saturday the annual return respecting military savings banks, presented to Parliament, was printed, showing that the total amount of the fund for the banks up to the 10th ult. was £300,609 9s. 5½d. The interest showed during the year 1873 to depositors in military savings banks was £6,823 12s. 7½d., and the interest allowed on army charitable funds £1,965 19s. 7½d. The withdrawals from the banks in the period were £131,254 11s. 6½d. The number of accounts open on the 31st March last year was 14,560.

The following is a statement showing the total number of messages forwarded from postal telegraph stations in the United Kingdom during the week ended the 4th of April, 1874, and during the corresponding week of 1873:—Week ended April 4, 1874, total number of messages, 314,773; week ended April 5, 1873, total number of messages, 326,563; decrease in the week of 1874 on that of 1873, 11,790.

A sad calamity has befallen Mr. Hipwell, of Tolworth. About three weeks ago a stray dog got among a flock of sheep and lambs and worried a score or more to death. Now it is found that the dog must have been mad, for numbers of the poor animals have since shown symptoms of hydrophobia, and have had to be knocked on the head or strangled. Mr. Hipwell has taken every precaution to prevent the spread of the terrible disease, and the carcasses are buried as killed; but it is greatly feared that a very heavy pecuniary loss will result to him, and further, the full extent of the mischief can hardly be imagined.—*Surrey Comet*.

On Saturday a Parliamentary paper was printed containing an account of the gross amount received during the year ended the 31st of December, 1872, and its application. The amount received by the Post-office from the 1st of January, 1872, to the 31st of December, 1872,

in respect of telegraphic messages, private wire rentals, and special wire, &c., was £1,359,652 10s. 5½d., less £309,509 3s. 8½d. paid to submarine telegraph companies, being message receipts collected on their behalf, and amount allowed to postmasters in respect of sums paid by them for the special delivery of messages, &c., leaving £970,683 6s. 9d. The amount expended by the Post-office in the period for salaries, rent, and maintenance of telegraphs was £144,107 10s. 2½d. It is stated in a note that the expenditure for 1872 was exceptional, as it included payments proper to the two previous years. A statement is given of the application of the balance of telegraph revenue, amounting to £144,807 0s. 2½d.

The vote proposed to the House of Commons this Session for elementary education in England and Wales estimates the grants required at 12s. 5d. each for 1,709,808 day scholars in inspected schools, and at 7s. 11d. each for 43,376 evening scholars. In the financial year 1872-73 the expenditure from the education grant in England and Wales, comprised 757,860 on schools connected with the Church of England; £143,512 on schools connected with the British and Foreign School Society; £71,959 on Wesleyan schools; £58,929 on Roman Catholic schools, and £14,287 on Board Schools, this last item making its appearance in the account for the first time.

ITEMS OF FOREIGN NEWS.

From Paris the sudden death is announced of M. Beulé, at the age of forty-eight. The deceased was appointed Minister of the Interior in the Cabinet formed by the Duc de Broglie after the overthrow of M. Thiers, on the 24th of May last year. He left office when the Septennial power was conferred upon Marshal MacMahon.

The ex-Emperor Ferdinand, who abdicated in favour of his nephew, the present Emperor of Austria, is reported to be lying dangerously ill at Prague.

According to information forwarded by Professor Palmieri to the local journals, the crater of Mount Vesuvius has lately undergone some rather ominous changes. The explosion of the 26th of April, 1872, left, it appears, a wide and deep crater on the summit of the mountain, which was divided into two compartments by "a sort of cyclopean wall," composed of great masses of lava and thick layers of slag. "Within the last few days," writes the Professor, "the cyclopean wall has disappeared, and the crater has been filled up without the occurrence of eruptive phenomena."

Dr. Viale, the Pope's physician, and one of his most intimate friends, has just died at Rome at the age of eighty-five.

The question of a tunnel between England and France appears to be revived. A special French Committee, composed of railway directors invited the Chairmen of the English Railway Companies interested in the question to confer with them in Paris.

The conference, which lasted two days, has served to establish the bases on which the preliminary experiments must be made to prove the possibility of such an undertaking.

The President of the Republic has expressed his interest in the object which the conference had in view.

It is thought that, in the meantime, until the question of a tunnel be decided, that of a port on the French coast for improved steamboat service will be considered.

The sovereignty of the Fiji Islands has been formally ceded by King Cacoban to England, and Mr. Layard, the British Consul, has accepted the cession, subject to the ratification of the Home Government. The Fiji exchequer is said to be insolvent, the expenditure having amounted during the last two years to £124,000, while the revenue during the same period was only £42,000. The Fiji Administration has been unable to pay the interest due on the loans it had contracted. An interim Administration has been formed, pending the decision of the British Government.

The death is announced of Peter Andreas Hansen, the well-known astronomer, and director of the Ducal Observatory at Gotha. The deceased attained celebrity by his researches into

physical astronomy and the movement of the moon.

The well-known painter, Wilhelm von Kaulbach, has died at Munich, of cholera, in the 70th year of his age.

A monument to Lord Byron is being discussed in Venice, and an Anglo-Italian Committee for that purpose has been formed, at the initiative of the *Venice Mail*.

"E. F." writes to *The Times*:—"Your Neapolitan Correspondent, in *The Times* of Wednesday, shows us how the beautiful isle of Sicily is still disgraced by the crime of brigandage, while he gives us no hope of its ceasing till the trade and commerce of the island are developed. But it is very singular that in the very adjoining column of the same sheet, in your most interesting review of the *Year Books of Edward I.*, you should have pointed out the most effectual way of repressing such atrocities. 'There are several cases which illustrate the utility of this ancient system of Tything and Hundred in enforcing an excellent police administration, and in the securing of prompt investigation in the case of concealed crimes or outrages by men whose rank or lawlessness had no small influence in impeding the cause of justice. And it is very remarkable that when Sicily was in a similar state of disorder after the wars in the beginning of this century, the island was brought to perfect rest and safety by the simple expedient of making every township and district responsible for the crimes committed in its area.'

The Royal Academy of Fine Arts in Brussels has taken up the question as to the custody of Ruben's paintings, now in Antwerp Cathedral, and at a recent meeting of the Academy, M. Gallait, as president of the society, stated "that the Academy could not remain indifferent to the serious questions which had been raised on the subject in other quarters; that the preservation of those *chefs-d'œuvre* must be thoroughly assured, and that a stop must be put to the scandalous traffic and abuse now going on in the cathedral, in refusing to allow these paintings to be seen except for a money payment." Other members of the Academy having concurred in M. Gallait's observations, a commission is to be appointed to carry out the views of the Academy—viz., that the paintings in question, being the patrimony of the nation, should be removed from all risk of deterioration and be placed in the museums, in order that artists and amateurs should have an opportunity of studying them free of expense.

Original Correspondence.

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

MASONS' MARKS.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,

It is impossible not to be intensely amused with Bro. Chalmers I. Paton's last and most characteristic letter.

In Theodore Hook's life, there is a very amusing story told, of his startling an ornate swell with the sudden query, "Please Sir, are you somebody?" To judge by Bro. Chalmers I. Paton's letter in *The Freemason* of the 11th ult., he is the only writer who is competent to discuss or decide certain "vexatas questiones" of Masonic archaeology, and though Bro. Chalmers I. Paton is bold enough to say, that in common with Bro. Buchan, I know very little about the question of Masons' Marks, I will but say this once for all, that, I have studied Masons' Marks probably far longer and far more carefully than Bro. Paton, and whether I am competent to express an opinion on such a subject or no, I will leave to my good friend Bro. Hughan to decide.

The truth is, that Bro. Paton, like a good many other persons at the present day, seem to think, that they are to bear you down, by noisy asseveration and overbearing assertion.

I for one, never intend to allow any one, so long as I am able to hold a pen, to mislead the Craft,

either by absurd pretensions to infallibility, or by idle claims to authority.

We have suffered too much from literary charlatanism as an Order, for those, who have studied the subject, and understand what they are writing about, to permit any brother, be he who he may, to assume for himself the function of setting everybody else right, he himself being at the best, but a second rate, and second-hand authority.

Bro. Chalmers I. Paton originally asserted that all Marks must have even points. He did not then limit the assertion to speculative Masonry, whatever he may have meant.

My answer to such an assertion was, and still is, that Bro. Paton was utterly wrong, and that such a statement was in direct defiance of all our evidence on the subject. Bro. Paton said such had been the rule for Scotland for 150 years.

My reply was, that the evidence of the Scottish lodges, as preserved in Bros. Laurie's and D. M. Murray's works, was entirely contradictory of such a gratuitous assertion.

Bro. Hughan stated, that, there is no such rule in England

Where then is Bro. Paton?

All Mark Masonry is derivative from actual operative Masonry, and is only valuable to us archaeologically.

In operative Masonry, there is no such rule as even points, in speculative Masonry there is no trace of such a custom. If even there was, it would only prove, as I originally observed, that speculative Masons have departed from the rules and regulations of Mark Masons. But on Bro. Hughan's authority, which is very high as regards England, and on the authority of the Scotch speculative lodges, which are of far more weight to us than Bro. Chalmers Paton's anonymous and elderly informant, Bro. Chalmers Paton, in my humble opinion, had not the slightest warrant for his bold assertion. To show how little reliance can be placed on his knowledge of marks, he originally stated that the double triangle was not a mark at all, because, it had an equal number of points. Now anyone who has studied the mark question knows, that both the pentagon and the double triangle, or hexagon are equally, if not common operative marks, yet marks of which many instances can be proved, and which are still pursued. Let me recommend Bro. Paton to study the question a little more closely before he again writes so dogmatically, and as he began with a Scotch axiom, I will end with a good old English one, "Don't teach your grandmother to suck eggs."

A MASONIC STUDENT.

THE LOST TEN TRIBES.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you permit me to ask Bro. Carpenter, through the columns of *The Freemason*, whether he has traced any portion of the ten tribes to the continent of America. Will you also permit me to ask some other learned brother if the Indian word wigwam—or living place—has any connection with the Latin word vivam—I shall live, and which according to the new, or perhaps, more properly speaking, the ancient pronunciation would be pronounced wigwam, "I shall live," or in the present subjunctive word, "I may live."

Fraternally yours,

H. B. HODGES, P.P.S.G.W., Herts.

THE MELROSE LODGE.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As the Editor of the *North British Daily Mail* has declined to insert my second letter in answer to the second letter of "Masonic," which appeared in *The Freemason* of the 4th inst., perhaps you will, in fairness, insert the enclosed copy of my first letter, which is simply an answer to the first letter of "Masonic," in which he dogmatically asserts that Masons hailing from the Grand Lodge of Scotland had no business to be present at the consecration of Melrose No. 2 Lodge Glasgow. As "Masonic" is open to correction, I trust that

he will have the goodness to correct those parts of his second letter where he couples me with those who contend for the priority of the old lodge at Melrose, over that of Kilwinning, that I leave to those who are now investigating into that matter. The question with me is, which of the two bodies are the best practical Masons. Let "Masonic" answer this without any equivocation. As soon as he has done so, I shall with your permission, be prepared to present him with a bone which he may not find easy to masticate.

I am, yours fraternally,
FRATERNAL JUSTICE.

FATHER MELROSE AND MOTHER KILWINNING.
To the Editor of the *North British Daily Mail*.

Sir,—In answer to "Masonic" I beg to inform him that I, among many others, hailing from the Grand Lodge of Scotland have been in the habit of visiting the Melrose Masons in Glasgow; and having now had some experience of both bodies of Masons, I do not for a moment hesitate to give it as my candid opinion that the Melrose Masons are the most economical, the most charitable, the most brotherly, the most orderly, and consequently the best Masons that I have met with anywhere, especially in Scotland. I do not regard the authority of either "Masonic" or any others of similar opinions who may question my right in acknowledging the Melrose Masons. I know they are acknowledged in all parts of the world, and that of itself is quite sufficient for me. I know, on the other hand, Masons hailing from the Grand Lodge of Scotland and from lodges in Glasgow actually being refused admittance in lodges in America. I am, &c.

FRATERNAL JUSTICE.

THE MASONIC CHARITIES.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have been very pleased to notice the interest taken in the important subject of "Our Masonic Charities," and have duly considered the various suggestions made by the writers of the several interesting letters which have appeared in *The Freemason*. As Bro. Gotheil says, "For this discussion to be of any value, it should lead to some practical results," and I think some tangible good cannot fail to be produced through the ventilation of the question in these pages.

The communication signed "Ad Referendum" is a fair representative of the feelings of a great number of brethren in the provinces, and the sooner such a state of matters is altered the better. The lowering of the Steward's fee is a step in the right direction, and at the ensuing festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls only two guineas each have to be paid by the Stewards. This arrangement will partly meet with the wishes of "Ad Referendum" (who is, if I mistake not, an active worker in the "good cause"); and at the Boys' Festival the fee was not more than three guineas, inclusive, we believe, of a "ladies' ticket."

According to the new laws, Stewards are eligible to wear the charity jewel, provided they attend two festivals, and have £150 on each of their lists, even if they give no sum themselves to either of the charities beyond the subscriptions for Stewards' fees.

I think, for brethren residing in the provinces, the necessary attendance at the festival as a qualification for the charity jewel, should be dispensed with, for else in many cases the cost of travelling, &c., would exceed that of a life governorship.

In the province of Cornwall, each lodge elects a Steward for the year at its annual festival for the Cornwall Masonic Account and Benevolent Fund, and we find the plan has worked exceedingly well, having realized nearly £2,000 in ten years.

Could not a similar plan be devised for the great Masonic charities, and either a Charity Steward be appointed annually by each province, or one by each lodge, and a committee composed with chairman and officers, as in the case of West Yorkshire, and

alluded to by our able Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, M.A., P.G.C.; and the letter from Bro. Captain Shanks on this subject is much to the point.

Respecting the minimum fee being lowered, I cannot quite agree with the suggestion made by our Bro. "Ad Referendum," excepting so far as to hint at an amendment, to the effect that sums may be received, which when they amount to one guinea shall enable the subscriber to vote as if he had at once contributed the minimum subscription, provided no single payment be less than five shillings.

As to the "statement of the accounts" of each of the charities being annually sent to all the lodges, chapters, &c., I quite think with "Ad Referendum" the plan would work well, and cause a much greater number to subscribe, for at present it is lamentable how few Masons really know of the character, extent, and benefits of our Masonic Institutions, which all along it appears to me have been supported by the few, who have very rarely (or their "dependants") sought any assistance, and the many who have either been elected as annuitants, or their children, placed in our institutions have never, whilst in prosperity contributed one farthing to the Masonic charities! In Chester no child is allowed to be a candidate for election with the admirable Educational Institution of that province without his or her father had subscribed to its funds. I do not advise such a law for the London Masonic charities, but subscribers can now exercise their own minds on the subject in voting.

W. J. HUGHAN.

THE EARLY GRAND ENCAMPMENT AND THE P.G. LODGE OF GLASGOW.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In answer to the letter of "Fiat Justitia," Bro. Wheeler, Secretary of St. Mungo's K.T. Encampment, who is the undoubted champion of everything legal, Masonically speaking, in Scotland, at the present moment has fallen upon the E.G. Encampment, and apparently intends to make short work of both it and its members; like a practical general he has divided his charges into three component parts, so as to give force and brevity to his remarks, his 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in these three points. Bro. Wheeler has discovered that your correspondent "Fiat Justitia" has blundered, and as he politely puts it, committed some unintentional errors. Let us see where these errors are. 1st. Who says there is a R.A. Chapter, acting under the superior Chapter General of K.T.'s of Scotland? Please Bro. Wheeler quote the passage that says so.

2nd. Nor any R.A. Chapter, that has recently joined that body. Will Bro. Wheeler be good enough to explain himself? We do not profess to see so clearly as he does, nor do we observe any reference to the Supreme Chapter and the Chapter General in the sense referred to by Bro. Wheeler.

What has the E.G. Encampment got to do with the Girvan and St. Mungo Encampments? It is well enough known that all this has occurred, without Bro. Wheeler giving us more light upon the matter.

We shall pass over Bro. Barrow, and his position amongst the Sir Knights. It is quite enough for our purpose, that he holds the position he does, and that he acted, as has already been made public, as stated before. We only hope that the P.G.L. will reconsider their decision, and allow the Early Grand Encampment to occupy those premises they forced them to leave.

The remaining paragraph of Bro. Wheeler's letter bespeaks much for his praise. If there had been more like him, we should, ere this, have been unanimous.

I would beg to suggest that the encampments acting under the Chapter General, join the Early Grand Encampment, seeing that the Grand Encampment of the E.G. was formed before the Chapter General. Union is certainly strength, and why not then the Chapter General join with the E.G. About us being isolated and un-

recognised in any part of the world, is certainly rather much to assert. We can name members who have obtained entry into chapters and encampments in Scotland, and *vice versa*; in fact, some of the most distinguished Scottish Masons of the present day have during their Masonic career, been not ashamed to own connection with the E. G. body, for instance, B.os. D. M. Lyon, the Masonic historian, received the R.A. under the hands of Bro. Martin, a P.E.C. of the E. G. Body. Various other matters can be enumerated, regarding the Early Grand, showing that its authority and legality are unquestionable.

I am, dear sir and brother, yours fraternally,
W. F.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The Quarterly Court of the Governors and Subscribers to this Institution, was held on Saturday last, in the Board Room at Freemasons' Hall. The chair was occupied by Bro. Major J. Creaton, V.P., and among the other brethren present there were: Bros. R. Wentworth Little, Secretary; T. Randall, G. Wyatt, H. Smith, T. Hill, W. Wellsman, G. Singer, R. Jeffries, S. Rawson, Griffiths, Smith, T. F. Peacock, Col. F. Burdett, T. Meggy, G. Bolton, H. Browse, Thomas W. White, E. H. Tinney, H. Massey, S. H. Tattershall, Robt. Blockton, E. Harris, J. G. Marsh, H. C. Levander, L. Finch, Jas. Brett, Joseph Smith, A. D. Loewenstark, R. Price, Jesse Turner, J. Strachan, W. H. Radley, W. Lane, Edward Spooner, W. Stephen, Geo. Kenning, Geo. Morris, James Stephens, S. Rosenthal, John Coutts, J. R. Stebbing, Benjamin Head, E. S. Snell, John Symonds, H. Empson, James Terry, and H. Muggidge. The attendance of members was very large.

After the advertisement calling the meeting, and the minutes had been read,

Bro. Thomas W. White announced that one of the inmates of the school, Beatrice Seaton, had died, and he accordingly moved, "That 16 instead of 15 girls be elected that day."

Bro. Jesse Turner seconded the motion, which was thereupon carried.

Col. F. Burdett and Dr. Ramsay were then elected to the vacancies on the House Committee, caused by Major Creaton's acceptance of the office of Trustee of the Institution, and Bro. George Cox's death.

On the motion of Bro. S. Rawson, seconded by another brother, Bro. Samuel Tomkins was re-elected Treasurer.

Bros. A. Moore, T. F. Peacock, J. G. Marsh, and Jesse Turner, were chosen to fill the four vacancies, on the General Committee.

Scrutineers of votes were then selected, and the election of 16 girls out of a list of 31, was proceeded with.

The names of the successful and unsuccessful candidates will be found in our advertisement columns.

Votes of thanks to the scrutineers and chairman closed the proceedings.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The usual April Quarterly Court of the Boys' School Governors and Subscribers was held on Monday at noon, in the Board Room, Freemasons' Hall. As customary on election day, which Monday was, there was a large assemblage of the brethren, and among them we noticed Bros. Major Creaton, Gumbleton, Raynham W. Stewart, Samuel May, S. Rawson, A. H. Tattershall, H. Massey, George Lambert, R. J. Spiers, Collard, Moutrie, Jesse Turner, James Brett, F. Adlard, Thomas W. White, and John Coutts. Bro. H. Browse, V.P., took the chair, and Bro. F. Binckes, (Sec.) read the minutes of the last quarterly court, and of the various committees which had sat between that and the present time.

These having been unanimously confirmed,

Major Creaton, V.P., proposed, and Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, V.P., seconded the re-election of Bro. George Plucknett, as Treasurer of the Institution. The motion having been carried *nem. con.*, Bros. R. B. Webster and N. Martin were elected to fill vacancies which had occurred on the General Committee, and the scrutineers of votes were appointed. The election of fifteen boys out of a list of fifty-two candidates was then proceeded with.

The names of the successful and unsuccessful candidates will be found in our advertisement columns.

Votes of thanks to the scrutineers and chairman concluded the proceedings.

BELFAST MASONIC WIDOWS' FUND.

The annual meeting of the subscribers of this fund was held on the 31st ult., at eight o'clock, in the Masonic Hall. Bro. Sir Charles Lanyon, D.P.G.M., President, occupied the chair. Amongst those present were, Bros. Tate, Godfrey, Wilson, Doey, Ryans, Ireland, Fisher, Scott, Hill, Fleming, M'Keown, Hanna, Ledlie, Gelston, and Allen (Secretary).

The Chairman, after a few introductory remarks, called on the Secretary, Bro. James Allen, to read the annual report, which was as follows:—

"The committee of the Belfast Masonic Widows' Fund, in presenting their first annual report, desire to express their thanksgiving to the Giver of all Good for the success which has attended the charity in this, the first year of its existence.

"At the annual meeting of the Belfast Masonic Charity Fund, held in 1873, a strong expression of opinion was manifested that a more liberal support was needed for the objects of Masonic charity in Belfast; and the committee of that fund, considering that there were many widows of our deceased brethren left in circumstances of great destitution, but who from their former position in society would shrink from making application to the charity fund, felt that it was necessary that a new agency should be formed to meet their case. Accordingly, a Provisional Committee, largely representative of the Masonic body in Belfast, was appointed to establish a Belfast Masonic Widows' Fund, and to bring this most desirable object under the notice of every lodge and every brother in town. On the 1st of July, the Provisional Committee having well performed its work, yielded its place to the present committee, regularly elected from all subscribing lodges, chapters, and preceptories. Among the first work undertaken by this committee was the formation of the constitution and bye-laws of the fund, which have been published and furnished to all subscribers. The committee have great satisfaction in reporting that very many of the Belfast lodges, with a considerable proportion of the chapters and preceptories, have either subscribed or promised subscriptions, and a large number of the brethren have cheerfully become donors or annual contributors. It will be seen that six brethren have subscribed £20 each to the fund, thereby being qualified to be Vice Presidents. The committee have much pleasure in referring to the services held in St. George's Church on St. John's Day, June, 1873, on which occasion the evening sermon was preached by Bro. Rev. H. D. Sheppard, D.D., in behalf of this and the local charity fund. The donations and subscriptions amount altogether to £249 17s., of which (in accordance with the rules) the sum of £193 7s. 7d. has been invested in the purchase of £200 Ulster Railway debenture stock. The committee have granted £20 to very deserving cases, which were brought before them in the course of the year. On the whole your committee feel that the fund has fairly established itself, and entered upon a career which they trust will be one of great success and usefulness. Very much remains to be done. Many lodges brethren have not yet subscribed, and the committee would earnestly urge upon them the claims of this useful charity, whose objects they think

need only be known to meet from them a hearty response. The objects which this charity has especially in view have scarcely met hitherto with that systematic care and attention which they need. Cases frequently arise in which the families of some of our brethren are suddenly reduced from a position of comfort and ease to poverty and distress by the removal, in God's providence, of their head and support. The relief in such cases is an object truly worthy of the Masonic Order, whose higher ornaments have always been charity and benevolence; and the fund, which has been so successfully established, is eminently calculated to give these virtues a systematic, practical effect."

From the financial statement, as read by the Secretary, it appeared there was a balance in hands of the Treasurer of £5 9s. 3d. in favour of the fund.

The Chairman then moved the following resolutions: "That the report, with statements of account, now read, be received and adopted, and printed for circulation." In doing so, he said he had great pleasure in identifying himself with this movement, and with everything which had for its object the advancement of Masonry, but especially with the cause of charity, which should be the aim of every good Mason. They had their orphan schools, and nothing could be more successful than they had been. They were models in efficiency of management, and worthy of all imitation. He hoped that this movement for another charity, which provides for the widows of our deceased brethren, would be as successful as that to which he had referred for the Masonic Orphan Schools. He fully concurred with the concluding portion of the report, which says that the deserving object of this society is not met with the sympathy, care and attention which it needs. However much he might be able to congratulate them on the statement of accounts for the first year of inauguration, he regretted to see the absence of names which ought to be on the list of subscribers. He hoped that an effort would be made to increase the subscription list of the society, and that no feeling of jealousy would arise to prevent such a successful issue, and that every lodge would make an effort to promote the success of the fund. He had sincere pleasure in moving that the report, which had been read, be received, adopted, and printed for circulation.

Bro. Ryan, (Lodge 609) seconded the motion, which was passed.

Bro. Tate, (Lodge 7) moved the next resolution—"That this meeting, whilst deploring the want hitherto of a society similar to this, recognises the good likely to arise from the formation of this fund in the relief of the widows and families of Freemasons, and the consequent good resulting therefrom to the Order, and pledge themselves to its support."

Bro. Hanna (Lodge 272), in an able speech, seconded the motion, which was passed.

Bro. John Ireland (Lodge 59), moved—"That a systematic effort should be made amongst the various lodges not yet subscribing that they may be induced to do so, and otherwise to co-operate in furthering the objects of this society."

Bro. H. J. Hill (Lodge 111), seconded the motion, which was carried.

The chair having been vacated by Bro. Sir Chas. Lanyon, and taken by Bro. Tate,

Bro. Doey (Lodge 609), moved—"That the best thanks of the meeting are due to Bro. Sir Charles Lanyon for his dignified conduct in the chair."

Bro. Godfrey (Lodge 59), seconded the resolution, which was carried amid applause.

Bro. Sir C. Lanyon, having replied in appropriate terms, said he thought that there had been one motion which had been overlooked, and when he was out of the chair he took the opportunity of moving it. They all knew the great interest Bro. T. Fisher had taken in furthering the good of the charity. He, therefore, begged to move that the thanks of the meeting be given to Bro. Fisher for the energy he has displayed in promoting the interests of the charity.

The motion, having been seconded by Bro. Hanna, was carried unanimously.

Bro. Fisher having thanked the brethren present, the proceedings terminated.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, April 24, 1874.

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

Saturday, April 18.

Audit Committee, Boys' School, at 3.
Lodge 715, Panmure, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
" 1364, Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Hackney.
" 1425, Hyde Park, Westbourne Hotel, 1, Craven-road, W.
Manchester Lodge of Instruction (179), Yorkshire Grey, 77, London-street, Fitzroy-square, at 8; Bro. H. Ash, Preceptor.
Lily Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, Surrey.
Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. G. Dilley, Preceptor.

Monday, April 20.

Lodge 1, Grand Master's, Freemasons' Hall.
" 8, British, Freemasons' Hall.
" 21, Emulation, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.
" 58, Felicity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-st.
" 185, Tranquility, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.
" 730, Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
" 907, Royal Albert, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1159, Marquess of Dalhousie, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1201, Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall.
Chap. 12, Prudence, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction (1445), Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland, at 7; Bro. T. Austin, Preceptor.
Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.
Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.
Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern, Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gotheil, Preceptor.
British Oak Lodge of Instruction, Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.
St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street (opposite the Pantheon), Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.
Wellington Lodge of Instruction, White Swan Tavern, Deptford, at 8; Bro. C. G. Dilley, P.M. 1155, Preceptor.
St. John of Wapping Lodge of Instruction (1306), Gun Tavern, High-street, Wapping, at 8; Bro. T. Mortlock, Preceptor.
West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
Metropolitan Mark Lodge of Instruction, Coach and Horses Hotel, 343, Strand, at 8.

Tuesday, April 21.

Board of General Purposes, at 3.
Lodge 30, United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.
" 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, London-bridge.
" 162, Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall.
" 194, St. Paul's, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
" 435, Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall.
Chap. 186, Industry, Freemasons' Hall.
Yarborough Lodge of Instruction, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8; Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.
Domatic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tavern, Grosvenor-park, Canberwell, at 8.
Faith Lodge of Instruction, Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Preceptor.
Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Lord's Hotel, Lord's Cricket Ground, St. John's-wood, at 8; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.
Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. Crawley, Preceptor.
Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st., Within, at 7.30; Bro. Bolton, W.M. 1227, Preceptor.
St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, New-street, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (55), Wheatshes Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey (P.M. 180), Preceptor.

Wednesday, April 22.

Lodge of Benevolence, at 6.
Lodge 212, Euphrates, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue.
" 507, United Pilgrims, Horns Tavern, Kennington-park.
" 754, High Cross, Seven Sisters Tavern, Page-green, Tottenham.
" 1056, Victoria, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.

Chap. 13, Union Waterloo, Freemasons' Hall, William-street, Woolwich.

" 753, Prince Frederick William, Knights of St. John Hotel, Queen's Tavern, St. John's-wood.

Southwark Lodge of Instruction, (879), Southwark Park Tavern, Southwark Park, at 8; Bro. Charles William Kent, Preceptor.

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

United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8; B. O. J. N. Frust, Preceptor.

Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30.

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

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

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.

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

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

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

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

Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction (1288), 4bury Park Tavern, Seven Sisters'-road, N., at 8. P. Dickinson, Acting Preceptor.

Union Club of Instruction (day meetings), Windsor Castle, Victoria Station, Picnic, from 2 till 4 p.m.

Thursday, April 23.

House Committee, Girls' School, at 4.

Lodge 65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st.

" 66, Grenadiers, Freemasons' Hall.

" 99, Shakespear, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.

" 858, South Middlesex, Beaufort House, North-end Fulham.

" 871, Royal Oak, White Swan Tavern, Deptford.

Chap. 141, Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.

" 534, Polish National, Freemasons' Hall.

Great City Lodge of Instruction, 33, Gutter-lane, at 6.30. Bro. T. Poore, W.M. 730, Preceptor.

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

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

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

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

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

Highgate Lodge of Instruction (1366), Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7; Union Club of Instruction, Windsor Castle, Victoria Station, at 8 p.m.; H. Ash, P.M., Instructor.

St. George's Lodge of Instruction (140), Globe Tavern, Royal-hill, Greenwich.

Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.

Belgrave Lodge of Instruction (749), Coach and Horses, Strand, at 8; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.

Stability Lodge of Instruction (217), Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st., at 6 p.m.; Bro. H. Muggeridge, Preceptor.

Panmure Lodge of Instruction (730), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.

Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.

Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tavern, Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.

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

Friday, April 24.

Lodge 197, Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall.

" 569, Fitzroy, Head Quarters, Honourable Artillery Company, City-road.

" 861, Finsbury, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton.

Chap. 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.

Clapton Lodge of Instruction, White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., Preceptor.

Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1298), the Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. W. F. Rogers, Preceptor.

Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-road, at 8; Comp. W. West Smith, Preceptor.

Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (753), Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8.

Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Bro. Stacey, P.M. 160, Preceptor.

United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Amelope Tavern, Lorn-road, Brixton, at 7.

St. James's Lodge of Instruction, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-road, Bermondsey, at 8; Bro. Hows, P.M., Preceptor.

Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, 11, Libb, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7.30.

Doric Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8.
 Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8; Bro: P. M. Wuest, Preceptor.
 St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Rose Tavern, Fulham-road, S.W.
 Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.
 High Cross Lodge of Instruction (754), Coach and Horses Tavern, High Road, Tottenham, at 8.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE,
 For the Week ending Saturday, April 25, 1874.

Monday, April 20.
 Everton Lodge of Instruction (823), Masonic Temple Liverpool, at 7.30.
 Chap. 32, Jerusalem, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 5. Tuesday, April 21.
 Lodge 667, Alliance, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 1215, Hindpool, Hartington Hotel, Barrow-in-Furness.
 " 1276, Warren, Stanley Arms Hotel, Seacombe, at 6
 Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), Park-lane, Liverpool, at 7.
 Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 Wednesday, April 22.
 Lodge 32, St. George's, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, at 4.
 " 220, Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, near Liverpool, at 4.30.
 " 1325, Stanley, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool, at 6.
 Chap. 1052, Callender, Public Hall, Rusholme.
 St. John's Lodge of Instruction (673), 90, Duke-street, Liverpool.
 Neptune Lodge of Instruction (1264), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 7.
 De Grey and Ripon Lodge of Instruction (1356), 140, North Hill-street, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 7.30.
 West Lancashire Masonic Institution, Special Court of Governors, 22, Hope-st., Liverpool.

Thursday, April 23.
 Lodge 594, Downshire, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 Chap. 1086, Walton, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool, at 6.
 Chap. 216, Sacred Delta, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction (1182), 150, Park-lane, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 7.

Friday, April 24.
 Chap. 680, Seiton, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW.

For the week ending Saturday, April 25, 1874.
 All the Meetings take place at 8 o'clock.

Monday, April 20.
 Lodge 324, Union, 170, Buchanan-street.
 " 471, St. John, Stane Inn, Shotts.
 St. Mungo Encampment of Knight Templar, 213, Buchanan-st.
 Tuesday, April 21.
 Lodge 51, St. John, St. John's Hall, Buchanan-st.
 " 73, Thistle and Rose, 170 Buchanan-st.
 " 87, Thistle, 213, Buchanan-st.
 " 437, Govanale, Portland Hall, Govan.

Wednesday, April 22.
 Lodge 187, St. John's, Black Bull Inn, Carlisle.
 " 333, St. George, 213, Buchanan-st.
 " 510, Maryhill, 167, Main-street, Maryhill.

Thursday, April 23.
 Royal Ark Mariners' Lodge, 170, Buchanan-st.
 Red Cross Council Babylon, 170, Buchanan-st.

Friday, April 24.
 Lodge 123, Royal Arch, Town Hall, Pollokshaws.
 " 347, St. John's, Old Council Hall, Rutherglen.

Saturday, April 25.
 Lodge 305, St. John Woodhall, Masons' Hall, Holytown.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH.
 For the Week ending Saturday, April 25, 1874.

Monday, April 20.
 Lodge 44, St. Luke's, Freemasons' Hall, George-st., at 8.

Tuesday, April 21.
 Lodge 26, St. David's, Ship Hotel, E. Register-street, at 8.
 " 405, Rifle, Freemasons' Hall, George-street, at 8.30.

Wednesday, April 22.
 Lodge 112, St. John's, Royal Hotel, Edinburgh, at 8.

Thursday, April 23.
 Lodge 392, Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, George-street, at 8.

Friday, April 24.
 Lodge 223, Trafalgar, Masonic Hall, Salamander-street, Leith, at 8.
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At a Quarterly General Court held on Monday, 13th April, 1874, Henry Browse, Esq., Vice-Patron in the chair, a ballot took place for the Election of fifteen Candidates from an approved list of fifty-two Candidates, when the following were declared to be

(SUCCESSFUL)

1-49	Gordon, Herbert	1373
2-42	Tanner, George	1146
3-24	Morgan, D. W. S.	1130
4-13	Gibson, E. F.	1081
5-38	Lowndes, F. K. S.	1078
6-48	Lea, Wm.	1070
7-34	Ellis, M. B.	1065
8-16	King, P. C. S.	1057
9-10	Haynes, B. Graham	1055
10-35	Featherstone, A. C.	1042
11-18	Greave, C. A.	1037
12-23	Parker, A. R.	1032
13-26	Pearson, Arthur	1026
14-21	Winter, Frank	1009
15-39	Wellington, H. J.	993

(UNSUCCESSFUL)

16-17	Dunaway, F. W. H. Philip	983
17-22	Catt, Walter William	914
18-43	Wayne, Samuel Swindell	880
19-27	Watson, William George	823
20-12	Shipway, Henry Morrison	818
21-7	Marks, James Thomas	792
22-36	Howard, Percy Edward	785
23-11	Osborne, Walter David	699
24-6	Woodbine, John Harry	695
25-37	Hamilton, George Claude	682
26-28	Hunter, William Reginald	646
27-41	Kerr, Arthur David	629
28-14	Duff, Robert	589
29-31	Modlen, Albert Edward	420
30-30	Onion, Walter	392
31-9	Buttery, James Armytage	341
32-19	Graham, James Earl Storey	325
33-25	Cromwell, Charles Henry	205
34-51	Routledge, Alfred	203
35-2	Travers, John H. Hill	201
36-1	MacDowell, William	200
37-40	Cooke, William Astle	177
38-29	Potts, Samuel Algernon	157
39-32	Lee, Vincent John	128
40-20	Ballen, W. H. Boyce	125
41-46	Rees, James Herbert	119
42-50	Gardner, Richard Thomas	86
43-33	Wimpey, George Augustus	47
44-4	Kitchen, James George	42
45-15	Gibbs, James Thomas	24
46-44	Swallow, John Tom	18
47-52	Wain, Leonard	18
48-3	Kitchen, John Henry	14
49-45	Hambley, D. S. Wharton	7
50-5	Hutchinson, George	3
51-8	Bowcock, John Arthur	0
52-47	Cox, George Samuel	0

The second number is in each case that of the Candidate on the list.

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1.	Sirr, Louisa Catherine	1239
2.	Sargant, Mary C. A.	1129
3.	Patten, Edith	1037
4.	Johnson, Eliza	1023
5.	Davis, Harriet	977
6.	Newboul, Alice	945
7.	Weedon, Helen E.	913
8.	Lang, Violet H.	913
9.	Allison, Cornelia M.	894
10.	Helps, Kate	801
11.	Chapman, Agnes K.	788
12.	Thwaites, Sarah M.	731
13.	Daly, Georgina K.	504
14.	Rowley, Agnes F.	478
15.	Jay, Maud A.	456
16.	English, Maria	437

And the votes for the following unsuccessful candidates will be carried forward to their credit at the next election:—

Redford, Florence M.	417
Rogers, Mary S.	310
Read, Beatrice E.	301
Thomson, Adela E.	259
Osborne, Fanny G.	188
Holland, Florence A.	77
Barsby, Mary E.	48
Hollis, Ellen E.	41
Christie, Ellen S.	36
Perks, Blanche J.	17
Craig, Fanny	11
Norrish, Susan J.	7
Newman, Beatrice, A. F.	5
Cartwright, Harriet	3
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Craft Masonry.

BEDFORD LODGE (No. 157).—This excellent lodge held its usual monthly meeting on Friday week, at Freemasons' Hall, when there was a good attendance of members, including the W.M., Bros. Briggs, L. Drew, S.W.; W. Follett, J.W.; J. Lavender, P.M., Treasurer; J. Hills, P.M. Secretary; T. Wagton, S.D.; R.A. Kelly, J.D.; A. G. Creak, I.G. The working of this old established lodge was exceedingly well carried out, the W.M. in particular discharging the duties of the chair with considerable tact and talent, his rendering of the traditional history to the candidate in the third degree was received with much approval. We are glad to note that Grand Lodge has conferred the honour of the centenary jewel on this lodge. Much sympathy was evinced by the brethren at the sudden and deeply lamented death of the respected Bro. G. A. Brown, P.M., many years a member of the lodge. Among the P.M.'s present were Bros. T. Cobitt, officer of Grand Lodge; J. Brander, S. Willis, J. Smith, the visiting brethren being Bros. G. Ayres, P.M., 95; and J. R. Stacey, P.M. 180. After lodge the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, served in Bro. Francatelli's est style.

ETONIAN LODGE (No. 209).—The usual monthly meeting of this ancient lodge was held on the 7th inst., at the Masonic Temple, St. Alban's-street, Windsor. This was a red letter day, as the members for the first time met at the now named temple, where the business of the lodge will hereafter be transacted, instead of the royal Adelaide Hotel. To those unacquainted with the beautiful temple it may be as well to state that it is owing to the noble enterprise of a few members of the Windsor Castle Lodge, a handsome edifice was, a few years ago, at a considerable cost, raised. On entering the temple the carved stalls for the use of the brethren, the beautiful mosaic flooring, the handsome roof as well as the organ (from one of the metropolitan churches) reminds one of being in a cathedral chapel, whilst every surrounding tends to impress, and commands that awe and reverence which the beautiful ceremonies require. It is perhaps strange that the Etonian Lodge should not have long ago made overtures to the Windsor Castle Lodge to be allowed to meet at the temple, but it must be said, the first advance of the Etonian a few months ago met with cordial and brotherly consideration of the members of the other lodge, and without the difficulty the necessary arrangements were effected. The W.M., Bro. G. W. Dixon, was, it may be supposed, well supported by the brethren of his lodge, and likewise a large attendance of the members of the Windsor Castle Lodge. Amongst the brethren present were Bros. I. H. S. Reid, I.P.M.; Bladon, J. O. Carter, J.W.; Strange, P.M., Sec.;

MacIlwham, P.M.; Brytuel, Nicholls, Barkshire, Hiscock, Duffield, Emanuel, and others. Visitors: Bros. Biggs, Prov. G. Sec. Berks and Bucks; Stedwell, P.P.J.G.W. Middlesex; Bingham, W.M. 771; Tolley, P.M. 771; Cantrell, 771; Cave, 771; Whitehouse, 771; Churchill, and others. The lodge was opened at five p.m., by the W.M., and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. Bro. Hawker, after the usual interrogation, was entrusted with the pass, grip, and word leading from 1st to 2nd degree, and after the lodge had been opened in the 2nd degree, re-admitted and passed to the degree of Fellow Craft by the W.M. On the lodge being closed to the 1st degree, the ballot was taken for Messrs. Clay and Terry, and being unanimous in their favour they were initiated to the light of Freemasonry. A handsome P.M.'s jewel, with a suitable inscription, was then presented to Bro. Reid, I.P.M., for his services in the chair during the past year. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Castle Hotel to partake of supper, and so closed one of the most pleasant and enjoyable meetings ever known by the members of the lodge.

ROCHESTER.—Gundulph Lodge (No. 1050.)—On Wednesday, April 15th, the installation of Bro. Thomas W. Newton, as W.M. of this lodge, took place in the presence of a great number of principal officers, thus showing the great interest taken for the welfare of the lodge, and the benefit of the Craft in general. There were present: Bros. Captain George Watson, P.M., P.G.R., who acted as Master of the Ceremonies in his usual able and efficient manner; Spencer, P.G. Sec.; W. Page, P.P.G.S.D.; J. S. Warne, P.P.G.A. Sec.; Owen J. Carter, P.P.G.S.D.; C. Relph, P.G.S.D.; J. Wyles, P.P.G.S.D.; Rei Fry, P.P.G.J.D.; Penfold, P.P.G.O.; Knight, P.P.G.D.C.; Blakey, P.P.G.A.D.C.; W. MacKenzie, from Zetland Lodge of Grangemouth, and the Worshipful Masters from lodges 1089, 1174, 77, 188, 1063, 1089, 913, 184, and a very good attendance of Past Masters, besides a large number of brethren from all parts of the province. The outgoing W.M., Bro. John Nicholls, in the most praiseworthy manner installed his successor, and it is a gratifying fact that Bros. Nicholls and Newton have made themselves so thoroughly efficient under the able tuition of Bro. Captain Watson, P.M., as to merit the approbation of many Past Masters, who expressed their opinion that the working of the lodge was second to none in the province of Kent. The Worshipful Master appointed the following brethren his officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. John Michell, I.P.M.; George H. Carel, S.W.; Thomas Watson, J.W.; Thomas Wyles, P.M., Treasurer; George Watson, P.M., Secretary; John P. Griffin, S.D.; Mark Baines, J.D.; George Elliot, I.G.; H. Bryant, Organist; J. Glaister, M.C.; Henderson, Lennox, Stewards. The Senior Past Master Bro. G. Ashdown, P.P.G.P., rose and proposed that a vote of thanks be recorded in the minutes of the lodge to Bro. John Michell for the manner in which he had conducted the affairs of the lodge during the past year and for his kind and courteous manner in attending to the requirements of the brethren, as also the able way in which he had initiated the new W.M., and at the same time handed a very handsome jewel, which had been subscribed for by the members of the lodge, to the new W.M. for presentation, which was accordingly done, amid the approbation and hearty good wishes of the brethren. When the lodge was closed the brethren, to the number of fifty, sat down to a sumptuous banquet, provided by Mrs. Flicker, of the King's Head Hotel, in her usual style, and many of the brethren expressing their delight in which it was served. We must not omit to mention that by the kind consent of the Mayor, who is Constable of Rochester Castle, the usual privilege was granted to Gundulph by having a large St. George's Ensign hoisted on the tower of the castle in commemoration of Bishop Gundulph, who was devoted to Freemasonry, and from whose name the lodge is called.

PERFECT ASHLAR LODGE (No. 1178) held its regular meeting on Thursday, April 2, at the Gregorian Arms Tavern, 96, Jamaica-road, Bermondsey, Bro. John Henry Harmsworth, W.M.,

assisted by Bro. Frederick Walters, P.G. Steward, Middlesex, P.M. Sec.; W. Batchelor, M.C.; J. W. Dudley, I.P.M.; G. F. Grace, P.M.; A. Goodman, F. Garbett, J. Stock, W. May, J. J. Morse, J. Phillips, W. T. Looover, T. Jones, and others. The visitors were Bros. Whitaker, 73, and W. Cockle 871. The minutes were read, and unanimously confirmed. Bros. J. Stock, F. Garbett, and W. Cockle, 871, were raised to the sublime degree of Master Masons. Bro. J. W. Dudley, I.P.M., in the unavoidable absence of the W.M., opened the lodge, and did the ceremony of raising, the work being well done. Agreeable to notice of motion previously given, five guineas were unanimously voted from the lodge funds to the Boys' School, in the name of the W.M. for the time being. Bro. J. H. Harmsworth, W.M., previous to the lodge being closed, took the chair, and presided over the meeting for the remainder of the evening. All business being ended, the lodge was closed. In consequence of the regular meeting being due in the Derby week, it was agreed to postpone that meeting for one week. A splendid banquet and dessert followed after the lodge business was completed. Some hours spent in an agreeable manner, terminated this pleasant evening.

RAMSGATE.—Lewises Lodge (No. 1209.)—The installation meeting of this promising lodge was held on Wednesday, April 8th, at the Royal Hotel. The lodge was opened by Bro. Bedford Newbold Hiscock, W.M. The minutes of last lodge were read and confirmed, ballot was taken for Bro. William Henry Howard, Witham Lodge, No. 297, Lincoln, as a joining member, which was decided to be unanimous. A board of Installed Masters was then formed and Bro. William Call, the W.M. elect, was duly installed in the chair of K.S., by Bro. W. Winch, P.M. 429, P.P.J.G.D., the beautiful ceremony being performed in a very impressive and masterly style. The W.M. then appointed as his officers for the ensuing year the following brethren:—Bros. A. Wootton, P.G.S., S.W.; G. Page, J.W.; L. Faich, P.P.G.D.C., Treasurer; B. N. Hiscocks, I.P.M., Hon. Sec.; Rev. G. W. Sickling, P.P.S.G.W., Chaplain; J. W. Smith, S.D.; F. Crux, J.D.; W. Barrett, I.G.; J. Faich, D.C.; J. Cassingham, S.; W. Larkin, Organist; G. Meager, Tyler. The lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting hall, when ample justice was done to the good things placed before them; after the cloth was drawn, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and enthusiastically received, and the brethren separated after having spent a very enjoyable evening.

MACDONALD LODGE (No. 1216)—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Head Quarters of the First Surrey Rifles at Camberwell on Thursday, the 9th instant, when there were present:—Bros. G. H. Newington Bridges, W.M.; Edward Baxter, Grand Steward, as S.W.; A. Woodcock, J.W.; J. J. Curtis, Secretary; M. S. Larham, S.D.; H. Hammond, J.D.; F. W. Carnell, D.C.; F. Cozens, Org.; George Waterall, P.M.; James Stevens, P.M.; C. H. Neville, R. B. Joy, A. C. Bindley, Capt. A. Styan, F. Wilkins, W. P. Collins, W. E. Stride, M. Elliot, F. A. Harper, P. Clay, A. I. Style, A. Youngman, E. Bower, E. Eldridge, and several other members, and the following visitors, viz.:—Bros. I. P. Probert, and W. N. Cooke, of No. 8; W. M. Young, No. 116; J. Vincent, No. 1076; E. Baxter, and J. H. Vockins, S.W. 1329. The lodge having been opened in due form and the minutes of the previous regular meeting and subsequent emergency having been confirmed, Bros. W. E. Stride, J. D. Challener, and A. J. Style severally proved their proficiency as P.C.'s, and were in due course raised to the degree of W.M., with all that orderly and earnest ceremonial for which the lodge is justly celebrated, and in respect of which the several visitors expressed high commendation. The lodge having been closed in the first degree, the brethren proceeded to the election of W.M. for the ensuing year, when Bro. W. J. Messenger, the present S.W. (whose engagements on circuit prevented his attendance on this occasion) was unanimously elected to that high office, the result of the ballot being

Pullen, P.M., Treas.; Stacey, P.M., Org.; Crowhurst, J.D.; Schiemann, S.; J. Wilson, P.M.; received with acclamation. Bro. Dr. Cronin being reluctantly compelled to resign his office of Treasurer, the choice of the brethren was unanimously made in favour of Captain A. Styan, who in very gracious terms accepted the appointment. Notice of motion was given later in the evening by Bro. Stevens, P.M., to the effect "that a Past Treasurer's jewel be voted to Bro. Dr. Cronin for his eminent services during the past five years." Bro. Grant was re-elected Tyler, Bros. Gray and Bradley were elected on the Audit Committee. On the proposition of Bro. Waterall, P.M., the lodge unanimously voted the Past Master's jewel to the retiring Master, Bro. Bridges. Propositions for several initiations having been taken, and a few matters of ordinary business disposed of the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the usual frugal supper, and the customary toasts and Masonic compliments having been duly honoured and exchanged, the evening's proceedings terminated with charitable remembrances of absent friends and less fortunate members of the Order.

ST. JOHN OF WAPPING LODGE (No. 1306).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Gun Hotel, High-street, Wapping, on Wednesday, April 8th. The lodge was opened by the W.M., J. W. Dawson. The ceremony of installation was proceeded with, Bro. W. Mann, P.M. 186, and Treasurer, presented to Bro. J. W. Dawson, W.M., the W.M. elect, Bro. Wm. Beck, the first member initiated in the St. John of Wapping Lodge, to receive at his hands the benefit of installation. He appointed and invested as his officers, Bros. Maud, S.W.; J. W. Jackson, J.W.; Wm. Mann, P.M. (the father of the lodge), Treasurer, re-invested for the fourth time; T. Pallett, S.D.; Poore, J.D.; F. Boutts, I.G.; Fortescue, W.S.; Longstaff, Tyler. The addresses were well given, and applauded, and the remainder of the business was quickly despatched. The usual number of candidates for initiation were proposed. The lodge was then closed, and a splendid banquet followed, served up under the personal supervision of Bro. Hayward (who as usual was ever ready to please everyone), and he succeeded in giving satisfaction to all. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to. The agreeable evening was brought to a pleasant termination, the brethren separating to enjoy "Tired nature's sweet repose, balmy sleep."

ALDERSHOT.—*Aldershot Camp Lodge* (No. 1331).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge took place at the Royal Hotel, Aldershot, at six o'clock p.m., on the 2nd instant. In consequence of the unavoidable absence of the W.M., the chair of K.S. was taken by Bro. Captain Richardson, I.P.M. and Treasurer, who was supported by the following officers, viz.:—Bros. Anderson, S.W.; Smith, J.W.; Harker, W.M. 723, as P.M.; Williams, S.D.; McKinney, J.D.; Munro, I.G.; Burns, Tyler; Austin, Secretary. There was also a good attendance of the brethren, among whom were several visitors. The lodge having been opened in form in the first degree, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. A ballot was then taken separately for two candidates for initiation, which proved favourable in each case. Brother Cullinan being a candidate for the second degree, after having given proof of his proficiency in the first degree, was entrusted and retired. The lodge was opened in the second degree, and on his readmission he was duly passed as a F.C. Bros. Newman and Field having proved themselves proficient in the second degree, were entrusted with a test of merit preparatory to their admission to the third degree. The lodge was then resumed to the second and third degrees, and one of the candidates, Mr. Stayley, being present, was duly initiated and instructed in the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry, at the conclusion of which the lodge was opened in the second and third degrees, and Bros. Newman and Field were raised to the sublime degree of M.M. The W.M., Bro. McKenzie, having now arrived, the lodge was resumed to the second and third degrees, and Bro. Captain Richardson, to whom at a later period of the evening the

brethren passed a vote of thanks for the admirable and impressive manner in which the ceremonies of three degrees had been rendered and conducted, retired from the chair. The W.M. then read a letter from the W.M. of Panmure Lodge, No. 723, inviting a committee of 1331 to co-operate with a committee of the former in the necessary arrangements for the reception of the P.G. Lodge here in August next, which was cordially acceded to, the W.M. and Wardens being duly nominated and approved. The votes of the lodge, with those of Bros. Brown and Coleman, who have become Life Subscribers to the Boys' School, by payment into the Charitable Association in connection with 1331, were then given in favour of a military candidate, the late Bro. Wellington's son, whose name stood 39th on the list of candidates, but whose election proved successful. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. P.M. J. Balfour Cockburn, M.D., 30th, for his kindness in representing the lodge as a Steward, at the recent festival of the Boys' School, and a vote of condolence with Bro. P.M. Samuel Cole, expressive of the regret of the brethren at the sad loss sustained by the death of his daughter, was also unanimously adopted and received. Propositions for joining members and candidates for initiation having been made and duly seconded, and hearty good wishes given by Bro. Harker, W.M. 723, the "Aldershot Camp Lodge" was closed with solemn prayer about half past nine o'clock, and adjourned until the first Thursday in May.

ANDOVER.—*St. Hubert's Lodge* (No. 1373).—The annual festival of this lodge, held on the 13th inst., was an event long to be remembered in the annals of Freemasonry in this province. It is now only two years ago since we had the pleasure to report the opening of a lodge for the purposes of the Craft in Andover, and at that time there appeared only a handful of brethren to start the undertaking; since then, however, several of the principal inhabitants of the neighbourhood have joined, and the number of members now nearly reaches forty. The meetings up to the present time have been held in the Foresters' Hall, but great inconvenience in many respects having been found in continuing there, it was determined to accept the offer of Bro. Stride to build a lodge room suitable to the Craft. This has been done, and one of the most handsome and convenient lodges in the province will be found in the rear of the White Hart Hotel. We refer to its interior, for of its exterior such adjectives would be somewhat out of place. The room is fitted with oak furniture. The ceilings are coloured blue and salmon, and the room is lighted with a handsome sun light, the various accessories of the Craft are all of the best description, the chairs for the Masters and his officers were the costly gift of five of the members, and indeed almost every brother has contributed something towards the furniture of the lodge, either in money or the purchase of what was needed for the due performance of the ancient ceremonies. During the past year the chair has been most ably filled by Bro. E. Y. Nepean, Provincial Grand Chaplain, Vicar of Appleshaw, and to his good government and hearty manner in the general conduct of the business of the lodge, must be attributed the success of St. Hubert Lodge and the unanimity with which everything connected with it has been carried out. The brethren assembled on the 13th inst. at noon, and after the ordinary business of the meeting had been conducted, which we may add consisted of an initiation and the passing of one brother, to whom Bro. Lear, Basingstoke, delivered an excellent charge. The Provincial Grand Master, Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., was then received in the usual manner, and immediately proceeded to install Bro. T. Best, P.M., as Master of this lodge. The ancient ceremony was performed in his usual able manner by the P.G.M., and Bro. Best was received by the members most cordially, the musical portion of the ceremony being given by Bro. Taylor, P.M., late of Salisbury Cathedral, and who we may add has just received the vacant appointment at the Foundling Hospital. The ceremony of installation having concluded, the W.M. proceeded to appoint his officers, which are as follows.—Bros. Rev. E. Y. Nepean, I.P.M.; C. V. Plesco, S.W.; W. C. Powning, J.W.;

Rev. E. F. Randolph, Chaplain; T. Butt, Treas. Burgiss-Brown, Sec.; H. Hammas, S.D. Pike, J.D.; Farr, I.G.; T. Lamb, M.C.; F. Fowle and F. Fern, Stewards; C. Tredgold, Tyler. The P.G. Master then invested the foregoing brethren with their collars and addressed a few words of congratulation to Bro. Best and the Officers, which were received with marked approbation by all present. The lodge was then closed in the usual manner. The following is a list of the brethren present:—The Right Worshipful the P.G.M., Bro. W. V. B. Beach, M.P.; Bros. T. Best, P.M. 357, W.M. 1373, and P.P.G.R. for Oxon; De P.M.; G. Best, P.M.; Rev. E. Y. Nepean, P.M. Lear, W.M., Oakley Lodge; Fern, P.M. Taylor, P.M. and P.G. Organist, Wilts; Rev. Randolph, Chaplain; Portsmouth, P.P.G.J.D. Thatcher, P.G.S.; Thomas, W.M. Glaston Lodge; Rev. W. W. Pearin, Southampton; Helsdon, S.W.; Powning, J.W.; Hamman, S.D.; Pike, J.D.; Lamb, M.C.; Farr, I.G. Hickman, junr., and Phillips, (Southampton) S. H. Allen, Morgan, Beale, Bloxham, No. wood, Hawkins, Fisher, Osborne, H. Barne Daniels, S.W. Oakley Lodge, R. A. Rout Pritchard, W. Lush, Fowle, Stride, W. Tasker, R. Tasker, T. Butt (Treasurer), B. Brown, (Secretary), Tredgold and Hall, Tylers, and others. The banquet was provided at the White Hart Hotel, Bro. Best occupying the chair, supported on the right by the P.G.M., and on the left by the I.P.M., Bro. Nepean. The room and hall were nicely decorated with plants, and everything possible was done for the comfort of the guests, the viands were of the best description and the wines, we believe supplied by Bro. Fern of first-class quality, and indeed every possible care was taken by Mrs. Turner, the hostess, to provide a banquet worthy of the occasion, and in this she was indeed successful, everyone present expressing themselves in the highest terms of her catering on that occasion. The toast having been cleared, the usual Masonic toasts were given and responded to, each with musical honours, Bro. Taylor kindly presiding at the piano. The P.G.M.'s health was proposed from the chair by Bro. Best, who alluded to their early days as brethren in Freemasonry. Bro. Beach responded, and spoke at length on the principles of the Ancient Order, alluding to the Masonic charities as a proper channel for the exercise of one of the great principles of the Craft, and he thought there was no province in England which exerted itself more than this for the charities of which they might well be proud to boast. It was a very great pleasure to him to witness the prosperity of the St. Hubert Lodge, which he had the pleasure of consecrating only two years ago, and he wished it much prosperity for the future. The P.G.M. proposed the health of the W.M., Bro. Best, and spoke of their connection with Freemasonry in the Apollo University Lodge at Oxford, and of having installed him W.M. of that Lodge twenty-one years ago. He said no one was better qualified to fill the chair, and it had been a great pleasure to him to have installed him that day. The W.M., in responding, was received most heartily. A toast highly appreciated among Masons was given by the worthy Chaplain, Bro. Randolph, "All poor and distressed Masons." The health of the Past Master of the Lodge, Bro. Nepean, was drunk, who returned thereon an eloquent speech. The health of the Officers of the St. Hubert Lodge, the Visitors and others, followed. The pleasure of the evening was greatly enhanced by some excellent songs by Bros. Taylor, Fern, G. Best, B. Brown, Fisher, Helsdon, Beale, and others, and the company dispersed soon after eight o'clock, all one of the most successful meetings yet held.

HAMPTON COURT.—*Era Lodge* (No. 1423). The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the King's Arms Hotel, Hampton Court, Saturday, April 11th. Bro. Henry Arthur Bois, P.G. Steward Middlesex, W.M., presided. There were present Bros. John Thomas M.P. Prov. G.S.D. Middlesex, P.M.; R. Lint, P.G. Organist Middlesex; Rev. J. W. Vaug, P.G. Chaplain, Middlesex; E. Walters, Steward, Middlesex, P.M.; W. Bald, S.W.; R. Lint, P.G. Organist;

Baxter Langley, J.W.; J. S. Sweasey, S.D.; W. C. Devereux (R.N.) J.D.; E. W. Devereux, I.G.; B. Wright, W.S. and others. The visitors were Bros. W. Hammond, W.M., 1326; T. G. Tagg, 1326; W. Mitchell, 1326; H. Jones, 1326; T. Boyce, 1309, and others. The W.M. in a clear, painstaking, correct, and impressive manner (which was pleasurable to witness and listen to) initiated Bro. Henry Fajja into the secrets and mysteries of ancient Freemasonry. The veteran Secretary Bro. F. Walters took the chair, and in a slow dignified style crafted no less than seven, which included one visitor F. Boyce, 1309. He then raised Bro. J. G. Tagg, 1326, to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. The W.M., Bro. H. A. Dubois, having returned, (being compelled to be absent for a short time on urgent private business) he took the chair and presided over the lodge for the remainder of the evening. On motions duly made by the Secretary, and which were seconded, Bros. R. Limpus, for "Boys" and J. Sweasey, for "Girls," were unanimously elected as Stewards to represent the lodge at the forthcoming festivals in 1875. Bro. J. C. Parkinson, D.P.G.M., Middlesex, and E. W. Mackney, P.M. 1345, were unanimously elected as honorary members. The initiation was raised to ten and joining fee to five guineas, when the lodge numbered fifty subscribing members. Several gentlemen were proposed for initiation. The lodge was unanimous in their wish to solicit the P.G.M. to hold the next Provincial Grand Lodge, Middlesex, under its auspices. The lodge was closed. Banquet and desert followed.

KENNINGTON LODGE (No. 1381).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, 7th inst., at the Surrey Club House, Kennington Oval. The lodge was opened by the Bros. Koch, W.M.; Higgins, S.W.; Gardner, J.W.; Hales, S.D.; Arnold, J.D. (W.M. of No. 45); Reeves, I.G.; Stuart, P.M., Secretary; Page, P.M., Treasurer. The minutes of the previous lodge having been confirmed, the W.M., assisted by the officers, proceeded to raise Bros. B. H. Phillpott, T. C. Walls, and J. H. Byfield to the sublime degree of M.M., the impressive ceremony being well rendered. Bro. Bates was then passed as a F.C. A committee consisting of the W.M., the P.M.'s of the lodge, and the S.W. and J.W., was appointed to draw up a code of rules for the establishment of a benevolent fund in connection with this lodge, and to submit the same at the meeting in October. It was also resolved that a lodge of emergency should be called to raise Bro. Bates, and to carry out any other business that might arise, early in May next. The lodge being closed in due form the brethren partook of supper, which was well catered for by the host Bro. Pope, P.M. This not being a lodge banquet the only toast given by the W.M. was "The Queen and Craft" which was well responded to, and the National Anthem sung. The remainder of the evening was devoted to harmony by Bros. Flower and Phillpott.

INSTRUCTION.

CONFIDENCE LODGE OF INSTRUCTION (No. 3).—Upwards of eighty brethren assembled, owing to want of room, a great number had been refused admission, at Bro. Chard's, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, E.C., on Wednesday, the 16th inst. The special inducement of an extraordinary gathering at a Lodge of Instruction was the announcement that Bro. Jas. St. P.G.P., would rehearse the ceremony of initiation. That name is always sufficient to excite a strong muster. The ever increasing popularity of Bro. Brett is, however, well deserved, and the prevailing opinion as to his oratorical abilities was never better exemplified upon this occasion. The beautiful ceremony was admirably rendered. The oration especially was exceedingly appropriate, and dedicated with an earnestness and impressiveness, which elicited loud and hearty approbation. Bro. St. still suffering from recent indisposition, was obliged to leave at the conclusion of this part of the evening's programme. The next business was the rehearsal of the ceremony of Installation. This task had previously been allotted to John Constable, W.M. 185. It was a successful attempt on the part of that brother, but a

marked success. With the confidence of an old stager and unsurpassed fluency, the rather difficult work was accomplished. Bro. Constable is one of those who throw heart and soul in all they attempt. Any one who has watched his Masonic career cannot fail to be struck with the varied abilities he progressively displays. The brethren showed their appreciation by repeated acclamations. A great number of visitors were present, among whom not a few were W.M.'s and P.M.'s and so delighted were they with the proceedings, that they immediately enrolled themselves members of the lodge. It was cheering to note the harmony and hearty good fellowship subsisting amongst this large number of brethren, some of whom are known to entertain diversified opinions on points of Masonic practice and lodge government. Difference of opinion, however, did not prevent the mutual truly loyal Masonic grasp, nor the expression on all sides of earnest re-union. The more prominent brethren present were, Bros. Jas. Stevens, P.M., W.M. 1426; C. J. Dilley, P.M. 1155, W.M. 147; T. Poore, W.M. 720; E. Gottheil, P.M. 141; A. H. Lilley, P.M. 12; Rev. P. M. Holden, J.D.; and Chaplain 907; W. F. Rogers, P.M. 193; S. Moss, P.M. 185; N. Moss, P.M. 185; Bloomfield, P.M. 185; Pinder, J.W. 15, etc. The vocal and musical part was conducted by Bro. Billey, P.M., assisted by Bro. Miller, P.M., John Ross, S.W. 185, and others.

Royal Arch.

WIGTON.—St. John's Chapter (No. 327).—A convocation of this chapter was held on Tuesday evening, the 14th inst., in the lodge room, Comps. Lemon, M.E.Z.; J. Porter, H.; J. Gate, J.; and several other companions being present. After all companions below Installed Principal had retired, the chapter was duly opened in solemn form by Companion Jesse Banning, M.E.Z., 823, who, at the request of the Principals, acted as Z. on this occasion. The minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken separately, and proved in their favour for Bros. Lazonby and McMechan. Both being in attendance were properly prepared, admitted, and duly exalted, M.E.Z. Banning giving the historic, symbolic, and mystic lectures, in a very finished and deeply impressive manner; after which a candidate was proposed for exaltation, and a vote of thanks ordered to be recorded on the minutes to M.E. Companion Jesse Banning for his valuable services. Comp. J. Tickell officiated as P.S. in his usual perfect style. The following companions were elected officers for the ensuing year:—James Porter, M.E.Z.; John Gate, H.; H. Bewes, J.; Dr. Shannon, E.; James Gardner, N.; John Tickle, P.S.; T. McMechan, first A.S.; Joseph Lazonby, second A.S.; T. Richardson, T.; Joseph Martin, Janitor. Nothing further appearing for the good of R.A.M., the chapter was closed in due form.

Mark Masonry.

RAMSGATE.—Holmesdale Lodge (No. 129).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Royal Hotel, Ramsgate, on Thursday, March 26th. The brethren assembled at 4.30, and soon after that time, the lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. J. H. Grove Snowden, D. Prov. G. M.M. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Snowden vacated the chair in favour of Bro. James Stevens, P.G.J.W., Prov. G.M. Sec. for Middlesex and Surrey, &c., &c., who had come down expressly to perform the Installation ceremony, as he had previously done for several successive years. This was purposely the only work left for the day, a special meeting of the lodge having been held a fortnight before for the purpose of advancing two candidates, viz., Bros. J. J. Cooper Wylde, and Walter Searles. Bro. Snowden presented the W.M. elect, Bro. John Lamy Ellerm, to Bro. Stevens, to receive at his hands the benefit of Installation, and the customary declaration having been made, all brethren below the rank of Installed Mark Master retired. A

Board of I.M.M. was then formed, and the W.M. elect, and Bro. the Rev. G. W. Sicklemore, Prov. G.M. for Kent, took the O.B. The latter, through inadvertence, had not been entrusted with the secrets of the chair at the time of his installation, and this was the first convenient opportunity which had occurred to him for having the omission supplied. The secrets having been communicated, and the Board of I.M.M. closed, the brethren were re-admitted, and they saluted the new W.M. He was then proclaimed in due form, and presented with the Working Tools, the Lodge Warrant, the Book of Constitutions, and the Book of Bye-Laws. The following brethren were then appointed to office, and invested, viz., James W. Smith, S.W.; George Page, J.W.; W. J. C. Harrison, M.O.; R. J. Emerson, S.O.; Walter B. Wallace, J.O.; The Rev. G. W. Sicklemore, Chaplain; Lewis Finch, (elected) Treasurer; Horace Friend, Regr. of Marks and Secretary; Wm. Crawford, S.D.; John Finch, J.D.; Wm. Larkin, Org.; Walter Searles, I.G.; George Meager, (elected) Tyler. The respective exhortations to the W.M., Warden, Overseers, and brethren were delivered in an impressive manner by Bro. Stevens, and the ceremony of installation was complete. The W.M. rose and expressed his regret that he would be obliged to leave for London immediately after the closing of the lodge, on account of the death of a relative; and he hoped that the brethren would excuse that which, except under these painful circumstances, might be considered a mark of disrespect to them. A vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to Bro. Stevens, and a candidate having been proposed for advancement, the lodge was closed. A banquet was then held under the presidency of Bro. Snowden, I.P.M., and we need not tell those who have ever been at the Royal Hotel on such an occasion as this, that the viands were well served and the wines excellent.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORELAND.

The usual half-yearly meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cumberland and Westmoreland was held on Wednesday, the 6th inst., at the Crown Hotel, Penrith.

The following officers and past officers of the province were present: Bro. Col. Whitwell, M.P., Deputy Grand Master, Past Grand Junior Warden of England, Kendal; Bro. Greaves, Past Deputy Grand Master, Penrith; J. Holme, P.G.S.W., acting as S.W., Kirkby Lonsdale; H. Cook, Past Grand Superintendent Works, acting as Junior Warden, Barrow; W. B. Gibson, Grand Secretary, Whitehaven; J. Lemon, Grand Treasurer, Wigton; W. Tattersall, Past Grand Senior Warden, Kendal; E. Hughes, Grand Senior Deacon, Whitehaven; C. J. Smith, Grand Junior Deacon, Penrith; J. Porter, Past Senior Grand Deacon, Wigton; J. Pearson, Past Senior Grand Deacon, Cocker-mouth; J. Talbot, Grand Registrar, Kendal; W. Kirkbride, Past Grand Secretary, Penrith; J. Matthews, Past Grand Assistant Secretary, Penrith; E. Fearon, Past Grand Director of Ceremonies, Whitehaven; H. Rauthmell, Past Grand Director of Ceremonies, Kendal; G. Brooker, Past Grand Pursuivant, Workington; T. B. Arnison, Past Grand Sword Bearer, J. Mills, Past Grand Sword Bearer, Millom; Jesse Banning, Grand Organist, Carlisle; S. Rowland, Past Grand Organist, Penrith; D. Crosthwaite, Grand Steward, W.M. 1073, Keswick; W. Armstrong, Grand Steward, Maryport. There were also present:—From Skiddaw Lodge, Cocker-mouth, Bros. W. H. Lewthwaite, W.M.; W. F. Lamont, S.W.; Josiah Raine, I.G.; J. Robinson (Keswick). From the Lodge of Perseverance, Maryport, Bro. W. Banks. From the Whitwell Lodge, Millom, Bros. Dodgson, P.M.; J. Hartley, Sec. 995, and W. Whiteside, I.G. and W.M. 1398 (Dalton). Deputations likewise attended from Lodges Sun, Square, and Compasses, Whitehaven; Lewis, Whitehaven; Union, Kendal; Union, Carlisle; St. John's, Wigton; Underley, Kirkby Lonsdale. The remaining lodges, comprising the seventeen in the province, were not represented, viz.:—Holy

Temple, Longtown; Curwen, Harrington; Solway, Silloth; Eden Valley, Appleby; and Kenlis, Egremont. Shortly after one o'clock, Bro. Greaves, the W.M. of Lodge Unanimity, Penrith, opened the Craft lodge in form, after which the members of the Provincial Grand Lodge were announced, and the Deputy Grand Master took his seat upon the throne, in the absence of the R. W. Provincial Grand Master, the Earl of Bective, M.P., through the death of his brother-in-law, the Marquis of Downshire. The lodge being opened in due form, the minutes of the preceding meeting, held at Whitehaven in September last, were read and confirmed. The provincial dues were next paid over by the representatives of lodges, after which the Grand Secretary made the gratifying announcement that the total number of subscribing members in the province is 836, of whom 86 were initiated during the past twelve months, and 24 joining members. Proceeding to charitable matters, the sum of fifteen guineas was voted from the funds of the Provincial Grand Lodge to the widow of a deceased brother, together with twenty guineas for two additional provincial votes in the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. It was also agreed that the votes of the province be given towards aiding the election of the son of a deceased brother at Silloth into the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. The last business on the programme was that of fixing the *locale* for the annual Provincial festival in September next. Two places were proposed and seconded, viz., Kirkby Lonsdale and Keswick, the festival having been held at the first-named place seven years ago, whilst it never had been held at Keswick. Upon a vote being taken a considerable majority was recorded in favour of Keswick, and it was also understood that Kirkby Lonsdale will be chosen the following year. This being the whole of the business, the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed in form. Afterwards the brethren adjourned to the dining hall of the hotel, where Bro. Wagstaff had provided a sumptuous luncheon. The Deputy Grand Master presided, and, after dessert had been placed upon the table, he rose and announced there would be no speech-making, simply calling upon the brethren to drink the health of her Majesty the Queen, who was not now the mother of a Mason, but the mother of Masons—princes who were connected with a fraternity in which kings placed themselves on a level with the peasant. The toast was loyally responded to; and, after dedicating a hearty bumper to the Deputy Grand Master, followed by one for the Provincial Grand Master (of course drunk in silence) the party broke up about four o'clock.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF HERTFORDSHIRE.

BY OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Herts was held on Wednesday last, at the Shire Hall, Hertford.

Bro. William Stuart having resigned his office of Provincial Grand Master, on account of age and infirmity, Bro. Thomas Frederick Halsey, M.P., of Gaddesden Place, had been nominated by the Marquess of Ripon, Grand Master, to fill that high and important office, and the meeting of Wednesday was appointed for his installation.

From an early hour the town had put on a very gay appearance, and was decorated with as many flags hung across the principal streets, as if Royalty had been going to pay it a visit.

The hour fixed for the meeting of the Grand Lodge was one o'clock, when the principal trains would arrive; and by that hour large numbers of persons had assembled in the streets, as it was known that in the course of the day a procession of Masons, wearing the badges of the Order, would march from their place of meeting to the church.

The town was indeed devoted to holiday making, and no one could enter it without seeing that something unusual was about to take place. Ladies and children, dressed in all the varieties of costumes which the female mind seems to delight in inventing, were seen at every

turn, but it must be admitted that everything was done to make the installation of the new Grand Master a great event in the annals of Masonry.

No similar occurrence has taken place in Hertford for 30 years, that long space of time having elapsed since Bro. William Stuart assumed the reins of office, and Bro. Halsey may congratulate himself that his rule over the Craft in the province of Herts has begun under the most auspicious circumstances.

About 150 of the brethren attended, but as it was impossible to get a full and correct list in time for our present edition, we can only give the names of those we were able to ascertain. Among them were Bros. John Savage, P.G.D.; F. Binckes, P.G. Steward, P.M. 8617; and numerous brethren representing the following lodges in the province:—

Hertford Lodge No. 403; Watford Lodge No. 404; Berkhamstead Lodge No. 504; Gresham Lodge, No. 869; King Harold No. 1387.

Prov. Grand Lodge was opened about two o'clock, by Bro. John Hervey, Grand Sec., taking the chair, and proceeding with the customary ceremony.

Bro. Hervey then addressed the body, and said that they all must regret that the Immediate Past Grand Master was absent, but they must all feel great pleasure that though he had retired from his office as Grand Master, his place was to be filled by so able a brother as Bro. Halsey. Every Mason in the province must look back with gratification on the many years that Bro. Stuart had presided over them, as he was one of those men who were acceptable to the Craft, not only in this province, but throughout the length and breadth of the Masonic world. He had interested himself in every branch of Masonry, and had devoted his attention to it with a zeal that was highly commendable. His name would always be revered, and his rule of thirty years would be looked back upon as one of the happiest that had occurred in Hertfordshire. It was with great regret that they had heard that growing age and infirmity had compelled him to resign his office, but he would carry with him in his retirement the best wishes of the brethren whose cause he had always striven to promote. But it was an old saying that there were as good fish in the sea as had ever come out of it, and he trusted that the new Grand Master would be one who would carry out his duties well. There were no two opinions on that subject, and he could only hope that Bro. Halsey's reign would be as long and successful as that of his predecessor.

By the direction of Bro. Hervey, the patent of Bro. Halsey was demanded, and a deputation, consisting of the Masters or P.M.'s. of lodges 403, 404, 409, 449, 504, 869, 1327, and 1385, then left the lodge to conduct Bro. Halsey to the lodge.

On his arrival he was received with great applause. Bro. Hervey congratulated him on his selection by the G.M. and Provincial G. Secretary, Bro. Dr. Iles, read the patent. Prayer was offered up by Grand Chaplain, Bro. Lewis Deedes. Bro. Halsey took the obligation, and was then invested and installed by Bro. Hervey, who called in the brethren to salute him. This having been done, the Provincial Grand Master appointed and invested Bro. John Sedgwick as his Deputy, and the following as the remaining Provincial Grand Officers:— Bro. Magner, Prov. G.S.W.; Bro. Wilson, Prov. G.J.W.; Rev. Lewis Deedes, Rev. Newton Price, Grand Stewards; Bro. H. T. Fitch, Prov. G. Registrar; Dr. F. H. Wilson Iles, Provincial Grand Secretary; Bro. Thomas Carter, Prov. G.S.D.; Charles Lacey, Prov. G.J.D.; N. Cutbush, Provincial G. Supt. of Works; James Terry, Prov. G.D.; Harris, Prov. A.G.D.C.; Wylie, P.G.S.B.; Allan, Prov. G. Purst.; H. Camplin, E. Francis, Hargreaves, Copstick, Cussans, and Wingham, Prov. G. Stewards; Thomas and Wright, Prov. G. Tylers.

Bro. Alfred Copeland was unanimously elected Grand Treas., and invested by the Grand Master. A committee of brethren, one to represent each lodge, was elected to audit the accounts.

A procession was then formed, and headed by the Grand Master, proceeded to the church,

where to a crowded congregation, the R. Grand Chaplain preached an excellent sermon from the Corinthians xiii. 13, on Freemasonry.

On returning to lodge a vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Bro. Deedes, who informed Grand Lodge that the collection in church amounted to £25 8s. This was to be divided between the Hertford Infirmary and Visiting Society.

On the motion of Bro. Hodges, seconded by Bro. George Lambert, £10 10s. were voted the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, the male fund, £10 10s. for the female fund.

A vote of thanks was also passed, and directed to be sent by the Grand Secretary to the Rev. Mr. Lindley, the curate in charge of the parish for the use of All Saints' Church, and another vote of thanks was given to Bro. John Hervey for installing the Prov. Grand Master.

Prov. G. Lodge was thereupon closed, and the brethren sat down to a splendid banquet, provided by the Hertford Lodge, No. 403. The room was beautifully decorated, the walls being hung with banners and festoons, and there being also a plentiful display of flowers.

After the banquet grace was ended, and ten toasts were proposed, Bro. Ransford and other musical brethren at intervals favouring the brethren with some excellent songs.

In giving the first toast of "The Queen," the Provincial Grand Master referred to the accession of Prince Arthur to the Craft, and in giving "The Most Worshipful Grand Master," in a laudable manner in which he discharged his duties. In giving "The Past Grand Master the Prince of Wales, and Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of Grand Officers," he applauded the zeal with which the Prince of Wales had entered into Masonry. And speaking of the Earl of Carnarvon said that the ability with which he conducted Grand Lodge business in the absence of the Marquess of Ripon met with the approval of all members of the Craft, and of the rest of the Grand Officers, of whom many were present, it was unnecessary for him to say anything as to their discharge of their duties, as every one who knew anything of the business of Grand Lodge knew well how admirably they performed all that was required of them.

Bro. John Savage responded. Bro. John Hervey, proposed "The Health of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master." There were some toasts, he said, which require recommendation, but this one would, he was sure, be so universally acceptable that it recommended itself. Bro. Halsey would do just to the office in which he had been that day installed and if the whole county had been polled there was no brother who would have been elected in preference to Bro. Halsey.

The toast having been drunk with immense enthusiasm.

The Provincial Grand Master said, I have to thank you most sincerely for the kind manner in which you have greeted this toast, and I assure you that it is a most gratifying and encouraging circumstance that I should be received in this manner at the onset of my career as Prov. G. Master. I can only say that I find that I have a very hard task to fulfil, coming into the office after one who has held the office in the province for more than a quarter of a century who was, I believe, the oldest Provincial Grand Master, under the English Constitution. I find that after such a Grand Master, who has been preceded by another brother, whose name was always honoured in the county, the Marquis of Salisbury, that I am placed in a difficult position. I come after distinguished brethren, it will need all my energies and exertions to perform my duty, and to tread in their footsteps. I can only say I will endeavour to do so, that I shall look to you to support and help me in that task. It is for you to smooth my way (hear, hear.) From the reception you have given me this evening I think you will help me that on all occasions I shall receive from the brethren of this province the support which it would be impossible for me to factorily to discharge the duties that may devolve upon me, however arduous they may be. I am, my dear brethren, very truly yours, Bro. Halsey.

taken a great stride.—(hear, hear)—since even in the short time that I can remember, many new lodges have formed, and I hear rumours of more new lodges still. (Hear, hear.) I am called upon to preside over eight lodges, and I can only say that I trust as long as I have the honour to preside over the province those eight lodges will go on and progress, and even where there is room, and I think in some parts of the province there is still room for lodges, for there are places where they might be well established, without, as far as I can see, any injury to existing lodges. I hope it will be my lot to consecrate lodges in those places. It will be my endeavour to conduct the business of this province with impartiality and fairness. You must remember that it is not a very easy province to preside over. You know yourselves better than I can tell you what the communications are between different parts, and consequently you will understand that it is very difficult, as the western side of the country and the eastern are almost like two separate districts altogether, to obtain the knowledge which it is desirable for us to have, and to find out the wants of all the brethren all over the country. Therefore I feel that at any rate for some years to come, until I get more experience than I have got now, there must be, do what I will, shortcomings and mistakes on my part. (No, no.) But, I can only say that those mistakes I will make as few as I can, I will endeavour to promote Freemasonry in every part of the province with impartiality and energy. (Hear, hear.) But after all I can do nothing, my deputy can do nothing, and the officers can do nothing, without the support of the brethren, and therefore, I say, I look to the brethren of the province to support me, as long as I hold the office to which I have been appointed, and I feel sure from the reception I have met with this evening, and on other similar and important occasions on which I have happened to be in Masonry in my province since my formal appointment there, that you will support me. I derive from to-day's reception great encouragement in the path on which I have entered. I will say no more for myself, except that I trust that any shortcomings of mine you will pass over, and give me credit for best intentions. You know there is an old saying "That it is impossible to please everybody," and therefore there may be occasionally some little temporary dissatisfaction; but I am sure that if there should be any at any time, those who feel it, on reflection will see it was perfectly unintentional on my part that any cause was given for it, and that it ever will be so. I trust in you to support me and to meet me in the spirit in which I shall endeavour to discharge the duties of Grand Master in this province. (Hear, hear.) Before I sit down I have to perform another duty which devolves upon me, and it is one which I perform with the greatest pleasure. I have this day been installed in the chair of this province, and I think you will all agree that you have had a great Masonic treat. (Hear, hear.) You have in the first place had a ceremony which is not one of very frequent occurrence, and which, therefore, must give satisfaction to every brother to be present as from the day in which that ceremony was conducted nothing more impressive could have taken place in any assemblage of Masons. (Hear, hear.) I shall, therefore, ask you to show your approbation of the manner in which the ceremony was performed, of its impressiveness and solemnity, by drinking "The Health Bro. John Hervey," who came down to day purpose to perform the ceremony. (Great applause.)

The Prov. G. Master then proposed "The Health of the Past Provincial Grand Master, the Deputy P.G.M., and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers past and present.

Bro. Wilson, Prov. G. J. W. responded.

The toast of "The Masonic Charities," which was given in very happy terms by the Prov. G. Master, was responded to by Bro. F. Binckes, on behalf of the Boys' School, and by Bro. James Hervey, on behalf of the Royal Masonic Benevo-

lent Institution, the latter brother taking occasion to thank the Prov. G. Lodge for their liberal donation just voted to that institution.

In giving the toast of "The Visitors," the Prov. Grand Master remarked that the brother whom he would call upon to respond to it, Bro. Edis, W.M. of the Westminster and Key-stone Lodge No. 10, was the first brother he ever initiated.

"The Lodges of the Province," coupled with the name of Bro. Wagner, W.M. No. 403, having been given and responded to, a song brought the proceedings of a most successful day, which reflected the highest credit on all the brethren engaged in making the arrangements, to a close.

The dinner was admirably supplied by Bro. Andrews, of the Salisbury Arms, and gave un-mixed satisfaction.

Masonic Tidings.

The fifteen sections will be worked on Monday evening next, the 27th inst., by members of the Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (No. 45) at St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 7 p.m. The following brethren will work the sections, Bros. Pulsford, Rogers, Constable, Talmie, Defriez, Morrison, etc., etc.

A meeting of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will be held on Friday, 15th May, at Freemasons' Hall, for the election of ten annuitants on the Freemason Widows' Fund from a list of thirty-one candidates. Full particulars will be duly advertised.

We understand that the under mentioned will in all probability be included in the list of Grand Officers for this year:—S.G.W., Bro. Lord H. Thynne; J.G.W., Bro. Percy Leith; Deacons, Bros. Rucker, Parkinson, and ex-Sheriff Hutton; A.G.D.C., Bro. Hadley; A.G.P., Bro. Wright.

NEW BARONET.—Bro. George Elliot, late M.P. for North Durham, has received the dignity of Baronet. By profession a mining engineer, he became President of the Mining Institute some years ago, and is now said to be the largest colliery owner in the world. He has also taken a large share in the direction of telegraphic enterprises, notably the first Atlantic cable. Mr. Disraeli, in acquainting Bro. Elliot with the distinction conferred upon him, wrote:—"In laying the matter before her Majesty I wished to show my sense of your great services to the Conservative cause, and of the enterprise and energy of your useful and honoured life."

[Bro. Elliot is W.M. of the Bard of Avon Lodge, and father-in-law of Bro. J. C. Parkinson.]
A National Great Priory, of the United Religious, and Military Orders of the Temple will be held at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, on Friday, May 8th, 1874, at 3.30.

A Priory of the Order of Malta will be held at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, on Friday, May 8, 1874.

Multum in Parvo, or Masonic Notes and Queries.

THE "MASONIC STUDENT" v. BRO. CHALMERS I. PATON, P.M.

All those interested in the discussion respecting Masons Marks cannot do better than look through the *Freemason* for the last few months, and then in view of all the facts, they should read the last letter from Bro. Paton in the *Freemason* of the 17th inst., and the communication from the "Masonic Student" of the 18th inst.

Our able and distinguished Brother "Masonic Student" has so well and so fully answered Bro. Paton, and is so thoroughly capable of proving all he has said on the subject, that we have no intention of continuing the correspondence unless brethren bring facts to support their statements, and are ready to consider the question from other standpoints than their own.

We should state that this Masonic Student has no equal that we know of in this country as an authority on Masons' Marks, their archaeological and masonic bearings, and their general characteristics, either under the operative or speculative periods of Freemasonry, therefore

Bro. Paton's ipse dixit when opposed to the former's well considered assertions and facts are simply worthless,

W. J. HUGHAN.

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LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

Grand Lodge of Benevolence met on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Clabon, President; Bro. Joshua Nunn, S.V.P.; and James Brett, J.V.P. There was a large muster of brethren, who voted £405 to deserving cases, in sums varying from £5 to £40. There were ten widows cases, one orphan's case, and nine brethren.

MASONIC SONG.

As brethren we meet one another with joy,
And tender each other the hand,
That should ne'er proffered be when'er aught
of alloy
Intertwines thoughts so noble, so grand,
That we ne'er give the right hand of fellowship
when
In our bosom dwells aught but regard.
Thus one for another shall have hearty cheer,
And shall none wish for other reward.
What pleasure it gives us united to be,
And to feel that in lodge all is pure,
Where aided by sympathies generous and free
Our shortcomings are thought of no more.
Since life in this world is but frailty's scheme,
We must try and do more than bestow
Our "hearty good wishes" on him who by
deed,
Helps those whom misfortune lay low.
Then joyful we'll be whilst on earth we remain.
There's plenty of work to be done;
If we stand by each other we always shall gain,
Those kind words which so sweet are when
won.
'Mid the battle of life may true brethren e'er
feel,
In the warmth of sincerity dear;
That the "word," "sign," or "token" will always
reveal,
Those fraternal points Masons revere.

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CARPENTER.—On the 21st inst., at 5 p.m., Bro. William Carpenter, P.M., P.Z., &c., after a long and painful illness.
MINNIS.—On the 17th ult., Bro. George Minnis, of the Old Concord Lodge.

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Answers to Correspondents.

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SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 1874.

THE RESTORATION OF WORCESTER CATHEDRAL.

We have received the account of the elaborate services and successful gathering by which the the opening and restoration of Worcester Cathedral on April 8th, were duly celebrated and completed.

To use the words of a local paper, "after a period of nearly twenty years' restoration, and an expenditure of some £80,000., Worcester Cathedral was at last reopened with great ceremonial, and much festivity and rejoicing, which have not been surpassed in "the Faithful City," within the recollection of "the oldest inhabitant."

All classes and all authorities seem to have combined in this great day of rejoicing, when the "Domus Dei," "the holy and beautiful house" of their fathers, was restored, after years of apathy and neglect to all of becoming reverence, and chaste ornamentation for the honour and worship of Almighty God.

Our Masonic brethren in Worcestershire seem to have taken a laudable interest in this good and needed work, and to have contributed, alike by their generous presence and fraternal offering to promote the success of the day's festivity, and to show their interest in the result of long labours so munificently supported and so successfully achieved.

And it is very interesting for our speculative Order to day to know and to believe, that our Free and Accepted Brotherhood is the lineal descendant of the operative lodges and the Craft Guilds, which in days gone by raised those mighty structures, which we admire to day, which adorn our own and many other lands, and which raise in us all, we believe, emotions of piety and sympathy and of admiration.

No one we think, can traverse the noble aisles of our great Minsters and Cathedrals, and look at their noble proportions or majestic pillars, cunning tracery, or gaze up at the fretted roof, without feeling how great, how divine, how noble, how sublime, how elevating, how refining, and its elevating influences on mankind.

The great Erasmus is credited of old with a fine passage in respect of some such great buildings of religious worship.

Tanta magistate sese erigit in cœlum ut et intuitibus religionem incutiat,

And few of us, we believe there are, who have ever loitered amid the sacred walls of these great evidences of the piety and munificence of our fathers, but must have felt the like sentiment of reverential regard, and must rejoice to think that we have still architects and Masons competent to mend and restore what the devouring hand of time has touched and marred, and to give to us, and for the use of future generations, a glorious and holy house of God in our land.

But the question has often arisen, who raised these great and superb edifices, and how did that we see so much unity of design and similarity of treatment?

The answer, in our humble opinion, to these questions, is that these buildings were raised by the ways erected and designed by the guilds and lodges of the operative Masons.

All these cathedral bodies had a lodge attached to them of "Freemasons" or "Latomi," as they were called in Christchurch Canterbury, with its Master, Wardens, and members, and the more famous Malton, where the Masons went from county to county, often to their lodge, after their local and immediate work was over.

We find in the old fabric rolls, mention of some Master, working now North of the Trent, and now South of the Trent, now down in the Eastern Counties, now in the Western part of our land.

When a great work was to be undertaken, there were no contracts in those days as we understand contracts), a Master Mason was appointed who brought as many Masons as were required, who all received so much per day, under the supervision of a "Magister operis," until the work was concluded.

We find, indeed, contracts to build Cathedral Church, and Fotheringay Chapel, and other doubt may be added where the Master Mason undertakes to complete the whole work at certain prices, or at a given sum.

But as a general rule, the work was carried by day work, under the architectural direction of the Master Mason, and under the personal supervision of a Controller or Surveyor of the work, generally a member of the Cathedral body! It is much to be desired that the fabric rolls of our Cathedrals were accessibly to students or carefully edited as in the case of York, as we should find in them, many of the deepest interest, still, to us as Freemasons.

Let us hope that a better day is dawning on the study of Masonic Archaeology, and that we may rejoice to think and to remember, that though the operative character of the work is now gone, yet the spirit of the work remains, and that we may return, our hearts full of admiration.

unceasing testimony to the skill of the ancient Craft guilds, and the unchanging excellency and beauty of the noblest of arts, the most benign of labours—Architecture.

MR. CUFFE.

The Rev. Mr. Cuffe, Military Roman Catholic Chaplain to the troops at Chatham, thought it well in the exercise of his spiritual duties, "pousser si loin," sa "charité chrétienne," as Molière says, so as to deny even the rights of burial to a Roman Catholic soldier, Bro. Sergeant Johnstone, simply because he was a Freemason.

This reverend and charitable representative of the Roman Catholic Church grounded his intolerant refusal to perform the last sacred duties of religion to a fellow religionist, on this most absurd reason, that, by becoming a Freemason, Sergeant Johnstone ceased to be a Roman Catholic.

We stated at the time, that, such a "dictum," however dogmatically announced, was utterly indefensible and untenable, even on the authority of the Roman Catholic canon law itself, that the reverend gentleman had no valid ecclesiastical authority of his own for the course he pursued, or the opinions he put forth, and that in so acting, while he violated every precept of our common Christianity, he was not upheld even by any actual Roman Catholic pastoral, or decree, or bull, or law, on the subject.

We are glad to have our views confirmed by no less an exalted personage than the present excellent and benevolent Pontiff himself; Pius the Ninth, of infallible authority, remember, to Roman Catholics, whether speaking "ex cathedra Petri," or presiding over an œcumenical council.

We ask our Masonic brethren to read a letter of his, which we take from the *Chaine de l'Union* of April, the letter having appeared in a Roman Catholic paper of Florence, the *Journal de Florence*, and having been quoted by the *National* of March 16th, this year.

The was addressed to Monsignor Freppel, Archbishop of Angers, in France.

Vénérable frère, salut et bénédiction apostolique.

Par votre lettre en date du 27 du mois dernier, nous avons vu qu'en publiant parmi vos diocésains, par le mandement que vous nous avez envoyé, Notre Encyclique récemment donnée, vous avez jugé nécessaire de leur rappeler les constitutions apostoliques par lesquelles les sociétés dites des Franc-maçons sont condamnées par le Siège apostolique, et les très-graves censures encourues pour ceux qui en font partie. Nous louons très-fort, vénérable frère, le zèle que vous avez montré à ce sujet, et qui est tout à fait digne de la charge épiscopale que vous exercez.

Nous déplorons aussi, vénérable frère, que de cette source, même des sectes condamnées soit sortie, pour la perte des âmes, une autre société pernicieuse appelée *Ligue de l'enseignement*, travaillant à extirper radicalement, surtout de l'âme des enfants, la foi catholique, et s'efforçant d'exercer impunément par toute la France les industries de son iniquité. Bien que nous sachions que dans votre diocèse vous vous êtes empressé d'appliquer votre sollicitude pastorale à combattre un pareil fléau, cependant, en raison de la gravité de cet objet, nous ne voulons pas omettre de vous exciter dans le Seigneur à persévérer dans les efforts de votre zèle, pour la garde de notre troupeau, en persistant à stimuler la vigilance de vos fidèles, et en vous appliquant

avec ardeur à arracher du champ qui vous est confié ces déplorables plantations que cultivent les enfants des ténébres.

Pie IX, page.

We need hardly translate this remarkable letter, as the French is alike so easy and so simple; but we quote it, mainly for the purpose of pointing out, how very different is the position assumed by the most reverend Pontiff and the combatant Cuffe, and how advisable it would be for the latter intolerant and unsound divine to study his own canon law, before he again ventures to put forth the childish and unwarranted dogma, that, all Roman Catholic Freemasons cease to be Roman Catholics, being, as we see, entirely contradicted by the Infallible head of his own Church.

Original Correspondence.

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

EARLY GRAND ENCAMPMENT IN SCOTLAND.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Having but lately become a member of the Early Grand Encampment, I am therefore ignorant of the true history of the rival bodies of Knight Templars at present existing in Scotland, and should feel obliged if some brother would kindly give me information on the following points, or state where I may obtain the same:—

1. Was the Early Grand Encampment recognised as legal in Scotland, prior to the formation of the Chapter General?
2. If recognised as legal then, by what right do they declare its members to be illegal and spurious Knights Templar now?
3. How many of the Encampments were present at the formation of the Chapter General, also how many of the Encampments have since that date joined the Chapter General?
4. Have the Early Grand Encampments at present in existence in England and Ireland any Grand Councils in connection with them; if so what is their time and place of meeting?

Hoping you will find space for this in your valuable paper, I remain,

Yours fraternally,
EARLY GRAND.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In your last impression Bro. W. F. has again fallen into what I will still call "unintentional error," for I have no wish to make "short work either of the E. G. Encampment or its members." On the contrary, I would do all that I could to forward their best interest, which I conceive lays in union.

W. F. asks me to quote the passage referring to Royal Arch Chapters acting under the Chapter General of K. T., saying that he "don't clearly see any reference to the Supreme Chapter and the Chapter General. W. F. does not quote me correctly. I never used the word Supreme when speaking of the chapter, but used instead the letters R. A. Chapter, and now to quote the passage on which I was commenting:—"Bro. F. A. Barrow and his office bearers are also members of the Royal Arch Chapter and Knight Templar Encampment, acting under the Chapter General of Scotland." If this passage of "Fiat Justitia" or W. F.'s is not very clear, it is the writer's fault, and not mine; it bears the construction I put upon it, for there is nothing in it to disconnect the Royal Arch Chapter spoken of from the Knight Templar Encampment referred to. It is also borne out by the context "They" (namely Bro. Barrow and his office bearers) "have but recently become connected with the Chapter General themselves." He then goes on to describe the offices held by Brother Barrow, ending thus:—"He is also Supt. of the Royal Arch Chapter in the province and also holds a position in the Encampment." It was in

reference to this part that I explained that he was Superintendent of all the chapters of the province, but he held no position in the Encampment, he never having been even a member thereof.

I can understand how this confusion of ideas has arisen in the mind of F. J. and W. F., as under the E. G. Encampment, the R. A. degree is given as well as the K. T.

While I lay no claim to the title so kindly given me by W. F. of being "The Champion of Legality in Scotland," I am an advocate for union, and should like to see all legal bodies that are at present unrecognised, united upon equitable terms with those supreme heads of orders that are recognised by all the grand bodies in the Masonic world.

Yours fraternally,
G. W. WHEELER.

FATHER CUFFE.

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I see in page 207 of *The Freemason*, April 4th, a letter from "P.M." upon the subject of the Roman Catholic Army Chaplain, Priest Cuffe, refusing to bury the remains of Bro. Armourer-Sergeant Johnstone, because he was a Freemason. "P.M." is surprised that no notice has been taken at Chatham upon this painful subject. I took the matter up in your journal February 14th, at the same time I wrote an account of it to one high in authority in Grand Lodge, stating the reason why Priest Cuffe refused to perform the service over the remains of our Bro. Johnstone, leaving it to be completed by the Protestant Chaplain, who could have no scruple in doing such a charitable service to an upright man, where the only crime was that of being a Freemason. I strongly requested that the subject might be brought before Grand Lodge of England, and if nothing could be done, that at the least Grand Lodge should notify to all Provincial Grand Lodges that the W.M.'s of the lodges in their provinces should inform every Roman Catholic that before joining our Craft he should be informed that the act of becoming a Freemason would subject him to "the greater excommunication."

I received a reply from another officer of Grand Lodge, to the effect that the subject could not be entertained by Grand Lodge. Thus, as a loyal and obedient Freemason, I felt myself bound to proceed no further in this matter.

Still I think lodges 20 and 1174 might most effectually lay the subject before the Masonic public; and, I am sure the Freemasons in the northern provinces will join them in any Masonic step they may lawfully take.

I am painfully aware how much indignation is felt in these provinces that such an uncharitable act should be allowed to pass without some protest from the Masonic body in England. It would appear that we tacitly and tamely submit to the decree of a foreign prince who has no jurisdiction over the subjects of this land of freedom; and long may dear old England know, and duly appreciate her high privileges.

I remain, yours fraternally,

AUGUSTUS A. BAGSHAW, M.A.
P.S.G.W. of Derbyshire, and P.P.G. Chaplain,
I.P.M. Phoenix Lodge of St. Ann, 1235.
April 15th, 1874.

MASONS' MARKS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Bro. Paton would fain get out of his difficulties in connection with this subject by telling us that he was only dealing with Speculative Mark Masonry, per se, and that he had nothing to do with Operative Mark Masonry. But it so happens that, however he puts it, my remarks at page 174, were perfectly justifiable on account of the mistakes he made in dealing with his subject, and even to-day, at page 221, in place of keeping clear of further errors, he persists in adding a slip or two more, e.g. he says, p. 221, "a mark ought to have an odd number of points, and this I maintain is what has been taught in lodges for more than one

hundred and fifty years." Now, I deny that, and challenge him to bring forward the slightest substantial evidence of the existence of any Mark Degree so early as one hundred and fifty years ago?

Above one hundred and fifty years takes us back to before A.D. 1724, but my study of the subject leads me to consider that the Mark Degree never existed until long after 1724. Bro. Paton also asserts, on page 221, that my letter on page 174, "throws no light upon the subject," but I feel inclined to say that that is scarcely true, because although my remarks at page 174 are short, yet I referred the reader who wished further information upon the subject to certain back numbers of *The Freemason*, where that information could be got. Inter alia, I referred to page 550 of *The Freemason*, for September 2nd, 1871, where the very important information is given, that the Entered Apprentice, when being entered, got his mark on payment of one mark piece for his Mason Mark.

It was generally thought that no one got his mark until he was a Fellow Craft, but the publication of the old statute above referred to showed that modern idea to be wrong. Whether I was the first to publish such a rule, or to call attention to it, I know not, only the fact remains that the rule was published and the bearing it has upon the mark Degree, and the bearing of Masons' Marks, is certainly great. In fact it was the reading of such old statutes as this that led me, some years ago to make the assertion that Speculative Masonry, in certain of its features was the renaissance in a new dress of some of the old forms in Pagan mysticism. Bro. Paton wished to uphold the custom, in vogue for some time back in Scotland, of insisting upon those getting the Mark Degree choosing their marks with an odd number of points, and he finds fault with Bro. Hughan for allowing his candidates to take either an even or an odd number of points, just as they please. Now while Bro. Hughan can certainly point to old pre-eighteenth century customs in support of his practice, I am not sure that Bro. Paton can bring forward any better foundation or origin for the views he supports that what is contained in the old song, when he says:—

"There's luck in odd numbers,
Says Rory O'More."
I am, yours fraternally,

W. P. BUCHAN.

MASONIC BOYS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I was much surprised to see in your last issue, in reporting the proceedings of the General Committee of the Boys' School, a notice of motion by Bro. Symonds for the General Committee on the 2nd May next, to raise the salary of Bro. Binckes, the Secretary, £50 per annum on account of length of service and his ability. The services I believe do not extend over 12 years, his ability and energy no one can doubt, and there have been many additions made to his salary, which I believe commenced at £150 per annum.

For some brethren who do not look at the annual balance sheets of our institutions this may seem a disposition to keep pace with the Secretaries of our Girls' School and Annuity Fund, whose salaries have lately been advanced £50 per annum, making their salaries £350. Those brethren perhaps are not aware that previous to the advance made to Bros. Terry and Little, Bro. Binckes's salary exceeded theirs by £150 per annum, he having been in receipt for some years of £450 per annum, besides a large amount for travelling expenses.

I think, as a governor of the Masonic Charities, there ought to be a limit to this sort of thing. Why it is only nine months ago we were startled by the announcement that at the summer fete in July last, at Wood Green, Bro. Sheriff Perkins, who presided, presented Bro. Binckes with a purse containing 1,000 guineas on a massive silver salver. This testimonial, raised by subscription, no one can object to; indeed we are glad to see our officers so highly appreciated, but as to the expenditure of our Institutions, we ought to keep the thing within a proper limit, and I think

£450 per annum and the usual present from the Board of Festival Stewards, generally about £50, sometimes more, is quite ample remuneration for the services rendered.

Our Bros. Terry and Little accepted their offices cheerfully at a salary of £300 but I think with such a discrepancy where the duties are so nearly akin, it was only just to them that an increase should be made in their case. I think it was a stipulation also in their case they should not hold any other paid office, wherein our Bro. Binckes holds a very lucrative appointment as Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England, which must of necessity occupy a great deal of his time.

I hope the Governors, who are anxious for the welfare of our Masonic Institutions, will come forward on the 2nd May next at Freemasons' Hall, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon (all governors are members of the Committee) and put a stop to such extravagant expenditure, or there is no knowing where it will end.

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

A LIFE GOVERNOR.

THE DOMATIC LODGE BALL.

This ball, which took place under the auspices of Bro. Frederick Kent, the W.M. of the lodge (and a member of the Court of Common Council) at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, on the 9th instant, was in every respect a most brilliant and triumphant success. The idea of giving the ball originated with the W.M., who on assuming office expressed his intention of having some such entertainment and taking upon himself individually the pecuniary responsibility of success or failure. By his influence the patronage of the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs and Sir Sidney Waterlow, Bart, and other influential personages, was secured, and a dispensation obtained from the M.W.G. Master. As the result has proved, the ball not only has been successful, but has defrayed the cost attendant thereon, so that no loss will accrue to the lodge. Dancing commenced at about 9 o'clock, to the admirable band of Bro. Adams, a P.M. of the lodge. Bro. Foulger (also a P.M. of the lodge) was the Master of the Ceremonies, assisted by Bros. Treadwell, Foxcroft, Scard, and other brethren, who each wore most elegant badges, which had been expressly prepared for the occasion by Bro. Kenning. The W.M. wore the full dress uniform of a Lieutenant of the 9th Essex Rifles V.C., Bro. Captain Clifton Browne, Major Weil, and several other brethren wore the uniform of their different regiments in addition to their Masonic jewels, which latter were by them worn on the right breast. Shortly after eleven o'clock intimation was conveyed to Bro. Frederick Kent of the arrival of the Right Hon. the Lord and Lady Mayoress, and he at once proceeded to the staircase to meet them, escorting Mrs. Loftus (the sister of Mrs. Kent, who was absent by reason of a recent interesting event). The Lady Mayoress then took the arm of Bro. Kent, the W.M., and the Lord Mayor escorted Mrs. Loftus to their private room, when the following presentations took place, Bro. Walford, P.M.; Bro. Foulger, P.M.; and Bro. Treadwell, and the other officers of the lodge and their ladies. A procession was then formed, headed by Bro. F. Kent and the Lady Mayoress, the Lord Mayor and Mrs. Loftus, Mr. and Mrs. Walford, Bro. Foulger and Mrs. Archer, Bro. Mead, P.M., and Miss Mead, Master S. Kent, and Miss Hannah.

A quadrille party was then formed, and the W.M. (wearing his sword as an officer), danced with the Lady Mayoress, and his Lordship had for his partner Mrs. Loftus. Several other dances followed, in almost all of which his Lordship most heartily joined, and he eventually honoured the lodge, by accepting at the hands of Bro. Kent, the W.M., the "Steward's insignia" of office, which he good humouredly invited Bro. Kent to affix to his coat, and the Lady Mayoress was also pleased to accept of the like "insignia," which she affixed to her dress, and wore during the evening. Bro. Monckton (Town Clerk of the City of London) P.M., P.G.D.C., &c., joined the company late in

the evening, and had the honour of dancing with the Lady Mayoress. His Lordship's many engagements requiring his attendance elsewhere, he was reluctantly compelled to leave before supper, and the W.M., Bro. Kent, and Bro. Monckton politely escorted his lordship and the Lady Mayoress to their carriage, both remarking to Bro. Kent as they left, that they had enjoyed themselves immensely. At the supper table Bro. Kent occupied the chair, and was well supported by several distinguished brethren, and their ladies.

After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been duly honoured, Bro. Monckton rose, and responded to the latter toasts, taking occasion also to propose (in concluding) the health of "The W.M. and Chairman" that evening. He said that it was a great pleasure to him to see the W.M. in so honourable a position; he had presided with admirable tact in the ball room, and he was equally at home in the chair that evening. The success which had attended his efforts to make the brethren happy would, he hoped, be some reward to him for the anxiety and patience he had bestowed in the discharge of his duties. He hoped the company would drink to his good health and receive the toast with "Kentish Fire." This was most heartily given, and the W.M., on rising to respond was received with most enthusiastic cheering.

In reply, Bro. Kent said:—Bro. Monckton, ladies, and gentlemen, the splendid sight I see before me, the "bright eyes" which I see around me beaming with happiness, because you are happy, and your hearty cheers, convince me that I made no mistake when I proposed this ball. Long may we all live, and may this scene at no distant date be repeated; but, brethren, I have to speak now of charity, the noblest gem in our Masonic diadem, I tell the ladies advisedly that their husbands are doing a wise thing when they become Masons, liable as they are to have large families, and on this point I can speak with authority, it is indeed a comfort to know that after an honourable career, and when the icy hand of death overtakes them, their brethren will not forget their wives and children.

The W.M. associated with the toast of "The Charities" Bro. R. W. Little, P.M., P.Z., and the Secretary of the Girls' School.

Bro. Little in reply made a most telling and effective speech.

The remaining toasts were "The Stewards," which was responded to by Bro. Walford, P.M., "The Visitors," and "The Ladies," the latter being responded to by Bro. Ferguson, another P.M. of the lodge, who in the course of a humorous reply referred to the 4th degree which they were enjoying, and the 5th, i.e. dancing, in which the ladies were most proficient, which was then to be renewed.

Over 250 persons attended the ball, and a letter was received from Sir Sydney Waterlow, Bart., M.P., expressing his great regret at his inability to be present. We understand that Bro. Kent is preparing a summer excursion, or what he calls the "Ladies' Day." [We wish him success.]

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF YORKSHIRE, (NORTH AND EAST).

The brethren of the Province of North and East Yorkshire assembled in the Guildhall, York, which had been fitted up as a lodge, under the banner of the York Lodge, 236, on the 9th inst., and at half-past twelve the M.W. the Grand Master of England, the Most Hon. the Marquess of Ripon, K.G., together with the Past Provincial Grand Officers, entered the hall in procession from the Mansion House, where they had previously assembled by invitation of the Lord Mayor. The Grand and Provincial Grand Officers were numerous, and represented some of the highest offices in the Craft. Among those present, besides the M.W. the Grand Master of England, we observed the Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland, Grand Master Designate of North and East Yorkshire; Gen. Marwood Esq., P.D. Prov. G.M. of the North and East Ridings; Bentley Shaw, Esq.,

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West Yorkshire, &c. The total number of officers and brethren present exceeded 400.

The Grand Lodge having been opened in solemn form by the Grand Master, who was duly saluted,

The Marquess of Ripon returned his hearty thanks for the reception which the brethren had given him, and said it afforded him the utmost pleasure to be present on that most interesting occasion, namely, that of undertaking the most agreeable duty of elevating to the proud position of Grand Master of the Province of North and East Yorkshire, their noble brother the Earl of Zetland. It was a very great satisfaction to have it in his power to continue the connection between this province and the honoured name of Zetland. That was the object which had specially called them together that day; and without further remark he would proceed to the discharge of that duty.

The Earl of Zetland was then introduced and installed Grand Master of the Province, with the customary ceremonial, and having been duly invested, ascended the throne, from which he proceeded to designate and invest the following brethren as his Provincial Grand Officers:—

- Dr. John Pearson Bell D.P.G.M.
- J. Marsh P.S.G.W.
- Dr. Bennett P.J.G.W.
- Rev. W. Valentine Chaplain.
- C. H. Priestley P.G. Registrar.
- W. C. Peck P.G. Secretary
- J. Fearn Holden P.G.S.D.
- F. Dickenson P.G.J.D.
- John Hudson P.G. Supt of W.
- J. W. Teal, M.A. P.G.D.C.
- W. Petchell P.G.S. Bearer
- Thomas Oats Organist.
- J. Ward P.G. Pursuivant
- Thomas Crier P.G. Tyler
- Major R. W. Hollon Treasurer

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master (D. Bell) then presented to the Earl of Zetland the following address, which had been beautifully engrossed on vellum as follows:—

"To the Right Honourable the Earl of Zetland, Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of the North and East Ridings of Yorkshire.

"May it please your Lordship,
 "We, the Grand Officers, Past Grand Officers, and Members of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the North and East Ridings of Yorkshire, and others being Brethren of the Order within the Province, beg to offer to your Lordship our heartfelt congratulations on your appointment as Provincial Grand Master, and to hail you with universal acclamation as our Chief.

"The Most Worshipful Grand Master of England, in selecting your Lordship to occupy the vacancy caused by the lamented decease of your deeply revered predecessor, conferred upon us a high honour, and we feel proud in the continued alliance between the Province and the illustrious house of Dundas. In your Lordship's person we have the pleasure of seeing the third Earl Zetland in succession occupying the Masonic Throne of this Province, and we are confident that with such examples you will emulate their virtues and equally reign in the hearts of the brethren.

"Long, very long, may your Lordship preside over us! May you be preserved in health and strength to be a blessing to your family and the country at large; and when your course in this world shall have been run, may you enter the Grand Lodge above, and receive from the Supreme Grand Master of the Universe a crown of joy and rejoicing which shall never fade away.

"Given at York on the day of your Lordship's installation, this ninth day of April, A.D. 1874."

The Grand Master, who was loudly applauded on rising, expressed the intense pleasure and gratification he had experienced in listening to the very flattering address which they had just presented to him. He felt very much touched by the terms of that address, as it bore pleasing references to those who had gone before him in discharging the duties of the office which he had now the honour to hold. He felt that he had been appointed to a very high and very honourable office, and one of very grave responsibility.

He felt that responsibility all the more because he followed one who had won the praise and good-will of the entire province, and the testimonials to whose worth, coming from so many quarters, were a matter of which they could readily understand he was justly proud. Those tokens of their affectionate regard for his predecessor would, he hoped, ever be an incentive to greater exertions on his own part to follow, however humbly, in the footsteps of one whose memory was so revered. He thanked the brethren very heartily for the kind reception which they had given him, as well as for the flattering address which they had presented; and he hoped and believed that he might rely upon the whole of the officers of the provinces for the best possible assistance in promoting the welfare of Freemasonry, not in the province only, but throughout England.

After some business had been transacted, a cordial vote of thanks to the Dean and Chapter, for granting the use of the Minster to the Prov. Grand Lodge, was passed unanimously, and then the lodge was closed.

The following was the order of the procession.

- Two Tylers with drawn swords.
- Rough Ashlar, borne by an E.A.
- Working Tools and Tracing Board of the 1st Degree, borne by two E.A.'s.
- Perfect Ashlar, borne by a F.C.
- Working Tools and Tracing Board of the 2nd Degree, borne by two F.C.'s.
- Brethren not members of a Lodge, two and two.
- The W.M.'s Officers, and Brethren of the No. 1416, Falcon Lodge, Thirsk.
- " 1337, Anchor Lodge, Northallerton.
- " 1248, Denison Lodge, Scarborough.
- " 1244, Marwood Lodge, Redcar.
- " 1040, Sykes Lodge, Driffield.
- " 1010, Kingston Lodge, Hull.
- " 734, Londesborough Lodge, Bridlington Quay.
- " 660, Camalodunum Lodge, Malton.
- " 643, Royal Lodge, Filey.
- " 630, St. Cuthbert's, Howden.
- " 602, North York Lodge, Middlesborough.
- " 566, St. Germain's Lodge, Selby.
- " 561, Zetland Lodge, Guisborough.
- " 543, Cleveland Lodge, Stokesley.
- " 312, Lion Lodge, Whitby.
- " 294, Constitutional Lodge, Beverley.
- " 250, Minerva Lodge, Hull.
- " 236, York Lodge, York.
- " 200, Old Globe Lodge, Scarborough.
- " 123, Lennox Lodge, Richmond.
- " 57, Humber Lodge, Hull.
- Visiting Brethren.
- Working Tools and Tracing Board of the 3rd^d borne by two M.M.'s.
- The Prov. G. Tyler.
- The Prov. G. Pursuivant.
- P. Prov. G. Organists.
- The Prov. G. Organist.
- P. Prov. G. Sword Bearers.
- P. Prov. G. Directors of Ceremonies.
- P. Prov. G. Superintendents of Works.
- The Prov. G. Superintendent of Works.
- P. Prov. G. Deacons.
- The Prov. G. Deacons.
- The Prov. G. Sec., with Book of Constitutions.
- P. Prov. G. Registrars.
- The Prov. G. Registrar with Great Seal.
- The Prov. G. Treasurer.
- Bible, Square, and Compass, borne by a P.M.
- P. Prov. G. Chaplains.
- The Prov. G. Chaplain.
- Past Junior Prov. G. Wardens.
- The Junior Prov. G. Warden.
- Past Senior Prov. G. Wardens.
- The Senior Prov. G. Warden.
- Junior Prov. G. Deacon.
- Banner of Prov. Grand Lodge.
- Six Prov. Grand Stewards with wands.
- The W. DEP. PROV. GRAND MASTER.
- GRAND OFFICERS, Past and Present:
- The R.W. PROV. G. MASTER.
- Senior Prov. G. Deacon.
- Banner of the Grand Lodge of England.
- Prov. G. Sword Bearer.
- The M.W. G. MASTER OF ENGLAND.
- Two Tylers.
- Police.

In the above order the procession left the Guildhall, en route for the Cathedral, by way of

St. Helen's-square, Blake-street, and Duncombe, street. A large crowd had been patiently awaiting their arrival and various, as, no doubt, the expectations of the onlookers had been, there was only one opinion, and that a most flattering one, as to the neatness, appropriateness, and beautiful workmanship of the regalia, and other emblems and symbols of the Craft. During the time of the procession the sun shone brightly, the Minster bells rang merrily, the pavements were thronged with interested crowds, the windows of the houses with beaming faces, and thus without a hitch to mar its progress, the western doors of the Cathedral were reached by a procession thoroughly representative of the true-hearted Englishman, the generous philanthropist, the cordial friend, and the sympathy which is ever displayed in any deserving case by the "Free and Accepted Mason."

At half-past two o'clock there was a special service at the Cathedral, which was very largely attended, the choir being crowded. Admission prior to the arrival of the procession was by ticket, and so liberal had the local committee of management been in the distribution of these tickets, which were most eagerly coveted, that nearly the whole of the East end of the choir was filled, principally with ladies, one result being that when the Masons arrived, the seats in the body of the choir were not capable of accommodating the large gathering of Freemasons, many of whom had to stand, and others to occupy the side galleries. No sooner were the great West doors thrown open, than a voluntary on the magnificent choir organ was played by Dr. Monk, P. Prov. G.O., the Organist of the Cathedral. Entering by the West doors, the procession, which was met by the clergy of the Cathedral, passed along the nave, which was thronged with spectators, who obtained a capital view of the Masons as they passed at a slow and measured pace. The sight was most imposing, the glittering and varied hue of the regalia of the Craft, and the splendid architectural vista obtained of the choir from the centre of the nave, constituting a beautiful sight, and one rarely witnessed. On arriving at the entrance to the choir the procession halted, and the brethren divided, facing inwards, and forming an avenue through which the Grand Master, the Provincial Grand Master, and the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, preceded by the Standard and Sword Bearers, passed to their seats. The first to enter the choir were the choristers and songmen, with the Rev. W. A. Wightman, the Rev. W. Haworth (vicars choral), the Rev. T. Falkner (sub-chanter), the Rev. Canon Residentiary Thorold, the Venerable Archdeacon Jones, and the Hon. and Very Rev. the Dean of York. Then followed the Masons in the order in which they had been in the procession, who branched off on each side of the choir, and took up the seats allotted to them. It was observed that the Right Hon. John March (Lord Mayor of York) occupied the stall which is appropriated to the head of the York Corporation. On the Masons taking up their respective positions an agreeably diversified array of regalia was to be seen on every hand—blue and gold or silver, light green and white, and purple and gold, with an occasional stuff gown or scarlet sash, all with aprons and sashes, and many with cuffs.

The order for evening prayer was intoned by the Rev. T. Falkner, the responses being by Tallis. The Psalms, Nos. 127 and 128, were according to the Anglican Psalter Chants. The *Magnificat* and *Nunc Dimittis* were chanted in A., by E. G. Monk, P.P.G.O. The first lesson was read by the Rev. Canon Thorold, and the second by the Hon. and Very Rev. the Dean of York. The anthem was "Great is the Lord," by the Rev. Sir F. A. G. Ousely, Bart., P.M., P.G. Chaplain of England, the words being taken from the 48th Psalm.

The sermon was preached by Bro. the Rev. H. W. Kemp, B.A., P.P.G. Chaplain, taking for his text the words, "Our holy and beautiful house," Isaiah 64, 11.

The concluding voluntary was Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus."

The collection was in aid of one of the admirable local charities—the York Dispensary, which does a most useful work in a remarkably quiet, unostentatious way.

At the conclusion of the service, the procession was reformed in the same order as it had been at first marshalled, and thus returned to the Guildhall, where the brethren unclashed themselves of their Masonic regalia. The Craft clothing and jewels were much admired by all who obtained a near inspection of them, a crowd of persons being collected near the west end of the Minster, and along the route to the Guildhall.

After the service at the Minster, the Grand Master, Provincial Grand Master, and brethren proceeded to the Festival Concert Room, where a very excellent cold collation had been provided. To this fully 300 brethren sat down, under the presidency of the Earl of Zetland, who was supported on his right by the Marquess of Ripon. The galleries were filled by ladies and gentlemen, friends of the brethren, and the music was supplied by the band of the 9th Lancers, who played during the dinner and at intervals afterwards. Upon the withdrawal of the cloth,

The Earl of Zetland gave the first toast, "The Queen and the Craft," which was drunk with the customary honours. He next gave "Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales and other members of the Royal Family"—in the course of which he alluded to the deep interest taken by the Prince of Wales in Freemasonry, and the fact that Prince Arthur is about to enter its ranks. The toast was drunk with honours.

Next followed from the chair "The Army and Navy, with the Auxiliary and Reserve Forces."

Colonel Nason responded.

The noble Chairman said he rose with very great pleasure to propose "The Health of the Most Worthy Grand Master of all England, the Marquess of Ripon," (loud and repeated cheering.) As his Lordship was anxious to catch the train he would couple with the toast the Provincial Deputy Grand Master, and the Provincial Grand Officers. (Applause.) He passed a high eulogium upon the Grand Master for the way in which he discharged the high duties of his office. (Drunk with three times three and loud applause.)

The Marquess of Ripon (who was greeted with reiterated plaudits on rising) returned his warmest thanks for the very cordial reception which they had been pleased to accord to the toast which had been proposed in terms so flattering by his Right Worshipful friend, the Earl of Zetland. It had given him great pleasure to be able to be present on that occasion, and to instal his Right Worshipful friend in the chair of that province. It was the first occasion since he had held the office of Grand Master on which he had installed any of his Provincial Grand Officers. Of course, he could not always undertake to discharge that duty, however agreeable it may have been to him to do so; and it was never easy to make a selection whilst all from whom that selection was to be made were so worthy of the highest honours. He thought he might, however, depart from his rule on this occasion, for it was but natural that one Yorkshireman should desire to do honour to another. (Applause.) Officially connected as he was with the North Riding, it was not unnatural that he should take a principal part on that occasion, an occasion on which was to be bestowed the highest honours of that great province upon one who bore the honoured name of Zetland. (Applause.) He need not tell the brethren the great claims which the late Earl had upon the affections and reverence of Freemasons; nor need he say that the late Earl's name would live honoured in the memories of English Freemasons, so long as the Craft should last. (Applause.) He (the Grand Master) had some difficulty in persuading his noble friend to accept the post; for, with a diffidence that did him honour, he shrank from it. But the way in which his lordship had discharged the duties of the high office that day, proved that he was not only entitled to the name of Zetland, but that he will merit, by his own abilities and his own merits, the affection of the entire province of North and East Yorkshire. (Loud applause.)

The Earl of Zetland was loudly cheered on rising to respond. When silence had been restored he begged to return his most sincere thanks for the warmth with which the toast had

been received, and the cordiality of its reception. He hoped that the long-continued tie which had existed between his family might be kept unbroken, and without any loss of dignity or usefulness in his hands. (Applause.)

The Grand Master, in order to catch his train, here left the meeting, and was loudly cheered on his departure.

The remaining toasts were "The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Bell;" "The newly-appointed Provincial Grand Officers;" "The York Lodge No. 236, and the various lodges of the province;" "The Visiting Brethren;" and "The Ladies."

The banquet, which was of a first-class character, was provided by Mr. Abbott, of Scawin's Hotel, York. In the front of the orchestra were displayed portraits of the Right Hon. Lawrence, Lord Dundas, formerly Deputy Grand Master of England; and of the Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland, K.T., M.W. Grand Master 1843 to 1870.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SOUTH WALES (WESTERN DIVISION).

The annual Provincial Grand Lodge was held on the 9th instant, at Haverfordwest, under the banner of the Cambrian Lodge No. 464, by the members of which the Provincial Grand Lodge was enthusiastically received on the occasion of the installation of Major John Allen Lloyd Philipps (of Mabws) as Provincial Grand Master; who has had the honour to receive this appointment owing to the regretted retirement of Bro. Sir Pryse-Pryse, Bart. We are glad to know that the present Provincial Grand Master is an able successor to so worthy a Mason. Haverfordwest was chosen for the scene for two reasons—one being that Major Lloyd Philipps is a Pembrokeshire man, the other that the Cambrian Lodge No. 464 is, owing to the exertions of a few of its principal members, in possession of a Masonic Hall, the ground upon which it is built being freehold, and which is capable of accommodating with comfort as many persons as can be expected. On the occasion now being referred to, about two hundred brethren were present, seated in and around the spacious building, and yet ample room was left for the ceremonies of the day. The hall was decorated in chaste style. Banners depended from the capitals of pillars supporting the roof. On the walls were Masonic emblems and devices wrought in proper colours by Bro. Thomas Rule Owen, and in the recesses of windows, &c., were hot-house and other flowers arranged (as only ladies can arrange) in perfection of harmony of colour and design. The exertions of these *aides-de-camp* of the Local Committee cannot be too highly praised, they contributed greatly to the pleasure of the meeting, and their services were specially referred to by the R.W. Prov. G.M.

The brethren having taken their seats, the members of Provincial Grand Lodge, and visitors of distinction having been duly marshalled by Bro. Pell, 1072, P. Prov. G.D.C., entered the hall in procession, and the chair was taken by the R.W. Theodore Mansel Talbot, Grand Master for South Wales, East Division, who as Install-Master opened this Provincial Grand Lodge, being supported by his able Deputy, Edward J. Morris, Capt. S. G. Homfray, D. Prov. G.M., Monmouthshire, together with the Grand Wardens of this province, Bro. George T. Smith, G.S.W., P. Prov. G. Sec., P.M. W.M. 1072; and Bro. W. J. Morgan, G.J.W., P.M. 476. The Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of the meeting held at Carmarthen on the 25th July, 1873, were read and confirmed.

Announcement having been made that Bro. Major J. A. Lloyd Philipps, Prov. Grand Master, was in attendance, Brothers George Parry, P.P.G.S.W.; Thomas Phillips, P.P.G.W.; J. W. Szlamper, P.P.G.J.W.; Dr. G. Griffiths, P.P.G.S.W.; F. Rule Owen, P.P.G.R.; John James, P.P.G.S.D.; and David Davies, P.P.G.J.W.; being seven Senior P.M.'s and members of Provincial Grand Lodge, were deputed to escort the R.W. Prov. G.M. into

the Masonic Hall. This having been duly performed, Bro. Geo. Parry, P. Prov. G.S.W., presented the R.W. Brother for the benefit of installation, and he, having been obligated, was placed on the throne by the R.W. Prov. G.M. for South Wales, Eastern Division, in his usual style (i.e. perfection). The R.W. Prov. G.M. was then saluted in ancient form under the direction of Bro. Geo. Parry, P. Prov. G.S.W.

Report having been given that the D. Prov. G.M. was waiting to be admitted, Bros. V. Huggey, P. Prov. G.S.D.; F. Rule Owen, P.P.G.R.; M. Nicholson, P.P.G.S.D.; S. J. White, P.M., and John James, P.P.G.S.D. were deputed to escort the Worshipful Brother for the benefit of installation. Having been received in due form and obligated, he took his proper place in the Provincial Grand Lodge.

(The patents of Prov. G.M., and of D. Prov. G.M., were read, and ordered to be entered on the minutes.)

The W.D. Prov. G.M. was duly saluted, Bro. Geo. Parry again leading.

The accounts of the Provincial Grand Treasurer were received and adopted.

The R.W. Prov. G.M. then proposed, in able and complimentary terms, the re-election of Bro. Capt. Henry Williams, P.M. No. 366, as Provincial Grand Treasurer, which, having been seconded by Bro. George Parry, P.P.G.W., was carried by acclamation.

The R.W. P.G.M., then appointed and invested his Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year, viz.:

Bros. T. J. White, P.M. 464, Prov. G.S.W.; J. Beavan Phillips, W.M. 670, Prov. G.J.W.; the Rev. W. L. Stradling, W.M. 366, Prov. G.C.; Capt. Henry Williams, P.M. 366 (re-elected), Prov. G. Treas.; T. Rule Owen, P.M. 464, G.R.; Stanley J. Balcombe, S.W. 1072, G. Sec.; H. D. Reynolds, G.S.D.; W. Milligan Phillips, W.M. 464, G.J.D.; Wm. Davies, P.M. 476, G.S.W.; David Rees, P.M. 671, G.D.C.; A. J. Hughes, I.D. 1072, G.S.B.; W. L. Harding, P.M. 464, G. Org.; Joseph Gregory, 1177, G.P.; Thomas Baker, 464, A. Daysh, 366, C. W. R. Stokes, 1177, T. Cousins, 990, Prov. G. Stewards.

The R.W. Prov. G.M. proposed that a vote of thanks should be recorded on the minutes of this Provincial Grand Lodge to Theodore Mansel Talbot, Esq., the R.W. Prov. G.M. for South Wales (Eastern Division) for his kindness in attending on this occasion, and for performing the ceremony of Installation.

The motion having been carried by "acclamation," the R.W. Prov. G.M. (Eastern Division), returned thanks in a most cordial manner, saying it was not the first time he had had the pleasure of meeting the brethren of the Western Division. In fact he looked upon South Wales as one Province, but with two Commanders-in-Chief, so well did they always pull together. The P.G.M. for South Wales (Eastern Division) concluded by thanking his Prov. G. Officers, and members of different lodges in his Province for their support on this occasion.

It was resolved that Bro. J. Beavan Phillips, G. J. W., P. G. R., W. M. 671, be appointed to represent this Province at the anniversary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys in 1875, and that £20 be voted towards his list. Bro. J. Beavan Phillips was also appointed "Charity Commissioner," to receive and exchange votes for either of the Institutions. £55s. was voted to the Haverfordwest Infirmary, on the motion of Bro. Thos. Phillips, P. G. W., seconded by Bro. Geo. T. Smith, P. G. W.

Bro. F. Binckes, P.M., P. G. Steward of England, returned thanks on behalf of the Clergy, and specially thanked Bro. J. Beavan Phillips for proposing, and this Provincial Grand Lodge for voting the grant to the Boys' School, concluding an able speech by urging the brethren to contribute to the list of the G. J. W.

The Provincial Grand Lodge being closed, the brethren were formed into procession by Bro. J. Pell (who throughout the day performed his arduous duties in a most satisfactory manner), and proceeded to St. Mary's Church, when the G.O. Bro. the Rev. W. S. Stradling, preached an excellent sermon taking as his text the 4th verse of the 1st

of Solomon. The G. Org., Bro. W. S. Harding, presided at the Organ. Service being over the brethren returned to the Masonic Hall, and subsequently sat down to a banquet comprising every delicacy of the season, provided by the Misses Reynolds, of the Salutation Hotel, whose catering gave great satisfaction. The cloth having been removed the usual loyal toasts were duly given and heartily responded to. Upon the D.G.M. rising to propose "The Health of the Prov. G.M., Major J. A. Lloyd Phillips," which he did in well chosen terms, he was received with a perfect storm of cheers. The toast having been drunk, the G.M. rose to return thanks, his rising being the signal for the renewal of the cheers, and for a few moments he could not proceed. The G.M. subsequently proposed "The Health of the P.G.M. Brother Sir Pryse-Pryse, Bart., and of the D.G.M., Bro. the Rev. Latimer M. Jones," than whom a better Mason could not be found. The latter having responded the G.M. proposed "The Health of the R. W. Theodore Mansel Talbot, G.M. South Wales, Eastern Division," thanking him for his kindness in attending to instal him. This too was most heartily received. "The Healths of Bro. Edward J. Morris, D.G.M. South Wales, Eastern Division, and of Bro. Capt. S. G. Homfray, D.G.M. Monmouthshire" were duly given, most warmly received, and acknowledged by each of those excellent brethren, whom this province is always glad of the opportunity to welcome. The toast of the Provincial Grand Officers, coupled with the names of the Grand Wardens, was given from the chair, and responded to by Brothers Thomas J. White, S.G.W.; and J. Beavan Phillips, J.G.W., "Our Masonic Charities" brought forth a most able speech from Brother F. Binckes, P.G. Steward Eng., who was received with ringing cheers. The proceedings of the evening were enlivened by some excellent singing by Bro. W. Milligan Phillips, Captain Homfray, L. Davies, Videon Harding, (who created a perfect furore) and by the excellent delivery of Othello's "Address to the Senate" by Bro. Binckes.

Obituary.

BRO. CAPTAIN A. C. MOTT.

A noble man and a genuine Mason has gone to his rest and reward, while a very large circle in Liverpool and residents in nearly every part of the world are left to drop the tear of genuine sympathy over the memory of Bro. Captain Andrew Cook Mott. For very many years his name has been familiar as a "household word" amongst the members of the marine and Masonic bodies in Liverpool, and as one who knew and valued him highly remarks "It will be difficult to fill the blank created by the grim tyrant." The news of Bro. Mott's death came like a sudden shock to many last Monday morning, and one could scarcely realise that a dear brother, whose manly form stood prominent on every great Masonic occasion, and whose useful services whenever required were always at hand, would never more be seen in the circles which were so frequently gladdened by his presence. The gallant captain, who had been the hero of many a stirring adventure by flood and field, was only fifty-two years of age, and the suddenness of his death was, therefore, all the more astonishing. Although suffering to some extent, he attended the meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter of West Lancashire, of which he was P.G.S.N., held at Wigan about a fortnight ago, at this was his last public Masonic appearance. He shortly afterwards was compelled to keep to his room, and, becoming gradually worse, he expired on Saturday evening last, the 18th inst., from congestion of the lungs, at his residence, "The Ferns," Litherland, near Liverpool. Our deceased brother leaves a widow and eight children to mourn his loss.

It would be exceedingly difficult to over-estimate the many valuable qualities possessed by Bro. Captain Mott, and which he so happily ought to bear upon the performance of his civil, public, and Masonic duties. Sterling honesty was the chief characteristic of a useful

life, and in addition he displayed a rare combination of manliness, disinterested zeal, brotherly sympathy with all that merited it, a readiness at all times to help the distressed and raise the fallen, and an unswerving loyalty to the Masonic Order, with which he was peculiarly identified, and for which he gave up many a spare hour. It is impossible in this brief notice to do more than indicate a few of the offices which Bro. Captain Mott filled in connection with the Order of Freemasonry. He was a P.M. of the Merchants' Lodge, No. 241; a Past Master of the Skelmersdale Lodge, No. 1380 (filling the post of W.M. when Lord Skelmersdale, the first W.M., was unavoidably absent; P.Z. of the Merchants' Chapter: P.P.G. Sec. of the Provincial Grand Chapter of West Lancashire; honorary member and P.M. of numerous Craft lodges; P.P.G.S.B. of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Lancashire; and at the time of his death he held the distinguished position of P.G.S.W. of P.G.L. of Cumberland and Westmoreland, where he was as highly valued and esteemed as in the province with which his name was more particularly associated. He also occupied the part of Grand S.B. in the National Great Priory of the order of Knight Templars. It is a literal fact that scarcely any member of the Masonic body in this part of the country was equal to Bro. Captain Mott in a knowledge of the whole Masonic ritual, not only in connection with Craft Masonry, but also in other Orders, such as Knights Templar, R.A., Mark Masonry, &c., and it is perhaps not generally known that he was amongst the first Red Cross Knights in Liverpool. At consecrations and installations it has long been considered an honour, as it was a pleasure, to have him in the presiding officer's chair, and his loss in this particular section of Masonic work will not easily be made up. He was most extensively known and valued, however, as the Hon. Sec. of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution for the Education and advancement in Life of the Children of Distressed and Deceased Freemasons, a post which he held for many years. It was the dream of his life to see that noble institution have an invested capital of £10,000, and happily he lived to see that "dream" a reality, though alas! his death has taken place just after the reality has been reached. It is owing in a very large measure to the untiring zeal and great ability with which he discharged his duties as Honorary Secretary that that institution now occupies the enviable position of having an invested capital of upwards of £10,000, and that during its existence it has done so much to promote the sacred cause of charity in a pure, unostentatious, and legitimate manner, by giving timely and valuable help to the children of many a distressed and deceased brother. With him the institution was a pet scheme, and he nursed it with all a father's care, never wearying in doing what he could to further its best interests. Let us fervently hope that the G.A.O.T.U. will now watch over and prosper the widow and fatherless children of our departed brother, who did so much for the widow and fatherless in his life time. It should also be stated that Bro. Mott was Treasurer of the Liverpool Masonic Relief Committee, which has done a large amount of good during its existence. In view of all this noble labour, every brother must heartily exclaim, *Requiescat in Pace.*

Bro. Mott, who for upwards of eighteen years held the office of Superintendent of the Mercantile Marine of the port of Liverpool, was also a Lieutenant of the Royal Naval Reserve Force. In his position as Superintendent of the Mercantile Marine, Captain Mott was called upon to discharge duties requiring the exercise of great judgment, and in the shipment and discharge of crews and in other important matters connected with the Mercantile Marine of the port and the Royal Naval Reserve Force he so judiciously exercised his authority as to secure the esteem of the leading shipowners and the confidence of the men. The writer can bear testimony to the courtesy and gentlemanly bearing of Captain Mott, who was always ready to give every information in his power to aid the publication of matters of interest in connection with the shipping of the port. In the organisation of the Royal Naval Reserve Force he took an active part, and his practical know-

ledge was found of great value to the Liverpool contingent of that body.

The funeral of our deceased brother took place on Tuesday morning, at St. Mary's cemetery, Kirkdale, and was very largely attended.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, May 1, 1874.

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

Saturday, April 25.

Lodge 1293, Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court.
Red Cross of Constantine 6, Roman Eagle, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.

Manchester Lodge of Instruction (179), Yorkshire Grey 77, London-street, Fitzroy-square, at 8; Bro. H. Ash, Preceptor.

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

Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. G. Dilley, Preceptor.

Monday, April 27.

Lodge 4, Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall.

" 26, Castle of Harmony, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.

" 28, Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall.

" 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.

" 905, De Grey and Ripon, Angel Hotel, Great Ilford.

Chap. 188, Joppa, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.

Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction (1445), Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland, at 7; Bro. T. Austin, Preceptor.

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

Metropolitan Mark Lodge of Instruction, Coach and Horses Hotel, 343, Strand, at 8.

Tuesday, April 28.

Audit Committee, Girls' School, at 4.

Lodge 14, Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall.

" 92, Moria, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-st.

" 141, Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.

" 145, Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall.

" 186, Industry, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue.

" 205, Israel, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.

" 259, Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.

" 1199, Urban, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate.

" 1348, Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.

Chap. 7, Royal York Lodge of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall.

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

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

Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tavern, Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 8.

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

Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Lord's Hotel, Lord's Cricket Ground, St. John's-wood, at 8.1 Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.

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

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

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

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

Wednesday, April 29.

Grand Festival. Lodge 1898, Temperance in the East, 6, Newby-place, Poplar. Chap. 435, Mount Lebanon, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street. Southwark Lodge of Instruction, (879), Southwark Park Tavern, Southwark Park, at 8; Bro. Charles William Kent, Preceptor. Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor. United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor. Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30. New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8. Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor. Confidence Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30. Peckham Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham, at 8; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor. Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar. Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, Thicket Hotel, Anerley, at 7.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor. Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction (1288), Finsbury Park Tavern, Seven Sisters-road, N., at 8. Bro. P. Dickinson, Acting Preceptor. Union Club of Instruction (day meetings), Windsor Castle, Victoria Station, Piccadilly from 2 till 4 p.m.

Thursday, April 30.

General Committee, Girls' School, at 4. Lodge 22, Neptune, Guildhall Tavern Gresham-st. Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham Court-road, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor. Great City Lodge of Instruction, 33, Gutter-lane, at 6.30, Bro. T. Poore, W.M. 720, Preceptor. Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Anglers' Tavern, Bath-street, City-road; Bro. Stean, Preceptor. United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor. Whittington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern, Holborn, at 8; Bro. Lewis Alexander, P.M. 188, Preceptor. Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor. Ebury Lodge of Instruction, Bro. Palmer's, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank. Highgate Lodge of Instruction (1366), Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor. Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7. Union Club of Instruction, Windsor Castle, Victoria Station, at 8 p.m.; H. Ash, P.M., Instructor. St. George's Lodge of Instruction (140), Globe Tavern, Royal-hill, Greenwich. Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8. Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, (749), Coach and Horses, Strand, at 8; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor. Stability Lodge of Instruction (217), Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st., at 6 p.m.; Bro. H. Muggeridge, Preceptor. Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30. Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s Freemasons' Hall, at 7. Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tavern, Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8. Burdett Courts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park, at 8; Bro. Geo. W. Verry, Preceptor.

Friday, May 1.

Chap. 3, Fidelity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-st. " 8, British, Freemasons' Hall. Clapton Lodge of Instruction, White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., Preceptor. Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1298), the Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. W. F. Rogers, Preceptor. Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-road, at 8; Comp. W. West Smith, Preceptor. Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (733), Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8. Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Bro. Stacey, P.M. (80), Preceptor. United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Antelope Tavern, Lorn-road, Brixton, at 7. St. James's Lodge of Instruction, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-road, Bermondsey, at 8; Bro. Howes, P.M., Preceptor. Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Bro. D. S. Potts, Preceptor. Doric Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8. Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8; Bro. P. M. West, Preceptor. St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Rose Tavern, Fulham-road, S.W.

Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8. High Cross Lodge of Instruction (754), Coach and Horses Tavern, High Road, Tottenham, at 8.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, May 27, 1874.

Monday, April 27.

Lodge 148, Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington, at 6.30. " 613, Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport. " 703, Clifton, Clifton Arms Hotel, Blackpool. Chap. 241, Friendship, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 5.30.

Tuesday, April 28.

Lodge 897, Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helen's, at 6. " 986, Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston, at 4. " 1256, Fidelity, Bull Hotel, Poulton-le-Fylde. " 1393, Hamer, 2A, Windermere-street, Breck-road, Liverpool, at 6. Chap. 721, Grosvenor, Barr's Hotel, Chester, at 6.30. " 823, Everton, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6. Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6. Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), 90, Duke-st., Liverpool, at 7.

Wednesday, April 29.

Lodge 86, Loyalty, Assembly Rooms, Prescott, at 6. " 484, Faith, Gerard's Arms Inn, Ashton-le-Willows. " 580, Harmony, Wheatheaf Inn, Ormskirk, at 5. " 758, Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 6. St. John's Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 8. Alps Encampment, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 5.

Thursday, April 30.

Lodge 1313, Ferrer, Masonic Hall, Southport, at 7. " 950, Hesketh, Royal Hotel, Dock-street, Fleetwood. " 1032, Townley Parker, Howard's Arms, White-le-Springs. " 1070, Starkie, Black Horse Hotel, Kirkham. Mariners' Lodge of Instruction (249), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 8.

Friday, May 1.

Lodge 1164, Neptune, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6. " 1375, Architect, Didsbury Hotel, Didsbury. " 1387, Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton-cum-Hardy.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW.

For the week ending Saturday, May 2, 1874. All the Meetings take place at 8 o'clock.

Monday, April 27.

Lodge 102, St. Mark, 213, Buchanan-st. " 103, Union and Crown, 170, Buchanan-st. " 219, Star, 12, Trongate. " 362, St. Clair, 25, Robertson-st. " 541, Marie Stuart, Masons' Hall, Crosshill. Chap. 122, Thetis, 35, James-street.

Tuesday, April 28.

Lodge 419, Neptune, 35, St. James-st. Chap. 67, Cathedral, 22, Struthers-street. " 73, Caledonian Unity, 170, Buchanan-street. " 117, Govan, Parkland Hall, Govan.

Wednesday, April 29.

Lodge 510, Maryhill, 167, Main-street, Maryhill.

Friday, May 1.

Lodge 275, Shamrock and Thistle, 22, Struthers-street. " 360, Commercial, 19, Croy-place. " 408, Clyde, 170, Buchanan-st. " 116, Royal Arch, Council Hall, Rutherglen. " 135, St. James, Crown Inn, Tarbolton. " 114, Royal Arch, Masonic Hall, Cambuslang. " 175, St. John, St. John's Hall, Greenock. " 214, Huston, Cross Keys, Johnston. " 217, Cumberland, Old Town Hall, Port Glasgow. " 248, St. John's, Masonic Hall, Carnwath. " 459, Shelburne, Cumbræ Hotel, Milport. " 512, Thorntree, Thornliebank.

Saturday, May 2.

Lodge 458, St. John's, Freemasons' Hall, Busby.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH.

For the Week ending Saturday, May 2, 1874.

Monday, April 27.

Lodge 145, St. Stephen, Masonic Hall, Writers' Court, at 8. " 349, St. Clair, Freemasons' Hall, George-street, at 8.30.

Tuesday, April 28.

Lodge 151, Edinburgh Defensive Band, Masonic Hall, Blackfriars-street, at 8.30. Chap. 40, Naval and Military, Freemasons' Hall, George-street, at 8. Red Cross Conclave 4, Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Writers' Court, High-street, at 8.

Friday, May 1.

Lodge 297, Celtic, Ship Hotel, E. Register-st., at 8.

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LODGE OF TRANQUILITY (No. 185).—An unusually small number of members of this lodge met at Cannon-street Hotel, E.C., on Monday, the 20th ult. This paucity may possibly have arisen from the fact that the magical word, "banquet," at a specified time, had on this occasion been either inadvertently or intentionally omitted from the summons. Most of the Past Masters were, however, present, and the meeting was also honoured by several visitors. The programme for the evening was light. The third degree was conferred upon Bros. Bayley and Smith, and Mr. Thomas James was admitted into the Order in the usual way. Bro. John Constable, the W.M., presided. It is therefore needless to enter into a lengthy description of the perfect and impressive manner in which the ceremonies were performed. Bros. John Ross and Barnett, the Wardens; David Posener and Childs, Deacons; and Bro. Croaker, as I.G., acquitted themselves very creditably indeed. Bros. John Peartree, Hon. Treas., and Phil Levy, Hon. Sec., (whom the W.M. was pleased to designate the Father and Mother of the lodge, without distinctly specifying which was to be considered the mother), rendered valuable assistance at their respective posts which they have occupied upwards of fifteen years. The banquet, not sumptuous, was plentiful and agreeable. The various toasts, propositions as well as responses, must be considered witty, because they were brief, and the brethren uttered no complaints, but seemed delighted with the brevity. Altogether the temper of the assembly was such as is usually presumed to exist in a united snug family party. The proceedings were interspersed with songs by Bros. John Ross, Child, P. Levy, Wood, and Barnett, the latter also presided at the piano. Bro. Thomas James, the newly-initiated, heartily thanked the brethren for accepting him among them, hoped to become a useful member of the Craft, and to mark the sincerity of his sentiments, at once subscribed 25s. to the lodge's private benevolent fund. The visitors, Bros. Garrett, P.M. 183; Boys 294; Wright, W.M. 196; St. Hilliers, J.W. 251; Wood, J.W. 438; and Weingott, I.G. 15, responded each on their own behalf, Bro. Weingott being so pleased with the proceedings in the lodge, as well as his reception at the festive board, that he begged to be accepted a joining member, provided he could do so without leaving his Mother Lodge. The P.M.'s present were, Bros. N. Moss, Bloomfield, Harfeld, Holok, S. Solomon, S. E. Moss, E. Gottheil, and Glückstein. Bro. Martin Bamberger, of 141, was unanimously accepted a joining member.

SCARBOROUGH.—Old Globe Lodge (No. 200).—The brethren of the above lodge gave an amateur Dramatic Performance on Tuesday, the 14th, in the Londonborough Theatre, Scarborough, in aid of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. The performance commenced with the comedy "Still Waters Run Deep," the W.M. of the lodge, Bro. W. G. Knight, and the Potter of Bro. G. O. Crowther, D.C., deserve special mention. Mrs. Sternhold was splendidly

acted by Mrs. Curtis, a lady of great dramatic abilities; Mrs. Mildmay, was badly represented. The comedy appeared to have been well rehearsed. Bro. G. O. Crowther, D.C., during the evening recited "The Wake of Tim O'Hara," which gave great satisfaction. The programme finished with Charles Selby's Farce of "The Boots at the Swan." At intervals during the evening the band efficiently rendered sweet harmony under the able direction of Mr. G. Dixon, of the 3rd R. Y. Artillery. A dispensation having been obtained for the purpose the brethren appeared in full Masonic clothing, and conjoined with the splendid toilettes of the ladies, produced a very brilliant effect in the theatre. The performance was well attended and was under distinguished patronage.

SOUTH MIDDLESEX LODGE (No. 851).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at Beaufort House, West Brompton, on Thursday, the 23rd ultimo, when there was a large attendance of the members and their friends to witness the installation of Bro. P. Kirke, the W.M. elect, late S.W., an old and much esteemed member of the lodge. After the usual formal business, which succeeded the opening of the lodge, Bro. Davis, having undergone the usual examination as to his knowledge of the first degree, was passed to the degree of F.C., after which Bro. Kirke, the W.M. elect, was presented in due form, and having given his assent to the principles laid down in the Book of Constitutions a Board of Installed Masters was formed and Bro. Kirke was duly installed into the chair of K.S., the ceremony being very ably performed by Bro. Jones. The incoming Master then proceeded to appoint and invest his officers as follows:—Bros. Pamphilon, S.W.; H. Egan, J.W.; Major Radcliffe, P.M., Treasurer; Shuter, P.M., Secretary; Singleton, S.D.; Todd, J.D.; Cooper, P.M., D.C.; Wilberforce Bird, I.G.; Blewell Pollard, Steward; Woodstock, Tyler. In performing this ceremony the W.M. presented to the lodge a handsome P.M.'s collar, with which he invested the I.P.M., Bro. P. H. Jones. A presentation of emblems of mortality was also made to the lodge by the new J.W., Bro. Egan. A handsome Past Master's jewel, voted by the lodge to Bro. Jones, was presented to him, with a few appropriate remarks, by the W.M., and Bro. Jones thanked the brethren for having bestowed upon him this mark of their approval of his conduct in the chair. The newly installed W.M. then proceeded to initiate Mr. William Young, Mr. John Grove, and Mr. Charles Henry Cumberland, into the mysteries and privileges of the first degree; after which the report of the Audit Committee was presented to the lodge, and this concluding the business of the evening, the lodge was closed in due form. The members and their friends then sat down to an excellent banquet, which did great credit to the canteen arrangements of the South Middlesex Volunteer Corps, of the members of which, we believe, the lodge is almost wholly, if not entirely, composed. On the removal of the cloth the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured, that of the Grand Officers being responded to by Bro. Snell, P.G.D. The Chairman then rose and said that the next toast he had to propose to their notice was the toast of the evening. The members of that lodge were good Masons, and as such were devoted to the Craft, and ever anxious for the spread of Freemasonry amongst good and true men. He was sure therefore that this toast would be well received, as it was the health of the three brethren that had that evening been admitted into the Craft, and whom he was sure they were all of them anxious to give a hearty welcome to, more especially as from the very commendable attention they had paid to the ceremony they had gone through there appeared to be every reason to believe that they would make very good Masons. He therefore had very great pleasure in proposing "The Health of the Brother Initiates." The three initiates having returned thanks, Bro. Jones, I.P.M., rose and said that they all knew there, that when the W.M. entrusted the gavel to other hands, what toast was about to be proposed. He should therefore make but few remarks in proposing "The Health of the W.M.

in the Chair." Those brethren who had belonged to the lodge since its foundation have known Bro. Kirke as one of its earliest members, and one of its most steadfast supporters. A more regular attendant it would be almost impossible to find, and it afforded him exceeding pleasure and satisfaction to be the first to propose his health as W.M. of the lodge. From the comments made that night he augured well for the success of Bro. Kirke's year of office, of which if it ended as auspiciously as it had commenced he might well be very proud of. They all knew him so well in the regiment, at drill, at review, at the festive board, and they always found him the same Bro. Kirke, the same zealous workman, genial companion, and kind friend; and he had great pleasure in asking them to rise to drink his health. The Worshipful Master having returned thanks, proceeded to propose "The Health of the Visitors, the Past Masters and the Officers of the Lodge." Thanks for the former being returned by Bro. the Hon. E. Curzon, a Past Master of this lodge, who had ceased to be a member, but was present on this occasion as a visitor, and the latter was acknowledged by Bro. Jones, I.P.M., who took that opportunity of referring to the presentation they had made to him of the handsome jewel it was his happiness to wear on his breast. This he told them had always been the acmé of his ambition, and unlike many things they looked forward to, the realisation was not less than the anticipation. He acknowledged that he had always taken a great interest in the South Middlesex Lodge, and having now for twelve or thirteen years attended its meetings and performed those duties he had been appointed to fulfil, he now found himself intensely happy in passing to that haven of rest on the left hand side of the chair. Before he sat down he would also refer to one other matter which should have been done before. It was to their Worshipful Master that they were indebted for the I.P.M. collar and jewel. They had not previously had one, and the W.M. thought that that was a state of things that should no longer exist, and had therefore presented one to the lodge, a jewel which the speaker had then the pleasure of wearing for the first time, and which he trusted would be handed down from Master to Master for many generations, in honour of their brother who succeeded the chair on this evening. Among those present, besides those we have had occasion to name already, we observed Bros. Whitchild, P.M.; Cooper, P.M.; Wellsman, Weaver, P.M.; Worthington, P.M.; Ashton Goodwin, P.M. Among the visitors there were Bros. H. F. Kirke, St. Luke's, 144; J. Thomson, 834; E. Snell, P.G.D.; Holt, Fitzroy Lodge, Grand Steward; Wormald, Lodge Celtic 291, Scotland; C. E. Fluker, 1325; H. Fluker, 1325; Hon. E. Curzon, Pullen 144; Henry, Lodge St. Clair, 349, Scotland; and Goderich, 231. After a very pleasant evening the brethren separated at a late hour.

ROYAL ALBERT LODGE (No. 907).—The last meeting of the session of the above lodge was held on the 20th ult., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-st. The W.M., Bro. F. H. Miller, was assisted by the following officers—Bros. F. H. Miller, S.W. and W.M. elect; S. H. P. Moore, J.W.; R. Stevenson, S.D.; the Rev. Holden, J.D. and Chaplain; F. White, I.G.; Jos. Smith, Treasurer; W. H. Farnfield, Secretary. Upon the confirmation of the minutes of the last lodge meeting, the W.M. raised Bro. W. H. Wood, 1185, to the third degree. Bro. F. Griffith, S.W. and W.M. elect, was then presented for installation, which ceremony the W.M. performed with great solemnity and ability, the newly installed Master conferred an advanced step upon each of the officers of the past year, and Bro. Jennings, I.G. The Treasurer, Secretary, and Tyler, having received the confidence of the brethren were re-instated. The newly installed Master then entered upon a pleasant duty of his appointment, initiating Mr. R. W. Duncan into the ancient mysteries, which was done with considerable ability. This concluded lodge business, the brethren adjourned to banquet, and after the proverbial loyalty of the Craft had been exemplified and other Masonic toasts, the I.P.M. rose to submit the toast of the

evening, viz., "The W.M.," whose moral standing and proficiency in the various duties of the lodge were too well known to need further recommendation. The I.P.M. wished the W.M. health and prosperity, in which all present cordially joined. The W.M. on rising was greeted with vociferous cheering. In reply he said: Brethren, I thank you heartily for your kind reception of the toast so ably proposed by my esteemed friend, Bro. Miller, I feel the want of words adequately to convey my gratitude for this mark of your appreciation; it is ample payment for my past services, and I shall endeavour to merit its continuance by faithfully discharging the trust you have been pleased to repose in me, and I beg you to accept the assurance that nothing shall be wanting on my part to further the interests of our lodge; before resuming my seat I have the pleasure to propose to you "The Health of Bro. T. H. Miller, I.P.M.," whose proficiency upon all occasions, and more particularly in the installation ceremony of this evening, is worthy of the emulation of every member of the Craft. Brethren, in your name and that of the Royal Albert Lodge, I place upon our esteemed brother's breast this jewel; it is a token of our hearty appreciation of his past services, and it is our fervent hope that he may live long in the memory of our hearts and that this presentation shall be a pleasing and fond reminiscence in the yellow leaf of his age. Bro. Miller, who was evidently moved by the kind words addressed to him, replied in terms expressive of his gratitude and pleasure. Bro. R. W. Duncan replied to the toast of "The Initiates" in such phraseology that augurs well for his future progress in the science; he asserted that he had not known himself until the happy moments of his initiation. Bro. Terry replied on behalf of the charities with his usual good grace and eloquence. His appeal for support was answered by the W.M. undertaking a Stewardship for the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, an invariable course pursued by each Master of this lodge. It was also mooted that Bros. T. H. Miller and J. Dennis, were Stewards for the forthcoming festival of the Girls' School. We trust that the commendable rivalry existing between these two brethren will materially assist the charity. The toasts of the "Past Masters" and "Visitors" were ably given and liberally responded to, the former included all the financial P.M.'s of the lodge, and amongst the latter we observed Bros. Montem Smith, Roberts, Field, Smeed, Black, Lane, Lester, and several others too numerous to mention. The remaining toasts brought a very enjoyable evening to a close, the pleasures of which were considerably enhanced by music and singing under the direction of Bro. F. H. Cozens, Organist of the lodge, assisted by Bros. Montem Smith, Lester, Carter, and Farquharson. We were surprised that no mention was made of the handsome tools and furniture presented to the lodge by Bro. T. H. Miller, P.M., and Bro. T. Griffith, W.M.

LIVERPOOL.—*Temple Lodge* (No. 1094).—The usual quarterly meeting of the brethren of the Temple Lodge, No. 1094, for installation and other purposes, was held at the Masonic Temple, Liverpool, on Wednesday afternoon, the 8th ult., and as the occasion was one of special interest there was a specially large and particularly influential muster of the brethren of the mystic tie. Without doubt, the lodge holds first rank in the province of West Lancashire as embracing many brethren of the highest standing, and the hearty and unanimous election at the previous meeting of Bro. Richard Washington, S.W., to the chair of W.M., was at once a recognition of well-known zeal on his part and an evidence that the brethren were not insensible of the numerous noble qualities of head and heart which have made him so popular. The lodge was opened shortly after three o'clock, by Bro. Richard R. Martin, W.M., and the officers who assisted at the opening were:—Bros. W. Crane, P.M.; R. Danson, P.M.; Dr. J. K. Smith, P.M.; Dr. E. M. Sheldon, P.M.; T. Gibson, S.W.; R. Washington, J.W.; J. Wood, Treas. J. Marsh, P.M.; P.P.G.A.D.C.; P. Prov. G.S.B.; S. Crane, R. C. Yelland, S.D.; R. I. Jeffery, T. G.

lain; A. C. Doe, S.; and W. H. Ball, acting as Tyler. The members of the lodge present during the ceremonial of the afternoon were Bros. H. B. Jones, W. Callow, W. Durrows and Critchley, T. Birch, H. Horspool, E. Chater, H. Jones, T. S. Williams, J. Spiers, T. H. Williams, J. Pyer, J. R. Callender, jun., and others. As showing the popularity of the election, there was an unusually large attendance of visitors, some hailing from distant parts of the country. Amongst the strangers were Bros. Henry Pearson, P.M. 249; J. Beesley, P.M. 220; T. Ashmore, P.M. 824, 323; J. J. Rose, W.M. 249; P. Macmildrow, W.M. 1299; W. Jones, P.M. 220; J. Hayes, J.W. 259; W. Hamilton, J.D. 249; H. W. Nicholas, I.G. 249; J. Grimes, S.W. 1086; G. Maxwell, 594; G. Collings, 1182; A. D. Hesketh, 1182; G. H. Turner, 86; T. Wright, 1283; W. Lee, 111; W. Curtis, 1035; G. T. H. Lyall, 833; J. Alexander, 1564; W. G. Veale, O. 1556; T. Yeatman, 667; W. Oldham, 823; T. Evans, 1023; E. Lovatt, 1336; J. Jarvis, 220; J. Cave, 220; J. B. MacKenzie, 349 and 1182; and A. Barnard, 249. The minutes of the previous meeting having been duly confirmed, Bro. Washington was presented by Bro. J. K. Smith, P.M.; and Bro. T. Marsh, P.M., to Bro. R. R. Martin, presiding as Master, for the benefit of installation. The obligation and other initiatory portions of the installation ceremony were very impressively given by Bro. Martin, who deserves the greatest praise for the manner in which he did this section of the work. All below the rank of Installed Master then retired and a numerous board of Installed Masters was held. On the readmission of the brethren the remaining part of the ceremony of installation, as well as the charges to the officers, were very ably given by Bro. Dr. Smith, P.M., whose Masonic capability was once more clearly shown by his working. At the close the following were invested by the new W.M. as the officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. R. R. Martin, I.P.M.; R. C. Yelland, S.W.; W. Healing, J.W.; Jos. Wood, Treasurer (re elected for the ninth time); T. Marsh, Secretary; H. Jarvis, S.D.; T. G. Winstanley, J.D.; A. C. Doe, I.G.; T. S. Williams, S.S.; H. B. Jones, J.S.; J. C. Ewbank, Chaplain; J. Skeaf, Organist; R. Danson, P.M., M.C. Bro. P. Ball was unanimously re-elected Tyler. On the motion of Bro. R. R. Martin, seconded by Bro. Joseph Wood, it was unanimously resolved to vote a sufficient sum from the lodge funds in order to constitute Bro. W. Crane, P.M., a Life Governor of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution. Bro. Crane having feelingly acknowledged the high compliment thus paid to him, the W.M. proceeded to initiate three candidates into the mysteries and privileges of the Order, which he did in a most effective manner, the "working tools" being admirably given by Bro. Healing, J.W., and the "ancient charge" in a most impressive manner by Bro. Yelland, the S.W. At the conclusion of the business, the brethren sat down at seven o'clock to a sumptuous banquet, prepared by Mrs. Wright, of the Coffee House, Wavertree, which gave complete satisfaction to everyone. The W.M. (Bro. Washington), presided, and after dessert had been placed on the table he proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts in complimentary terms, Bro. Thomas Marsh, P.P.G.A.D.C., and P.P.G.S.B., responding to that of "Lord Skelmersdale, R.W.P.G.M., and the Hon. F. Stanley, M.P., D.W.P.G.M., and the P.G. Officers of the Province of West Lancashire." Bro. Dr. Smith, proposed "The West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution," which was acknowledged by Bro. Joseph Wood, Treasurer of the Temple Lodge. Bro. Martin, I.P.M., gave "The Worshipful Master," in most eulogistic terms, spoke of the high estimation in which he was held by every member of the Craft who knew him. Bro. Washington made a very appropriate and pointed reply, assuring the brethren that it was his intention to spare no effort to make the lodge equal to its former standard during his year in the chair. The W.M. subsequently proposed "The Visitors," which was acknowledged by a number of brethren from other lodges. During the even-

ing of the esteem and affection felt for him personally by the members of the lodge, and also as a recognition of the excellent work he had done during his year of Mastership. Other toasts followed, and a pleasant evening was greatly enlivened by several splendidly rendered songs, Bro. W. G. Veale, Organist, 1356, presiding with great ability at the piano. Chief amongst the musical items was the celebratory topical song, given by Bro. H. W. Nicholas, I.G. 249, "In a Quiet Sort of Way," brought down to the very latest period, and "touching up" persons and circumstances in connection with that merry meeting in a peculiarly happy style.

HAMPTON COURT.—*Burdett Lodge* (No. 1293).—The usual April meeting of the above lodge was held on Saturday, 25th ult. Present, Bros. H. Phythian, W.M.; Keily, S.W.; Pease, J.W.; Little, Treasurer; Buss, Secretary; Berrie, S.D.; Wilkins, I.G.; the R.W.P.G.M. Colonel Burdett; Raynham Stewart, Still, Shabo Wiles, Kotzenberg, Baxter, Sanders, Coalban Bindoff, Ruf, Groombridge, Owen, Sisson, Sadler, and George Kenning. Visitors, Bro. Colonel Peters, W.M. Thames Valley Lodge; Sir Gilbert Campbell, P.G.S.W.; Kimbo, W.M. Campbell Lodge; Dr. Woodman, Thielke, and many others. The W.M. discharged the duties of the chair in a very able manner, the being two initiations, passings, and raising. Five guineas was voted from the lodge funds, to be placed on the W.M.'s list for the Girls' School. Bro. Pease and Phythian, were recommended to the Grand Master for Grand Officers in the province. The lodge was then closed, the brethren dined together, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly proposed and responded to, and Bros. Kimber, Baxter, and others contributed to the harmony of the meeting by their vocal and recitative powers. The brethren then returned at an early hour to town in a saloon carriage kindly provided by the South Western Railway Company.

LEICESTER.—*Commercial Lodge* (No. 139).—The second anniversary and installation meeting of this highly prosperous lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, on Friday, the 17th inst. The choice of the brethren having fallen upon Bro. Dr. George Clifton, S.W., who has attained a considerable position in his profession during the few years he has practised in this town, the lodge assembled in the afternoon, and the installation of the W.M., by Bro. J. Halford, the retiring Master, was proceeded with, after the usual preliminary business had been transacted. The regular course of the ceremony of the newly installed Worshipful Master was proclaimed and saluted in the three degrees, and he subsequently appointed and invested his officers follows:—Bros. John Halford, I.P.M.; R. Barber, S.W.; A. G. Chamberlin, J.W.; Waite, P.M., Treasurer; E. Mason, Secretary; George Watts, Asst. Secretary; B. Moore, S.J. G. Crofts, J.D.; E. Ewing, I.G.; Willi Chamberlin, Master of Ceremonies; A. Chamberlin, Organist; E. McBride, and E. Butler, Stewards; C. Bembridge, and J. Du Tyers. The addresses to the Worshipful Master Wardens, and Brethren, were delivered in most impressive manner by the installing officer who on resuming his seat was in turn addressed by Bro. Clifton, in eulogistic terms, expressive of the high appreciation of the efficient manner in which Bro. Halford had discharged the onerous duties of the chair during the past year; his geniality, and good discipline by which the business of the lodge had been facilitated, moxy preserved, and brotherly love continued; and in further recognition of his eminent services the W.M., on behalf of the brethren, placed upon his breast a handsome Past Master's Jewel, bearing the following inscription: "Presented to Bro. J. Halford, P.M. 1391, the officers and brethren of the lodge, as a token of their appreciation of his zeal and ability during his year of office, April 17th, 1874." Bro. Halford expressed his surprise at being recipient of such an unexpected tribute of fraternal regard, and while he deprecated any claim on his part to extraordinary merit, he thanked the lodge, he heartily thanked the brethren for the jewel, which

and wear with much pride. At the close of the lodge the brethren partook of an excellent banquet, at which Bro. Clifton, W.M., presided. The loyalty of the brethren was manifested by the enthusiastic reception of the first toast, "The Queen and the Craft," and the hearty response accorded to the next in order, "The Prince of Wales, P.G.M., Princess of Wales, Prince Arthur, and the other members of the Royal Family." The toast of "The Most Worshipful Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Lodge of England," was received with due honour, as also "The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and the Provincial Grand Lodge of Leicestershire and Rutland," to which Bro. S. S. Partridge, Prov. Grand Secretary, ably responded. In submitting the toast of "Bro. Kelly, P.P.G.M.," the Worshipful Master alluded to the literary labours of that distinguished Mason, to his connexion with various scientific societies, his extensive knowledge of Masonry, and exhorted the brethren to emulate the example of their former chief in the study of the liberal arts and sciences. Bro. Kelly, in acknowledging the toast, congratulated the W.M. on his elevation to the chair, and the success and importance the Commercial Lodge, "his youngest child," had attained since its consecration. "The Health of the Worshipful Master, Bro. Clifton," was ably given by Bro. Halford, I.P.M., heartily responded to by the brethren, and modestly acknowledged by the W.M. "The Past Masters of the Lodge" received due acknowledgment from Bro. Halford, "The Sister Lodges" from Bro. A. Palmer, W.M. 279, and F. J. Baines, W.M. 523. Bro. J. Mavins, W.M. 1333, responded to the toast of the visitors. "The Officers of the Lodge" called forth able speeches from Bros. R. A. Barber, S.W.; A. G. Chamberlain, J.W.; E. Mason, Secretary; B. Moore, J.D., and other officers, including a humorous and characteristic reply from Bro. Watts, Assistant Secretary. Harmony and good fellowship prevailed until a late hour, and the evening's enjoyment was considerably enhanced by the songs of Bros. Barrow, H. Palmer, S. Tebbitt, A. H. Baines, C. Wilkinson, B. Moore, Chamberlain, Fitch, and Knight, and the recitations of G. Watts. Among the brethren present on the occasion in addition to those already mentioned, were—Bros. C. Morris, P.P.S.W.; G. Toller, P.G.W.; F. Turner, No. 55; A. M. Duff, P.P.S.D.; Wm. Weare, P.P.S.D.; J. M. McAllister, P.P.G. Supt. of Works; J. W. Smith, S.W. 279; J. F. Thorp, J.W. 523; J. H. Johnston, P.M. 129; G. B. Atkins, J. Young, A. Sargeant, 523; J. S. Tomlin, Wm. Tomlin, and others, and we specially notice the presence of Bro. W. W. Toller, Zetland Lodge 524, Hong Kong.

WALTHAM.—King Harold Lodge (No. 1327).—The monthly meeting of the above lodge took place at the Britannia Hotel, Waltham, on Tuesday, the 21st inst., Bro. J. K. Young, the W.M., in the chair. There was a good muster of the brethren, among whom were Bros. Young, W.M.; Edward Parker, P.M., P.G.P. Herts;acey, P.M. 174 and 1421; Gilbert, J.W.; Kelly, Secretary; Mooney, S.D.; Tydeman, D.; Holmes, I.G.; Cox, Fisher, Noyes, Soul, Malcolm, Bull, Price, Levey, Jacobs, Wyatt, Meldon, Skinner, Robinson, and others. Visitors, Bros. Gaskett, P.M. 1076; Platt and Middlehurst. Bros. Bull and Robinson were initiated, Messrs. Shepherd and Young. The several ceremonies were ably worked by the W.M., Bro. J. K. Young, after which the lodge was closed, and a pleasant evening was brought to a close at an early hour.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—The installation meeting of this prosperous lodge was held at the Westbourne Hotel, Craven-road, W., on the 8th ult. This being the end of the first year at the lodge has been in existence, there was a large assemblage of brethren, who had met to do honour to the W.M. and his successor. Bro. Longhurst, assisted by his officers, opened the lodge at the appointed hour, and having passed o. Woodham, and raised Bros. Craig and Yes, requested Bro. George Read, P.M. and

Sec., to perform the ceremony of installation. The unanimous vote of the brethren having fallen upon Bro. Tatham, S.W., he was duly presented, and a Board of Installed Masters having been formed, he was placed in the chair of K.S., according to ancient custom. The whole of the ceremony was most admirably worked, the addresses being beautifully delivered. The W.M. then appointed his officers as follows:—Bros. Savage, S.W.; Crittenden, J.W.; Langridge, Treas.; J. Read, P.M., Sec.; Rev. W. Heaton, Chaplain; Soames, S.D.; Grillain, J.D.; J. Heaton, I.G.; Clark, D.C. Messrs. Taylor, Gosden, and Ashton, being candidates for initiation, were admitted, the ceremony being worked by Bro. Tatham, in such a manner that proved the choice of the brethren had fallen upon one who would worthily fill the office of W.M. All Masonic business being ended, the brethren adjourned to a most elegant banquet. After the cloth was drawn the usual toasts were duly honoured. In proposing the health of the I.P.M., Bro. Longhurst, the W.M. expressed the gratification all the members had experienced at the able manner in which he had presided over the lodge in the capacity of first Master, and expressed a hope that he would continue to take as much interest in the lodge as he had hitherto done, and as a token of the appreciation in which he was held, begged his acceptance of a P.M. jewel, bearing a suitable inscription. Bro. Longhurst replied in a few heartfelt sentences, and assured the brethren that he should always treasure their kindness in his heart. A very enjoyable evening having been spent, the brethren adjourned. Amongst the visitors were, Cottebrune, G. Purs., Worthington, P.M. 834; J. Rendell, P.M. 776; A. Barfield, P.M. 511; W. Fame, W.M. 611.

INSTRUCTION.

STABILITY LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.—On Friday evening, the 24th ult., the fifty-seventh anniversary of this lodge was held at the Cannon-street Hotel, under the presidency of Bro. Col. Francis Burdett, P.G.W., R.W. Grand Master for Middlesex. This is a meeting which may appropriately be called Bro. Muggeridge's festival, and always an important feature in the doings of the Masonic year. From Bro. Muggeridge's long and industrious career as an instructor in Masonry, he is of course known to thousands, of which some hundreds are always found crowding to join in the anniversary meeting of the lodge, at which they are always sure to be gratified with a very comprehensive view of Craft Masonry in the excellent working of the various sections of its lectures. On Friday evening there must have been between two and three hundred Masons assembled in the pillar room of the Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, when the chair was taken by Bro. Muggeridge, who worked the seven sections of the lecture in the first degree, ably assisted by the following brethren:—1st section, Bro. Wagner; 2nd section, Bro. Winkfield; 3rd section, Bro. Phythian; 4th section, Bro. John Jonas; 5th and 6th sections, Bro. Scriven; 7th section, Bro. Robertson. The whole of the work was done in a very able manner, but we must do Bro. Scriven the justice to admit that the lecture on the tracing board as he delivered it, was pre-eminently good, his admirable address and excellent elocution giving full effect to that composition, of which no word can be slighted without injury to the whole. When Bro. Muggeridge had left the chair, it was assumed by Bro. Col. Burdett, P.G.W., who rose, and said, that it had been proposed by the Treas. that £5 5s. should be given to the Masonic Girls' Institution; £10 10s. to the Boys' Institution; and £5 to the Benevolent Institution. The motion having been seconded, was put to the meeting, and carried unanimously. A vote of thanks to Bro. Muggeridge was then proposed by Bro. Scriven, seconded by Bro. Snell, P.G.D., and carried unanimously. Bro. Snell then proposed a vote of thanks to those brethren who had so ably assisted Bro. Muggeridge in working the sections, which, having been seconded, was also carried unanimously. The S.W., on behalf of the working brethren, returned thanks. This concluded the business of the evening, after which a large number of those present not connected with the lodge gave in their names

as joining members, after which the whole company adjourned to the great dining room, where a supper, both substantial and at the same time elegant, was provided in a style that reflected the greatest credit on the proprietor, Bro. Spencer. The President was supported on his right by Bro. Thos. Cubitt, and on his left by Bro. Muggeridge. Among those present were many very eminent brethren, but we cannot do more than give the names of a few, among whom we noticed Bros. Sir G. Campbell, Bart.; Col. Peters, Capt. Scriven, Emmens, Snell, R. W. Little, Terry, J. G. Marsh, J. F. White, Hubbuck, George Kenning, Goodyear, W. Watson, Hedges, Copestick, Spooner, Kibble, Jun., Morgan, Litord, Brownlow, Marston, Tattershall, Abbott, Arkell, Spencer, Roberts, Edmands, Limpus, Birdseye, Kibble, and others. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Ransford, P. Grand Organist, assisted by Bros. Frank Elmore, Lester, and Martin. As grace after supper the musical brethren present sang:—

"Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us;
But unto thy name give glory,"

being an English version of the "Non nobis," recently arranged by Bro. Ransford, and performed in public for the first time on this occasion. Many say that the words as arranged by Bro. Ransford go very well to the music, which was beautifully rendered by the experienced singers by whom it was performed. The usual toasts of "The Queen and the Craft" and "The M.W. G.M., the Marquess of Ripon," having been proposed and responded to, Bro. Lester sang "Phyllis is my only joy," in a style that called forth immense applause. The toast of "The M.W. Past Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and the rest of the Grand Officers" was then proposed by the president, who in doing so remarked that the Prince had proved lately that he was a working Freemason by having initiated his own brother into the Order. He believed that Prince Arthur was anxious to join the Order, and he trusted that he would make a good Mason. I have the pleasure, continued the chairman, to have more than one Grand Officer present this evening, but as one of them, Bro. Snell, is so well known in this lodge as almost to be looked up to as its father, I shall couple with this toast the name of our Bro. Snell. A glee, by Wright "With a Full Flowing Bumper," was here admirably performed by Bros. Lester, Elmore, and Ransford, and Bro. Snell having replied, Reichardt's pretty song, "Thou art so near," was rendered in a very masterly way by Bro. Frank Elmore, and elicited loud applause. The Chairman then said:—Now brethren that you are engaged in the agreeable, and I hope profitable, occupation of lighting your cigars, I trust that the toast I am about to propose to you will be warmly received and enthusiastically responded to, because it is one that must be considered as the toast of the evening. You all know what it is, "Our Bro. Muggeridge's Health." (Loud and prolonged cheering.) I was quite sure that the reception of the toast would be all that I could wish. Bro. Muggeridge has given you so much edification during the time that he has been Preceptor to this Lodge of Instruction, and I feel sure that it is not merely from vanity that our brother affords us this exhibition of his skill and of that of his pupils. There are a great many passages and a great many cases in Masonic law that are very difficult to understand, and it is therefore a great advantage to have the benefit of a brother's study who has devoted so much time to the subject as Bro. Muggeridge, whose reading has generally been found to be correct, whenever there has been a discussion over difficult passages. And speaking generally, I may say that there are many brethren of high position in the Craft, who are greatly indebted to Bro. Muggeridge for the assistance he has afforded them. I need not trespass longer upon you, and therefore conclude with proposing "Success to the Lodge of Instruction, coupled with the name of Bro. Muggeridge." Bro. Muggeridge said, Right Worshipful Chairman, Brother Grand Officers, and brethren, I rise on the present occasion with a great deal of pleasure to thank you for the very kind reception you have given me, and I assure you

in all sincerity that I do not appreciate your compliment the less from the fact that I feel to have in some degree deserved it. I have done all I can or could to promote the success of this meeting, and I feel very great pleasure in doing it, but really I must tell you that it has occupied a great deal of time and attention and caused me some anxiety, but I am amply repaid by the very cordial manner in which you have received me. I assure you that the success of this meeting and the lodge is my great desire, my hobby, if you will. I may tell you that I joined this Lodge of Instruction the evening after I was initiated in 1839. Some young Masons have appeared since then, but I have grown old, but even now I do assure you that I enjoy the Lodge of Instruction beyond all else in Masonry. I cannot tell you anything fresh on these occasions, I can only return you my thanks, and so I will only repeat the old history, that the Stability Lodge is the oldest working Lodge of Instruction in London. It was founded in the year 1817, somewhere about the time when the two Grand Lodges, the Ancient and the York, were united, under his late H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex. It was presided by Bros. Philip Brodwick, Thornton, Herder, and several others, in connection with the Rev. Hemmings, and was under the management of Bro. P. Robb, till he left London. When Peter Thompson, became Instructor, and held the office till his death in 1851, when I succeeded him. During that time I have done all I could to promote its interest, and I don't think I have failed; indeed with so brilliant a meeting before me I can have no doubt upon the subject. As there are many brethren here to-day for the first time, I will repeat what I have so often said before, that this Lodge of Instruction meets from the last Friday in September to the last Friday in April, and that if they will come I shall have much happiness to receive them. Some of my friends may laugh at me for saying it, but I will state the plain fact that we meet at the Guildhall Tavern, and we pay for the use of the rooms we meet in a rent for the period. We give the Tyler 2s. 6d. each night for his attendance; all that is left goes to the Masonic charities, and I wish that particularly understood. Bro. Muggeridge concluded by again thanking the brethren for their kind reception of him, and resumed his seat amidst loud and continued cheering. "The Health of the Chairman, Bro. Col. Burdett," was proposed by Bro. Scrivens, and in replying Col. Burdett remarked upon the happiness of his lot as Prov. Grand Master for Middlesex, in having to preside over lodges in which Masonry was well understood and well worked. This he said was far from being the case in some parts of the country he had visited, where ignorance of the mere ceremonies was by far more general than London Masons could well imagine. He then proceeded to propose "The Health of the working brethren, who had so ably assisted Bro. Muggeridge, and dilated upon the excellence of their working." "The Sister Lodge of Instruction" and "The Masonic Charities" were also proposed and heartily responded to, and this large meeting dispersed after a very gratifying evening. Besides the songs above referred to Bro. Ransford sang his famous song "The Oak and the Ivy," and the following compositions were also sung, the whole being executed in brilliant style—Glee "King Canute" by Macfarren; Lever's Irish Ballad "Father Molloy," "Mary of Argyle," and "Willie brewed," from which our readers will see that there was no lack of excellent music.

Royal Arch.

GIBRALTAR.—*St. John's Chapter* (No. 115).—Another gathering, of no less importance than many former ones, has just been celebrated by the Fraternity on the Rock, and another Royal Arch Chapter has been added to the list. The non-existence of a chapter working in the Spanish language was felt as a want that deprived many brethren from obtaining this important degree. It was accordingly determined, with this object, to obtain a diploma, and the necessary steps were taken for the purpose. The companions, members of this new chapter, and those of the

other chapters, were invited to meet in the rooms of the St. John's Lodge, to which the chapter is attached. The ceremony of consecration was performed by Comps. Morgan, Carver, J. Haynes, and Wall, and the following companions were installed as Principals:—G. Cavana, P.Z.; H. Morgan, P.Z.; J. Henry, P.Z.; Comps. Clavaresso and J. Haynes being appointed as E. and N. Of a chapter opened under such favourable auspices, it is not saying too much to predict its fulfilling the mission required of all lodges and chapters.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

GIBRALTAR.—*Europa Chapter Rose Croix*.—The members of this chapter assembled on the 24th ult., for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year. Ill. Pr. Henry being almost unanimously elected to fill the chair of M. W.S., was at once installed, P.M.W. Ill. Pr. Gilbard, kindly acting as installing officer. The M.W. then proceeded to appoint the following Ill. Prs. to fill the various offices:—Ill. Pr. M.W. Gilbard, Prelate; Ill. Pr. R. Hepper, Sen. Gen.; A. Patterson, Jun. Gen.; F. Haynes, Raphael; Elmes, G.; Marshal, Wall, Treas. and Recorder; Trenergy, Captain of Lines; Relle, Organist; Weir, Herald; Peterkin, Equerry.

Red Cross of Constantine.

LIVERPOOL.—*Skelmersdale Conclave* (No. 77).—An assembly of the Skelmersdale Conclave of the Knights of Rome, and of the Red Cross of Constantine, was held at the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Monday, the 6th inst., the principal business being the installation of approved candidates, the election of M.P.S., Viceroy, and Treasurer, and the appointment of auditors. There was a goodly muster of the Sir Knights Companions of the ancient and noble order. After the Knights had taken their several stations in the Conclave Chamber, the proceedings were solemnly opened by Em. Sir Knight Henry Nelson, M.P.S., supported by Sir Knights J. T. Callow, V.E.; Jesse Banning, S.G.; W. Cotterell, J.G.; Henry Jackson, H.P.; Thomas Ashmore, Past Sov., Treasurer; John McCarthy, Recorder; J. Rose, S.P.; J. Skeaf, J.P.; W. Carbin, S.B.; H. Morris, Orator; C. Leighton, Org.; W. Quayle, Herald; and P. Ball, Sentinel. The members of the Conclave present were Sir Knights W. H. Cooper, E. Clements, J. Clatworthy, J. Dawson, T. Large, R. H. Evans, J. T. Russell, J. Atkinson, J. Lolley, J. S. Kelly, H. Burrows, W. Matthews, and Joseph Wood (Treas. of No. 55 Conclave). The only visitor present was Sir Knight J. Kelly, No. 55. After the conclave had been duly opened, and the minutes confirmed, Bro. Charles Munro, of the Everton Lodge No. 823, was balloted for, elected, and installed in accordance with the impressive ceremonial of the Order, each of the officers doing his work in a most satisfactory manner. The election was then proceeded with, and the following nominations were unanimously adopted by the members of the conclave:—Em. Sir Knight J. T. Callow, M.P.S. elect; Sir Knight W. Cotterell, Viceroy-elect; and Sir Knight T. Ashmore, P.S. re-elected Treasurer; Sir Knights R. H. Evans, and T. Large were appointed Auditors. The conclave was then closed in harmony, and the assembled Knights adjourned to refreshment.

COCKERMOUTH.—*Dyke's Conclave* (No. 36).—A conclave in connection with the above was held on Wednesday week, at the Masonic Rooms, Market-place, Cocker-mouth. There were present Em. Sir Knight R. Robinson, M.P. Sov. on the throne; Em. Sir Knight J. Pearson, Eusebius; Em. Sir Knight W. Taylor, Senior General; Em. Sir Knight J. R. Tickle, Junior General; Em. Sir Knight H. Dodgson, Treas.; Sir Knights W. Armstrong, Junior Prefect; R. Bonley, Almoner; W. Shilton, D. of C.; W. F. Lamonby, Orator; W. Potts, Sentinel; H. Moncrieff, T. Maudale, J. Gardiner, D. Titterington, Stephen Thwaite, J. Abbott, F. R. Banks, and W. H. Fickle. The conclave having been opened in form, the minutes of the preceding meeting were

read by Sir Knight Orator, in the absence (through dangerous illness of his daughter) of Em. Sir Knight T. F. Taylor, Recorder, and on being put to the conclave, were duly confirmed. Two brothers were next installed Knights of the Order, viz.:—Bros. W. H. Leuthwaite, W.M. Skiddaw Lodge, Cocker-mouth, 1002; and W. Beeby, Chaplain Lodge of Perseverance, Maryport, 337. Subsequently the bye-laws of the conclave were read by the acting Recorder, and then the Sir Knights proceeded to the election of a Sovereign, Viceroy, and Treasurer, for the ensuing twelve months, the installation taking place at the next conclave in July. Upon ballot being successively taken, Sir Knight George M. Tickle, of Maryport, was unanimously elected Sov. Sir Knight Edward Ablett, M.D., of Whitehaven, Viceroy, and Sir Knight Thomas Mandale, of Maryport, Treas. This was the whole of the business, and the conclave was closed in form. Although having only been really twelve months in existence (the charter being just granted a couple of years previously) we are glad to know the Dykes Conclave is in most flourishing condition, the number of Sir Knights answering the roll call being at the present time 47.

Original Correspondence.

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

THE MASONIC CHARITIES.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As chairman of the West Yorkshire Charity Committee for nearly ten years, I think it well to add a few notes and offer a few suggestions on the present interesting discussion.

My belief, founded on the personal and practical experience of ten years, is simply this, that we must look for the development of a more enlarged Charity action in our lodges, to the working of Provincial Charity Committees, and if I wish to obtain a more systematic support of our great Metropolitan Institutions.

As this appears to me to be the simplest and readiest solution of the present controversy, I propose to give your readers the West Yorkshire Provincial Bye Law on the subject.

"Bye-Law 55. There shall be a Committee, to be called the Charity Committee, formed in and for this province, for the purpose of taking charge and promoting Masonic benevolence in this province, in connection with the General Masonic Charities, and also for the investigation of all such local claims or applications for relief, as shall be referred to it by the Provincial Grand Master or his Deputy Assistant, or by the Provincial Grand Lodge.

"The Charity Committee shall consist of one member from each lodge in the province, such members shall be elected annually on the night of installation of W.M., and the name and post-address of such elected member shall be transmitted by the W.M. of each lodge, immediately after such election, to the Provincial Grand Secretary."

By bye-law 56, the Provincial G.M., D.P.G.M., ex-officio President and Vice-President, respectively "but the Charity Committee shall, "it is added," for the better transaction of business, elect annually at their first meeting a chairman, and vice chairman to act in the presence of the President and Vice President, the Charity Committee shall hold a general meeting of all its members at least once in every year, and shall present to each annual Provincial Grand Lodge, a report of its proceedings, a list of the annuitants, and widows and children belonging to this province.

Now the effect of this West Yorkshire Charity Committee has been to stimulate remarks in that important province, the zeal of brethren, and to arouse their sympathies in cause of the Masonic Charities.

Since its foundation up to the present time something like 14 years, it has been instrumental in obtaining for the Great Masonic Charity including two perpetual presentations to Boys' School, the not inconsiderable amount of round numbers of money, if it

not actually exceeded it, as I have not seen the whole official returns, to the present time, having resigned the chairmanship in 1871.

This is surely a commendable result, and though it is true, that, even to this hour I believe all the lodges in West Yorkshire have not a perpetual Life Governorship of all the charities, or are yearly subscribers, which I have often contended they ought to have and ought to be, yet this work still lies before the West Yorkshire Charity Committee, and on the day that they can announce to the Prov. Grand Lodge that every lodge in West Yorkshire has a Life Governor's vote for all the charities, they will, I know well, feel, that, they have not altogether laboured in vain.

I cannot agree with our good Bro. Gottheil's suggestion, to seek the action of Grand Lodge to bear on this subject.

Our brethren generally would not, I think, willingly see an increase of our constitutional dues, and I doubt very much the expediency of such action in the interests of the charities themselves. That the work is difficult, that there are many obstacles to arousing the active support of the lodges, whether from want of funds or from want of interest, is manifest in the otherwise striking result of the West Yorkshire Organisation, where, as I can testify, no pains were spared and no exertions were wanting on the part of our lamented Bro. R. R. Nelson and others to press the matter home to all the brethren and all the lodges.

It is a subject, however, I feel convinced, which must be left to provincial action and lodge sympathy, to local energy and individual effort, and in my humble opinion it will not be furthered or developed, but rather retarded and hindered by any authoritative interference of Grand Lodge, or by any addition to our benevolence payment. I am, therefore, desirous of suggesting through your columns the propriety of provincial action, in the first place, in the matter; and to aid this and expedite this, I would venture to repeat my recommendation of a Provincial Charity Committee in every province, similar to that in West Yorkshire, and which has been worked successfully for fourteen years, in order to call general attention to the requirement and position and general support by lodges and brethren of our great charitable institutions.

I am, fraternally yours,
A. F. A. WOODFORD, P.G.C.
and P.P.G.S.W. for West Yorkshire.

OLD K. T. CERTIFICATE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Some time ago you gave a copy of an old Knight Templar certificate, viz., Abbey Chaplain Encampment, held in Nottingham between 1750, and 1800 it was stated to be either Chester or Bangor Museum, but I cannot now find it. If you could assist me so to do I should be much obliged, and if you cannot, perhaps you would kindly ask the question in your next, and one of your Chester and Bangor friends might inform you.

I have taken your Magazine from the first remain, yours faithfully and fraternally,

S. R. P. SHILTON,

D.P.E.C. for Nottinghamshire, 31^o.

REFUSAL TO BURY A ROMAN CATHOLIC FREEMASON.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Kindly insert in your valuable paper a numerous meeting of the principal officers of the same, took place three days after the occurrence, when Mr. Caffé refused to do his duty as Chaplain to our late Bro. Johnstone, and the matter was at once laid before the Prov. Grand Lodge, Lord Holmesdale, who at once took steps to prevent the like in future. His lordship wrote a letter to the W.M. of the lodge, the matter has now been placed in the hands of the Secretary of State for War, who, I have no doubt, will see the importance of such a servant, who has made himself so obnoxious either being dismissed, or at any rate removed from here at once.

Yours fraternally,
P.M.

Multum in Parvo, or Masonic Notes and Queries.

Is a brother (a military man or otherwise), eligible for the position of W.M., he having left his Mother Lodge two years, and not having paid his quarterages for that period.

Yours fraternally,

THOMAS S. GRAY.

[According to general custom no; but, if he had not been asked for his subscription it may be doubted, perhaps, whether he is still not a member of his lodge, unless there be a lodge bye-law making the non-payment of the year's subscription the actual cessation of membership.]

SOCIETATIS ROSICRUCIANÆ IN ANGLIA.

COLLEGE OF MANCHESTER, LIVERPOOL, AND THE NORTHERN COUNTIES.

The obligatory meeting was held at Freemason's Hall, Manchester, and was presided over by the R.W. Ch. Ad. Frater C. Fitzgerald Matier, 9^o; assisted by Fr. G. Turner, 8^o; Fr. Yarker, 7^o; and Dr. Smith, 6^o, who form the permanent Council of the College. The M.C. was duly formed by Fr. Entwisle, Celebrant, assisted by the ancients and members of the several grades. The minutes of last meeting were then read and confirmed, and the formal routine business transacted, after which the following candidates were introduced into the temple, Bros. Gilles, Doyle, and Jackson, and were received into the Grade of Zelator by the Celebrant and officers.

The Chief Adept then thanked Bro. Entwisle for his assiduity and attention during the past year as Celebrant, and a hearty vote of thanks was passed by the Frateres present.

The Chief Adept then proceeded to appoint the officers of the first order for the ensuing year, when the following were nominated:—Dr. Moore, Celebrant; Lord Skelmersdale, 1st Ancient; J. K. Goepel, 2nd Ancient; W. Romaine Callender, M.P., 3rd Ancient; G. P. Brookbank, 4th Ancient; Robinson, Herald; Clarke, C. of N.; Ashmore, Torch Bearer; J. W. Taylor, Precentor; J. M. Ruther, Acolyte; Wood, Medallist; Gilles, Chamberlain.

Frater Robinson was then promoted to the 4th Grade, to fill the vacancy of the late Frater Wayne.

It was then proposed by Fr. Brookbank, 4th Ancient, and seconded by Fr. Turner, Suffragan Gen., that the jewel of the Ninth Grade should be presented to the Chief Adept, as a small acknowledgment of the many services he had rendered to the college from its foundation. This was carried unanimously, and there being no further business before the college, the M.C. was dissolved in due form.

The fratres then proceeded to banquet, after which the usual loyal and special toasts were given from the chair by the Chief Adept.

An interesting conversation on the mysteries and religions of antiquity became general, and continued till the meeting broke up.

Besides those fratres already mentioned we observed Bros. J. L. Hine, J. W. Petty, Smith, and others.

Obituary.

BRO. WILLIAM CARPENTER, P.M., P.Z., MASTER GENERAL ELECT OF THE ROSICRUCIAN SOCIETY.

Although in the course of time it was likely that soon our most amiable, forbearing, and suffering brother would be removed from us by the merciful decree of T.G.A.O.T.U., still the news of his departure struck with mournful resonance upon the heart of one who was proud to be his friend, who loved for more than twenty years his genial and kindly presence, and who now both masonically and humanly, wishes to lay his acacia branch beside the tomb.

There were few persons, who, joined with a long life and a very various fortune, could have maintained so gently calm reason on its throne

and a spirit of encouraging criticism in all points of rudimentary or vital debate. Whether I met our friend as an opponent, and we were sometimes in the most general and generous way, opposed, our friend maintained a happy equanimity. There were points since that time, on which we did not agree, in which, however, he subsequently displayed that proper judgment that arises from conviction.

It is very solemn to think that a hero of the press should have passed from amongst us. His own literary career should now be sacred from attack. It was singular, successful, and single-hearted, and I regret that at a time when he was about to receive a signal honour not accorded to many he should have left us.

But I need say very little to his numerous friends, those who knew him will only feel sorrow that his late years should have been so chequered with misfortune and illness.

It was sad to miss him from the annual banquet, partially intended to do him honour and to inaugurate his reign, now frustrated.

Personally, I can only say that a kinder heart could never have existed. But the example of such men produces emulation, and hence I truly hope to see the honourable feelings of Bro. William Carpenter reflected in the acts of some other of the brethren of the press and the Masonic fraternity. That he died at a ripe age for this world, and that our own Masonic creed, independently of that we shared in common, forms the last consolation.

KENNETH R. H. MACKENZIE,
Known as Cryptonymus, Assistant
Secretary General of the Rosicrucian
Society.

BRO. J. W. BARRETT, P.M., &c.

We regret having to record the decease of this well-known brother, who, as announced in our last impression, expired on the 17th ult. Bro. Barrett was initiated in the Lodge of Temperance, No. 169, in the year 1852, and served the office of W.M., in 1859. He was exalted in the Domestic Chapter, No. 177, in 1858, and was H. at the time of his death. He was also one of the Overseers in St. Mark's Lodge of Mark Masters, No. 1, a member of the Constantine Council, No. 2, of Royal and Select Masters of the Palestine Rose Croix Chapter, the Rosicrucian Society (Metropolitan College), and the Premier Conclave of the Red Cross Order. Bro. Barrett was one of the founders of the Acacia Lodge, No. 1309, at Barnet, and was appointed Prov. Grand Sword Bearer of Middlesex, in 1872. Our deceased brother was a Life Governor of all the Masonic charities, and had served the Stewardships on several occasions. He was likewise one of the fifty founders of the Girls' School General Committee Club, three of whom have been removed by death since its establishment last July, viz., Bros. Mark Edersheim, P.M. 757, Dr. Samuel C. Davison, P.M. 167, and Bro. Barrett. The funeral of the deceased took place on Thursday, and amongst those who attended were Bros. Cubitt, G. Priest, and G. Bolton, P.M. 169.

ERRATUM.—In the report of P. G. Mark Lodge of Lincolnshire in our impression of 11th April, "for Howe Masonic Memorial Widow's Fund" read "Window Fund." The object of the fund is to obtain Masonic subscriptions to place a stained glass window in the Church of St. Peter, just opened in Leicester, which has been erected in memory of the late Prov. Grand Master Earl Howe. We are happy to say that promises have been received making up nearly the whole amount required.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGES.

One of the most remarkable features of our English Masonic system is that, of our Provincial organization.

It is peculiar to English Freemasonry.

We know of no parallel to it, in other Masonic systems, as the American divisions of territorial Grand Lodges, are altogether different from

There are many Grand Lodges now in America of independent authority and co-ordinate jurisdiction, but no Provincial Grand Lodges as we have in England, all emanating from and dependent on one Central Grand Lodge.

Indeed the position of our Provincial Grand Lodges is somewhat anomalous in itself, and we confess, that, we have often thought it to be susceptible of considerable amendment.

By the constitutions of our Order, Provincial Grand Lodges are as virtually dependent on P.G.M.'s authority and functions alone; they exist with his existence, they die with his death.

It may be said to be a Masonic axiom, "Provincial Grand Master, no Provincial Grand Lodge."

Indeed, despite the apparent continuity of some of the Provincial Grand Lodges, the Laws, which provide for the formal transaction of Provincial business, we apprehend constitutionally, that the Provincial Grand Lodge endure in full favour and vigour during the life or "regime" of a P.G.M., but they "ex necessitate rei," when he resigns or passes away, and that the very Provincial Bye-laws require to be renewed and re-accepted by successors.

Such we venture to contend is the present constitutional position of all Provincial Grand Lodges, and it is a position, as we said before, which is in our humble opinion deserving of much careful consideration and susceptible of considerable amelioration.

There can be no a priori reason why we are inclined to think, why the same law of perpetuity which applies to Grand Lodge should not be made to bear on Provincial Grand Lodges, the object of course to all due constitutional restriction and why as one exists "jure suo," the might not be made to do so, by a very slight alteration in the Book of Constitutions saving all the just prerogatives of the P.G.

A simple provision that all Provincial Grand Lodges continued to exist as Grand Lodges during an "interregnum," and were to be governed for the convenience of the business of the province in the interim pro tempore by some officiating official, would obviate, it appears to us, difficulties, and remove all anomalies.

And we say this, not from any mere desire of innovation or desire of change, but because we are personally aware of the great importance of our provincial system to our English Freemasonry, and of the very large amount of Masonic work, and the charitable efforts, of our provincial system, and that we should do our best to maintain and

Many of our Provinces have considerable trust funds and property belonging to them; all administer largely relief to provincial applicants, from the Provincial Fund of Benevolence, and a few of our provinces have useful charitable institutions of their own, of various kinds.

And knowing all this, we venture again to express our opinion, that the time has come when our provincial system may be advantageously strengthened in the manner we have sought to point out.

There can be no doubt, but, that the wise provisions of our excellent Book of Constitutions have so far enabled our provinces, to work out for themselves in full liberty of action, a wide sphere of activity, usefulness, and benevolence, but, there can be no reason why, as time passes on, and new conditions arise, we should not seek to supply what is deficient, and to add what is needful, in order to make our whole Masonic system, homogeneous and consistent.

We publish a letter on another page, which shows how much may be done by Provincial organization, on the best of all causes Masonic Charity, and we feel certain of this, that the Province of West Yorkshire was right, when it endeavoured to place the claims of the Metropolitan Charities under the special care and direction of a Provincial Charity Committee.

The letter we have referred to tells us very clearly what provincial organization can do in so good a cause, and we feel it right to express our belief, that if every province had its Charity Committee, the interest of our great Charities would be largely promoted, and their general support by lodges and the Craft greatly enhanced.

It is the want of this general and systematic support which is the weak point in our present charitable efforts, and though even the W. Yorkshire Charity Committee has not yet succeeded in inducing every lodge to obtain a Life Governorship in all the Charities, it has removed apathy and stimulated zeal, and induced many willing and honest W. Yorkshire brethren to give liberally and gladly of their substance to the relief of indigence, the succour of old age, and the education of the young, the friendless, and the orphan.

Feeling how important is the whole question of our Provincial Grand Lodge system and organization, we shall resume the subject before very long.

GRAND FESTIVAL.

The annual Grand Festival of Freemasons was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall, Grand Lodge, which preceded the festival, and at which the Marquess of Ripon was again installed as Grand Master for the year, was well attended, and a large number of Past Grand Officers sat on the dais during the ceremony. The Earl of Limerick took the seat of the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, who was absent on account of his official duties, Lord Balfour, of Burleigh, was in his place as Grand Senior Warden, and Captain Platt, in his chair as Junior Warden.

Among the brethren present there were: Bras. S. Rawson, S. Tomkins, F. Roxburgh, Q.C., Sir Albert W. Woods (Garter), R. J. Spiers, the Rev. A. B. Fraser, the Rev. R. J. Bent, the Rev. C. J. Martyn, Col. Cole, John Havers, Col. Whitwell, Rev. Edmund Cox, W. Pulteney Scott, H. Browne, B. Head, T. Bradford, Brackstone Baker, Hyde Pullen, and James Mason.

Grand Lodge was formally opened, and Bro. Hervey read those parts of the minutes of last Quarterly Communication which referred to the election of the Grand Master, which having been confirmed, Sir Albert Woods proclaimed the Marquess of Ripon as Master for the current year. The brethren then saluted the Grand Master in Masonic form.

The Grand Master afterwards rose and said:—Brethren, I beg to thank you most heartily for the kind reception which you have given to me on this occasion. When you were pleased to record your suffrages in my favour at the Quarterly Communication last March, I availed myself immediately of the opportunity so afforded to me to return to you my warmest thanks for again conferring upon me the honour of presiding over this ancient and honourable Craft, and I would now only repeat that which I said upon that occasion. But I will not detain you for any length of time, because I trust that you will always find that the principles upon which I shall endeavour, so long as I may hold the office, that I have now the honour to fill and conduct the business of the Masonic Order on principles invariable in their nature, and which consequently involve no change as time goes on. I cannot therefore now sing any other song than that which I sang in March, and I will not weary you by a repetition of the remarks which I then made. But I will content myself with heartily congratulating you on the flourishing condition of the Craft at this moment, and tendering to you once more, with the utmost sincerity, my hearty thanks for this renewed proof of your confidence. (Cheers.)

The Grand Master then proceeded to appoint and invest the new Grand Officers. In appointing the Earl of Carnarvon as Deputy Grand Master, his Lordship observed that though the Deputy Grand Master was not able to be present, on account of the pressure of public business in his department, his abilities were such that it was an honour to the Craft to have for the representative of the Grand Master a nobleman holding such a high position in her Majesty's Council. (Applause.)

The customary salutes were then given, and the following brethren were immediately invested with their collars, jewels, and badges of office, and received the salutes of the brethren:—Lord Henry Thynne, M.P., S.G.W.; Horton Charles Okeover, J.G.W.; the Rev. Robert J. Bent, and the Rev. James Simpson, D.C.L., Grand Chaplains; Samuel Tomkins, Grand Treasurer; E. J. McIntyre, Q.C., Grand Reg.; John Hervey, G.S.; E. F. Wendt, G.S. for German correspondence; J. A. Rucker and James Percy Leith, Grand Senior Deacons; J. C. Parkinson and C. W. C. Hatton, Grand Junior Deacons; Wm. James Hughtan, Past S.G.D.; F. P. Cockerell, Grand Superintendent of Works; Sir Albert W. Woods (Garter), G.D.C.; Simeon C. Hadley, Assistant G.D.C.; James T. Collins, G.S.B.; Wilhelm Kuhe, Grand Organist; T. Cubitt, Grand Purst; John Wright, A.G.P.; C. B. Payne, Grand Tyler; Bro: C. A. Cottebrune, to bear rank and wear the clothing of Past Grand Purst.

Bros. Gardiner, 4; Smither, 58; Warner, 23; G. Payne, 1; W. J. Eramus Wilson, 2; A. H. Draper, 5; Sir Bruce M. Seaton, 6; J. T. Blake, 8; H. J. Bothomley, 14; C. P. Stollenhoff, 21; R. J. Kerr, 26; a brother whose name failed to reach us, of 29, A. Richards, 46; H. Whitfield, 60; W. B. Rogers, 91; S. B. Harrison, 99; J. Oster, 107; and C. W. B. Wilson, 257; were nominated by the brethren of their lodges, announced by Grand Secretary, and approved of by the Grand Master, as Grand Stewards for the coming year.

Grand Lodge was thereupon closed, and the Grand Master, Grand Officers, and brethren were entertained at a sumptuous banquet by the Grand Stewards. A much larger number of brethren partook of this repast than we remember to have seen at any former Grand Festival. When the repast had been disposed of the toasts were proposed, and after that of "Her Majesty the Queen" had been duly honoured,

The Grand Master in proposing "The Health of the Prince and Princess of Wales," said he would not say anything of the deep interest

which the Prince of Wales, Past Grand Master, felt in the Craft, as it was well known to all the brethren. They were well aware that it arose not from the high position he held merely, but was both deep and hearty. On this occasion he (the Grand Master) had the satisfaction of congratulating the brethren upon the interesting circumstance that since last Grand Festival another member of Her Majesty's family had been admitted to the roll of the ancient Order, and he was happy to say that no worthier could have joined their ranks. Prince Arthur had taken upon himself the responsibilities of membership, and from the zeal, energy, and devotion with which His Royal Highness devoted himself to the performance of everything that devolved upon him in life, no one could doubt that in gaining him the Craft had won not only an illustrious personage, but one whose personal character was calculated to reflect high honour upon the ancient Order. If it were possible, which he ventured to doubt, that anything could add to the enthusiasm with which the brethren would drink the health of every member of the Royal Family, it was this circumstance, which connected so closely at the present time two members of that illustrious family with this ancient Order.

Bro. John Havers, Past Grand Warden, in the absence of the Earl of Carnarvon, proposed the Grand Master's health, and while congratulating his Lordship on being the ruler over such an extensively distributed body as Freemasons, and also congratulated the Craft on having at their head a nobleman, who had proved himself so worthy to preside over them.

The Grand Master in reply said, I beg most sincerely to thank you for the very hearty reception which you have been pleased to accord to me this evening. I can assure you that I feel sincerely grateful for this renewed proof of your esteem and confidence. Bro. Havers has been good enough to say that during the time in which by your choice I have had the honour of filling the position of Grand Master, the Craft has prospered; but, brethren, it is always a comparatively easy task to govern in prosperous times, and it was my good fortune to receive from the hands of that distinguished man to whom my excellent friend on my right (Bro. Havers) has adverted in such just terms (Lord Zetland), an inheritance of prosperity, which, though it entailed upon me doubtless great responsibility, inasmuch as it was indeed difficult to follow one who for a quarter of a century had swayed the hearts and minds almost as one man. (Hear hear.) Nevertheless, he seemed to me, as I may say, a pedestal upon which, honoured by your suffrages, I had only to take my place. It has been my endeavour since that time to maintain the high position which the Craft had then attained. But, brethren, in spite of what my worshipful friend has said of the influence that the Grand Master has, and I do not dispute the nature of that influence—over the prosperity of the Craft, it must always be borne in mind that one who, after all, is but the creature of your annual suffrages, can only hope successfully to discharge the duties of the high office which I have now the honour to fill, if he has the good fortune to enjoy the confidence of his brethren. I have always held that that confidence was not a thing to be bought, (hear, hear), as it was not to be secured by any forgetfulness of the prerogatives of my office, or by any unwilling compliance which would be inconsistent with that position. (Hear, hear.) I have endeavoured, and I always shall endeavour to maintain those prerogatives, and to uphold the rights of the Masonic throne to which you have called me, so long as I may hold the office which I now fill. The privileges and the rights of the Grand Master it is the duty of every occupant of that position carefully to maintain, while it is equally his duty, as most assuredly it is his interest, to be equally careful for the rights of, and the prerogatives and the privileges of every brother of the Craft (hear hear). It has been my sincere desire, and I trust I may without egotism say, it has been my honest endeavour to act upon those principles, to uphold the dignity of this great community, and to follow out those high principles which we profess to lie at the foundation of the Craft—that I have endeavoured, during the years I have filled the

position of Grand Master, and I shall, as long as I may hold that office, endeavour to follow out that course, continually setting before me, as I have ever done, the great example of my eminent predecessor in this chair, and ever strive to deserve your esteem and confidence, having a just regard for the great interests of this community, for the rights of every one who is enrolled among its members, and for the upholding the character of this ancient and honourable fraternity.

"The Grand Lodges of Scotland and Ireland" was then proposed by the Grand Master, and drunk.

The Grand Master next proposed "The Health of the Provincial Grand Masters." He was proud to know that he had the great advantage in the discharge of his duties to be assisted by a most able and zealous body of Provincial Grand Masters; upon them necessarily depended, to a great extent, the local prosperity of the Craft, and it was a most pleasing fact to know how very rare indeed it was that any exception was in these days taken to the government of the Provincial Grand Masters. The peace and tranquillity of the Grand Master himself was greatly promoted by that happy state of things, and he only regretted that at this Grand Festival they had not the good fortune of having among them a Provincial Grand Master to return thanks for this toast. Lord Limerick, who attended that afternoon in Grand Lodge, was anxious that the brethren should fully understand how greatly he regretted his inability to stay to the banquet, but he had been called to wait on a great civic functionary, whose commands of that evening were almost of an imperative character. For himself he was almost bound to say that he liked to see a Mason do as Lord Limerick had done that day, come for business and not stay for the pleasure, for he would rather see a brother in Grand Lodge than at any banquet. (Hear, hear.) Lord Limerick was an example he would commend to their imitation.

In giving "The Health of the Deputy Grand Master and Grand Officers of the year" his Lordship remarked that recollecting the great kindness and forbearance of the brethren to himself, which the brethren had always been pleased to extend when official duties prevented him from discharging his Masonic duties, he should gladly accord to Lord Carnarvon the same indulgence. The brethren had much occasion to congratulate themselves upon the readiness which distinguished and zealous members of the Craft had ever shewn to accept office in Grand Lodge, and it had always been his endeavour to make his selection of officers under the circumstances of the moment which appeared to him most for the general interest of the Craft. But he suspected that if the Prime Minister was to be asked whether he had not a very unpleasant time not long ago when he had to construct a government he would reply that he had, and they would therefore readily admit that it was the duty of every member of a party to lay aside all personal considerations in respect to the choice by a Prime Minister of the members of his cabinet, so was it the duty of every member at the head of the Craft to be quite certain to fill the Grand Offices with the best men. They might be quite certain that if there had been offices enough they would all have been appointed. He was satisfied that in the choice of his officers he had made a good selection, and he believed that by their appointment he had been consulting the interests of the Craft.

Lord Henry Thynne, G.S.W., responded, and after regretting the absence of Lord Carnarvon, congratulated his own lodge on being in the province in which Lord Carnarvon was the Grand Master (Somerset), and over which he had presided so well for several years. He thanked the Grand Master in the name of his brother Grand Officers, and in his own, and trusted that at the end of their year of office they would leave Grand Lodge, not only as prosperous as it was now, but still more so.

The Grand Master next proposed "The Masonic Charities," and called on Bro. Little, the Secretary of the Girls' School, to respond, but that distinguished functionary suffering from a severe cold, which was unmistakable in the few words he said, deputed to Bro. Binckes the per-

formance of the duty imposed upon him by his Lordship.

Bro. Binckes warmly thanked the G. Master, who had always shown such a loving, vital, practical interest in the Masonic Institution.

The toast of "The Stewards," responded to by Bro. Chynoweth, and "The Ladies" brought the proceedings to a close, and the brethren adjourned to the concert, which was given in the Temple, where, under the direction of Bro. Wilhelm Ganz, P.G. Org., a charming concert was given, in which Mdlle. Enequist, Madame Talbot Cherer, Miss Alice Fairman, Bros. George Perren, Montem Smith, Thomas Baxter, Theodore Distin, Wilhelm Kube, G. Organist; Oberthür, and Paque, and Mr. Maybrick, took part.

The dinner was well served by Bro. Francatelli, of Freemasons' Tavern, and was personally superintended by himself and Mr. Dawkins, to whom too much praise cannot be given for their attention to the wants of the brethren, and their courtesy. The Stewards must also be complimented on the great success of this festival, which has been rarely attained, and never excelled at any previous gatherings. Bro. James Hayho was an excellent toastmaster.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

On Wednesday, April 15th, the annual meeting of Freemasons in the province of West Yorkshire was held in the Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield. The preliminary lodge was opened up in the three degrees by Bros. Geo. Harling, W.M.; Wm. Harrop, S.W.; Geo. Sykes, J.W.; and the officers of the Huddersfield Lodge, 290. At 12.30 (noon), Provincial Grand Lodge was opened by the Most Hon the Marquess of Ripon, K.G., P.G.M. of West Yorkshire, and G.M. of England, and in the presence of Bros. Bentley Shaw, D.P.G.M.; J. Craven, P.P.G.W.; Captain Wordsworth, P.J.G.W.; Manoah Rhodes, Mayor of Bradford; J. Freeman, Huddersfield; and other provincial officers and brethren, to the number of about 250. After the reading of a portion of Scripture by Bro. the Rev. W. Barton, P.P.G. Chaplain, the Provincial Grand Master was saluted according to ancient custom.

In acknowledging the compliment, the noble Marquess said he rejoiced to see so many brethren around him in the good town of Huddersfield. He had always pleasant recollections of Huddersfield. He would not go into details of the period when he was first introduced to the world of Masonry in that town, but if he were likely at all to forget those associations the portrait of Bro. William Smith (which his lordship then beheld for the first time), a brother highly respected throughout the province, served to recall those recollections. Whilst the noble Marquess congratulated the brethren on the satisfactory state of the province, and on the great improvement in the different lodges with respect to their returns to the Provincial Grand Lodge, he regretted to have to find fault with a few lodges with regard to their returns to the Grand Lodge in London. He urged on the Worshipful Masters of those lodges to send their returns more promptly, and save him the pain of having the province, for which he is Provincial Grand Master, being reported to him as Grand Master of England. He also congratulated the brethren on the growth of Masonry in this province. On the 1st January last there were 2841 members in the province of West Yorkshire, of whom 319 had been admitted the past year. There had been 65 deaths. West Yorkshire was not singular in this increase, it was widespread, but he warned the brethren not to measure the growth of Masonry by mere numbers. Before resuming his seat his lordship referred to the interesting ceremony which took place at York last week, the installation of the Earl of Zetland, Prov. G.M. of North and East Yorkshire. Lord Zetland, he said, was a young man, and in a great part unknown, but no brother who knew anything of the late Earl would not but rejoice with him that they had been enabled to continue the connection of Zetland with Masonry. It was by retaining the connection for generations between

those who had striven well in any sphere that they were enabled to lay the foundation and raise the structure on a lasting footing. His lordship concluded his remarks by expressing his determination to continue his exertions to maintain the credit of the Craft throughout the province, and hoped the brethren would do likewise, and that Worshipful Masters would strive to keep together the Past Masters of their lodges, not allowing them to go rusty for want of work, but that all would work in one harmonious strain for the welfare of the Craft at large.

The ordinary routine of passing the minutes of the last Provincial Grand Lodge, and calling the roll of lodges, having been gone through, a letter was read from Bro. Bentley Shaw, D.P.G.M., expressing his profound gratitude for the kind and generous sympathy and support which had been accorded to him and his wife, in their great bereavement, by the Provincial Grand Lodge, and to his lordship for the kind and feeling manner he had introduced the subject to the brethren. That address would be a constant incentive to greater diligence in the discharge of the duties of his office.

The investiture of the officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge for the ensuing year was then proceeded with as follows:—

Bro. L. R. Starkey, M.P.	P.S.G.W.
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" J. Lee	P.G. Tyler.
" J. Sheard	P.G.A. Tyler.

After the several officers had been invested, a vote of thanks to Bro. Charles Olroyd, of Dewsbury, P.P.G. Treasurer, for his seven years faithful service, was passed unanimously, after he had been highly eulogised by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master for the business manner he had conducted the duties of his office.

The report of the Charity Committee was then presented by Bro. Thomas Hill, received, and the Prov. Grand Master said the brethren might consider it a very satisfactory one.

Petitions for relief were then considered, after which the lodge was duly closed.

A banquet was afterwards held in the banquetting hall, which was presided over by the Marquess of Ripon, and which had been elegantly served by Bro. H. Birley, of the Pack Horse Hotel, Huddersfield, and to which about 150 brethren sat down.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF WEST LANCASHIRE.

The annual convocation of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Freemasons of West Lancashire, was held on Wednesday, the 8th ult., at the new Masonic-rooms, King-st., Wigan, where there was the largest assembly of "Arch" Masons seen in this division for the last few years. M. E. Comp. the Right Honourable Lord Skelmersdale, Prov. Grand Z., was present, and presided at the convocation, which was both hearty and unanimous throughout the whole of the interesting proceedings.

Amongst the other notables present on the occasion were:—Comps Corneilus Sherwin, P.G.H.; Comp. H. W. Johnson, D.G.; H. S. Alpass, P.G.S.E.; D. W. Finny, Past P.G. Ass. S.; James Hamer, P.G. Treas.

Thomas Wylie, P.G. Reg.; Landless, P.G. Hd.; T. Dodgson, Z. 995; T. Armstrong, P.P.G. Soj.; R. Pearson, H. 995; E. Meugens, P.Z. 32; W. Doyle, H. 249; T. Clark, P.Z. 673; J. R. Goepel, P.Z. 86; J. Case, P.Z. 995; J. Crossley, J. 703; W. Mossop, P.Z. 148; C. Fryer, P.Z. 113; S. Rowbottom, P. Prov. G.S.N.; W. C. Deeley, P.Z. 18c; E. Kyle, J. 220; D. Jones, P.Z. 216; J. Sooth, John Pemberton, P.Z. 1094; J. C. Lunt, Z. 1086; Thomas Chesworth, P.Z. 1086; George Turner, P.Z. 824; P. M. Larson, P.Z. 220; Joseph Skeaf, P.G. Org., H. 216; J. Gaskell, P.Z. 178; Robert Wylie, P. Prov. G.D. of C.; Rev. Philip Hains, J. T. Callow, H. 673; E. Harbord, P.G. Std. Cheshire; W. Archer, P.Z. 1086; J. Hocken, P.Z. 220; J. Lamb, P.Z. 178; J. Lunt, Z.; 241; A. C. Mott, P.G.S.N. and others.

After the Provincial Grand Chapter had been opened in solemn form, according to ancient ritual Em. Comp. H. S. Alpass, P.G.S.E., read the minutes of the last convocation, which was held at Preston, and, being found correct, were confirmed unanimously without discussion.

E. Comp. Hamer, P.G. Treas., presented the accounts for the year, which showed a balance in hand of £46 14s. 2d, against £40 8s. 11d., last year. The accounts had been duly audited by Comps. G. Turner, Z. 86; J. MacKune, Z. 216; and J. C. Lunt, Z. 1086, and were unanimously approved, on the motion of Comp. A. C. Mott, seconded by Comp. G. Turner.

On the motion of Comp Robert Wylie, seconded by Comp. A. C. Mott, Comp Hamer was cordially re-elected Treasurer; and Comp. Hamer, in acknowledging the compliment, said he had intended resigning the office this year, but still he would endeavour for one year more to justify the confidence that had been reposed in him, and endeavour to perform the duties of his office to the complete satisfaction of the companions.

Comp. Peter Ball was unanimously re-elected P.G. Janitor for the ensuing year.

The following officers were appointed and invested by the Most Excellent Superintendent, viz., Comps. —

- Thomas Wylie Prov. G. H.
- E. Meugens Prov. G. J.
- H. S. Alpass Prov. G. S.E.
- J. R. Kellett Smith Prov. G. S.N.
- W. C. Deeley Prov. G. P.S.
- J. R. Goepel Prov. G. 1st Ast. S.
- R. Landless Prov. G. 2nd Ast. S.
- Charles Hill Prov. G. Reg.
- Mossop Prov. G. Std. B.
- Fryer Prov. G. Std. B.
- T. Dodgson Prov. G. D. of C
- J. Skeaf Prov. G. Organist.
- Simpson Prov. G. Steward.

The M.E.P.G. Superintendent said, having appointed his officers for the ensuing year, he wished to say a few words to the companions, whom he thanked for their hearty support on that occasion. It was extremely gratifying to him to learn that Royal Arch Freemasonry was progressing in the province, and exerting itself to promote the great ends which the noble science was intended to advance. It had been suggested that after the convocation of the Provincial Grand Chapter, a Provincial Grand Lodge should be held, with a view to opening, in Masonic form, the elegant building in which they were then assembled; but it was found that there was no precedent for and no ceremony proper to such an occasion, and it was hardly right to create such a precedent, therefore the suggestion was declined. At the same time he could not resist saying a few words expressive of thanks to Comp. Leader, the owner of the spacious buildings in which they met that day, for the energy with which he had brought the construction of the buildings to a conclusion, and of congratulation on the success with which the design had been carried out. The room in which they were assembled would be as handsome a room as any in the division, and they must all rejoice to see Freemasonry holding such a firm place in the hearts of Masons as to induce them to erect such a building, and to provide so handsome, commodious, and convenient place of meeting as that. His hope was that such an excellent

example as had been set in Wigan might be followed throughout this great province, and that they might be truly able to say no province could excel West Lancashire for its thorough and hearty exemplification of the great principles of Freemasonry — brotherly love, relief and truth.

Comp. T. Wylie, P.G.H., gave notice that at the next convocation he should move that ten per cent. of the annual income of Prov. Grand Chapter be set apart as a fund for the support of the Masonic Charities.

On the motion of Comp. Robert Wylie, seconded by Comp. T. Armstrong, the votes of the province were appropriated, together with £5, towards securing the election of an old companion to the benefits of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons.

After the transaction of some formal business, the P.G. Chapter was closed in ancient and solemn form, after which the companions banquetted together, under the presidency of the M.E.P.G. Superintendent. In the course of the evening, his lordship referred to the approaching completion of the new Masonic Hall in Liverpool, and expressed a hope that the Masons of the district would be honoured with the presence of the M.W.G.M. of England, the Marquess of Ripon, on the occasion of the consecration. He also expected that the gathering at the opening of the hall would be one of the most distinguished and influential which had ever been held in the northern part of England. After a very pleasant meeting, the companions separated about seven o'clock.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF EAST LANCASHIRE.

The annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Chapter was held at the Nottingham Castle Inn, Denton, on Wednesday, the 8th ult., under the auspices of the Chapter of Faith, No. 210. The Prov. G. Chapter was opened in ancient and solemn form at half-past 3 o'clock in the afternoon, when there were present, Colonel Le Gendre N. Starkie, M. E. Prov. G. Supt.; Comps. J. L. Hine, Prov. G. 2nd Principal; J. A. Birch, Prov. G. 3rd Principal; John Tunnah, Prov. G.S.E.; Thomas Entwisle, Prov. G. S.N.; Isaac W. Petty, Prov. G. Principal S.; Henry Maiden, P. Prov. G. Prin. S.; Jas. Hall, Prov. G. 1st A.S.; C. Sutcliffe, Prov. G. 2nd A.S.; W. Ashworth, P. Prov. G. 1st A.S.; John Higginbottom, P. Prov. G. Reg.; Ellis Jones, Prov. G. Sword Bearer; C. M. Jones, P. Prov. G. Standard Bearer; Herod Turner, P. Prov. G. Standard Bearer; Robert Whittaker, Prov. G. D. of C.; J. W. Taylor and Jas. Newton, Prov. G. Stewards; and representatives from 19 of the 35 Chapters in the province.

Letters of apology were read from such of the Prov. G. Officers as were absent. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Prov. G. Treasurer's accounts for the past year were presented and confirmed.

Comp. G. P. Brockbank was unanimously re-elected Prov. G. Treasurer for the ensuing year.

The Prov. G. Superintendent appointed and invested the following companions as Prov. G. Officers: —

- J. L. Hine Prov. G. 2nd P.
- J. A. Birch Prov. G. 3rd P.
- John Tunnah Prov. Scribe E.
- Major T. G. Parker Prov. Scribe N.
- Jno. G. Hind Prov. G. P.S.
- Jas Graham Prov. G. 1st A.S.
- Ralph Landless Prov. G. 2nd A.D.
- Thomas Chorlton Prov. G. Reg.
- Marshall Taylor Prov. G. S.W.
- Edwin Sleigh Prov. Standard B.
- Robert Whittaker Prov. G. D. of C.
- J. W. Taylor Prov. G. Org.
- A. McIlquham Prov. G. Stewards.
- Jas. Woolfenden Prov. G. "
- Fred Higginbottom Prov. G. "

Comps. H. Maiden and Robert Whittaker were appointed auditors of the Prov. G. Treasurer's accounts for the ensuing year.

A grant of £5 5s. was made to the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Benevolent Fund.

Some other formal business was transacted, and the Prov. G. Chapter was closed. About eighty companions afterwards partook of an excellent banquet at the Nottingham Castle Inn, under the presidency of the M.E. Prov. G. Superintendent.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF LEICESTERSHIRE.

A special meeting of the Prov. G. Chapter took place at Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on Thursday, the 23rd ult., for the purpose of installing the Principals of subordinate chapters.

The Prov. G. Chapter was opened by the P.G. Supt., Comp. W. Kelly, Z., assisted by Comp. E. Stretton, as H., and the Rev. John Denton, J., after which the Principals of the Chapter of Fortitude, Leicester, No. 279, were installed as follows: — Comps. E. J. Crow, Z.; S. Perkin, H.; and W. Sculthorpe, J.; and at the same time Comps. H. Deane, Z.; and J. C. Duncombe, H., of the De Mowbray Chapter, Melton Mowbray, No. 1130, were also installed. The regular meeting of the Fortitude Chapter was then held when the officers elected at the last meeting were invested, and Bro. E. J. Mason was exalted to the degree of R.A., the ceremony being admirably rendered by the M.E.Z., who had just previously been installed. Comp. Sculthorpe gave the historical, Comp. J. W. Moore, H., the symbolical lecture, whilst the explanation of the signs was given by the M.E.Z., and of the words by Comp. Toller, who also acted as P.S.

The Treasurer's account, showing a considerable balance in hand, was adopted, and the Chapter having been closed, the companions adjourned to the banquet, when a very pleasant evening was spent, under the presidency of the M.E.Z.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF LEICESTER AND RUTLAND.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Leicester and Rutland was held, under the auspices of the Fowke Lodge, No. 19, at the Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday evening, the 25th ultimo. From a concurrence of circumstances the attendance of the brethren was not so numerous as on previous occasions, and several of the nominees for office were unavoidably absent.

The reports received from the several lodges in the province were highly satisfactory, and from the number of Derby brethren advanced in the Fowke Lodge during the year, there is every probability that Mark Masonry will extend its ramifications into a neighbouring county before long.

The following brethren were appointed officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge: —

- Rev. J. Spittal D. Prov. G.M.
- The Right Hon. Earl Ferrers Prov. G. S.W.
- S. S. Partridge Prov. G. J.W.
- Rev. W. Langley Prov. G. Chaplain.
- Rev. H. E. Von Stürmer ... Prov. G. Chaplain.
- J. E. Duncombe Prov. G. M.O.
- F. J. Baines Prov. G. S.O.
- G. Toller, jun. Prov. G. J.O.
- C. Stretton Prov. G. Treas.
- J. M. MacAllister Prov. G. Sec.
- R. A. Barber Prov. G. R.M.
- J. G. Tippetts Prov. G. S.D.
- R. B. Smith Prov. G. J.D.
- J. B. Hall Prov. G. D.C.
- F. Amatt Prov. G. S. of W.
- R. Waite Prov. G. S.B.
- W. T. Rowlett Prov. G. Organist.
- J. T. Thorpe Prov. G. I.G.

G. W. Statham, Alfred Childs, and T. A. Wykes Prov. G. Stewards.

On the business of the Fowke Lodge being resumed, Bro. S. S. Partridge, P.M., proceeded to instal Bro. J. M. MacAllister into the chair of Adoniram, and the W.M. appointed his officers as follows: —

- W. Wear, I.P.M.; G. Toller, jun., S.W.; C. Stretton, G.S.; J.W.; Rev. H. E. Von Stürmer, Chaplain; W. Sculthorpe, M.O.; R. A. Barber, S.O; W. T. Rowlett, J.O.; F. J. Baines, Secretary; J. Garner, Treasurer; J. B. Hall, R.M.; G. W. Statham, S.D.; T. A. Wykes, J.D.; J. T. Thorpe, M.C.; S. Tibbutt,

Organist; J. Young, I.G.; and J. W. Smith, and J. Edmunds, Stewards.

At the banquet which followed Bro. Mc Allister, W.M., in giving the toast of the "Provincial Grand Master," alluded to the important services rendered by our esteemed chief, in raising Masonry to the high estate it now occupies in this province, and who at a time when most men would contemplate that retirement which a long life of active service justly entitles them to enjoy, nevertheless continues in the increasing exercise of his high duties. It has ever been his pleasure to support and encourage the principles and practice of that science which so powerfully develops all social and benevolent affections, and affords the only neutral ground on which all ranks and classes can meet in perfect equality, and associate without degradation or mortification, whether for the purposes of moral instruction, or of social intercourse.

In pursuit of the objects to be attained in the practice of Masonry, we have been enlightened by the example of our chief, guided by his advice, encouraged by his kindness and affection, and supported by his active and steady co-operation in all that concerns the best interests of this lodge. And while we manifest our attachment and dutiful regard for our Provincial Grand Master, we express the hope that his life may be prolonged to preside over us for many years to come, as those which have as happily been passed under his able, judicious, and fraternal government since the year 1858.

The toast was received with great enthusiasm, and in the absence of the Prov. Grand Master, was ably responded to by Bro. S. S. Partridge, P.G.J.W.

The usual toasts were given at some length, and the health of the Installing Master was submitted with the following remarks by the W.M.: You have all witnessed the admirable and impressive manner in which Bro. Partridge has performed the ceremony of installation this evening, and I cannot speak too highly of the talent and energy so cheerfully rendered by him in the cause of Masonry in this province, which have also materially contributed to the welfare and prosperity of this lodge, and distinguished him among his brethren. While we admire his extensive and intimate knowledge of the ceremonies, he has won our regard and esteem, not alone by his Masonic ability, but by his precept and example, to promote peace, goodwill and kindly feeling among the brethren, and I trust that the zealous and warm support of our esteemed brother may be continued during my year of office, and for many years to come.

Bro. Partridge thanked the brethren for their appreciation of his past services, and expressed his willingness to continue his labours in maintaining the efficiency of the lodge.

The toast of "The Officers" was ably responded to by Bro. Toller, S.W., and that of "The Ladies" by Bro. A. Palmer.

THE LODGE OF ISRAEL.

In our impression of February 7, 1874, a report appeared of the meeting of the Lodge of Israel, No. 205, and the installation of the Worshipful Master, Bro. Joel Emanuel. That report was furnished to us by Bro. Gottheil, of the Lodge of Faith, who, we are informed, had been invited as a visitor to the lodge, and in substance the report stated that the Worshipful Master had thought proper, in proposing the toast of the Queen and the Craft, to introduce political allusions, contrary to the spirit of Masonry, and further that the Worshipful Master had been guilty of discourtesy towards his visitors, and had shown a most overbearing manner towards his guests. We are now informed by the Worshipful Master that the report was a most erroneous one, and as evidence of the fact we have been furnished with what is stated to be a verbatim report of the Worshipful Master's speech, and which certainly contains no political allusion of any kind. We some time ago communicated with Bro. Gottheil, requesting him to substantiate his report, so furnished to us, and also to put himself in communication with the Worshipful Master at once. Bro. Gottheil having failed to adopt either course, we can only express our

regret that the report published by us was not strictly just and accurate, and we beg farther to state that it was far from our wish or intention to publish anything, which, from its inaccuracy or exaggeration, might cause pain or annoyance to any one.

Masonic Tidings.

A Grand Concert will be given at the Town Hall, Shoreditch, on Monday, 4th May, in aid of the Stoke Newington Working Men's Institute. Conductor Bro. J. F. Watford. Bros. Shackell, Chaplin Henry, and Sir Frederick Perkins, Knt. J.P., F.R.G.S., M.P., are giving valuable assistance.

ROYAL ORDER OF SCOTLAND.—A Council will be held at 33, Golden-square, on the 14th May. There are eight candidates for advancement.

UNION MASONIC CLUB OF INSTRUCTION.—It has been resolved that the day meetings should be held every Tuesday at two o'clock, instead of Wednesday, in order to enable the attendance of theatrical brethren. It is expected that by this alteration that a great number of Masons will be able to attend. We are informed that a very able Preceptor has been appointed.

A Grand Council of the Illustrious Knights K.K. 30° will be held at the Masonic Hall, 33, Golden-square, on Tuesday, the 12th day of May. There are nineteen candidates.

The Era Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 176, will be consecrated on Friday, May 8th, at the Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, at six o'clock p.m. Bro. J. T. Moss, W.M. Designate, H. A. Dubois, S.W. Designate; J. B. Langley, J.W. Designate.

The Lebanon Chapter, No. 1326, will be consecrated on Saturday, June, 27th, at the Red Lion Hotel, Hampton, Middlesex, at three o'clock p.m. Comps. J. T. Moss, M.E.Z. Designate; S. Wilkins, H. Designate; W. Hammond, J. Designate.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, May 8, 1874.

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

Saturday, May 2.

General Committee Boys' School, at 4.
Lodge 142, St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.
Knight Templar Preceptory 127, Bard of Avon, Hampton Court.
Manchester Lodge of Instruction (179), Yorkshire Grey 77, London-street, Fitzroy-square, at 8; Bro. H. Ash, Preceptor.
Lily Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, Surrey.
Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. G. Dille, Preceptor.

Monday, May 4.

Lodge 16, Royal Alpha, Willis's Rooms, King-st., St. James's.
" 25, Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall.
" 188, Joppa, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.
" 256, Unions, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1319, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall.
Mark Lodge 139, Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction (1445), Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland, at 7; Bro. T. Austin, Preceptor.
Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.
Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.
Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern, Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gottheil, Preceptor.
British Oak Lodge of Instruction, Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.
St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street (opposite the Pantheon), Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.
Wellington Lodge of Instruction, White Swan Tavern, Deptford, at 8; Bro. C. G. Dille, P.M. 11.55; Preceptor.
St. John of Wapping Lodge of Instruction (1306), Gun Tavern, High-street, Wapping, at 8; Bro. T. Mortlock, Preceptor.
West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
Metropolitan Mark Lodge of Instruction, Coach and Horses Hotel, 323, Strand, at 8.

Tuesday, May 5.

Colonial Board, at 3.
Lodge 18, Old Dundee, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.
" 171, Amity, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
" 765, St. James's, Bridge House Hotel, London-bridge.
" 1257, Grosvenor, Caledonian Hotel, Adelphi.
" 1259, Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tavern, Commercial-rd.
" 1261, Golden Rule, Hotel Royal, Air-street, Regent-street.
" 1298, Royal Standard, Marquess Tavern, Canonbury, at 8.
" 1310, Harrow, Railway Tavern, Harrow.
Chap. 169, Temperance, White Swan Tavern, Deptford.
" 507, United Pilgrims, Horns Tavern, Kennington Mark Lodge 1, St. Mark's, Masons' Hall, Massobury-avenue.

Yarborough Lodge of Instruction, Green Dragon Steppney, at 8; Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.
Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tavern, Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 8.
Faith Lodge of Instruction, Refreshment Rooms, Victoria (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. Cottebrune, Preceptor.
Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Lord's Hotel, Lord's Cricket Ground, St. John's-wood, at 8; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.
Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, King Edward, Triangles Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. Crawley, Preceptor.
Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st., Within, at 7.30; Bro. Bolton, W. 12.27, Preceptor.
St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Star Tavern, New-street, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. A. Adams, Preceptor.
Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (55), Wheatshop Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.

Wednesday, May 6.

Grand Chapter, at 7.
Lodge 1412, La Iberia, Hill-rd., St. John's-wood.
" 1420, Earl Spencer, Freemasons' Hotel, New Waltham-st.

Southwark Lodge of Instruction, (879), Southwark Park Tavern, Southwark Park, at 8; Bro. Charles Williams, Preceptor.
Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor.
United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), the Grail Arms, Prince of Wales-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30.
New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8.
Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. T. Adams, Preceptor.
Confidence Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Tavern, J. church-lane, at 7.30.
Peckham Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham, at 8; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor.
Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, George Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar.
Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, Thicket Hotel, Anerley, 7.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction (1288), Finch Park Tavern, Seven Sisters-road, N., at 8. Bro. Dickinson, Acting Preceptor.
Union Club of Instruction (day meetings), Windsor Café, Victoria Station, Pimlico, from 2 till 4 p.m.

Thursday, May 7.

Lodge 10, Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall.
" 27, Egyptian, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-st.
" 45, Strong Man, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell.
" 231, St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall.
" 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Steppney.
" 822, Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1155, Excelsior, Sydney Arms, Lewisham-rd.
" 1178, Perfect Ashlar, Gregorian Arms, Bermondsey.
" 1360 Royal Arthur, Duke of Edinburgh Hotel, Wimbledon.
" 1445, Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-rd.
Chap. 2, St. James's, Freemasons' Hall.
" 174, Sincerity, Cheshire Cheese Tavern, Crucifix-st.
" 176, Caveac, Westminster Palace Hotel.
Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, Lord's Hotel, Tottenham Court-road, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
Great City Lodge of Instruction, 33, Gutter-lane, at 8; Bro. T. Poore, W.M. 720, Preceptor.
Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Arglers' Tavern, Bath-street, City-road; Bro. Stean, Preceptor.
United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Crowns, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
Whittington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern, Holborn, at 8; Bro. Lewis Alexander, P.M. Preceptor.
Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
Ebony Lodge of Instruction, Bro. Palmer's, 12, Post-st., Millbank.
Highgate Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Kentish-town, at 8.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7-Union Club of Instruction, Windsor Castle, Victoria Station, at 8 p.m.; H. Ash, P.M., Instructor.
 St. George's Lodge of Instruction (140), Globe Tavern, Royal-hill, Greenwich.
 Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
 Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, (749), Coach and Horses, Strand, at 8; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.
 Stability Lodge of Instruction (217), Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st., at 6 p.m.; Bro. H. Muggeridge, Preceptor.
 Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.
 Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tavern, Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.
 Bardett Courts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park; at 8; Bro. Geo. W. Verry, Preceptor.

Friday, May 2.

Lodge 33, Britannic, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leaden-hall-st.
 " 137, Bedford, Freemasons' Hall.
 Chap. 6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, King-street, St. James's.
 Knight Templar Preceptory 26, Faith and Fidelity, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
 National Great Priory of the Order of the Temple, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st., at 8.30.
 Priory of the Order of Malta, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.
 Clapton Lodge of Instruction, White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., Preceptor.
 Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1298), the Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. W. F. Rogers, Preceptor.
 Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-road, at 8; Comp. W. West Smith, Preceptor.
 Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (733), Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8.
 Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Bro. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.
 United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Antelope Tavern, Lom-road, Brixton, at 7.
 St. James's Lodge of Instruction, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-road, Bermondsey, at 8; Bro. Howes, P.M., Preceptor.
 Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, 'Silver Lion', Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Bro. D. S. Potts, Preceptor.
 Doric Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-cad-road, at 8.
 Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8; Bro. P. M. Wuest, Preceptor.
 St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Rose Tavern, Fulham-road, S.W.
 Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.
 High Cross Lodge of Instruction (754), Coach and Horses Tavern, High Road, Tottenham, at 8.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE,

For the Week ending Saturday, May 9, 1874.

Monday, May 4.

Lodge 113, Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Assembly Rooms, Preston.
 " 1051, Rowley, Masonic Rooms, Lancaster.
 " 1380, Skelmersdale, Waterloo, near Liverpool, at 6.
 Chap. 605, De Tabley, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, at 6.
 Mark Lodge, No. 65, West Lancashire, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 Skelmersdale Red Cross Conclave, 77, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 Everton Lodge of Instruction (823), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 7.30.

Tuesday, May 5.

Lodge 178, Antiquity, Royal Hotel, Wigan, at 6.30.
 " 995, Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverstone.
 " 1384, Equity, Walker's Commercial Hotel, Widnes, near Warrington, at 6.
 Chap. 202, St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 Lancashire Lodge of Instruction (594), 90, Duke-st., Liverpool, at 7.

Wednesday, May 6.

Lodge 673, St. John's, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.30.
 " 730, Ellesmere, Royal Oak Hotel, Chorley.
 " 1013, Royal Victoria, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 1067, Triumph, Masonic Hall, Lytham.
 " 1415, West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk, at 6.
 " 1335, Lindsay, 20, King-street, Wigan.
 " 1354, Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Hall, Leigh.
 Harmonic Lodge of Instruction (216), Mona Hotel,

De Grey and Ripon Lodge of Instruction (1356), 140, North Hill-street, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 7.30.

Thursday, May 7.

Lodge 249, Mariners', Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 1473, Bootle, Molyneux Assembly Rooms, Bootle, at 6.
 Chap. 758, Bridgewater, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 6.

Friday, May 8.

Lodge 1289, Rock, Rock Ferry Hotel, Rock Ferry, at 7.
 Chap. 249, Mariners', Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND VICINITY.

For the week ending Saturday, May 9, 1874.
 All the Meetings take place at 8 o'clock.

Monday, May 4.

Lodge 332, Union, 170, Buchanan-street.
 " 20, St. John's, Freemasons' Hall, Lesmahagow.
 " 129, St. Mirren, St. Mirren's Hall, Paisley.
 Chap. 119, Rosslyn, Freemasons' Hall, 25, Robertson-street.

Tuesday, May 5.

Lodge 33, St. John, St. John's Hall, Buchanan-st.
 " 73, Thistle and Rose, 170 Buchanan-st.
 " 87, Thistle, 213, Buchanan-st.
 " 68, Doric, 44, Church-street, Port Glasgow.
 " 177, St. James, Masons' Hall, Coatbridge.
 " 233, Hamilton, Spalding Hall, Hamilton.
 " 406, St. John, Masonic Hall, Motherwell.
 " 437, Govandale, Portland Hall, Govan.

Wednesday, May 6.

Lodge 4, Kilwinning, 170, Buchanan-street.
 " 128, St. John, Shettleston, Freemasons' Hall, Shettleston.
 " 21, Old St. John's, Freemasons' Hall, Lanark.
 " 126, St. Andrew, George Hotel, Kilmarnock.
 " 166, St. John, 26, Grame-street, Airdrie.
 Chap. 87, Shamrock and Thistle, 22, Struthers-street.

Thursday, May 7.

Lodge 27, St. Mungo, 213, Buchanan-street.
 " 465, St. Andrew's, Masons' Hall, Garngad-road.
 " 7, Kilwinning, Masonic Hall, Hamilton.
 " 22, St. John, George Hotel, Kilmarnock.
 " 202, St. Clement's, Trades' Tavern, Kilmarnock.
 " 88, Montrose, Town Hall, Airdrie.
 " 149, St. Andrew's, Masonic Hall, Irvine.
 " 290, Blair Dalry, Masonic Hall, Dalry.
 " 370, Renfrew Kilwinning, Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Paisley.

Friday, May 8.

Lodge 18, Kilwinning, Masonic Hall, Dumbarton.
 " 170, St. John, Public Hall, Alexandria, at 7.
 " 427, St. Clair, Masonic Hall, Cambusnethan.
 Chap. 144, St. Rollox, Freemasons' Hall, Garngad-road.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH.

For the Week ending Saturday, May 9, 1874.

Monday, May 4.

Quarterly Communication Grand Lodge, Freemasons' Hall, George-street, at 5.
 Lodge 429, St. Kentigern, Royal Hotel, Penicuik, at 8.

Tuesday, May 5.

Lodge 5, Caerongate and Leith, 83, Constitution-street, Leith, at 8.
 Lodge 36, St. David's, Ship Hotel, E. Register-street, at 8.
 " 405, Rifle, Freemasons' Hall, George-street, at 8.30.

Wednesday, May 6.

Lodge 160, Roman Eagle, Iona Hotel, Nicolson-street, at 8.30.

Thursday, May 7.

Lodge 97, St. James, Masonic Hall, Writers'-court, High-st., at 8.
 Red Cross Conclave 103, St. Giles, Masonic Hall, Blackfriars-st., at 8.

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 Under the auspices of the Doric Lodge, No. 362,
 ON THURSDAY, MAY 28, 1874,
 AT HIGH TWELVE.

When and where the P.G. Officers and Past Officers, with the Worshipful Masters and Past Masters, and the Acting Wardens of the Lodges in the Province, are hereby convoked to attend, and at which all Master Masons are invited to be present.

FREDERICK DELAHENE MARSDEN,
 Provincial Grand Secretary.

Louth, 25th April, 1874.

BUSINESS:—

The Lodges will be called over.

The Roll of Provincial Grand Officers will be called.

The Minutes of the Annual Provincial Grand Lodge, holden at Louth, on Thursday, the 29th of May, 1873, will be read and put for confirmation.

The Provincial Grand Treasurer will read his Finance Statement.

The Provincial Grand Secretary will read the Report of the Committee of the P.G. Lodge Fund of Benevolence and an abstract of the accounts to the present time.

The Provincial Grand Registrar will give the Returns for the past year from the several Lodges in the Province.

W. Bro. W. H. Radley, P.M. 838, P.J.G.W., and Secretary to the Provincial Charity Committee, will read the Report for the past year, and render an account of the efforts made by the Province in connection with the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

The Provincial Grand Lodge will proceed to elect a P.G. Treasurer.

The R.W. Provincial Grand Master will invest the P.G. Officers for the ensuing year.

N.B.—Members of the P.G. Lodge may obtain a copy of the Bye-laws of the P.G. Lodge and the Rules of the P.G.L. Fund of Benevolence, on presenting a card with their Name and Masonic rank upon it to the P.G. Treasurer. A History of the P.G. Lodge of Lincolnshire and the Private Lodges in the Province, both past and present, with some interesting Tables showing the rise and progress of the Order in the Province since the year 1792, as well as a List of all the P.G. Officers since its formation, have been bound up in conjunction with the Bye-laws, and may be had by Members of the P.G.L. on payment of Sixpence each, and by Non-members at One Shilling; if sent by post, One Penny extra.

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A Provincial Grand Lodge of Emergency will be held at the town of Epworth, on Monday, the 11th of May, 1874, in order to Consecrate, at High Twelve, the New Lodge of the "ISLE OF AXHOLME," No. 1482, when and where the P.G. Officers and Past Officers, with the Worshipful Masters and Past Masters and the Acting Wardens of the several Lodges in the Province, are hereby convoked to attend, and at which all Master Masons are invited to be present.

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Craft Masonry.

COLCHESTER.—United Lodge (No. 697).—The installation of Bro. the Rev. Eustace H. Crate, Curate-in-Charge of Abberton, as W.M. of the United Lodge, No. 697, took place on Thursday, 30th ult., in the presence of the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master (Bro. R. J. Bagshaw), the Provincial Grand Secretary (Bro. John Wright Carr), and a very large number of visitors and members of the lodge. The ceremony was most ably performed by Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, W.M. of the "Stour Valley" Lodge No. 1,244, P.M., P.Z., and Past Grand Chaplain of England; and at its conclusion the new W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows:—Bros. T. Rix, P.M., S.W.; the Rev. R. C. Gardiner, J.W.; T. Rix, Secretary; R. Roche, Assistant Secretary; B. Brailley, Treasurer; Thomas W. Naylor, S.D.; R. O. Carpenter, J.D.; G. Guiver, Organist; J. McConnell, I.G.; W. Middleton and W. Seddes, Stewards; and C. Gunner, Tyler. Before the lodge was closed a cordial vote of thanks was passed to the R.W. the Provincial Grand Master for his kind attendance, and to Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn for the able manner in which he had performed the ceremony of the 27. About forty brethren subsequently dined at a sumptuous banquet at the George Hotel, the catering of Bro. C. Guiver being as usual most satisfactory. On the removal of the 28th, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and drunk, and the enjoyments of the evening were very much enhanced by the vocal orderings of Bros. Dawson, Roche, Taylor, Wallace, and others, Bro. G. Guiver accompanying. Bro. Neild created much amusement by his clever recitation. Amongst those present in the lodge or at the banquet, besides the brethren already mentioned, were—Bros. F. A. le, W.M.; S. Chaplin, I.P.M.; T. R. Miller, P.M.; W. P. Lewis, P.M.; A. Welch, V.; T. J. Kalling, Secretary, and J. Hanly, V.; W. Shury, P.M., 167, 548, and 51; Wright, No. 213; J. W. Jolly, W.M.; J. E. Seman, P.M., Secretary, and G. Riches, I. 433; J. Brinkley, 446; Wm. Cotton, 552; Dulton, jun., and W. Downes, 650; P. Piton, 1; J. W. Quihampton, P.M. 1024; and the following members of No. 697; W. Bateman, Ball, J. Beamish, J. H. Boulton, E. N. Gg, W. Dawson, T. Duffy, G. Guiver, W. S. H. Harlow, W. J. Harvey, George Harvey, Hunt, J. Inwood, J. Neild, W. Parker, W. Siggers, M. Taylor, and T. Williams.

ROYAL OAK LODGE (No. 871).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the White Tavern, 217, High-street, Deptford, on Friday, the 23rd ult. Bro. G. Andrews, V., presided over lodge, and did all the work. There were present during the afternoon and evening, Bros. F. Walters, P.M., Sec.; H. J.

Tuson, J.W.; J. J. Pakes, S.D.; J. Baxter Langley, I.G.; H. J. Dawe, W.M.; H. J. Fisher, Org.; M. Concanen, J. Woollett, W.S.; J. G. Vohmann, G. Porter, and about forty other members. The visitors were Bros. J. W. Baldwin, S.W. 1423; A. J. Webley, 1423; J. V. Watkins, 1326; E. Larking, 1326, and others. The minutes read of regular and emergency meetings were unanimously confirmed. The work done (in a superior manner) was passing A. Macers to the second and raising Bros. E. Wood, F. H. Buer, J. C. Craig, G. Clark, A. J. Webley (1423), and E. Larking (1326) to the third degree. Bro. John Baxter Langley, I.G., was elected as a Steward to represent the lodge at the forthcoming festival of Royal Benevolent Institution, to be held in January, 1875. Some notices of motion were given in to the Secretary, relative to proposed new bye-laws, and all other business being disposed of, the lodge was closed. There not being any banquet or refreshment, the members separated after the business terminated.

POTTER'S BAR.—Acacia Lodge (No. 1309).—The regular meeting of the season took place on Saturday, April 25th, at the Railway Hotel, Bros. E. W. Richardson, W.M.; R. Limpus, J.W.; C. A. Ferrier, S.D.; C. G. Rushworth, J.D.; J. H. Webster, I.G.; J. H. Butten, P.M.; C. Horsley, P.M.; J. W. George, T. S. Lewis, H. E. Appleby, H. J. Lambly, T. Boyce, S. Budgett, H. D'Arcy, A. Gould, and others. Visitor Bro. J. Lee, 1158, was present. Bro. C. Horsley, P.M., in his usual well known able manner raised A. Gould and H. D'Arcy to the third degree. Several important notices of motion were discussed and approved of relating to alterations in bye laws. The Secretary, Bro. Fred. Walters, P.M., was through illness absent from the lodge. One gentleman was proposed for initiation. The lodge was closed. Refreshment followed labour.

GREENWICH.—Star Lodge (No. 1275).—An emergency meeting was held on Friday, April 24th, at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich. Bro. T. R. Darke, W.M., presided, and was supported by Bros. G. Pymm, P.M., S.W.; W. Kipps, J.D.; L. L. Limebeer, S.D.; S. Homewood, P.M., I.G.; Rev. Colles, Chaplain; C. J. Hogg, P.G. Steward, P.M., and many others. There were not any visitors. The work, done in a superior manner, was initiating Mr. C. H. Williams, passing brothers H. Prall, G. Fawn, and W. B. Woodman, and raising Brothers A. Tisley, and W. Brough. It was announced that Harriett Davis, daughter of the late Bro. Davis, of this lodge (City Terminus Hotel), had been elected into the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls at the April election. A communication was received from the Secretary, Bro. Frederick Walters, P.M., who through illness was absent, regretting his inability to attend. All business being ended the lodge was closed. There was not any banquet.

STOCKTON.—Lodge of Fraternity (No. 1418).—On Thursday, the 23rd ult., the brethren of this lodge celebrated their annual festival at the Freemasons' Hall, Wellington-street, Stockton-on-Tees. At half-past two o'clock the brethren assembled, and the lodge having been opened in due form, the ordinary business was proceeded with. The Treasurer's report showed there was a balance against the lodge of £1, which, considering that the lodge had been in existence but one year, was deemed very satisfactory. The ceremony was then proceeded with of the installation of Bro. William James Watson, as W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony was performed in a very able and impressive manner by Bro. J. H. Jackson, P.M., P.P.S.G.D. The ceremony over, the W.M. proceeded to appoint and invest his officers, and in doing so he addressed a few remarks of congratulation and encouragement to each. His choice fell upon the following brothers:—R. S. Hopper, S.W.; G. D. Leng, J.W.; J. Boothroyd, Sec.; J. Trotter, Treas.; Jonathan Fowler, S.D.; T. Wilks, J.D.; W. Lightfoot, I.G.; Thomas Preston, Org.; J. J. Thorman, and W. W. Wilson, Stewards; and J. Trenholme, Tyler. The W.M. then, in the name of the members of the lodge, presented to the I.P.M. and installing officer,

Bro. J. H. Jackson, a most cordial vote of thanks for his zealous and faithful discharge of his duties during the year, to which he ascribed, in no small degree, the gratifying position which the lodge occupied. He then begged Bro. Jackson to accept from the lodge for his wife a life subscription (entitling to two votes), to the Boys' Institution, and in doing so he referred in eulogistic terms to the services which Bro. Jackson had rendered to the lodge during his term of office. Bro. Jackson responded in suitable terms. The lodge having been closed in due form, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting hall, and sat down to an excellent repast, which reflected the highest credit upon Mrs. Bell, and the repast was rendered all the more enjoyable from the fact that several brethren, viz., W. W. Wilson, T. Wilks, W. Ford, Jonathan Fowler, W. Lightfoot, J. J. S. Harman, P. Pescod, and others, had undertaken to attend personally to the wants of the company, thus securing in a most agreeable manner the comfort of every one present. Too much credit cannot be given to these brethren for their exertions, for by dispensing with the services of professional waiters, the guests were served with most commendable care and attention. The wines, which were of the best quality, were supplied by Messrs. Thomas Hutchinson and Co. The chair was occupied by the Worshipful Master, Bro. W. J. Watson, who was supported by Bros. A. C. Knowles, P.M. 509, P.M. 940, P.S.G.D.; J. Hunton, P.M., J.G.D.; G. Ellis, P.M., P.G.S. of Works; Thomas Walton, P.M.; A. S. Fowler, P.M.; Thomas Bowron, P.M.; J. H. Jackson, P.M., P.P.S.G.D. Amongst the company present were the following brethren:—Lord Ernest Vane Tempest, W. Best, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; I. H. Hart, James Bowron, C. Jordison, H. Smith, W. Hird, S. T. Stephenson, Samuel Gordon, G. E. Smirke, R. S. Hopper, Thomas Bradley, J. Ashmore, G. Hopper, T. S. Thorpe, W. Laing, J. Spicer, B. Lockwood, A. G. J. de Long, M. B. Dodds, J. Boothroyd, J. Trotter, J. P. Banning, J. Trenholme, P. Pescod, J. Fowler, J. W. Moses, W. Lightfoot, W. W. Wilson, J. J. Thorman, Jos. Walton, Thomas Preston, W. Ford, John Scarth, J. C. Carr, 940; R. B. Horsley, 764; John Inglis, 254; C. A. Head, 509; W. S. Dixon, 543; B. R. Smith, J. Usher, C. E. Naish, J. G. Walton, C. W. Hanson, R. J. Jackson, and F. J. H. Bellingranger. On the removal of the cloth, the W.M. gave in succession "The Queen and the Craft," "The Most Worshipful Grand Master of England," "Bro. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, P.G.M.," and "The Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master of England, and the Present and Past Grand Officers." Bro. Bowron then gave the next toast, "The Health of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of Durham, Bro. John Fawcett," and Bro. R. S. Hooper followed with the toast of "The Deputy Provincial G.M. of Durham." Bro. W. Best then proposed "The Health of the Installing Master," and in doing so spoke highly of the manner in which Bro. Jackson had discharged his duties in the ceremony. Bro. Jackson responded. The health of the "Visiting Brethren" was proposed by Bro. J. Trotter, and responded to by Lord Ernest V. Tempest, and Bro. Dixon. of Stokesley. Bro. J. H. Jackson next gave the "Health of the W.M.," dwelling at some length upon the zeal and attention which the W.M. had shown in the discharge of his duties since he entered the Craft. The W.M. acknowledged the compliment in suitable terms. Bro. Boothroyd gave the "W.M. and Brethren of the Tees Lodge," coupled with the name of Bro. G. Ellis, and Bro. M. B. Dodds proposed the "W.M., Officers, and Brethren of the Lodge of Philanthropy," to which Bro. A. S. Fowler replied. Amongst the remaining toasts were "The Officers of the Lodge," the "Philanthropy Lodge of Instruction," and "All poor and distressed Masons." During the evening some excellent vocalism was given by Bros. A. J. de Long, G. Thorpe, I. H. Hart, G. E. Smirke, J. Bowron, J. Boothroyd, P. Pescod, C. Jordison, J. H. Jackson, W. Laing, &c., who were accompanied on the pianoforte by Bro. Joseph Walton, with his usual good taste and skill. The proceedings were throughout of a most enjoyable character.

INSTRUCTION.

DALHOUSIE LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.—The Brethren connected with this recently established and flourishing Lodge of Instruction, celebrated their first anniversary at the Masonic Temple, Liverpool, on Thursday evening, the 30th ult., and the social gathering was one of the most successful and enjoyable nature. The chair was occupied by Bro. Dr. J. Kellet Smith, P.M., who has acted in the most eminently satisfactory manner as the Preceptor of the lodge, and Bro. J. J. Rose, W.M. of the Mariners' Lodge, was in the position of S.W. There were about 30 members present. After a very excellent dinner, supplied by Bro. Ball, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and responded to with the greatest heartiness. Bro. Rose afterwards gave the health of "Bro. Dr. Smith, our worthy Preceptor," referring to the very excellent services rendered by him as the Preceptor of the lodge, and to the great advantages derived by the members from his instruction. Bro. Dr. Smith, in acknowledging the compliment, said he had long been of opinion that no organised body of Masons could be satisfactorily worked without a lodge of instruction, and, therefore, he had all the greater pleasure in

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1st	Ashburner.
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4th	Mullington.
5th	Harris.
6th	Verry.
7th	Verry.
8th	Webb.
9th	Berry.
10th	Verry.
11th	Verry.
12th	Verry.
13th	Crouch.
14th	Webb.
15th	Berry.

Bro. Crawley, Preceptor, occupied the W.M. chair. Bros. Verry, S.W.; Mullington, J.W.; and Watkinson, I.G.

CONFIDENCE LODGE OF INSTRUCTION (No. 193).—The veteran Bro. Thomas Adams, P.G.P., eighty-one years of age, but possessing greater vigour and sprightliness than many a man half his age, honoured the above lodge by presiding as W.M. for the purpose of working the Fifteen Sections on Wednesday, 22nd ult., at Bro. Chard's, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch Lane, E.C. To say the work Bro. Adams had in hand was exceedingly well done, would scarcely be complimentary, his Masonic abilities and aptitude to instruct being universally known and recognised, but the great merit of his performance consisted in his readiness to supply a missing word or correct an inadvertency. With unequalled fluency and remarkable precision the work was accomplished. He was most efficiently assisted by the brethren, in the following order:—Henson, Gottheil, Constable, James Stevens, Bentley, De Solla, S. E. Moss, Posener, Larham, Pinder, Earnes, Austin, and Bloomfield. The room was crowded, and several visitors, who became members, were present. In due course Bro. Gottheil proposed a vote of thanks to the W.M. for his kindness and courtesy, and asked him to confer a favour upon the lodge by accepting honorary membership; to which Bro. Adams replied in suitable terms, accepted the honour, and promised to frequently visit a lodge in which he had been favoured with so cordial a reception. Bros. S. E. Moss, P.M., and Pinder, occupied the Wardens' chairs, the latter rendering valuable assistance during the progress of the proceedings. It may be interesting to many to know that a portrait of Bro. Adams is published by Bro. Swallow, and that the whole of the profits arising from its sale will be given to the Masonic charities. Copies may be had at 3, King-street, St. James, or of Bro. T. Dyson, Rupert-street, Haymarket, proofs 7s., copies 3s. 6d.

LIVERPOOL.—Mariners' Lodge of Instruction (No. 249).—The brethren connected with this recently established and flourishing Lodge of Instruction, celebrated their first anniversary at the Masonic Temple, Liverpool, on Thursday evening, the 30th ult., and the social gathering was one of the most successful and enjoyable nature. The chair was occupied by Bro. Dr. J. Kellet Smith, P.M., who has acted in the most eminently satisfactory manner as the Preceptor of the lodge, and Bro. J. J. Rose, W.M. of the Mariners' Lodge, was in the position of S.W. There were about 30 members present. After a very excellent dinner, supplied by Bro. Ball, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and responded to with the greatest heartiness. Bro. Rose afterwards gave the health of "Bro. Dr. Smith, our worthy Preceptor," referring to the very excellent services rendered by him as the Preceptor of the lodge, and to the great advantages derived by the members from his instruction. Bro. Dr. Smith, in acknowledging the compliment, said he had long been of opinion that no organised body of Masons could be satisfactorily worked without a lodge of instruction, and, therefore, he had all the greater pleasure in

fulfilling the duties entrusted to him as Preceptor. He was greatly pleased at the success which had attended the Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, and trusted that in time it would be the means of making No. 249 one of the best worked lodges in the province, thereby making it worthy of its age and position. Other toasts were given and responded to, and the harmony of a very pleasant meeting was greatly enhanced by the excellent singing of Bros. W. H. Nicholas, J. Ellis, and W. G. Veale, the last-named also presiding at the harmonium.

WELLINGTON LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.—(No. 548.—The annual festival of the Wellington Lodge of Instruction was held on Monday, the 20th April, at the White Swan, Deptford, when a large gathering of the members of the lodge, and their friends assembled to partake of an excellent banquet, which was put on the table in a style that reflected the greatest credit on Mrs. Porter, the proprietress of the establishment. Shortly before eight o'clock the lodge was opened in due form by the W.M., Bro. Griffin, P.M. 933, Z. 79, H. 933, and the first section was worked by the brethren present, the questions being propounded by Bro. J. Nash, P.M. 79, who occupied the chair of J.W. At the close of the section the lodge was called off to refreshment, and the brethren proceeded to the banquet-room, where the chair was taken by Bro. Griffin, supported by Bros. Dr. Baxter Langley, J.W. 1124, and H. J. Green, 1275, as vice-chairmen. Bro. Macdonald, S.D. 1158, the Secretary, occupied the seat on the right of the Chairman, who was supported on the left by Bro. Dilley, P.M. 871, the esteemed Preceptor of the lodge. Among the other brethren present we observed Bros. Shaw, J.W. 79; Andrews, W.M. 871; Dingle, S.W. 161; and Moore, Debac, Bear, Hutchings, Spark, Stevens, Pitt, Marketts, Dalby, Fellows, Gloster, G. Porter, Croisdale, Jewett, Zachrisson, and Stahr. On the removal of the cloth the chairman rose and said that on account of the lateness of the hour he thought it advisable to curtail the list of Masonic toasts as much as possible, and therefore in proposing the toast of "The Queen and the Craft," the brethren must receive it and respond to it in its most comprehensive sense. The loyalty of Freemasons was so well known that it needed no encomiums from his lips upon the many virtues and domestic qualities of their sovereign to ensure an enthusiastic reception to the proposition of Her Majesty's health; he had only to remind them that in addition to the claims which the Queen had on the affections of her subjects generally, she was also entitled to their gratitude as a patron of the Order. With these remarks he would propose to them in its most comprehensive sense the toast "The Queen and the Craft." It is needless to say that the toast was responded to with the greatest enthusiasm. The Chairman then proposed the toast of the evening, namely, "Success to the Wellington Lodge of Instruction," in doing which he observed that he was pleased to see so many members present, but he wished that the list of visitors had been more numerous. For the information of the latter he stated that the lodge was held in that room every Monday evening, at eight o'clock, when, as W.M., it was his practice to have the working commenced punctually. He was pleased to say that punctuality in this matter had been attended with the best results, as it had had the effect of securing a very good attendance of brethren. As other brethren, their Secretary in particular, would have something to say in relation to the lodge, he should content himself with these remarks, and conclude by proposing "Success to the Wellington Lodge of Instruction," coupling with it the name of Bro. Nash, P.M. of the Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Nash said that he was rather taken aback at hearing his name coupled with this toast, but as an old member of the lodge, he had much pleasure in returning thanks for the manner in which the toast had been received, and for the honour done to him by being called upon to respond. He had joined the lodge some eight years ago, and it formed a feature in his career of Freemasonry, that for about five years he had been a constant attendant, during which

time, though not the Preceptor, he had frequently had the honour of taking that position, and had the satisfactory reflection that he had done something in imparting instruction to the brethren who stood in need of it. They congratulated themselves upon the improvement of the lodge. At one time it was thought that it would die out. At that time it numbered only some ten or twelve members, but he was glad to find that at the present time they numbered some hundred members on their books. At present time he occupied the office of Preceptor to another lodge, of which he was very proud and though he therefore naturally wished for his own lodge pre-eminence success, he trusted that the Wellington Lodge of Instruction would continue its successful career and long enjoy the benefit it possessed in being presided over by present excellent Master. Bro. Dr. Baxter Langley proposed "The Health of the Officers of the Lodge, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the Preceptor," in doing which he observed that he often regretted to find a want of enthusiasm about Freemasonry in Lodges of Instruction where he had often found that a considerable time elapsed before the officers of the lodge were in attendance. He was very glad to find there was nothing to regret in the Wellington Lodge this score. But speaking of enthusiasm regarding Freemasonry he thought that very few sufficiently appreciated the grandeur of the science which might be traced back through the long vista of existing records of the world's history. He had long been devoted to the study of these records, and now looking at these records and monuments with Masonic eyes he could not but regret that he was so comparatively young a Mason, as he found that he had long been working with veiled eyes. He said that it was surprising to find how many traces of Freemasonry existed in the monuments preserved in the British Museum, as to which he made some very interesting allusions, concluding with some words in praise of Freemasonry as the teacher of man's duty to his God and his neighbour. Bro. Dilley, the Preceptor, having returned thanks to the Secretary, Bro. Macdonald, read a statement of the affairs of the lodge, which showed the same to be in a very prosperous condition reflecting great credit on the energy displayed by the management. "The Health of Visitors" was then proposed and responded to, and on the proposition of various members, none of them became members of the lodge. A vote of thanks to the Chairman was then proposed by Bro. Baxter Langley, which concluded the business of the evening, and the lodge was resumed, and closed in due form. During the evening some admirable songs were sung, and considerably to the enjoyment of the fest which must be pronounced a great success. cannot close this report without a word of praise to Mrs. Porter, the hostess, for the very superior manner in which the lodge rooms are furnished and decorated, and also for the excellence of the banquet provided, and the admirable manner in which it was served.

Mark Masonry.

ST. MARK'S LODGE (No. 1).—The usual meeting of the above lodge was held on Tuesday, the 5th inst., present: Bros. George I. King, W.M.; Cubitt, S.W.; Yeoman, J. Edmonds, M.O.; Brette, S.O.; Newman, J. Charles Horsley, S.D.; Dubois, I.G.; Levat, Treasurer; Little, Sec.; Holden, Marsh, Limpus. The minutes of the last regular meeting having been read, a ballot was taken for William Stephens, P.M. 1365; it being in favour of his favour, Bro. Stephens was advanced to the degree of Mark Master. It was announced by the Secretary that the lodge had lost to its officers since the last meeting, viz., Davison, S.W., and Barrett, J.O. It was proposed by Bro. Charles Horsley, S.D., seconded by Bro. P. M. Cubitt, that a vote of condolence should be entered upon the minutes, and sent to the friends of the deceased brethren. This being election night a ballot taken for the W.M. for the ensuing year, resulted unanimously in favour of Bro. Yeoman, the same being made in favour

Bro. Levander, Treasurer, and Gilbert, Tyler. The lodge was then closed in due form, the brethren adjourning to a well spread board, provided by Bro. Gosden, in his usual liberal manner, after which some few toasts were proposed, whilst contributions to the harmony of the meeting, from Bros. Charles Horsley and Marsh, closed a very pleasant evening.

Keswick.—Bective Lodge (No. 147).—On Wednesday, April 22nd, a special assembly of this lodge of Mark Master Masons was held at the Lodge-room, Keswick Hotel, for the purpose of installing Bro. W. Thornton as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. After the lodge had been opened by Bro. John Wood, the retiring Master, the Master elect, Bro. Thornton, was presented to Bro. James Porter, of Wigton, Past Master of Cumberland Lodge, No. 63, Carlisle, and Past Grand Senior Deacon of England, who, with the assistance of Bro. Wood, performed the ceremony of installation in the most able manner. Subsequently the newly-installed Worshipful Master appointed his officers as follows:—Bros. Rev. R. Rutherford, S.W. and Chaplain; G. P. Abraham, J.W. and Organist; Wm. Lamony, (Keswick), Master Overseer; J. D. Wivell, Senior Overseer and Treas.; D. Crosthwaite, Junior Overseer; R. Robinson (Cockermouth), Registrar of Marks; Alfred Pettitt, Sec.; T. Usher, S.D.; W. F. Lamony (Cockermouth), J.D.; E. Tyson (Whitehaven), I.G.; and W. Crowden, Master of Ceremonies. The lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to another room, where all present were invited by Bro. Thornton to partake of an excellent banquet. The Worshipful Master presided, supported by the Installing Master, and faced by Past Master Wood. Afterwards a very agreeable evening was spent in harmony, sentiment, and song, Bros. Usher, Abrahams, and Wood contributing very materially to the last-mentioned department of the enjoyments.

Knights Templar.

LIVERPOOL.—Alpass Preceptory.—By command of the E.P., a conclave of the knights of the Alpass Preceptory, stationed at Liverpool, was held at the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, on Wednesday, the 20th ult., the principal business being the installation of Eminent Preceptor. During its year's existence, the Alpass Preceptory (named after the most valuable and esteemed P.G. Sec. for the Province of West Lancashire, of Antient Free and Accepted Masons), has quickly established itself as one of the most influential, successful, and best worked in the province, and therefore the *clat* attending its first anniversary meeting was all the more pronounced and certain. The preceptory was opened at 4 o'clock, by Sir Knight H. S. Alpass, E. Preceptor, and the others present in the preceptory were: Sir Knights J. E. Jackson, Prelate; T. Clark, 1st Captain; Wm. Doyle, 2nd Captain; Moses Mawson, Registrar; R. Brown, Almoner; W. H. Shakespeare, 1st S.B.; W. C. Bulman, 2nd S.B.; J. Kenyon, 2nd H.; J. Ball, Equerry; W. Shortis, J. Chisnall, T. Evans, J. Gallagher, and H. Burrows. The visitors present were: Sir Knights E. Pierpoint, E.P. (Jacques de Molay), P.E.G. Captain of Lines; Captain Thomas Berry, P.G. Captain, 1st Standard Bearer, 1st P.G. Captain, P.E.P. (Jacques de Molay); Joseph Wood, (William Jacques de Molay); J. E. Hall, Constable (Loyal Volunteer, No. 7); and William Ashley Clayton, (Jacques de Molay). The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed, after which the ballot was taken for Comp. Amiel Hikins, St. John of Jerusalem Chapter, No. 203, which proved unanimously in favour of his election. The Eminent Preceptor elect, Sir Knight T. Clark, First Captain, was then presented to Sir Knight Alpass for installation to the chair of the Preceptory, Sir Knights Pierpoint and Berry making the presentation. The customary obligations were taken, the first and second Captains took command of their respective columns, and the arch of steel having been formed, the Eminent Preceptor elect was inducted to the East by the P.E.P.'s. All the knights below the rank of E.P. were then

requested to retire, and on their re-admission Sir Knight Alpass, P.E.P., made proclamation of the newly installed E.P. in due form. Sir Knight Clark, E.P., then appointed the following as officers of the Preceptory for the ensuing year:—Sir Knights S. Alpass, P.E.P.; John Lloyd, Prelate; William Doyle, First Captain and Treasurer; J. E. Jackson, Second Captain, Moses Mawson, Registrar (second time); J. T. Parker Parkinson, Almoner, Richard Brown, Expert; W. C. Pulman, 1st St. Bearer; John Renyon, 2nd Std. Bearer; W. H. Shakespeare, Captain of Lines; William Shortis, 1st Herald; John Gallagher, 2nd Herald; Thomas Evans, Chamberlain; and Peter Ball was re-elected Equerry. Three members were subsequently proposed for installation. Before the Preceptory closed (the P.E.P. having in the meantime retired) it was proposed and carried by acclamation that Sir Knight Alpass, P.E.P., in recognition of his valuable services, should be made an honorary member of the preceptory, if agreeable to him, and also that he should be asked to sit for his portrait at the expense of the preceptory, for the purpose of being placed on the walls of the new Masonic Hall. On re-entering the Preceptory Sir Knight Alpass was informed of the desire of the members, and in acknowledging the compliment he said that although it has been his intention to continue a subscribing member of the preceptory, he accepted the honour with sincere thanks. With respect to the other proposal that he should sit for his portrait, he could assure the assembled knights that he could not find words with which to thank them for this distinguished and altogether unexpected honour. He could assure them that he felt this a compliment indeed, and one which would give him the highest pleasure in complying with. The preceptory was afterwards closed, and the knights adjourned to a sumptuous banquet. During the evening the usual loyal, Masonic, and knightly toasts were given with rare enthusiasm. "The memory of Sir Knight A. C. Mott, P.G.S.B. of England," was drunk in solemn silence, after Sir Knight Alpass, P.E.P., had referred in glowing and feeling terms to the many noble qualities which adorned the character of the deceased.

Scotland.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF GLASGOW.

The quarterly communication was held on Thursday, April 29, in St. Thomas Hall, Glasgow. There was a very large attendance of members, the hall being quite filled with the members and brethren, owing to there being four appeal cases.

Bro. W. M. Neilson, P.G.M., being on the continent, the chair was taken by Bro. F. A. Barrow, his Deputy, who was accompanied by the following office-bearers—J. Baird, acting Deputy Master, F. Walker, P.G. Treasurer; A. McTaggart, M.A., P.G.S.; J. Halket, P.G.S.D.; G. Thallon, P.G.J.D.; J. Balfour, P.G.D. of C.; J. Gilles, P.G.S.B.; and Wm. Phillips, P.G.I.G.; G. Weston, R.W.M. of 73, was appointed S.W.; and Bro. Wyllie, R.W.M. 117, J.W.

The lodge having been opened and a letter of apology read from the Rev. G. Penny, P.G. Chaplain,

The Treasurer's accounts were presented, and showed that the balance in hand is steadily increasing.

The Provincial Benevolent Fund accounts were also presented, showing that there had been fees received for 700 candidates during the past year. This had enabled the committee to relieve every case that had come before them, and yet put by nearly £100, so that there is now £400 in hand. The accounts were received with acclamation, and thanks voted to the Treasurer of each.

Bro. Walker replied, and expressed his regret that Bro. Sinclair had been unable to attend.

The P.G.M. expressed the pleasure he felt to be able to report so satisfactorily on the financial aspect of affairs, and after having visited twenty-two out of the twenty-four lodges in the pro-

vince, he was still very happy to be able to say that their whole progress was satisfactory; it was something to think that 700 members had been added to the roll during the past year, but it was more satisfaction to be able to add that the status of the Order in Glasgow was advancing, morally as well as numerically. They had now to consider the application for three new charters in the province. Those for the Clydesdale and St. Vincent's, he should have much pleasure in recommending to the Lodge; the third he was not so sure of, as he did not like to see fresh lodges opened unless he was quite certain the circumstances of the district required it. There was one other point on which he should just touch, and that was the position of their Provincial Grand Secretaries. Fourteen years ago a small salary was attached to it; during those fourteen years the work had more than quadrupled; now this was in a great measure owing to the untiring zeal and energy of the Secretary, who had laboured incessantly to bring order out of comparative chaos, and the result was before them. Glasgow was now not only the largest, but, he would make bold to say, the best organised province in Scotland, and from their Benevolent Fund they now disbursed as much as the Grand Lodge herself. He would, therefore, move that the Secretary's salary be doubled.

This was carried by acclamation, and Bro. McTaggart re-entered the lodge, and being informed of what had been done in his absence, he thanked them in felicitous terms, not so much for himself, as for whoever might succeed him in the office. He had laid the foundation for good work and he hoped a worthy successor might soon be found who would be able to raise a noble superstructure, worthy of the Craft he loved so much, and had endeavoured to serve so faithfully in the past, and if health was spared him they would not find his zeal faltering or his love growing cold.

Bro. John Frazer, P.M. 87, and P. Prov. G.S.D., was then elected as the Deputy Marshal, to assist Bro. Robb.

The P.G.M. said there was another officer they had to elect viz, a Tyler, in the room of their deceased Bro. James Pollock, to whose memory he paid a deserved eulogium, and said he trusted all the Masters in the province would support his proposition for making a permanent provision for his widow, so that her few remaining days might be spent in comparative comfort and ease.

Bro. Halket stated what had been done already towards effecting this object, and proposed Bro. Hardy to fill the vacant office, which was unanimously agreed to.

The report of the Committee on Appeals was then read. They recommended: 1st. That the appeal of Mr. Thomas Stratford be dismissed, and his expulsion from Lodge Glasgow, 441, be confirmed, and that Grand Lodge be requested to expel him from the Order, for violating his Masonic obligation, he having acknowledged that he had joined and acted as the so-called Master of a spurious body, calling themselves No. 1 St. John's Melrose Masons; 2. That the petition of Bro. Spears be also dismissed, he at the time not being a clear member of his lodge; 3. That the brethren of the Neptune be advised to send another request to the Master to call the desired meeting; and 4, that they exonerate Bro. Stevens from the charge preferred by Bro. Wallace.

The whole of these recommendations were then adopted by the lodge. Bro. J. Wallace took exception to the last, but the Prov. G. M. ruled that he could not be heard on the subject, as he was not at present a member of the Provincial Lodge.

The questions to come before the Grand Lodge were then discussed. Bro. Bain, P.G.W., thought it a waste of time and money to go to Edinburgh to be treated with contempt by the Prov. G. Masters there, and have the deliberate resolutions of a large meeting overruled by a small one, when they were not present. Some discussion then ensued, some contending that they should attend in large numbers for the reason urged by Bro. Bain.

The lodge was then closed in due form.

GLASGOW.—*Lodge Union* (No. 332) met on Monday, the 20th ult., Bro. J. B. MacNair, R.W.M., in the chair, Bros. MacCurdy, S.W.; and MacConachy, J.W. The auditors presented their report, which showed the lodge to be in a most flourishing financial position, and a cordial vote of thanks was given to Bro. Demster, the worthy Treasurer, for the attention he had bestowed on the affairs of the lodge. Two gentlemen were then proposed for initiation, and were duly admitted into the Order. The lodge having been raised to the second degree, Bro. MacNair passed two members into that degree; the same brethren being about to sail next week, were then raised to the sublime degree by Bro. Pash, the R.W.M. giving them the lecture and charges. This concluded a long evening's work, all of which was given in admirable style.

Lodge Thistle (No. 87) met on the 22nd ult., in St. Marks' Hall, Bro. J. Miller in the chair. The work consisted of one initiation, after which the lodge was placed for a short time in the hands of the J.W., when a very harmonious hour was spent by the assembled brethren, amongst whom were nearly twenty visitors.

GLASGOW.—*Lodge Thistle and Rose* (No. 73).—This old lodge was honoured on Tuesday, the 21st of April, by a visit from the Provincial Lodge, the deputation being composed of Bros F. A. Barrow, acting P.G.M.; J. Bain, P.G.S.W.; J. Walker, P.G.T.; A. McTaggart M.A., P.G.S.; T. Halket, P.G.S.D.; J. Bairn, P.G.B.B.; W. Philips, P.G.D.C.; and J. Gills, P.G.S.B. Bro. G. Western, R.W.M. of 73, expressed the pleasure the lodge felt at receiving so large and important a deputation from the P.G.L. The P.G. Secretary then read the official report of the inspection of the lodge affairs. The acting P.G.M. said it was a source of great gratification to him and his office-bearers at the visitation to be able, as they could in this instance, to highly commend the whole working of the lodge, both in the conducting of the ceremonies and the keeping of the books. But while commending them as a lodge he must state that he was not satisfied with the position of the Order in the Province; he thought they should take a higher stand than they had hitherto done, make a better use of their power and influence, and use it to raise the moral tone of society at large. They belonged to the oldest institution in the world, and it behoved them to carry out, more fully than they had hitherto done, the great principles on which the Order was founded. They had done much, but what was done should not satisfy them, but only act as an incentive to greater exertions for the future. Let them look at what has been done in England, for the cause of charity, and also in France, or in America, and surely they in Scotland ought to be able to do the same. He had been pressing the subject on the attention of each lodge during his visitations this year. He trusted the lodges would take it up, and instruct their Masters and Wardens so that they might go to the next Provincial Grand Lodge prepared to take definite action in the matter, for if anything practical was to be done it must arise from the lodges themselves becoming interested in it, and giving instruction to them, as the Provincial Lodge, to carry out their wishes, and so realise the true principles of the Order (cheers). Bro. Western, R.W.M., thanked the P.G.M. for the advice he had given them, and the kind manner in which he had conveyed it to them. The Thistle and Rose were always pleased to receive the P.G.L., and would endeavour to carry out their suggestions. The deputation then withdrew, and after the transaction of some private business, the lodge was closed in the usual form.

GLASGOW.—*Athol Lodge* (No. 413)—This lodge met at 213, Buchanan-st., on Tuesday, April 28, Bro. John Wallace, R.W.M., in the chair, supported by James Miller, I.P.M.; J. Robinson, D.M.; J. Leutitt, S.W.; J. McConnicher, J.W.; D. Agnew, Treasurer; H. Henny, Secy. A proposition was read for Jas. Liddle, which was unanimously received, and he being in attendance, was admitted and initiated by the R.W.M. The lodge was then called on to elect a Secretary, in the place of Bro. Henny, who is leaving for Canada. The lodge was unanimous in their expression of regret at losing his

services. As this was the last night that he would be with them they had previously presented him with a handsome testimonial of their respect for his past services on behalf of the lodge. Bro. Wm. Loutitt was then chosen as his successor, and along with Bro. Jamison, who had been elected as S.D., was then installed by Bro. J. Miller, P.M. The lodge was then closed.

GLASGOW.—*Mother Kilwinning Lodge* (No. 10).—The members of the Mother Lodge resident in Glasgow and its vicinity, held their annual festival on the 24th ultimo, at Bro. Paton's, the Albert Hotel, who provided a most excellent banquet in his well known first-class style. The chair was taken by Bro. R. Cochran Partrick, of Woodside, Deputy Master of the P.G.L. of Ayrshire, R. Bell, the M.N.C. of the Knights Templar, occupied the chair of Croupier; they were respectively supported by Bros. Whinton, Gibson, Johnston, Fergusson, Grant, Walker, Tweed, Shaw, Turner, Adams, and Bruce. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were done full justice to by the Chairman. Bro. W. F. Shaw then proposed "The P.G.L. of Ayrshire," which Bro. Partrick gracefully acknowledged. J. Fergusson gave "Mother Kilwinning." Bro. Whinton replied, showing how it had proved the cradle of Masonry. The next sentiment was "The Ground Work of Freemasonry," by the Croupier. The excellence of his address created an unanimous request that Bro. Bell would allow it to be published, and we hope to give it in our next. Bro. Johnston replied for the brethren from Kilwinning. Votes of thanks to the Chairman and Croupier, were suitably acknowledged, and this pleasant evening was concluded by the whole company singing "Auld Lang Syne."

OPENING OF A NEW CONCLAVE OF THE RED CROSS OF ROME AND CONSTANTINE IN GLASGOW.

On Thursday, April 23rd, 1874, at the request of the Grand Imperial Council of the Order, the Illustrious Sir Knight C. G. C. Christie, K.G.C., M.P.S. No. 4, the Intendant General for Mid Lothian, attended at Glasgow, to open a new Conclave. He was accompanied by the following distinguished members of the Order:—Very Eminent Sir Knight J. B. Mercer, K.G.C., P.M.P.S. No. 4; R. S. Brown, K.G.C., Hon. S. and P.E.V. 4; H. C. Jonas, M.P.S. 103; E. William Barton, Hon. S. 103; E. D. Shearer, V.E. 103; William Milne, M.P.S. elect No. 4; J. Fleming, E.V.E. elect No. 4; A. M. Bruce, S.G. 103; J. P. Nevin, T. 103; N. Minola Rennie, T. Forbes, Davie, Wilmott, Robertson, and others.

Members of Conclaves No. 4 and 103, in Edinburgh, who came forward with alacrity to help to open the first Conclave in the West of Scotland, though we venture to predict that it will not be the last in that quarter of the kingdom, as the Order is sure to spread when it becomes known.

The meeting was held at 2 o'clock, in St. Mark's Hall, which is admirably adapted for such a purpose, the shield and banners of the Knights Templar with which it is adorned being not inappropriate to the working of this chivalric degree.

The conclave was duly opened by the Ill. I.G. Sir Knight Christie, as M.P. Sov.; J. B. Mercer, K.G.C., P.S. No. 4, as E.N.; R. S. Brown, as H.P.; A. M. Bruce, S.G.; J. Nolan, J.G.; J. Fleming, H.

Bros. G. W. Wheeler, R. Bell, J. Johnstone, and P. J. Tweed were created Knights of the Order. A Council of Eminent Viceroy's was then formed, and the same four brethren, along with Sir Knights Wells and Fleming, of Conclave No. 4, were duly installed in the seat of Eusebius. A Council of M.P. Sovereigns was then opened, and Sir Knights G.W. Wheeler, R. Bell, and J. Mill, were received into that degree and installed in the chair of Constantine. A Conclave of Knights was again opened, and eight brethren were duly admitted and installed as Knights of the Order. The Ill. Intendant General then called on the members of the Glasgow Conclave to choose their first set of officers, wherewith to open their conclave, when the fol-

lowing Knights were unanimously elected, and thereafter installed by the M.P. Sovereign, a Sir Knt. R. S. Brown, K.G.C., the ceremony being admirably rendered.

George William Wheeler, M.P. Sov.; John Johnston, E.V., Eusebius; Robert Bell, Hon. Sov.; J. Tweed, Hon. Vice, Dugald Bull, S.G.; W. Dabber, J.G.; D. B. Fleming, H.P. W. Bell, T.; James Loutitt, Recorder; John Buchanan, P.; G. B. Adams, S.B.; J. O. Partrick, H.; and T. McClanachan, Sentinel. The M.P.S. said it was with great diffidence and reluctance that he had accepted of the distinguished honour they had just conferred upon him, for was indeed a high honour to preside as the Sovereign of the first Conclave in the West of Scotland. He did not intend to say much on the present occasion, but if attention to duty and perseverance in the precepts of the Order, would make up for lack of ability and influence, he trusted that his acts should speak for him. His first duty had been to thank them for their confidence, and his next was to thank the Illustrious Intendant General and the Eminent Knights that had accompanied him from Edinburgh, for their kindness in coming over to confer the degree, and install them, and also to thank the Grand Recorder and the G. Treas., Sir Knight R. W. Little, for the very kind way in which they had met their request to form a Conclave in Glasgow.

Sir Knight Christie said it had been a source of pleasure to himself, and the rest of the deputation to come over on this occasion, for he felt sure from what he had seen of their Sov., as well as the rest of the officers, that the Conclave would be soon second to none.

The Knights then adjourned to St. John's Masonic Hall, where a repast was awaiting them. The Edinburgh friends were much pleased with this arrangement, as it enabled them to see the two best Masonic halls in Glasgow. G. W. Wheeler presided, supported by C. G. C. Christie, K.G.C., I.G.D., M.P.S. No. 4; and V.E. Sir Knight R. S. Brown, K.G.C., Hon. S. and P.E.T. No. 4; Bro. F. Johnston, V., as Croupier, was supported by V.E. J. Mercer, K.G.C., P.M.P.S. No. 4; H. E. Jonas, M.P.S. 103; R. Bell, H.S.; and J. Tweed, H.V. of the Glasgow Conclave. After the cloth was cleared the Chairman, after giving "The Queen and the Craft," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Patron of Scotch Masonry," "Our new Bro. H. R.H. Prince Arthur and the rest of the Royal Family," proposed "The Grand Imperial Council of the Red Cross of Rome and Constantine, with the M.I.G. Sovereign, Sir F. M. Williams, M.P.," C. Christie, I.G., replied in very felicitous terms on behalf of that illustrious body, and then gave "The Glasgow Conclave and its Sovereign, congratulating them on the favourable auspice under which they had been inaugurated, and predicting for them a most satisfactory progress from the eminent Masonic qualities ensure not only by their chief but by all the officer elect.

Bro. Wheeler said that in assuming the arduous duties to which they had appointed him, he had done so in full reliance on the support of the officers which he saw around him. He knew them all intimately, and knew they to be thoroughly imbued with the true spirit of Masonry, and that they were all workers rather than talkers. He could perhaps say with no other son of the Order could, that all his office-bearers were not only brethren holding high positions in Arch Masonry, eight of them being Principals, and two Scribe E's of different chapters in the city, but further that they were all of them Knights Templar; he had not only his esteemed friend R. Bell, the M.N.C., but all three Past Commanders at two Deputy Commanders. With such a staff of officers he felt that success was certain if they were only true to themselves in the principles of the Order they had now inaugurated, and fully relying on their aid, he would do his best for the Glasgow Conclave, and so try to deserve the honour now conferred on him.

R. Bell, Hon. Sec., then proposed "The deputation from No. 4." He felt it indeed an honour to have so large and influential a deputation present, and one so capable of fully supporting the

beautiful and impressive ceremonies of the Order. Bro. R. S. Brown, E.V.E. of No. 4, replied, expressing the pleasure it had given him, as well as the rest of the deputation, to come and assist in spreading the Order, whose interest they all had so much at heart, and as for his share in the day's work, he would assure them that it was at all times a pleasurable duty for him to travel from the East to the West to impart light, and he had very little doubt that before long he should be asked to again accompany his friend C. Christie to establish another conclave, so sure was he of their rapid success. J. O. Pask gave "The Evening Officers;" V.E. Sir J. B. Mercer read, giving a beautiful exposition of the principles of the Order.

The Chairman gave "The Sovereign and Members of 103;" J. Jonas, M.P. Sov., briefly addressed.

Sir Knight Brown, proposed "The Croupier," and replied in a very feeling speech, expressing his desire to be useful to the conclave.

C. Christie proposed "The Hon. Sovereign and Viceroy of the Glasgow Conclave." R. Bell and J. Tweed replied.

"Happy to meet, sorry to part, but happy to meet again," concluded the toast lists.

Several of the Edinburgh Knights contributed to the harmony of the meeting, notably, R. Bruce, T. No. 4, by his excellent rendering of Sir Knight Little's "Red Cross Night."

GRAND CHAPTER.

The quarterly convocation of Grand Chapter was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall, Comps. John Havers as G.Z.; Dr. Hamilton as G.H.; and Sanderson (Bengal) as J. Among the other companions present were John Hervey, S.E.; Capt. W. Platt, Col. Edlett, S. Rawson, John Savage, Ben. Head, Browne, H. G. Dumas, E. S. Snell, Joseph Smith, James Brett, Joshua Nunn, F. A. Philbrick, C. E. Snow, R. J. Spiers, R. Spencer, F. Laird, J. A. Rucker, Dr. Goldsborough, J. C. Kinison, James Weaver, A. A. Pendlebury, H. Buss, H. Massey, J. E. Saunders, and Rev. R. Davy.

After the reading and confirmation of the votes of last quarterly convocation, the following officers were installed:—

- Marquess of Ripon G.Z.
- Earl of Carnarvon G.H.
- Lord de Tabley G.J.
- John Hervey G.S.E.
- Henry Thynne G.S.N.
- Rucker G.P.S.
- Percey Leith G. 1st A.S.
- Philbrick G. and A.S.
- John Tomkins G. Treas.
- J. McIntyre, Q. C. G. Reg.
- Parkinson Swd. B.
- E. Saunders Std. B.
- John C. Hadley G.D. of C.
- Payne G. Janitor.

The following is the report of General Purposes, which was taken as read and received, and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts for the 21st January, to the 14th April, 1874, inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

Balance 21st January ...	£555	7	0
Subsequent Receipts ...	385	7	10
	£940	14	10
Disbursements during the quarter ...	£164	13	10
Purchase of £300 Consols 1874 and Commission, &c.	276	15	0
Balance ...	499	6	0
	£940	14	10

The balance is in the hands of Messrs. Percival and Co., Bankers of the Grand Chapter. The accounts having been received from the following companions for charters for chapters, were submitted to Grand Chapter, and the

prayers thereof were granted, on the recommendation of the Committee:—

1st. From Comps. John Penberthy Berryman, as Z.; William Guy, as H.; Charles Truscott, jun., as J.; and seven others, for a Chapter to be attached to the Peace and Harmony Lodge, No. 496, St. Austell, to be called "The Mount Edgcumbe Chapter," and to meet at the White Hart Hotel, St. Austell, Cornwall.

2nd. From Comps. John Graydon as Z.; Charles Coupland as H.; Thomas Waters Knight as J.; and nine others, for a Chapter to be attached to the Pattison Lodge, No. 913, Plumstead, to be called "The Pattison Chapter" and to meet at the Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead, Kent.

3rd. From Comps. James Fowler, as Z.; Edmund Locock as H.; Charles Mitchell Nesbitt, as J.; and seven others, for a Chapter to be attached to the Lindsay Lodge, No. 712, Louth, to be called "The St. James' Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Louth, Lincolnshire.

4th. From Comps. Simeon Charles Hadley as Z.; Richard Peter Atkins as H.; John William McIntosh Dosell as J.; and seven others, for a Chapter to be attached to the Constitutional Lodge, No. 55, London, to be called "The Constitutional Chapter," and to meet at private rooms, Leytonstone, Essex.

With respect to a petition for another chapter, the committee reported that they had also received a petition from Comps. George D. Pochin as Z.; Heywood Masters, as H.; Joseph C. Gillman, as J.; and seven others, for a chapter to be attached to the Architect Lodge, No. 1375, Didsbury, to be called "The Architect Chapter," and to meet at the Didsbury Hotel, Didsbury, Lancashire. This petition was regular in form, but inasmuch as the Lodge to which the Chapter was proposed to be attached had not completed three years of its existence, the Committee could not recommend that the prayer thereof be granted. They, therefore, referred the question of the granting of this petition to the consideration of Grand Chapter.

Comp. Savage advised that Grand Chapter should not depart from its rule. If they granted the prayer it would place Grand Chapter in a difficulty, for it would be quoted hereafter as a precedent for departing from their usual course. As the Lodge had not been established three years it could not have three Past Masters to occupy the chairs of the three Principals. He moved that the prayer be not granted.

Comp. F. Adlard seconded the motion.

Comp. H. Browse moved as an amendment that the prayer be granted, but that the charter should not issue for six months, by which time the lodge would have completed its three years of existence.

Comp. Havers enquired whether there was precedent for such a course.

Comp. Hervey replied that there was no law or practice for that course.

On a division the amendment was lost, and the motion of Comp. Savage carried.

Comp. Hervey said he was sorry to announce that Comp. W. Pulteney Scott was absent on account of illness, but that companion desired to express his regret to Grand Chapter that he was unable to be present.

Comp. Havers then said that with respect to the next paragraph of the report the Committee have further to lay before Grand Chapter a report of the proceedings of the District Grand Chapter of Bengal, on the 6th of November, 1873, and beg to remit the whole question to Grand Chapter for its consideration. It referred to a matter which had on former occasions been before Grand Chapter. District Grand Superintendents in the colonies had been in the habit of allowing chapters to work pending the granting of charters by Grand Chapter. In May, 1873, a resolution was come to in Grand Chapter forbidding it; but Comp. Locke, the acting District Grand Superintendent of Bengal, had in June granted a dispensation to the nine companions to form a chapter called the Mayo Chapter. At that time the resolution of Grand Chapter could not have arrived there, and he therefore acted in ignorance of the resolution. When the resolution arrived there, he withdrew his permission. He, however, subsequently looked into the patent of the District Grand Superintendent, whose *locum tenens* he was, consulted with other com-

panions, and by their advice withdrew his prohibition. The case appeared to be clearly against all the laws of Grand Chapter; but after the most careful consideration he (Comp. Havers) had given to the subject, he had come to the conclusion that the whole of the proceedings were right. The resolution was come to by Grand Chapter in May, but it was not confirmed till August. The old law was not against Comp. Locke. When he referred to the patent of Comp. Sandeman, he found he was authorized and empowered by his own hand and seal to grant to any nine known companions of the Order, a dispensation for their holding Chapters at certain times and places as he might find to be most convenient. The new law was not then passed; and the old one was not against it; the constitutions provided for it, and the patent authorised it. The old patent was granted in Comp. Gray Clarke's time, as S.E.; and it was not likely that either he, Comp. W. H. White who preceded him, put the power in the patent of their own will. The power was quite in accordance with a known law of Grand Chapter, for the patents were all engraved and printed. Having read the whole of Comp. Locke's report, he must say how much he appreciated the straightforward and manly conduct, the ability and the perfect courtesy, together with the determination it exhibited on the part of that companion to do his duty. A more exhaustive report he had never read. He would propose that the matter be referred to the Committee of General Purposes, with directions to examine and report upon what changes, if any, it would be advisable to make in the laws of Grand Chapter, to the next meeting.

After a few words from Comps. Hamilton and Sanderson, the motion was put and carried.

Comp. H. Browse then read the conclusion of the report of the Committee of General Purposes as follows:—

The President having quitted the chair, it was resolved unanimously that the best thanks of this Committee are due, and are hereby most fraternally offered to Comp. W. Pulteney Scott, President, for his constant attention to the business of Royal Arch Masonry, and his courtesy and kindness to all the members of the Committee during the last twelve months, and moved that it be recorded on the minutes.

Comp. Adlard seconded it, and it was carried unanimously.

The Committee of General Purposes for the ensuing twelve months was then elected, and Grand Chapter was closed.

Masonic Tidings.

MASONIC MAGAZINE.—The June number of the Magazine will contain a photograph of the Marquess of Ripon, K.G., Grand Master of England, and among other articles, Old Military Lodges, by Bro. Hughan; the Old Masonic Poem; Troy; History of Freemasonry in Russia; and other interesting matter. The Masonic Magazine is published monthly by Bro. George Kenning, 198, Fleet-street.

Bro. A. H. Tattershall has been proposed as a member of the House Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

Bro. Peter Laird, the Assistant-Secretary of the Agricultural Hall Company, has resigned the post so long filled by him, and is about to retire into private life. The directors, at a special meeting yesterday, resolved that a purse of one hundred guineas, accompanied by a written testimonial in recognition of his lengthened and faithful services to the company from the time of its foundation, be presented to Bro. Laird on his cessation from labours at the Hall.

We understand that Messrs. Longmans, Green, and Co., will shortly publish in a half crown volume the speeches on "Financial Reform," which Bro. Wm. Trant, of Liverpool (Harmonic Lodge), has recently delivered on behalf of the Financial Reform Association.

THE CHARITIES.—A suggestion has been made that the Stewards' fees for our Charity Festivals should be arranged with or without dinner tickets, so that a brother could serve as Steward, without dining, for one guinea. No profit is made out of the dinner, the tavern-keeper having it all.

ever, but the laws of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution required that such notice should be given before any motion for an intended change was made. He had thought it best to assimilate the laws of this Institution in this respect to those of the Benevolent Institution, and he was sure that the more this matter was considered the more they would feel that it was the proper thing to do. In the motion he had to submit he had stated in his notice that the alteration should be made in consideration of the length and efficiency of Bro. Binckes's services. Bro. Binckes had been their Secretary for thirteen years, so that there really was length of service in his case. In their own private businesses, as merchants, warehousemen, solicitors, or any other line of business, the brethren remunerated the services of those whom they had employed for any long space of time, by giving them a larger salary than they did servants who had been with them but a short time. A body with which he as well as his brother on his left (Jesse Turner) was connected, the Corporation of London, had adopted a plan by which there was a revision of all salaries once every five years. Now, on looking over the papers in Bro. Binckes's office he found that the last time there was a revision of Bro. Binckes's salary was in 1869, which was just five years from the present time, though when he gave notice of this motion he had not that fact in mind, or any intention to assimilate the Masonic Institutions to the Corporation. He would call attention to the fact that in consequence of the increased cost of living the additional £50 a year would really only bring up Bro. Binckes's salary to what it was in 1869, so far as regarded its purchasing power; and it was hardly such an increase as it seemed at first sight to be. The second fact he had mentioned in his notice, the efficiency of Bro. Binckes's services, would be acknowledged by everyone who knew anything about that brother. At the time when Bro. Thistleton was Secretary they used to think a festival very favourable if they could get £200. On one occasion he (Bro. Symonds) remembered he said to Bro. Thistleton, scratching his head at the same time, that he thought £800 was a very small amount; but that brother smiled blandly, and said it was a good one, and that they had not had such a sum before within his knowledge. Now, it was not very long ago that £23,000 were announced at two successive festivals; that was in a great measure owing to the exertions of Bro. Binckes. (Hear, hear). He did not think he need dilate further upon the subject; it was nothing but absolutely just to Bro. Binckes that after so long and efficiently serving the institution he should have this addition made to his salary. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. H. Browse, V.P., seconded the motion. He had been one of those who had revised Bro. Binckes's salary in 1869, when his commission on the subscriptions, which it was at first thought best to pay, was discontinued, and a sum paid to him as salary in lieu of commission. This salary did not amount to nearly so much as his income, when he was paid commission, and it was now thought, after five years, that that should be increased. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, V.P., supported the proposition, on account not only of the length of the service of Bro. Binckes, but also of its efficiency. The brethren were told at the time the payments to Bro. Binckes were revised that his zeal and energy on behalf of the institution would fall off. This had not been the case at all, as Bro. Binckes was as energetic and zealous now as formerly. He was only sorry that Bro. Symonds had not gone further in his motion, and made the amount £100.

The motion was carried unanimously, and authority was given to sign the necessary cheque.

Bro. Binckes, who had been out of the room during these proceedings, was then called in, and informed by the Chairman of the result of Bro. Symonds' motion.

Bro. Binckes said he felt it was always a very delicate and difficult matter to speak of himself, but he hoped they would allow him in brief, though sincere words, to express his thanks to the brethren for their too kind appreciation of

his services. He need hardly say that he felt very much the compliment paid to him; he felt it perhaps the more deeply because the motion carried with it in some way or other a mark of approval of the manner in which he had endeavoured to discharge his duties, and when the Chairman said it was carried without opposition that it greatly enhanced its value. If any brethren had entertained a feeling not entirely approving of what he had done, he hoped they would live long enough to find he had done right, and to give him credit in the meantime for the most honest endeavour to do so. Whatever might be their feelings it would make no difference at all in the energy with which he should continue to discharge his duties; except that would rather stimulate him to increased exertion on behalf of the interests of the institution. He would repeat how deeply he felt the kindness of the brethren in passing this resolution, and would once again warmly thank them for their kindness. (Hear, hear.)

The brethren then adjourned, after passing a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The General Committee held its usual monthly meeting on the 30th ult., in the Library, Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Ben. Head, V.P., presided. There were also present, Bros. Major Creaton, H. Browse, H. C. Levander, A. T. Tattershall, E. Clark, Griffiths, Smith, J. F. Peacock, R. B. Webster, H. A. Dubois, H. Massey, A. H. Diaper, Raynham W. Stewart, and Dr. Ramsay. The sum of £1,500 was ordered to be invested, and Col. F. Burdett and Dr. Ramsay were elected on the House Committee, in place of Major Creaton, now Trustee, and Bro. George Cox, deceased. Nominations were received for the House and Audit Committees, and the brethren then proceeded with the consideration of petitions received since last meeting. The committee afterwards adjourned.

THE INITIATION OF H.R.H. PRINCE LEOPOLD.

An emergency meeting of the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, Oxfordshire, was held on the 1st inst. for the purpose of initiating into Masonry H.R.H. Prince Leopold, who is now resident in Oxford.

The interesting ceremony that was about to be performed drew together the largest number of members of the lodge that has probably ever been assembled in the University Masonic Hall at any one time, and from the fact that, at the special request of H.R.H., no visitors were admitted, and that the training for the college boat races prevented many brethren who would otherwise have been present from attending, the very large number present, nearly one hundred, showed the deep interest with which the entrance of H.R.H. into Masonry was regarded by all the brethren in the University.

The acting Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Aencas J. McIntyre, Q.C., Grand Registrar, was unfortunately unable to attend.

The ceremony of initiation was performed by the W.M., Bro. F. Morrell, assisted by his officers, who all performed their parts with their usual promptitude and accuracy.

After the lodge was closed, the brethren adjourned to a banquet, presided over by the W.M., upon whose right hand sat Bro. H.R.H. Prince Leopold. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been given, the toast of the evening, given by the W.M., was drunk with great enthusiasm, and duly responded to by his Royal Highness, who also subsequently returned thanks for congratulations addressed to him by the French and Italian readers of the University, on behalf of their respective nationalities. The brethren did not separate till a late hour, after a very pleasant and most successful meeting.

It should be mentioned that Bro. H.R.H. Prince Leopold was proposed in open lodge by desire of, and on behalf of, Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., the immediate Past Master of the lodge, and that Mr. R. H. Collins, of Lincoln College, Secretary to H.R.H. Prince

Leopold, was initiated at the same time as his Royal Highness.

By special permission, the W.M. of the Alfred Lodge, No. 340, was present to represent the Mesons of the City of Oxford and as no other visitors were admitted, we are indebted to one of the members of the Apollo University Lodge for this account of a ceremony, which cannot fail to be of interest, not only to all members of the Craft, but also to all the loyal subjects of her Majesty.

Original Correspondence.

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

EARLY GRAND MOTHER ENCAMPMENT OF SCOTLAND.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

There appears in your impression of April 18th, a notice of a meeting of the Grand Council of the Early Grand Encampment of Scotland in Kilmarnock. Now, Sir, I wish, through the columns of your valuable Masonic paper, to make it known that the Encampments mentioned have neither right nor title to announce themselves the Grand Council, as the charter, empowering the Early Grand in Scotland to form a Grand Council was granted to the oldest number in Scotland, which is Muirkirk, and it is stated that Muirkirk was the only Encampment that was not represented, and explained their absence by the fact that Muirkirk had made application to the Chapter General to come under that lodge. Now Sir, that statement is entirely without foundation, and I believe a mere fabrication of their own, to fulfil some purpose as yet unknown to Muirkirk's Sir Knights, and I think it was a great pity that any warm remarks should have been passed on a subject in which there was no truth, nor is it likely Muirkirk will ever take such a step as alienate themselves from a body of which in virtue of her charter, she is supreme, and I would wish further to let them know that if they cannot work the Grand Council according to the Ancient Irish Charter, they should not impose on the Masonic community by granting and regranteeing charters, when they know they have not such a power, without at least the concurrence of the oldest encampment, which is Muirkirk.

Your inserting the above in your valuable paper will oblige.

Yours fraternally,

JAMES ADAMSON,
Grand Scribe.

RAILWAY MANAGEMENT.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Allow me to correct an error in your issue of to-day, taken from the *Manchester Guardian*, and which has also appeared I believe in the *Poll Mall Gazette* and *Standard*, to the effect that the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company have been the first to open the booking offices at the principal stations from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Such is not the case, as the North Eastern Railway Company at some of their stations (personally, I know of Harrogate and Leeds) have had that arrangement in vogue, at least a fortnight before the Lancashire and Yorkshire advertised theirs. I think honour ought to be given to those to whom it is due.

Yours fraternally,

JOHN BARKER.

April 11, 1874.

MR. CUFFE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

I am glad to learn that Bro. A. A. Bagshawe has moved in the matter of Mr. Cuffe's refusal to bury a Roman Catholic Freemason, but I think it is evident that Grand Lodge can do nothing. What I wanted the Chatham lodges to do, but which apparently they have not spirit enough to do, inasmuch as nothing

has been done in this way, is to bring Mr. Cuffe's conduct before the Colonel of the regiment, requesting him to take official steps in the matter. If Mr. Cuffe is a paid Chaplain, it is quite clear he should be brought to account for refusing to perform part of his duties as Chaplain.
I may mention that the late Dr. Leeson informed me that not only was the present Pope a Freemason, but of the highest rank in the higher degrees.

Yours fraternally,
P. M.

MASONIC CYPHER.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

Either I am very stupid, or the mystery is very deep; but I am a Mark Master, and I cannot read the advertisement in *The Freemason*, of May 2nd, in cypher. If you could explain it, or the advertiser, or if you could in your answers to correspondents, next week I should be obliged.

Yours fraternally,
M. M.

[We are sorry our brother is not up in the Masonic cypher! The cypher is very easy to read, but far be it from us to reveal the secrets of the advertising brother.—Ed.]

PROV. G. LODGE OF HERTFORDSHIRE.

(To the Editor of the Freemason.)

Dear Sir and Brother,—

If your reporter had spoken to me or to the Secretary of the Hertford Lodge, some mistakes in the report might have been avoided, but I never knew he was there, until I made enquiries during dinner. I would merely point out, first, that only five out of eight lodges in the province are mentioned, secondly, that the banquet was provided by the Hertford Lodge, whereas the tickets were £1 1s. each, thirdly, that the dinner was supplied by Bro. Andrews, of the Salisbury Arms, whereas Bro. Andrews is the Secretary of Hertford Lodge, and has nothing to do with the hotel.

Yours fraternally,
P. H. WILSON ILES.

MASONS' MARKS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In looking over this amusing controversy, I note that, in my last communication, I made a slight slip of the pen, by substituting "equal" for "old," twice at the very least.

Curiously enough this mistake, unlike many others, has no appreciable bearing on either the context of the sentence, or the "points" of my argument.

There is no custom in operative Masonry, here is no rule in speculative Masonry, which demands or enforces, either an equal or an unequal number of points.

Those who contend for any such rule or custom betray an utter ignorance of the subject of which they profess to expound, with the "dictum" of a skilled Master, the leading principles.

I should not have intervened in this discussion at all, as Bro. W. J. Hughan is quite able to encounter Bro. C. I. Paton, on any ground, and that, I was amused with the startling audacity with which Bro. Paton propounded gravely and ridiculous dogma, that, the double triangle could not be a Masonic Mark because it had an even number of points.

Having studied the question many years, in all bearings, and having had the advantage of listening to the lectures, and sharing in the rambles of our lamented and able Bro. E. W. Saw, who was most truly "facile princeps" in questions anent Masons' Marks, having been defied by hard and persevering labour the largest lecture extant, I felt that I could not allow Bro. C. I. Paton to come out, like the "jay in rowed plumage" and assert, what I know to be archaeologically incorrect and historically untrue.

The fact is, that Bro. C. I. Paton, like a good many other people now a days, not having studied

the question profoundly "ab origine," seems to think that, if he will only boldly assert or sententiously put forth, some very novel and startling view, everybody else must "vail his bonnet," and go to the wall!

Now I have always contended, and always intend to contend, as long as discussion is permitted and intellect is free, that "ceteris paribus," we are all also equally competent to form an opinion and to express it.

If persons indeed propound untenable theories, merely for the idle purpose of controversy or sensation; if they rush into print on the slightest provocation; if they will argue where they have not studied, and adduce second hand authority, when they should have verified their references, they must not be surprised if in the melée of our Masonic criticism, they sometimes get rather roughly handled, unhorsed from their infantine hobbies, and comfortably rolled over on the ground.

Their fall will do them no harm, if it teaches them a little less egotism, a little less looseness of assertion, and if it renders them a little more tolerant and more respectful of the words and statements of others, who really do understand what they write about, and who actually, too, have thought out for themselves, relying on no second-hand "data," what in their desire to diffuse Masonic information, and to advance Masonic archæology, they seek to impart to others.

The question of the "Marks" is one of the most abstruse, and yet one of the most interesting of the whole range of subjects which fall under Masonic discussion.

It cannot be decided off-hand by any one, who on a most superficial acquaintance with the subject, and on an utterly rotten foundation, attempts to build up a showy but viciously planned and constructed edifice.

Many people, too, confuse the merely operative period of Masons' Marks with the purely speculative.

Learned men are not by any means agreed yet what Masons' Marks are in themselves, whether corporate or personal, whether mystical or purely tokens of Craft labour and convenience, but in discussing the question of Marks at all, to limit the discussion to the speculative period, is as reasonable as to play Hamlet, omitting the part of the chivalrous Prince.

I say all this by way of warning, all Masonic discussions having been next to nigh impossible hitherto, because they have always drifted into personalities.

We seem to be doing the same, even about "Marks."

But those who, like myself, look at the question, after many years study, purely from an archæological, and not from a personal point of view at all, we cannot allow any one to use such uncourteous and unmasonic language as Bro. Paton thought well to use in writing about Bro. Buchan and myself, though we have nothing in common, that we did not know what we were talking about, that we only displayed our ignorance, &c., and several other equally choice expressions.

Coming from Bro. C. I. Paton, this was a little too bad, as all I had done, my only offence, had been to point out that this view of the necessity of odd points was an utter absurdity, that there was no warrant for it to be found anywhere, at any period, either in speculative or operative Masonry, and that the double triangle was a Masonic operative mark, though Bro. Paton did not seem to know it. I referred him to Laurie and to Lyon to refute his own ill-judged and hasty assertion.

And so I leave the question, having thought well to admit a slight error, and to restate my own position more carefully to-day.

A MASONIC STUDENT.

THE LOST TEN TRIBES.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Two words misprinted in my letter which appears in to-day's *Freemason* so alter the sense, that I must request you to kindly correct them. The ancient pronunciation of "Vivam" is

"Weewam" and if you try to pronounce "Weewam" in the sort of guttural pronunciation of the Indians, it sounds very like Weegwam. Also present subjunctive "word" should be present subjunctive "mood."

Faithfully yours,
HERBERT B. HODGESS.

MASONIC BIBLIOGRAPHY.

In continuing this interesting department, so ably supported by Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, M.A., P.G.C., I wish to give the titles of two curious pamphlets I have lately purchased.

Any brethren who have others of a similar character about the same date would confer a favour on all Masonic students by furnishing particulars through the same medium.

W. J. HUGHAN.

"THE FREEMASONS' ACCUSATION AND DEFENCE," in six genuine letters between a gentleman in the country, and his son, a student in the Temple, wherein the whole affair of Masonry is fairly debated, and all the arguments for and against that fraternity are curiously and impartially handled. The third edition. London, printed for J. Peele, at Locke's Head, in Paternoster-row, and N. Blandford, the "London Gazette," Charing-Cross, 1726. (Price sixpence.)

Size 8vo. pp. 39.

"A Full Vindication of the Ancient and Honourable Society of Free and Accepted Masons from the malicious aspersions and sly insinuations of ignorant and envious slanderers, particularly, the author or authors of a scandalous pamphlet, intitled, 'The Freemasons' Accusation,' whose false charges are here fairly confuted, his false reasonings, and false English set on a true light. By a lover of harmony and good fellowship.

" 'This maxim still the good wives hold,
One story's good till t'other's told.'"

—HUDIB.

"London, printed for J. Roberts, in Warwick-lane. 1726. (Price 6d.) 8vo. pp. 27."

ERRATA.—In that part of our report of the Stability Lodge of Instruction last week in which we referred to Bro. Ransford's English version of the *non nobis*, for the words "Many say that the words as arranged by Bro. Ransford go very well to the music," read "We may say that the words, &c., &c." There can be no two opinions about it.

In our notice of the Temple Lodge 1094, last week, it should have been stated that Bro. Ball, the House Steward at the Masonic Temple, was the purveyor of the excellent banquet, and not Mrs. Wright, as our reporter was informed.

In the report of the Commercial Lodge, No. 1391, in last week's paper, for Bro. "George Watts" read "George Matts' Assistant Secretary.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.—The Stewards' visit to the Girls' School will take place on May 11th, at 3 p.m. A very attractive programme of the proceedings on this interesting occasion has been issued, and will doubtless induce many brethren to be present. The prizes will be presented to the children by the Right Hon. the Countess of Shrewsbury and Talbot.

The meeting of the Board of Stewards for the Girls' School Festival will take place on Saturday, 8th inst., at 2.30 precisely.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—UNSEEMLY ERUPTIONS.—No means heretofore discovered are so competent to cope with and conquer all Blemishes, Boils, Eruptions, Redness and Roughness of the Skin, as these celebrated medicaments, which are valued wherever they are known. Holloway's remedies cool the system, regulate the circulation, and so thoroughly purify the whole body, that whatever is hurtful must inevitably be swept away, and be succeeded by healthy structure, which is derived from rich and pure blood. The cosmetic virtues of this Unguent have been long appreciated; no toilet table is well appointed which lacks its presence; it soothes and cleanses the most fair and tender skins, and when assisted by Holloway's Pills, is the most valuable beautifier.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, May 15, 1874.

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

Saturday, May 9.

- Lodge 108, London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 173, Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 176, Caveac, Westminster Palace Hotel.
 " 1328, Granite, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1361, United Service, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond.
 " 1423, Era, King's Arms Hotel, Hampton Court (emergency).

Manchester Lodge of Instruction (179), Yorkshire Grey, 77, London-street, Fitzroy-square, at 8; Bro. H. Ash, Preceptor.

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

Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. G. Dilley, Preceptor.

Monday, May 11.

Lodge 5, St. George's and Corner Stone, Freemasons Hall.

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

" 136, Good Report, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.

" 957, Leigh, Freemasons' Hall.

" 1366, Highgate, Gatehouse Hotel, Highgate.

Chap. 720, Panmure, Horns' Tavern, Kennington.

Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction (1445), Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland, at 7; Bro. T. Austin, Preceptor.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Metropolitan Mark Lodge of Instruction, Coach and Horses Hotel, 323, Strand, at 8.

Tuesday, May 12.

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

" 167, St. John's, Holly Bush Tavern, Hampstead.

" 235, Nine Muses.

" 548 Wellington, White Swan Tavern, Deptford.

" 1269, Stanhope, Thicket Hotel, Anerley.

Supreme Grand Council, 33°, Masonic Hall, 33, Golden-square.

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

Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tavern, Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 8.

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

Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Lord's Hotel, Lord's Cricket Ground, St. John's-wood, at 8; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.

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

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

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

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

Wednesday, May 13.

Anniversary Festival, Girls' School. (See advertisement).

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

Lodge 3, Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall.

" 13, Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, William-st., Woolwich.

" 15, Kent, Freemasons' Hall.

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

" 781, Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-rd., Limehouse.

" 820, Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond.

" 1017, Montefiore, Freemasons' Hall.

" 1228, Beacontree, Private Rooms, Leytonstone.

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

Supreme Grand Council, 33°, Masonic Hall, 33, Golden-square.

Southwark Lodge of Instruction, (879), Southwark Park Tavern, Southwark Park, at 8; Bro. Charles William Kent, Preceptor.

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

United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.

Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road at 7.30.

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

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

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.

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

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

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

Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction (1288), Finsbury Park Tavern, Seven Sisters'-road, N., at 8. Bro. P. Dickinson, Acting Preceptor.

Union Club of Instruction (day meetings), Windsor Castle, Victoria Station, Fimlico, from 2 till 4 p.m.

Thursday, May 14.

Lodge 19, Royal Athelstan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.

" 91, Regularity, Freemasons' Hall.

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

" 263, Bank of England, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.

" 879, Southwark, Southwark Park Tavern, Southwark Park.

" 1076, Capper, Marine Hotel, Victoria Dock, West Ham.

" 1216, Macdonald, Head Quarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell.

" 1288, Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tavern.

" 1321, Emblematic, Tulse-hill Hotel, Tulse-hill.

Chap. 538, Vane, Freemasons' Hall.

Knight Templar Preceptory 45, Temple Crossing, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.

" 117, New Temple, The Inner Temple.

Council Royal Order of Scotland, 33, Golden-square.

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

Great City Lodge of Instruction, 33, Gutter-lane, at 6.30; Bro. T. Poore, W.M. 720, Preceptor.

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

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

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

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

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

Highgate Lodge of Instruction (1366), Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7. Union Club of Instruction, Windsor Castle, Victoria Station, at 8 p.m.; H. Ash, P.M., Instructor.

St. George's Lodge of Instruction (140), Globe Tavern, Royal-hill, Greenwich.

Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.

Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, (749), Coach and Horses, Strand, at 8; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.

Stability Lodge of Instruction (217), Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st., at 6 p.m.; Bro. H. Muggeridge, Preceptor.

Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.

Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s Freemasons' Hall, at 7.

Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tavern, Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.

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

Friday, May 15.

Annual Meeting and Election Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

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

Knight Templar Preceptory, 48, Kema s Tynte, 33, Golden-square.

Clapton Lodge of Instruction, White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., Preceptor.

Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1294), the Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. W. F. Rogers, Preceptor.

Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-road, at 8; Comp. W. West Smith, Preceptor.

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

Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Bro. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.

United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Antelope Tavern, Lorn-road, Brixton, at 7.

St. James's Lodge of Instruction, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-road, Bermondsey, at 8; Bro. Howes, P.M., Preceptor.

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

Doric Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8.

Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8; Bro. P. M. Wuest, Preceptor.

St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Rose Tavern, Fulham-road, S.W.

Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.

High Cross Lodge of Instruction (754), Coach & Horses Tavern, High Road, Tottenham, at 8.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, May 16, 1874.

Monday, May 11.

Lodge 314, Peace and Unity, Militia Mess Room, Preston.

" 477, Mersey, 55, Argyle-street, Birkenhead, at 6.

" 721, Independence, Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row, North Chester, at 5.

" 1021, Harrington, Masonic Hall, Barrow-in-Furness.

" 1398, Baldwin, Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.

Chap. 148, Elias Ashmole, Chapter Rooms, Warrington at 6.30.

Tuesday, May 12.

Lodge 241, Merchants', Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 8.

" 1250, Gilbert Greenall, Masonic Rooms, Warrington.

Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), 90, Park-lane, Liverpool, at 7.

Wednesday, May 13.

Lodge 281, Fortitude, Athenæum, Lancaster.

" 1052, Callender, Public Hall, Rusholme.

" 1094, Temple, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.

" 1356, De Grey and Ripon, 140, North Hill-street, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 6.

Chap. 673, St. John's, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.

St. John's Lodge of Instruction (673), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 8.

Neptune Lodge of Instruction (1264), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 7.

Thursday, May 14.

Lodge 216, Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, at 8.

" 333, Royal Preston, Victoria Garrison Hotel, Fwood, near Preston.

" 786, Croxeth United Service, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.

" 1035, Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, at 6.

" 1213, Bridgewater, Cross Keys Hotel, Patricroft, Manchester.

Chap. 220, Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, near Liverpool, at 5.

Mariners' Lodge of Instruction (249), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 8.

Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction (1182), 1 Park-lane, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 7.

Friday, May 15.

Lodge 1350, Fernor-Hesketh, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND VICINITY.

For the week ending Saturday, May 16, 1874.

All the Meetings take place at 8 o'clock.

Monday, May 11.

Lodge 102, St. Mark, 213, Buchanan-st.

" 219, Star, 12, Trongate.

" 362, St. Clair, 25, Robertson-st.

" 305, Garthland, Eagle Inn, Lochwinnoch.

" 307, Union and Crown, Freemasons' Hall, Broomfield.

" 503, St. George, Odd Fellows' Hall, Heleensburg.

Tuesday, May 12.

Lodge 441, Glasgow, 22, Struthers-street.

Chap. 69, St. Andrew, 170, Buchanan-st.

Wednesday, May 13.

Lodge 178, Scotia, 170, Buchanan-st.

" 179, St. Mungo, London Tavern, Mauchline.

" 510, Maryhill, 107, Main-street, Maryhill.

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

" 511, St. John, Shetelston.

Thursday, May 14.

Lodge 167, Free Operative, Biggar.

" 290, Dalry, Masonic Hall, Dalry.

Chap. 50, Glasgow, 213, Buchanan-st.

Friday, May 15.

Lodge 12, Kilwinning, Town-Hall, Greenock.

" 18, Kilwinning, Masonic Hall, Dumbarton.

" 170, St. John, Black Bull, Renton.

" 360, Commercial, 19, Croy-place.

" 408, Clyde, 170, Buchanan-st.

" 471, St. John, Stane Inn, Shotts.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH.

For the Week ending Saturday, May 16, 1874.

Monday, May 11.

Lodge 145, St. Stephen, Masonic Hall, Writers' Court, at 8.

" 349, St. Clair, Freemasons' Hall, George-street, at 8.30.

Tuesday, May 12.

Lodge 1, Mary's Chapel, Waterloo Hotel, Warriston, at 8.

" 151, Edinburgh Defensive Band, Masonic Blackfriars-street, at 8.30.

Wednesday, May 13.

Lodge 2, Canongate Kilwinning, St. John's Chapel, John's-st., at 8.

Chap. 1, Edinburgh, Freemasons' Hall, George-street, at 8.

Thursday, May 14.

Lodge 8, Journeyman, Masonic Hall, Blackfriars-street, at 8.

Lodge 392, Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, George-street, at 8.30.

" 548, St. Margaret, Newhall's Inn, Queen-street, at 8.

Friday, May 15.

Chap. 83, St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, George-street, at 8.30.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR AGED FREEMASONS.

The kind support of the President, Vice-Presidents, Life Governors, and Subscribers is earnestly solicited on behalf of BRO. RICHARD COMMINS.

Formerly of "All Souls" Lodge, No. 170, was initiated in April, 1829, and continued a subscribing member until June, 1849, being always a most zealous working Mason.

The Petitioner is a Cabinet Maker and Upholsterer, and for 59 years carried on a most respectable business in Weymouth, holding a good position, and for 18 years was a member of the Town Council.

During a competition, losses in trade, and sickness in his family, at last he has been obliged to retire in a penniless condition.

He is 77 years of age, has a wife 74 to support, and is entirely dependent on charity; and to add to his misfortunes, has recently met with an accident, breaking two of his ribs, rendering him totally unfit for even a casual day's labour.

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Louth, 25th April, 1874.

BUSINESS:—

The Lodges will be called over. The Roll of Provincial Grand Officers will be called.

The Minutes of the Annual Provincial Grand Lodge, holden at Louth, on Thursday, the 29th of May, 1873, will be read and put for confirmation.

The Provincial Grand Treasurer will read his Finance Statement.

The Provincial Grand Secretary will read the Report of the Committee of the P.G. Lodge Fund of Benevolence and an abstract of the accounts to the present time.

The Provincial Grand Registrar will give the Returns for the past year from the several Lodges in the Province.

W. Bro. W. H. Radley, P.M. 838, P.J.G.W., and Secretary to the Provincial Charity Committee, will read the Report for the past year, and render an account of the efforts made by the Province in connection with the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

The Provincial Grand Lodge will proceed to elect a P.G. Treasurer.

The R.W. Provincial Grand Master will invest the P.G. Officers for the ensuing year.

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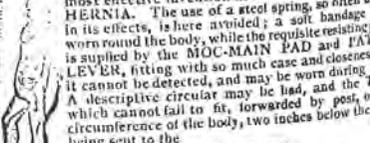
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DONCASTER.—St. George's Lodge (No. 242).—The installation of W.M. in connection with this lodge took place on Friday, 8th inst., at the Town Hall, when Bro. Francis Drury Walker, on whose behalf the voice of good report has long been heard, was duly installed, Bro. Ensor Drury, P.P.G.W. West Yorkshire officiating as Installing Master. The W.M. subsequently invested his officers for the ensuing year, these being as follows:—Bros. Hardy, P.M.; Heaton, S.W.; Collins, J.W.; The Rev. S. W. Earnshaw, M.A., Chaplain; C. Mandall Hartley, P.M., Treasurer and Secretary; Shires, S.D.; Alfred Parkin, J.D.; Hawksworth, I.G.; R. Smith and Joseph Hirst. An interesting circumstance may be mentioned as occurring during this ceremony, namely, the presentation to Bro. Hartley of a complimentary jewel of beautiful design and considerable value. The W.M., in a few flattering words, alluded to Bro. Hartley's long connection with St. George's Lodge, and the services he had rendered as Secretary and Treasurer, and expressed the gratification it gave him to be the means of presenting him with this mark of the lodge's appreciation of those services. The jewel, he observed, had been specially designed so as to commemorate the offices of Secretary and Treasurer, with the seniority of a Past Master—the emblems of each being skillfully united into one design, and had been subscribed to by every member of the lodge. The W.M. then invested Bro. Hartley with the jewel, a singularly chaste decoration worked out in solid gold and blue enamel, and suspended from a blue riband having three clasps of gold. Bro. Hartley briefly returned thanks for the elegant testimonial, which he thought was far more than he had ever deserved, and much more than he had ever expected—indeed, his only ambition had been to see the lodge prosper, and this had already been his sufficient reward for anything he might have done to promote that result. The same evening the brethren dined together at the Royal Hotel, a most elegantly appointed banquet being provided by Mrs. Pyc, to which about fifty of the brethren sat down. The following were the visitors present:—Bros. Dr. Martin de Arlotomé, P.P.J.W. of this province from the field; W. C. Smith, W.M., Phoenix 904, otherham; H. J. Bingham, and T. W. Roome, of the same lodge; Jonathan Turner, P.M., of Richard Davison, S.W., Sykes 1040, of the field; George E. Earnshaw, 587, Birmingham, and Belling, formerly of the Doncaster Lodge. Bro. Drury (Sheffield) is an honorary member of St. George's Lodge, and therefore scarcely be included in the list of visiting brethren. We may add that the usual toasts are given with Masonic honours, and a very pleasant evening was passed, great satisfaction being expressed by several speakers at the proceedings made by this old respectable lodge during the past year.

FLEETWOOD.—Hesheth Lodge (No. 950).—

The installation meeting of this promising lodge was held on Thursday, April 2nd, at the Royal Hotel, when there was a very large attendance of the members. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Dr. Orr. The minutes of last lodge were read and confirmed, and having been opened in 2nd and 3rd degrees, the W.M., in a clear, correct, and impressive manner, raised Bro. E. A. Knox to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. The ceremony of re-installation was then proceeded with, when Bro. J. A. Orr, P.M., was duly installed in the chair of K.S. by Bro. C. Hartley, P.M. 281, 1353. The beautiful ceremony being performed in a painstaking and masterly style. The W.M. then appointed as his officers for the ensuing year the following brethren:—Bros. Lofthouse, I.P.M.; Burns, S.W.; Capt. Jameson, J.W.; Gibson, P.M., Treasurer; William Stewardson, S.D.; Henry Rawes, J.D.; James Willacey, I.G.; James Gibson, Tyler. After three propositions, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet-room, where a sumptuous repast had been prepared in Mrs. Walker's best style, which consisted of all the delicacies of the season, the brethren expressing their delight at the manner in which it was served. After the cloth was drawn, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and enthusiastically received, and the brethren separated, after having spent a most enjoyable evening. The visiting brethren were T. Fare, W.M. 1256; G. C. Purcell, 350; E. Howard, 113; I. B. Robinson, 281; John Jacobson, 1353; R. Wolvenden, J.D. 1353; John Bannister, 1353; R. Parkinson, 1353; Rev. James Pearson, P.M. and P.P.G.C.; E. M. Mutrie, P.M. 163, 189, and 1256; James Urmston, 1021; and A. H. Whitehead, W.M. 113.

THE EARL SPENCER LODGE (No. 1420).—A meeting of this lodge, which was consecrated last May, was held at the Freemasons' Hotel, New Wandsworth, on the 8th inst., for the transaction of the annual business of the installation of the successor of Bro. Edward Spooner, who had occupied the chair as W.M., by authority under the warrant of Grand Lodge, as the first Master. The other brethren present on this occasion were—Bros. C. Jackson, S.W., W.M. elect; Thomas Buckham, S.W.; Dr. Kempster, J.W.; A. Loutham, S.D.; J. T. Hiscox, I.G. pro tem; J. W. Hiscox, P.M. 209; W. Hudson, P.M. 315, and P.P.G.S.D., Sussex; Charles Estlin, Organist; C. Pulman, Wm. B. Miller, J. Gibson, A. Brown, Frederick Reed, H. Borders, and the following visitors, viz.:—Bros. Dr. Whileman, P.M. No. 256; Coulton, No. 141; Symons, No. 180; Cook, No. 1044; and Pilditch, No. 1257. The minutes of the preceding meeting having been read and confirmed the first duty which devolved upon Bro. E. Spooner was the initiation of three candidates, viz., Mr. Alexander Giles, Mr. Wm. Salter, and Mr. Jas. Jno. Joseph, and the passing of Bro. E. H. Symors, St. James's Union, No. 180, and it is but doing justice to Bro. Spooner to state that he discharged each duty with that efficiency which his long experience in Masonry, and as a Past Master of two other lodges, afforded him ample opportunity of acquiring. Bro. C. Jackson, P.M. 180, having been duly installed by Bro. Spooner as W.M., the following officers were appointed and invested by the Installing Master, viz.:—Bros. Buckham, S.W.; D. Kempster, J.W.; A. Southam, S.D.; Estlin, I.G.; Potter, Tyler, (pro tem). Bro. J. W. Hiscox was re-appointed Secretary, and Bro. Spooner, Treasurer. The lodge being closed the brethren sat down to a well-served and excellent banquet provided by the host of the tavern, and the evening was passed in a most enjoyable manner, during which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were drunk, and the speeches which were made by the several brethren in the course of the evening, met with the applause they merited, especially the kind remarks which the W.M. made in presenting a very handsome Past Master's Jewel, manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, to Bro. J. Spooner, which had been unanimously voted to him for his past services, and as a token of the esteem entertained towards him by the members of the lodge;

INSTRUCTION.

PRESTONIAN CLUB OF INSTRUCTION.—The session of this club being ended, the brethren held their annual banquet on Tuesday the 5th inst., at the King's Head Hotel, 265, Strand, when the veteran President, Bro. Wm. Watson, supported by the working members of the club, and several visitors, amongst whom we noticed Bros. W. Cook, L. Pope, and Willis, No. 3, sat down to a very excellent dinner, which reflected the greatest credit on the attention bestowed upon it by Bro. Carr. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been proposed and responded to, Bro. Sherwill, in proposing "The Health of the worthy President" congratulated him on his recovery from a very severe illness. Bro. Watson replied in appropriate terms, and promised his support to the club and Craft so long as health permitted him. Several of the brethren contributed to the harmony of the evening by their vocal powers, finding a ready and willing accompanist in Bro. W. Cook. The thanks of the brethren having been proposed to the officers of the club, the brethren dispersed to the "Land of Nod," after a very pleasant evening.

Red Cross of Constantine.

LIVERPOOL.—Liverpool Conclave (No. 55).—The usual quarterly meeting of this conclave was held at the Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, on the 17th ult. Eminent Sir Knight H. M. Molyneux, M.P.S., was on the throne, and the other officers and members of the conclave present were Sir Knights T. Clark, V.E.; W. Doyle, S.G.; J. E. Jackson, J.G.; J. Wood, Treas.; R. Young, Rec.; J. Capell, S.B.; J. S. Keaf, O.; P. Ball, S.; J. R. Goepel, P.P.S.; G. Turner, Intendant General, W.H.; J. K. Smith, D.T.G., P.P.S.; P. Armstrong, A. Mitchell, H. Nelson, M.P.S. 71; I. W. Robinson, R. Brown, H. James, Thompson, and others. After the transaction of some routine business, the conclave proceeded with the annual election, when Sir Knight Clark was chosen M.P.S.; W. Doyle, V.F.; and Joseph Wood, re-elected Treasurer for the third time.

Scotland.

GLASGOW.—Lodge Kilwinning (No. 4).—This old lodge held its regular monthly meeting May 6th, Bro. A. Thorburn in the chair, supported by nearly all the office-bearers and a fair attendance of members, there was only one candidate in attendance. Who was duly initiated by the R.W.M.

GLASGOW.—Thistle and Rose Lodge (No. 73) held their usual meeting on Tuesday, the 5th May, Bro. G. Weston, R.W.M., in the chair; G. MacDonald, I.P.M.; T. Stewart, D.M.; J. Bannerman, S.W.; J. MacGregor, J.W.; J. Richards, Secretary. Some local business occupied the lodge for some time, after which the R.W.M. reported from the Provincial and also the Grand Lodge. Bro. Wheeler gave notice of his intention to move at the next meeting, "That this lodge deem it essentially necessary that they should be represented at Grand Lodge, and hereby agree to pay the travelling expenses of the Master and Wardens when they attend at Edinburgh for that purpose." There being two brothers present waiting for the second degree, the lodge was then raised, and P.M. G. Macdonald passed the two brethren into that degree.

GLASGOW.—Lodge Union and Crown (No. 103) held an emergency meeting on the 30th ult., as four members had to leave for America; there were also two brethren of St. Mark's, No. 27, who, as their hall was engaged by the P.G.L. meeting, were desirous of also being passed and raised. This the lodge at once granted. In the absence of the R.W.M., Bro. A. M. Wright, the chair was taken by that veteran worker, Bro. J. Bain, a P.M. of the lodge, who worked the degrees of passing and raising in a way that is seldom surpassed; he was ably assisted by Bros. G. Muir, S.W.; G. Thomas J.W.; J. Gillis, Sec.; and Mitchell, of St. Mungo, who acted as S.D., and afterwards thanked the lodge for their kindness in putting through the brethren of his

lodge. The acting Master replied that 103 was always glad to act in a friendly spirit to all the sister lodges in the province, and with respect to 27, himself and at least two other P.M.'s were also members of it; so they felt quite at home in doing all that lay in their power to forward its interests.

GLASGOW.—*Star Lodge* (No. 219.) met on Monday, the 4th inst., Bro. Alston, in the chair. There was a full attendance of the members, but the R.W.M. was away at the Grand Lodge. Bro. Bain, at the request of the acting Master, initiated two members and passed one. Bro. Bain's working is too well known to need comment.

GLASGOW.—*Lodge Union* (No. 332) held their regular meeting on Monday, May 4th. In consequence of the absence of the R.W.M. at the Grand Lodge in Edinburgh, the chair was taken by Bro. Poole, D.M., who initiated two candidates in a highly creditable style.

GLASGOW.—*Lodge Athol* (No. 413) met on Tuesday, the 24th ult., Bro. J. Wade in the chair. There was a full attendance of officers and members to receive the deputation from the Provincial Grand Lodge. Bro. Barrow addressed them at some length, on the necessity of exercising caution at the present time in the admittance of visitors into their lodge. The Provincial Lodge also paid a visit to Mary Hill, No. 510, on Wednesday, and expressed themselves highly pleased with the working of the youngest lodge in the province; in fact in some respects some of their seniors would do well to copy their example.

GLASGOW.—*Cathedral Chapter* (No. 67) met on Tuesday, the 28th ult., at 22, Struthers-street, Comp. J. Duthie, Z., presiding. There were two exaltations, and the committee reported that the soirees had proved a success, financially as well as numerically.

GLASGOW.—*Caledonian Chapter of Unity* (No. 73) met on the 31st ult., Comps. McDonald Z.; G. W. Wheeler, H.; J. Tweed, J.; J. Balfour, S.E.; J. Angus, S.N.; J. Bannerman, T. The chapter having been opened, a deputation from the P.G.C. attended. The P.G.S.E. said as this was his Mother Chapter he would not make any speech, but simply read the minute. The Deputations had proposed Comp. Barrow, P.G.Z., who said it was highly gratifying to him to be able to congratulate the chapter, not only the admirable state of their books, but also the general working of the chapter. All the officers appeared to attend well to their duties, the only thing he had at all to regret was that here as in the other chapters he had visited he did not see so large an attendance of the members themselves as he could wish. He should like to see this remedied if possible; he was now visiting all the lodges as well as the chapters in the province, and he saw the difference in attendance; of course there were not so many in the one body as the other, but he thought if the members of all the chapters would attend at the next Provincial meeting something might be done to stir them up a bit, for he was desirous of seeing Arch Masons taking their proper place, as standing above the Craft Members. He was willing to aid in this, but he must defer any further remarks, having to attend the Caledonian Chapter also to-night. After Comp. McDonald had tendered them the thanks of the chapter, the Deputation then withdrew, and the chapter was closed. Comp. Wheeler, at the request of the Z. opened a Lodge of Mark Masters, J. Stewart, acting S.W.; J. Tweed, J.W. A petition for advancement was then read from Bro. A. Pearman, of Lodge 73, who was then introduced by Comp. McDonald, Z., acting as S.D., when he was duly advanced to the degree of Mark Master by Comp. G. W. Wheeler. Two other brethren wished to be exalted into the Royal Arch, but in consequence of the lateness of the evening it was deferred till the next meeting.

GLASGOW.—*Thetis Chapter* (No. 122) held their usual meeting on Monday, March 30th. Comps. I. O. Park, Z.; G. W. Wheeler, acting H.; J. Scott, J.; J. Gunn, T.; the S.E. was absent in consequence of the death of his brother, but his place was ably filled by Comp. J. Clawworthy. Shortly after the chapter was opened a deputation from the Provincial Grand Chapter was announced, and were received with

chapter honours; it consisted of Comps. F. A. Barrow, P.G. Superintendent; A. McTaggart, M.A., P.G. Scribe E.; T. Halket, P.G.T.; G. B. Adams and W. Phyliss, P.G.S.'s. The P.G. Superintendent said it was a source of gratification to him to endorse the excellent report the Grand Scribe had given. He was very desirous of seeing all the chapters in the Province as near perfection as possible, and the one slight defect the Scribe E. had pointed out was only a proof of kind-heartedness of the chapter, and that was a better feeling than had been exhibited by some other parties. He did not say that a Mason could not go to law with a brother, for the law is above Masonry, but this he would say, that the taking of a brother into a law-court, before exhausting all Masonic modes of settling the dispute, proved that the person so acting was not a good Mason. Now, whether these remarks did not apply to them as a chapter, they did to circumstances in their neighbourhood, and he thought it desirable to allude to it, as a line of conduct they should not only shun themselves, but reprobate and condemn in others with whom they might come in contact. Comp. Park thanked the P.G.Z. for the kind remarks he had made—he would only ask the visitors to remember that the strictures made by Comp. Barrow, though just in themselves, did not apply to Chap. 122. The deputation then retired, and there being no other business, the chapter was closed.

GLASGOW.—*St. Rollox Chapter* (No. 144).—This chapter met in their hall, Garnagad-road, on Tuesday, 10th ult. Comp. R. Bell, 1st P. presided, assisted by G. W. Wheeler, acting H.; J. Annand acting J.; and D. Reid, Scribe E. After the usual business of the chapter was concluded the Scribe E. intimated his intention of resigning his office, as since he had been elected as R.W.M. of St. Andrew Lodge he had found he could not give the necessary time to the duties. Comp. Annand called attention to the continued absence of two other officers, and moved that they be written to, and if not present at the next meeting that the chapter proceed to elect others in their place; carried, and the chapter was then closed.

GLASGOW.—*Saint Mungo Encampment K.T.*, held their usual monthly meeting at St. Mark's Hall, Glasgow, on Monday April 20th, Sir Knight R. Bell, M.N.C. presiding. He was assisted by F. Tweed, D.; G. W. Wheeler, Recorder, acting Prelate; M. Clanachan, S.C.; and G. MacAllister, J.C. Two gentlemen were duly introduced and received into the Order. A Priory of the Knights of Malta was then opened, and four of the Knights were admitted to a participation in the secrets of that degree. Sir Knight R. Bell was Prior, and G. W. Wheeler, Prelate. Arrangements were then made for the annual festival, to take place next month. A petition was then presented from the widow of an old member of the encampment, when a sum was voted from the funds to meet her present necessities.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The annual visit of the Chairman of the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls to the School was paid on Monday afternoon by the Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot, who was accompanied by the Countess, a firm and enthusiastic admirer of the Institution. On reaching the building they were met by the House Committee and Colonel Burdett, and Bro. J. C. Parkinson, Raynham W. Stewart, and other members of the Board of Stewards, which was strongly represented on the occasion, and by Miss Davis, Head Mistress, and Bro. R. Wentworth Little, Secretary. By them they were conducted over the building, and had all the arrangements for the health and comfort of the pupils explained. The beautiful new infirmary was also inspected, and the principle of isolating cases of sickness from the healthy portion of the inmates of the school fully delineated. The inspection, which lasted a considerable time, and appeared to be thoroughly appreciated by the Earl and Countess, having been brought to a close, the girls were put

through their calisthenic exercises, and marching and drilling, all of which were warmly approved of by the noble visitors, and applauded by the general company, numbering some four or five hundred ladies and gentlemen. The Earl and Countess were then conducted as before to the school-room, where the girls were ranged in order on a dais, from which they were to play selections of music and recite, but before doing so Lord Shrewsbury requested Bro. Thos. Taylor, P.G.S.W. Staff., Bro. Derry, P.G.J.W. Staff., and Bro. Jacobs, P.P.G. Reg. Staff., step forward and present to the Countess of Shrewsbury the complete set of table ware given by the potteries to the Girls' School for its use. His Lordship's request having been complied with, Lady Shrewsbury in the name of the province of Staffordshire and the three brethren deputed to attend, handed over this very useful and handsome gift to the Institution; thereupon great cheering was raised, and the pupils afterwards proceeded with the programme above mentioned. When this had been completed, His Lordship rose and said that, as his presence was required in the House of Lords he was unable to stay sufficiently long to distribute the whole of the prizes. It was his pleasant duty to offer a few words of congratulation to the children and the brethren on what they had just witnessed. He was anxious to be cautious in what he was about to say, and he did not mean to speak with flattery when he said it was that the impression his mind had received was very favourable. He had the honour to hold a commission in Her Majesty's Army, but he never had seen a regiment before that day go through its drill without a word of command. It certainly indicated the superior intelligence of women; whether if woman suffrage became the law men would become the inferior sex was a matter he would not venture to decide; but he must compliment Miss Davis on the results she had obtained. Passing from these results to Freemasonry, he was proud to say that Masonry was the greatest institution in the world, because the brethren endeavoured to unite in every possible way in doing charity. This was their first and greatest object, and with regard to the Girls' School they prided themselves on sending out into the world girls capable of getting their own living. He was glad to say that ever since the Institution had been started, the Girls' School and the Boys' School had been a credit to Freemasons. He was no great musician himself, but the style in which the pupils had performed the selections that had been made had greatly pleased him. To have performed with the taste and the accuracy of time that they had was a very great accomplishment. Those young ladies would not only gain pleasure from what they had learned, but they would find it desirable too in their future lives.

His Lordship having distributed the prizes, a vote of thanks was passed to him and Lady Shrewsbury, and they took their departure amidst the hearty greetings of the assemble company.

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart concluded the distribution, which, as will be seen from the following list, was a work of considerable magnitude.

The following pupils received prizes, presented by the Earl of Shrewsbury:—

Maria Louisa Flintoft, the Gold Medal for General Proficiency, given annually by Bro. William Paas, with £5 given annually by Bro. William Winn.

Kate Isabella Barrett, the Silver Medal for Good Conduct, given annually by the Institution with £5 given annually by Bro. William Wir Elizabeth J. Baxter, Cara B. Fletcher, a Leila Lucy Caparn, each a third of Five Guineas given annually by Bro. William Winn.

The following prizes, given annually by the Institution, were presented by Bro. Raynham W. Stewart:—

Elizabeth Hutchinson for taking hono Senior Cambridge Institution, Maria Lou Flintoft for passing Cambridge Examination Elizabeth J. Baxter for passing Cambridge Examination, Cara B. Fletcher for passing Cambridge Examination, Leila Lucy Caparn for passing Cambridge Examination, M. Theresa Clasen for Music, Jane P. Patterson

French, Mary Eliza Earle for Calisthenics and Department, Kate Isabella Barrett for General Usefulness, Constance Louise Moores for General Usefulness, Clara Whitely for Needlework, Catherine M. Gregory for Needlework, Clari R. A. Bindon for Marking, Mary Alice Eastham for Machine Work, Emma Louisa Harvey for Machine Work, Martha Stone for General Proficiency lower 1st Class, Lily Octavia Hiron for General Proficiency, lower 2nd Class, Annie Mary Pattison for General Proficiency, lower 3rd Class, Melora F. Goodridge for Music.

By Bro. Joshua Nunn, for Fancy Work, Martha Stone.

By Bro. Raynham Stewart, for Dictation, Eliza Ellen Holland 1st Class, Frances Harryman 2nd Class, Charlotte Jay 3rd Class, Louisa Christine Oates 4th Class.

By Henry F. Bowker, Esq., for Good Conduct, Cara B. Fletcher.

By Bro. Rev. P. H. E. Brette, D.D., for French, Maria Louisa Flintoft.

By Bro. Collard Moutrie, for Music, Mary Nina Fradelle Pratt.

By Bro. H. W. Hemsworth, for Amiability, as voted by her Schoolfellows, Mary Alice Eastham, a Silver Watch.

From the Science and Art Department, South Kensington, for Drawing, Henrietta Featherstone and Florence S. Groves, for Geometry—Compasses; Alice M. M. Batley, Melora F. Goodridge, Caroline Harr, Mary Young; for Freehand—Drawing Boards and Rulers; Elizabeth J. Baxter, Mary T. Claisen, Cara B. Fletcher, Mary N. F. Pratt, for Model—Colours.

By Mrs. Brette, for Music, Florence Sara Groves.

By Mrs. Crick, for Elocution, Maria L. Flinloft, Letitia D. Whalley, and Bessie L. Morris.

By Bro. John M. Clabon, for Good Conduct, Clara M. Wicks.

By Bro. Joseph Starkey, for Drawing, Maria Louisa Flintoft and Elizabeth J. Baxter.

After this distribution the company adjourned to an excellent repast, and finished the evening with dancing.

Among the brethren and ladies present we observed Bros. Col. Burdett, Raynham W. Stewart, J. C. Parkinson, Major Creton, J. A. Rucker, H. Browse, P. Matthews, Joshua Nunn, Griffiths Smith, W. Pinn, T. Cubitt, T. Mortlock, J. W. White, Dr. Wharton, P. Hood, Rev. C. Woodward, Sir Gilbert Campbell, and Lady Campbell, Thomas Taylor, P.G.S.W. Staff; Deray, P.G.J.W.S.; Jacobs, P. Prov. G. Reg. Staff; F. Binckes, Thomas Hill, West Yorkshire; Henry Bigg Smith, P. G. Sec., West Yorkshire; Ernest Brette, D.D.; D. J. Drakeford, J. M. Vaughan, H. A. Dubois, J. T. Moss, C. Lacey, J. Tanner, George Albert, W. M. C. Morris, Little, H. Muggeridge, S. Muggeridge, and E. B. Hedges.

The 86th anniversary festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held on Wednesday evening, at the Freemasons' Tavern. The Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot, Provincial Grand Master of Staffordshire, presided, and was supported by a numerous and distinguished body of Freemasons. Among them was a large body of brethren from his lordship's own Province, who celebrated his presidentship by the useful and valuable present which is fully described in another portion of our present impression. On the dais were Bros. Bentley Shaw, Deputy Prov. G.M. of West Yorkshire; Colonel Burdett, Prov. G.M. of Middlesex; Capt. Platt, Past Grand Junior Warden; Rev. C. J. Martyn, Past Grand Chaplain; H. Browse, Past Grand Deacon; Joseph C. Parkinson, Grand Deacon; J. A. Rucker, Grand Deacon; Samuel Tomkins, Grand Treasurer; John Hervey, Grand Sec.; Joshua Nunn, Past Grand Sword Bearer; Dr. Barrington; Dr. Ramsay; Peter Matthews; Major Creton, Past Grand Deacon, Trustee of the School; W. Winn; T. Fenn, Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies; S. Rosenthal; J. Cooper Wyld; Hyde Pullen, Past Grand Sword Bearer; Edward Cox; W. E. Gumbleton; J. Gumbleton; Fred. Binckes, Secretary Boys' School; James Terry, Sec. Benevolent Institution; while Staffordshire was represented by Bros. T. Taylor, Prov. G.S.W.; F. Derry,

P.J.G.W.; J. Jacobs, P.P.G.R.; Bodenham, P.G.T.; Marsh, P.P.S.G.W.; B. Love, 539; Alfred Jacob, 482; J. D. Henson, 726, and Longley, 726. There were also present the Rev. C. Woodward; W. Perrett, Head Master Boys' School; H. C. Levander; H. G. Buss; A. A. Pendlebury; W. Dodd; H. R. Williams; H. Kimber; F. Adlard; H. M. Levy; T. Mortlock; T. Cubitt, G.P.; and John Boyd, P.G.P. The company numbered altogether over 500, including a great many ladies.

The proceedings commenced with an admirable banquet, which was provided and personally superintended by Bro. C. E. Francatelli, the excellent manager of the Freemasons' Tavern Company. At the conclusion of the repast, grace was well rendered by the musical brethren and ladies, and Bro. Harker, the Toast Master, then demanded silence for the noble chairman, in his well-known sonorous accents.

The Chairman in proposing "The Health of her Majesty the Queen" said it would be impertinent in him to dilate upon the virtues of her Majesty as exhibited either in her public or her private life, but he was sure he might say they were as thoroughly recognised by the nation at large as they were by the Craft.

The Chairman, after the National Anthem had been sung, said that the next toast would be equally acceptable to the notice of the brethren, for "The Prince of Wales," who was the subject of it, was always enthusiastically received by his brother Masons. His Royal Highness was no show Mason, but felt a deep interest in all the proceedings of the Order. He had met his Royal Highness the night before, and mentioning the Girls' School, wished him (the Chairman) every success at this festival. The toast would not be the less acceptable if he joined in it "The Health of the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh." He was glad to say that the anxiety of the Duchess of Edinburgh for her father's safety as his yacht had met with an accident that day, had been allayed by a telegram to say he had reached Dover and was now safe in Windsor. They would all greet the Czar's arrival in this country with the pleasure which her Royal Highness would display, for they entertained for her an affection no less sincere than that they felt for the Princess of Wales. They would all remember the differences which this country had some time ago with Russia, and they now looked upon the intimate relations we had with the empire with delight. Masonry had nothing to do with politics, but the brethren would hope, as Masons always did, to be at peace with all the world. It was their principle and they would endeavour to carry it out.

The Chairman said the next toast was an equally pleasurable one, the Grand Master's health would always be received with delight, because they all knew he was anxious for the good of the Craft. As President of this Institution, he had special claims on their good wishes that evening. He was glad to say he had also seen his Lordship the evening before. The Grand Master said to him, "I understand you are in the chair of the School of the Girls this year;" to which I replied, "I am my Lord, and I believe I shall have a bigger subscription than even you had." He hoped that presentment would not come amiss, and he also hoped that as the Girls' School increased, his successors in the chair would have even a bigger subscription than he had this year.

The Chairman then said that for the fourth time he rose to ask them to join him in cordially drinking another toast, "The Health of the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, the Deputy Grand Master of the Craft, and the past and present Officers." What he had said of the Marquess of Ripon was also applicable to the Earl of Carnarvon. It was the pride of Freemasonry that it should have at its head two such distinguished noblemen on opposite sides in politics. They had, thank God, no politics in Masonry, but he thought they might congratulate themselves that in no country in the world could they have two eminent statesmen holding various views in politics, and so cordially united in carrying out the great objects which as Masons they had in view. It was a great thing to be able to sink their individual differences,

and please God, they might maintain with integrity and firmness their political and religious opinions.

Capt. Platt responded. He said for this complimentary manifestation of your good wishes I beg to offer my sincere and hearty thanks on behalf of the Right Worshipful the Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Officers past and present. The patrons and supporters of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls have ample reason to congratulate themselves on such a brilliant array of brother Masons assembled together to put into practice the virtue which is the distinguishing characteristic of a Freemason's heart. The Grand Officers who happened to be present on this occasion salute you with a truly fraternal greeting, and rejoice to meet so many fellow labourers in the good cause, each one according to his means contributing his quota towards the maintenance and education of orphans and fatherless children. Thrice blessed, thrice honoured be they

"Who pity with a parent's mind
The helpless orphan that is left behind."

Colonel Burdett—Brethren, it is with more than ordinary pleasure that I rise now to propose the health of one whom I know you will receive in the most kind and enthusiastic manner. We have now amongst us a brother who has shown himself in every possible way a good and earnest Mason. You have had him here to night as your Chairman, and you know very well, at least as well as I do, what he has done before for Freemasonry. I am quite certain from what I have heard that he is not only a good working Mason, that is, a man who can do his work in the lodge as well as in the province, that he has set an example, I may say, to the Provincial Grand Masters of England. He has set to work in a way that we should consider most praiseworthy in every possible way, and you, I am quite certain will be able to appreciate his efforts when you know the exertions he has made for the good of his province. He is not only known himself to the members of his province, but I am happy to say, it speaks a good deal in his favour when he is able to appreciate and know the members of his own Province individually. (His Lordship had, in the course of the evening, challenged the different members of his Province who were present, by name.) He has been amongst them; he is constantly with them; he has worked with them; he works not only for the benefit of the Province, but he works the Province for the benefit of the charities; and I believe that to be one of the principal duties of the Provincial Grand Master. He has also not only made himself well known amongst us, but in the Province which he has the pleasure to reign over. I may only mention—I will not trespass on your time, because I know that nothing I can say will enhance his lordship's merits. If he had not been present, I might have said a good deal more than I do of the way he has carried Masonry out, he is not only an excellent brother and a good working Mason, but he has the highest social position in the kingdom, as he is the premier earl of the country. We are proud to have him amongst us, and I know you will drink his health most heartily.

The Chairman—Brethren, for a moment, I confess I feel somewhat bashful in returning thanks for the very kind reception which you have given to the most flattering utterances that have been offered to you, in coupling my name as Chairman of this evening, by the Most Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex. I trust that I deserve part of what he has said. I trust that his kind adulation of me will stir me to further efforts, but if I may venture to be so far egotistical as to say this, that not only as a Mason, but as an humble member of a high assembly, and also, I trust, as a man, I hold, it behoves every man to endeavour to do his duty in that station of life to which it has pleased God to call him; and I venture to say, that though I have had pride as a working Mason, which I cordially desire, as regards the carrying out of our ritual, yet I trust that in the short time that I have presided over the province of my own county, I may say that I may claim the privilege of calling myself a working Mason—(hear, hear)—because it is not for the sake of egotism, it is for the sake of Masonry that I tell you this, that those who preside over provinces

should throw themselves heartily in the work, and if there is any compliment that I appreciate it is this, that I have endeavoured to know the various lodges in it, to visit them all, to look up what is amiss, to encourage what is good, and to find fault with them when there is anything ill. I am glad to say there are no ills; but we are all capable of improvement, and I have endeavoured to inculcate in my province that we should not use those very solemn words of our ceremonial without meaning what we say. I am glad my province has come out nobly, not only on this occasion—and I hope you will be pleased with what they have done. I hope you will never meet for enjoyment without thinking of the principles of Masonry. I venture to say in a colloquial manner, not formal, that it is an advantageous system I have instituted, of having Quarterly Provincial Grand Lodges; because it is impossible for a Provincial Grand Master to know the working of the lodges by his visiting them only once a year. Therefore I have proposed that we should meet once a quarter. There are eighteen lodges in the province, we visit a lodge and we get a great deal of information as to what are the requirements of the lodge. On one of these occasions I took the liberty to tell my brethren this—Brethren, I hope I am not a glutton, but I hope if you come to enjoy yourselves you will support the charities. I will not come to you at all unless you give me a rattling good income to maintain the charities, and I put it in this way—if you will drink a bottle of champagne which costs 10s. 6d. you should put 10s. 6d. into the box; if you drink a glass of gin and water, which costs 3d. you should put 3d. into the box. We do not wish the affluent only to support our principles, but that every one should give according to his means, and that the left hand should not know what the right hand has given. I should be glad if we could do away with the announcing of names and only give the aggregate amount. I hate and detest that a man should put down his name to be hallowed out at a public table afterwards. If he does not do that which he conscientiously can do he is not a Mason, and ought to be ashamed to have his name called out. The subscriptions should be collected from lodges in the province and not from the individuals who are subscribing brethren. I pass from this. I have always been in the habit of saying what I think for the good of the cause. I now pass to a pleasanter subject, viz., the claims of this institution to your charitable consideration; and I must say in the first instance that I had the pleasure of being able to take rather a severe critic with me, no less than in the person of my good wife, to your school (cheers), because she said she had seen this collar and this apron, and it is all very fine, but it is a capital excuse to go out for a pleasant dinner. I said the time will come when I shall show you we not only enjoy ourselves but do a great deal of good, and the brethren from Staffordshire asked her ladyship to present the pottery to the Institution which was given by them on Monday. Her ladyship will excuse me observing that whenever she does a good thing she goes into it thoroughly, and she went into the institution with a critical eye to frighten me to death. I am glad to hear to-day she gave no offence. She gave, I will not say valuable hints, because we do not want any, but she called the attention of the matron and mistress to matters that are about to be adopted, and I am glad she made the inspection of the school, because her ladyship told me some years ago when I first entered the Craft that if there was anything good to be known in Masonry she would have known it long since. Well, I am sure what she saw on Monday was worth knowing; she was delighted and pleased. I venture to add my testimony to what was a great pride to her, and it induces me to bring the claims of the Institution more strongly before you. First of all there seems to be some excellent management somewhere, and though I have, as I said on Monday, the honour of being a soldier, I cannot well understand how Miss Davis manages to get those children in such perfect order without a single syllable escaping her lips, or word of command or direction. If I have any powers of observation I would say that those

children are not intimidated by fear, but ruled by affection. The lady that presides over that establishment, and the many brethren who have a share in its management, and the ladies who assist, are giving the right sort of instruction; because where you find so orderly, so regular, and yet so cheerful a set of girls, you may be convinced we are doing our duty as Masons—we are bringing up girls, who will, I hope some day be the mothers, and happy mothers of families, the kind of people who bring credit to the great Craft to which we have the honour to belong. We have made certain improvements. The large hall was opened on Monday. The year before I believe our worthy Bro. Lord Skelmersdale opened the Infirmary. We are glad to hear it proved most efficacious this year. There were 62 young ladies who had been in it, but knowing I was coming to see them they managed to get perfectly well. (Laughter.) A nicer looking set of girls I have never seen. I do not know whether it would be improper, but I think it would be a very nice thing some day to let the boys have a look at them in case they should like to associate together. (Laughter.) When we think that we have educated upwards of 1000 girls since the institution was started, I think we may congratulate ourselves. There are printed reports on the table, which I commend to your notice, because they go into detail, and I will not weary you with that. On these occasions there is always a treat for the brethren in our excellent programme of music, at which the ladies expect us to join them. I ask you to pardon all imperfections in my chairmanship to-night, I have before presided for the boys, I now preside for the girls, and I hope to complete the circle by presiding for the old people. All our Institutions rule over our affections. We are not jealous of each other. You know the order in which the festivals are held, and I tell you whilst they endeavour to do good you should unite in your endeavours to assist them. I give you "Success to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls."

The toast having been drunk,

Bro. Samuel Tomkins acknowledged it. It was a great pleasure to Masons to find that their annual charitable festivals commanded not only as much interest as ever, but the interest in them seemed rather to increase. Whilst they had such a Chairman as the noble Earl, and such admirable followers in the Craft generally, there could be no fear that the interest of past years would fall off in the future. It was a great duty and a great advantage in Freemasonry that there were three objects of charity on which to concentrate their exertions. The first and oldest was the Girls' School, which had ever been dear to the Masonic body. The noble Chairman had drawn attention to the interesting exhibition he had witnessed at that School on Monday, but the facts he had mentioned were very well known to a great many, and this was one of the reasons that all who could should come forward to support it.

The Secretary (Bro. Little) then read the lists, which amounted in the whole to £8,022, with several lists yet to come in. (Immense applause.)

Bro. John Hervey proposed "The Vice-Patrons, Vice-Presidents, Trustees, various Committees and Medical Officers," who were all zealous workers for the success of the Institution.

Bro. H. Browse responded. There was a strong administration at the head; but then it was necessary to have, under their superintendence and guidance, a body of persons who would carry out their wishes, and the principles on which the Institution was founded. These brethren merited general approbation, and he was glad to say that the Medical Officers performed their duty admirably. They were never wanting in it, and they deserved the best thanks of the subscribers. The Institution had been most fortunate in securing good Medical Superintendents, and to them it was greatly indebted. (Cheers.)

The Chairman proposed "The other Masonic Charities, and success to them, viz.—The Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution." The three Institutions were *tria juncta in uno*, and would all be served in their turn. He

would couple the name of Bro. Terry with the toast, because he had been in communication with him for taking the chair at the next Festival of the Benevolent Institution, and that brother would, of course, speak well in hopes of favour to come. Gratitude had been said to be a lively sense of favours to come, and he was in fear that if he called on Bro. Binckes to respond, he would not throw much energy into his reply, because, as he, the Chairman, had already presided at the Boys' School, Bro. Binckes had, of course, lost all feelings of gratitude. (Great laughter.)

Bro. James Terry said that as his lordship had coupled his name with the toast, in hopes of favours to come, he trusted that in January, when his Lordship would preside, there might be a no less magnificent result obtained than there had been that evening. He could only wish and sincerely trust that the brethren would carry out the duty his lordship had laid upon them, that that every brother should give according to his means. If that was done throughout the Craft generally he had not the slightest doubt that an enormous amount of anxiety would be taken off the shoulders of the Secretaries of the three institutions as well as of the Committees. In the Masonic recess he would wish the brethren in London and the provinces would not forget the duties that would devolve upon them, but would wake up their lodges to renewed energy on behalf of the institutions.

Bro. Binckes said he stood before his Lordship a melancholy and a disappointed man. (Laughter.) Ingratitude was "as the sin of witchcraft," and he had no idea that he should be charged with it in any meeting of Masons, least of all did he ever believe that a noble and distinguished brother like my Lord Shrewsbury would stand forward and point to him and say he was an ungrateful man. (Cheers.) On the first visit his Lordship paid to the Boys' School he pledged him (Bro. Binckes) with the cold water of ingratitude, but he forgave him for this misfortune he then suffered, and his Lordship had more than compensated for it by the admirable manner in which he presided at the meeting that night. To allude to him (Bro. Binckes), and to couple his name with the sin of ingratitude was to him one of the bitterest regrets he should ever feel in the whole course of his life, whether he looked back upon his past experience, or regarded the present, or looked forward to the future. But he knew the noble lord's kindness, and that he must have his joke; and they could all allow for jokes, when they looked at the amazing success of that evening. He was one of those who never envied any one the success he achieved. He loved the race of life. It was being run now certainly, at a very severe pace; competition never was so severe as now. They were doing all they possibly could in their own Order to advance the interests of these various Institutions. Talent was enlisted on behalf of the year after year, and he would appeal to the Craft throughout the world to tell him where they would find three festivals so successfully carried out. What was the aggregate of subscriptions this year? Nearly £6,000 the first; £7,000 the second, and now they were told £8,000 the third. But this did not end the year. They had their balance sheets to produce to the 31st of next December, and the ought to be large additions made to these festival announcements by that time, or else they who were charged with the responsibilities were idle and unworthy stewards. Let them see what additions were made, what they were doing after the festivals, and up to the time when their accounts were closed. I do not let the brethren be satisfied with giving their donations, but let them do what they could to induce others to come forward to aid the institutions, to get brethren to subscribe, even though they were not Stewards. I must congratulate the Girls' School on the superb and magnificent result of this festival. There was an honest and honourable rivalry between the institutions, his he felt that the more they did to stimulate the brethren to generosity the more they were doing to relieve distress and mitigate the great mass of misfortune which is happily growing year by year.

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responded to by Bro. Parkinson, after which the brethren adjourned to the Temple, where a choice concert was given, conducted by Bro. R. Limpus, Grand Organist for Middlesex. The executants were Mesdames Ashton, Thaddeus Wells, and Poole, Miss Emmeline Cole. Bros. Geo. Perren, T. Pearson, G. Mellor, Lester, Albert Hubbard, Henry Nicholson, and Henry Parker.

The Toastmaster of the evening, as we have said above, was Bro. Harker.

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

On Monday, the 4th inst., the quarterly communication of the Grand Lodge of Freemasons of Scotland was held in their hall, George-street, Edinburgh. There was a large attendance, especially of members of the Craft from the west of Scotland.

In the absence of the Most Worshipful Grand Master (Bro. Sir Michael Shaw Stewart, Bart.), the throne was occupied by Bro. J. T. Oswald of Dunnikie, R.W. Substitute Grand Master, who was supported by Bros. William Mann, Past Grand Warden, acting R.W. Senior Grand Warden; Major Hamilton Ramsay of Garion, R.W. Junior Grand Warden; Captain G. R. Harriott of Killiemore, Provincial Grand Master of Wigtownshire; John Laurie, Grand Secretary; F. A. Barrow, V.W. Senior Grand Deacon; William Hay of Rabbithall, V.W. Junior Grand Deacon; William Officer, Past Grand Deacon; Alexander Hay, Grand Jeweller; John Coghill, Grand Director of Ceremonies, C. W. M. Muller, Grand Director of Music; R. Davidson, Grand Organist; M. Mackenzie, Chief Grand Marshal; Albert T. Apthorpe, Grand Marshal; Wm. Bryce, Grand Tyler.

Grand Lodge having been opened, apologies for absence were read from the M.W.G.M., Sir Michael Shaw Stewart; the Earl of Rosslyn, R.W. Past G. Master; the Right Hon. James C. P. Murray, R.W. Depute Grand Master; &c.

After the usual preliminary business, several presents were laid on the table, including those of "Proceedings" from Grand Lodges of France, Egypt, Virginia, North Carolina, California, Massachusetts, Illinois, &c.; also from Bro. Colonel Kinloch of Kilrie, "Histoire de la Franc-Maçonnerie."

Petitions for charters for new lodges were disposed of as follows:—Those from Clydesdale, Larkhall; St. Vincent, Sandysford, Glasgow; Caledonia, Jamaica; St. Andrew, Adelaide; Clydesdale, Glasgow; and Blantyre Kilwinning, Blantyre, were granted; St. Andrew, Coatbridge, remitted to Grand Committee, with powers; Sir Clyde, Kilm, and Ardgowan, Greenock, delayed, in order to the petitions being put in proper form; and Kenmuir, Balgray, Glasgow, was remitted to the Provincial Grand Lodge, to be reported on.

Bro. Hugh A. Mackay was appointed representative at the Grand Lodge of Canada, and Bro. Alex. K. Smith, Provincial Grand Master for Victoria.

The following motions, tabled at last quarterly communication, were severally agreed to, viz:—
1. Moved by Bro. Alexander Hay, V.W. Grand Jeweller, and seconded by Bro. David Inneer, P.M. 105, and Grand Steward—

"After the words 'Eligibility of the Candidate' in Sec. IV. Chap. XX., the following words inserted, 'three black balls being necessary to exclude.'"

2. Moved by Bro. Major Hamilton Ramsay Garion, R.W. Junior Grand Warden, and seconded by Bro. Wm. Officer, P.M. 11, and Past Grand Deacon—

"That copies of all notices of motions given Grand Lodge be sent at once to Provincial and Lodges, and that they be requested to circulate them in their provinces."

3. Moved by Bro. Wm. Officer, P.M. 11, and Past Grand Deacon, seconded by Bro. Kinnear, M. 105, and Grand Steward—

"That it shall be competent for subordinate lodges abroad to nominate any three Master Masons to represent its Master and Wardens at meetings of any Foreign and Colonial Provincial Grand Lodge of which the Master and Wardens of such subordinate lodges are members, with all their powers."

Grand Lodge was then closed in ample form.

CONSECRATION OF A NEW LODGE AT EPSWORTH.

On Monday last, 11th inst., a most interesting and impressive ceremony was performed in this town, which has attained something of historic note as being the birth-place of John Wesley, and the hotbed of that peculiar form of dissent which bears his name.

Several brethren of the "mystic tie" having resolved to form a lodge of their own in the town, the assistance of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Lincolnshire was claimed in order to duly consecrate the new lodge, under the title of the "Isle of Axholme." It had been arranged that Major W. H. Smyth, D.P.G.M., in the absence of His Grace the Duke of St. Alban's, D.G.M., should undertake the ceremony, but the unhappy consequences of domestic bereavement prevented his attendance. His place however, was ably filled by W. Bro. Fowler, 712, P.G.S.W., assisted by several of the officers of the Prov. Grand Lodge.

Among the brethren present were:—W. Bros. James Fowler, 712, P.G.W.; W. G. Moore, 270, P. G. Reg.; C. M. Nesbitt, 712, P.G. Treasurer; A. Kirk, P. Prov. G.S.; Rev. D. Ace, P.G.C.; George Robinson, P. Prov. G.C.; James Laughton, P. Prov. G.S.D.; W. E. Howlett, P. Prov. G.A.D. of C.; J. Moxon, P. Prov. J.G.D.; John Hadfield, J.G.D.; T. B. Hamlyn, W.M. 422; F. D. Walker, W.M. 242; F. H. Fosdick, 114; Thomas Morris, 1282, P.G.P.; H. H. Cave, 1282; Rev. J. C. K. Saunders, W.M. 1286; F. D. Marsden, P.G. Secretary, W.M. 712; and many others. A most convenient lodge-room had been already prepared for the occasion by the energy of the Epsworth brethren, and the kind assistance of Bro. Alfred Parkin (Minson and Parkin), W.M. elect.

The always impressive ceremony of consecration was rendered more so on this occasion by a soul-stirring address delivered by the Prov. Grand Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. Daniel Ace, D.D., 423, in which he took occasion to allude to the similarity of Freemasonry, to the great work which John Wesley had in view, viz., the acknowledgment of one vast brotherhood under one Common Father.

At the close of the ceremony, a congratulatory address was delivered by the Rev. J. C. K. Saunders, W.M. 1286. Afterwards the W.M. elect, Bro. Alfred Parkin, was duly installed, and proceeded to invest his officers—Bros. the Rev. Daniel Ace, D.D., as S.W.; John K. Johnstone, J.W.; Alfred Taylor, Secretary, and others.

A cold collation, admirably served by the charming hostess of the Red Lion Hotel, was done ample justice to by the brethren assembled.

Bro. George Kenning furnished the lodge.

This will be a day long remembered by the people of Epsworth, and we trust ere long to report the consecration of another lodge in this already influential province.

The Provincial Grand Lodge will be holden at Grantham on the 28th inst.

CONSECRATION OF A NEW LODGE AT ST. ALBANS.

The consecration of the Halsey Lodge No. 1479 (so named in compliment to the Prov. G. Master), took place at the Town Hall, St. Alban's, on Wednesday, 20th ult. About forty brethren were present; among those were the R. W. Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P., Prov. G.M.; V.W. Bro. O. H. Wagner, Prov. G.S. Warden; V.W. Bros. J. R. Cocks, H. L. Thomas, J. R. T. Andrews, P.P.G.J. Wardens; V.W. Bro. Wilson Iles, M.D., Prov. G. Sec.; V.W. Bro. T. S. Carter, P.G. Senior Deacon; V.W. Bro. W. Cutbush, P.G. Supt. of Works; V.W. Bro. J. Terry, P.G.D.C.; V.W. Bro. M. Heywood, P.G. Org.; Bros. J. Lowthin, P.M. 506, and 1385, W.M. Designate; Hayward Edwards, S.W. Designate; G. Askew, J.W. Designate; S. Harding, P.M. 449; F. J. Searancke; H. Edwards; H. T. Lamb.

The R. W. Prov. G.M. acted as Consecrating and Installing Officer, who was ably assisted by V.W. Bro. Terry, P.G.D.C.; V.W. Bro. Heywood, Prov. G. Org., presided at the

harmonium. The whole of the ceremonies were performed in a faultless and impressive manner; it has seldom been our lot to witness such perfect working.

Bro. J. Lowthin was installed W.M.; Bro. Hayward Edwards was appointed and invested S.W.; Bro. G. Askew, J.W.; Bro. W. Cutbush, W.M. 1385, Hon. Sec.; Bro. A. Godson, S.D.; Bro. W. Morgan, J.D.

The R.W. Prov. G.M., V.W. Bro. Terry, and V.W. Bro. Wilson Iles, were elected honorary members.

Votes of thanks were accorded to Bro. Lamb for lending the Consecrating Vessels, and to Bro. M. Heywood for conducting the musical portion of the ceremonies.

Seven gentlemen were proposed for initiation, and six brethren as joining members, which augurs well for the success of the new lodge.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to the Peahen Inn, where a sumptuous banquet was prepared by the host; a most agreeable evening was spent.

At the last monthly meeting of the Royal Lodge, 643, Bro. Walter Fisher, P.M., P.G.S., the celebrated photographic artist, at Filey, presented to his brethren of the above lodge, an enlarged photograph (painted in oil) of the late lamented Bro. Farthing, who was so well known, and so highly esteemed within the Province. As a work of art, the above photograph is faultless, and as a truthful likeness, it could not be surpassed. It is enclosed in a massive Alhambra gold frame, and will form a cherished and highly valued ornament to the lodge-room. A vote of thanks was unanimously recorded to Bro. Fisher for his kind, thoughtful, and generous gift. The presentation was made through the hands of P.M. Bro. Charles Scrivener, M.D., who, in a speech replete with eloquence and artistic remarks, pointed out the various beauties of the portrait, and, at the same time, passed a high and well merited eulogium to the memory of the departed brother.

YARBOROUGH LODGE OF INSTRUCTION (No. 554), held at Bro. T. Walters, the Green Dragon Tavern, Stepney.—We have pleasure in acquainting our Masonic brethren in East London that the fifteen sections will be worked in this lodge on the evening of Tuesday next, 19th inst., by Bro. G. W. Verry, P.M. The meeting is convened for seven o'clock precisely, and the favour of the attendance of the brotherhood is invited.

STOKE NEWINGTON WORKING MEN'S INSTITUTE.—A concert in aid of the funds of this most excellent society was given at the Shore-ditch Town Hall, on Monday evening the 4th inst., but notwithstanding the attraction of a most interesting programme, the audience was unfortunately more select than numerous. The music performed was entirely sacred, and consisted of the choicest morceaux from the Oratorios, Elijah, Creation, Messiah, and Judas Maccabeus. The Craft was well represented in the orchestra. A band and chorus numbering nearly 400 being most ably conducted by Bro. J. F. Walford, the principal vocalists being Miss Matilda Scott, Miss Julia Derby, Mr. Selwyn Graham, and Bro. Chaplin Henry. Solo Trumpet, Bro. Dearden. Miss Scott, although suffering from a cold, gained great applause for her singing, especially in "Rejoice Greatly." Miss Julia Derby, also, was enthusiastically applauded for her singing, "O Rest in the Lord," "Father of Heaven" and "He was Despised" gaining two encores. Mr. Selwyn Graham was also greatly applauded in all his solos, but Bro. Chaplin Henry had the greatest reception, as in all his songs he was encored, and in our opinion he never sang better, and never showed his fine voice to greater advantage.

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The Freemason,

SATURDAY, MAY 16, 1874.

THE IRISH GRAND LODGE.

We have reason to believe, that, some objection is still entertained among the rulers of the Irish Grand Lodge, to the report of Grand Lodge proceedings and private lodge business altogether.

The *Freemason* is printed and published with the sanction of our own Grand Master, and with the approval of the Grand Master of Scotland, has never yet received the formal "imprimatur" of the Grand Master of Ireland.

It has been said, that, a technical objection has been taken, that, we have never formally applied for the formal granting of such "license."

If that is the only difficulty, if that is the only fault we have committed, we are quite ready to cry "peccavi," and apply formally for the sanction and patronage of the much respected chief of Irish Masonry, our venerable brother the Duke of Leinster.

But the truth is, we believe the objection a little deeper, and is based on an entirely different foundation.

There is, we fear, a *prima facie* opposition to all reporting, and practically to all printing of Masonic proceedings, except, such as take place in public, and all reporting of lodge work, in all circumstances, and yet with a curious inconsistency, while *The Freemason*, the only Masonic journal at present existing, or circulating in Ireland, is objected to for reporting at all. We receive neither aid nor information, we see time to time long reports of Masonic proceedings alike in Grand and private lodge, both in *Saunders's News Letter*, and several non-Masonic papers, which though they do not emanate from authority professedly, yet what the foreign papers would term practical "communiqués" of some well-informed and gifted brother! Why then is this?

What has *The Freemason* done to be left in the cold? or why should its enterprising publishers not be able to print from time to time properly authenticated reports of the Irish Grand Lodge and private lodge proceedings? *The Freemason* is intended to be a fair and impartial record of the Craft, and why should we

of the doings of our warm-hearted brethren across the channel, where, as we know, the very best feeling really exists between the brethren of the two jurisdictions, and only wants to be cultivated to be both warm and enduring:

The attitude of some good friends of ours in Dublin, on things Masonic, puts one in mind of the story of the Irish widow, who said to a rather backward admirer, who was somewhat hesitating, "Ye are mighty particular, come, spake out your mind like a man, I've got my answer riddy!" Why cannot the Irish authorities imitate her large-heartedness and open-mindedness?

We believe, that the little "impedimentum" to a full and fraternal approval of *The Freemason*, in all three jurisdictions arises from the fact, that the authorities, excellent and worthy as they are in Ireland, somewhat object to innovations, and are a little afraid of change.

Yet in 1874, it seems too late, in the history of Freemasonry and the world, to stand in the way of the progress and expansion of the Masonic Press.

The Inquisition of old, tried to silence Gallico, but for all that the earth moved, and the world has moved on, despite that "Institutio detestabilis."

And so to day, on every side of us we see, that the Masonic Press and Masonic Literature are happily on the increase, and that the Masonic Schoolmaster is abroad.

Who will take the responsibility of impeding the spread of the former, or marring the work of the latter?

When we in good old cautious, sober, slow-going England, remember, that the permission to print our Masonic proceedings, was granted by the most careful of rulers, and vigilant of Grand Masters, Lord Zetland, that, it certainly has done no harm to English Masonry, that, the same privilege has been conceded in Scotland, by that able ruler, Lord Dalhousie, and has been since confirmed by Lord Rosslyn, and is maintained by its worthy occupier of the Scottish chair, we see, how little fear any need entertain that we are in any way departing really from our ancient landmarks or from our old and cherished constitutions.

We feel sure of this, that Irish Masonry itself would receive an impetus and encouragement, if we could receive proper reports of the proceedings, and were not left to the chance columns of non-Masonic papers.

We say this in all good feeling and regard to the authorities of the Irish Grand Lodge.

The Irish Grand Lodge in itself is a very distinguished body, under its venerable chief, and represents a large, and worthy, and intelligent body of Freemasons. To it we wish all possible success, and with it we are most anxious to announce an entire "entente cordiale." Our worthy publisher is most anxious to give all Irish news of those many lodges, which do so much good work yearly, and we sincerely hope in conclusion that our remarks will be accepted in the spirit in which they are penned, namely, in all fraternal goodwill and respect to the constituted authorities of the Irish Grand Lodge, and all heartfelt aspirations, for the honour and development of Irish Craft Masonry.

THE CEREMONY OF THE DEDICATION OF KING SOLOMON'S TEMPLE.

Freemasons have always been patrons of all æsthetic influences, and our Bro. Albert Mackey, wrote a very able article not long ago to prove that, Freemasonry was the conservator of the arts.

Indeed, as the true history of Freemasonry is to be found invariably linked, with perhaps the noblest of all the handicraft and artistic works of man, architecture, we shall not do wrong in asserting that our benevolent brotherhood of today, is still, as ever, uniformly ready and willing to encourage those genial and graceful labours which tend to expand civilization, and to elevate humanity.

We are led into this train of thought by the reception of a programme and prospectus placed in our hands by Bro. Ashton.

He is the possessor, it seems, of a picture painted by Morris Lewis Hermann, painter to Peter the Great, representing the ceremony of the dedication of King Solomon's temple.

The picture is a large one in itself, and alike unsuited from its size and subject for a private collection of paintings, and far more fitting, for every reason, for the adornment of a public gallery, or a corporate building. The picture is interesting in itself, and was formerly in the collection of Lord Moira, a distinguished member of our Order, we believe, as it came from a collection of paintings belonging to a descendant.

It has seemed to Bro. Ashton, that, the best and most suitable place for its reception, was Freemasons' Hall, and he has with that object in view professed himself ready to part with it for a sum of £2,000, of which £1,000 shall be divided among the Charities, in such proportions as a Committee, consisting of Bro. Nathaniel G. Phillips, J. M. P. Montague, Frederick Binckes, George Kenning, and E. P. Paraire, shall think fit.

Such is the original proposal of Bro. Ashton, and his first plan, for the surrender of the picture to the Craft and Freemasons' Hall. We think the idea is in itself most commendable, and the offer of Bro. Ashton most fraternal and praiseworthy. But naturally such a plan is not proposed by him as a "sine qua non" or without any possible modifications.

It is just possible as the subscription progresses, it may become apparent to Bro. Ashton, that it is after all more advisable for him, to make the transaction a simple matter of business arrangement, as between him and the Committee. In that case, we are warranted in saying, that, he will probably be found perfectly willing to accept a fair sum from the Committee, for the purchase itself, leaving out the question of the charities, and to hand the picture over to Grand Lodge, at the request of the subscribers, under such conditions as Grand Lodge itself shall see fit to lay down.

It is but fair to Bro. Ashton, to bear in mind that the picture originally cost 1200 guineas.

We subjoin a very able and artistic account of the picture itself to which we beg to call the attention of our many readers. It is written by Bro. Paraire.

A very interesting picture is now exhibited in Freemasons' Hall, the production of Francis

Lewis Hermann, who was painter to Peter the Great. The subject chosen by the artist is the feast of the dedication of the Temple, the moment that of King Solomon's prayer. The attributes and accessories which constitute the groundwork of the picture are taken from the first Book of Kings, the 7th and 8th chapters.

The architectural details of the great court are well designed, and the appearance of space produced by careful attention to the laws of perspective, assisted by the very delicate warm tone of the colouring, produce a pleasing effect. As the far end and sides of the court fade into obscure indistinctness, they form a well studied background to the Inner Court of the house of the Lord, which thus relieved stands out in bold prominence and forms the centre of the picture. The effect of the whole is considerably enhanced by the distinct though apparently unlaboured attributes. The two pillars of brass with the chapiters concentrate the view on the porch of the temple; in front of which is the altar for the sacrifice of peace offerings. The details of this extraordinary work are so minutely studied in design and portrayed by the artist, and are brought together in such an able manner, that the mind is sensibly affected, and left to wonder at the amount of time and care that must have been bestowed on the design of the various implements, lavers, and vessels with which the picture abounds.

No less extraordinary is the general grouping of the numerous figures, that, fill every part of the canvass. The assemblage of all the heads and chief fathers with the banners of the various tribes and their retainers, the variety of costume, the attitude, and the anxiety manifested by all, the expression portrayed by each, the position and colour, all tend to strike the mind of the observer, while memory calls back the various details of that portion of history so clearly set forth in the biblical record of the construction and dedication of King Solomon's Temple.

We have only further to add that our Grand Master has given his full approbation to the plan and proposal, and has himself become a subscriber.

Our Bro. George Kenning is the Treasurer of the Committee, and we therefore, shall not be exceeding our province if we press on all our brethren to see the picture for themselves, and to aid in obtaining for the perpetual adornment of Freemasons' Hall, the representation of an episode in the history of Freemasonry and of mankind, so deeply connected with the progress of the most civilising of arts, and so specially interesting to all true Freemasons everywhere. We beg to remind all our readers, and repeat for the information of the brethren, that the picture is now on daily view, in a large room adjoining Freemasons' Hall.

Next week we shall publish a list of subscribers towards the purchase of the picture, and Bro. George Kenning is ready to receive the names of all our brethren wishful to contribute towards so desirable an object.

GIRLS' SCHOOL FESTIVAL.

Owing to the time that we are obliged to go to press on Thursday we cannot call attention to the report of the Girls' School, but hope to do so, and also to advert to the giving of prizes on Monday, in our leading columns next week.

NEW LODGE AT BLACKPOOL.—The consecration of the new lodge at Blackpool, in the Province of West Lancashire, which was originally fixed for Easter Tuesday, has been postponed for a few days. A full report of the opening will appear in the columns of *The Freemason*.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF EAST LANCASHIRE.

Many and many a day will have to pass away ere the remembrance of Wednesday, 6th May, can be eradicated from the memory of some of the good people of Bolton, and it will be a long time ere the part which was played at the same time by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the province of East Lancashire can possibly be forgotten by the members of the Order who participated in the grand festival. The gathering was held under the auspices of the Bolton Lodges, and no pains had been spared by the committee to give effect to the pageantry. Circulars were issued to the Officers, Masters, Wardens, and all whom it might concern, inviting their attendance; and in short everything that could be done to ensure a large and brilliant gathering, together with a bright and an imposing demonstration, was effected. The weather, although showery in the early part of the day, was fine, and large numbers of people were on the look-out, the streets presenting a somewhat livelier appearance than usual. Ladies especially were very numerous, and most of them being dressed in the striking and elegant fashions of the day, the thoroughfares exhibited a busy and gay appearance.

Shortly after twelve o'clock, the Anchor and Hope Lodge, No. 37, opened in the three degrees, in the Baths' Assembly Rooms, Lower Bridgman-street, by Bro. William Slater, W.M.; James Walker, S.W.; Dr. Robinson, J.W.; R. K. Freeman, S.D.; Jas. Brown, J.D.; Samuel Crowther, I.G.; and Charles Walker, Tyler. Shortly before one o'clock, the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Colonel Le Gendre N. Starkie and his Provincial Grand Officers, were announced, and were received with the usual salutations; and immediately afterwards the Provincial Grand Lodge was opened by the Provincial Grand Master, in the presence of Bros. J. L. Hine (sitting as Deputy P.G.M.) C. R. N. Beswicke-Royds, P.S.G.W.; John William Maclure, P.J.G.W.; J. A. Elliott, P.G.R.; John Tunnah, P.G. Sec.; T. J. Lancashire, P.S.G.D.; Herod Turner, P.J.G.D.; Thomas Entwistle, P.G. Sup. of W.; James Pollitt, P.G.D.C.; Robert Whittaker, P.G.A.D.C.; Jas. Holroyd, P.G.S.B.; Ralph Collingwood, P.G.O.; Thos. Hargreaves, P.G. Pur.; R. C. J. Duckworth, P.G.A.P.; and other provincial officers and brethren, to the number of 500.

After the divine blessing had been invoked by the Chaplain, the Provincial Grand Master announced a letter of apology from the D.P.G.M., W. Romaine Callender, M.P., owing to parliamentary engagements, the minutes of the last Prov. Grand Lodge meeting having been read and agreed to, and the roll of lodges called over, the Provincial Grand Master pointed out that the minutes contained a paragraph to the effect that each lodge not represented at the Provincial Grand Lodge was fined £1 each, unless they gave some acknowledgment for not putting in an appearance. It appeared, however, that only two had so offended. The accounts, which show a balance of £279 17s. 10d., were taken as read, and unanimously confirmed.

Bro. Samuel Isherwood, P.M. 37, Bolton, was unanimously elected Prov. G. Treasurer for the ensuing year.

The investiture of the officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge for the ensuing year was then proceeded with as follows:—

Thos. Glaister	P.S.G.W.
J. A. Birch	P.J.G.W.
Rev. F. A. Cave-Browne- Cave	P.G.C.
Rev. Charles James Bowen	P.G.C.
T. A. Winder	P.G. Reg.
S. Isherwood (elected)	P.G. Treas.
John Tunnah	P.G. Sec.
William Slater	P.G.S.D.
J. L. Barrett	P.G.J.D.
Robert Harwood	P.G. Sup. of Wks.
Robert Whittaker	P.G.D.C.
George Lofthouse	P.G.A.D.C.
W. Whewell	P.G.S.B.
Josiah Wm. Taylor	P.G.O.
James Hall	P.G. Pur.
Robert Butterworth	P.G.A. Pur.

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Frank Ainsworth	P.G. Steward
John Morris	P.G. Steward
R. Horridge	P.G. Steward
James Horrocks	P.G. Steward
James M. Rutter	P.G. Steward
Charles Walker	P.G. Tyler

During the investiture of the officers a very pleasing incident occurred. The Provincial Grand Master, after investing P.G. Sec. Tunnah with his badge of office, presented that gentleman with a jewel in commemoration of his past faithful services as P.G.S. for a period of twenty-one years.

The report of the charity committee was next taken and agreed to, it being considered a very satisfactory one.

A grant of £200 was voted to the Institution for aged Freemasons and Widows, and a committee was appointed to consider the desirability of establishing a local institution for the education and advancement of the children of Masons.

The lodge was shortly afterwards duly closed.

Shortly after three o'clock the procession was marshalled by Bro. Robert Whittaker (of Farnworth), the Prov. Grand Director of Ceremonies; assisted by Bro. Lofthouse, P.G.A.D.C. The splendid band of the 7th Dragoon Guards headed the procession, the appearance of which was highly imposing, the aprons, gold lace, and bright insignia of the officers having a really magnificent effect. The line of route from the Assembly Rooms, via Newport-street, was crowded with spectators, who, one and all, seemed thoroughly charmed with all they saw, as well as delighted with the occasion that had brought them together. At the foot of the steps of the Town Hall, the brethren opened to the right and left, and preceded by his Standard Bearer, the Provincial Grand Master walked up to the hall doors, the brethren following in procession from the rear, thus inverting the order of procession.

Shortly after four o'clock 400 of the brethren sat down to a banquet in the Albert Hall, at the Town Hall. The galleries were crowded by a large concourse of ladies, who were admitted immediately after the banquet. The band of the 7th Dragoon Guards occupied the orchestra, and between them and the principal table were a number of choice plants, in full bloom, which had a very pretty effect.

The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Le Gendre N. Starkie, occupied the chair, and after the repast he proposed "The Health of her Majesty the Queen" in very appropriate terms.

Solo, band and chorus, "God save the Queen."

The Prov. Grand Master proposed "The Health of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, M.W. Past Grand Master." The Prince, he said, had been received in Bolton on the occasion of the opening of the beautiful building they were then assembled in, in a true Lancashire fashion, and with a demonstration of feeling which no other body of men could give. He asked them to drink the toast with true Masonic feeling, and he hoped that heaven would bless the Prince of Wales.

The next toast proposed by the Prov. Grand Master was "The Most Hon. the Marquess of Ripon, M.W. Grand Master," whom he highly extolled, and afterwards he alluded to the services rendered to the Craft by the Earl of Zetland.

Song, "The Grand Master," Bro. Dumville.

In proposing the next toast, viz., "The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, R.W. Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Officers present and past," the Prov. Grand Master briefly alluded to his own installation. He said he was sure that all who witnessed that ceremony by the Earl of Carnarvon must have felt deeply interested in it. As regarded himself he should never forget the good counsel the Earl gave him, and he hoped he would be able to follow the rules he had laid down, not only to his own advantage, but to the advantage of all the brethren. He trusted that circumstances would bring the Earl of Carnarvon into this province again, and that they would give him that Masonic welcome which he deserved.

The toast was well received, and responded to by Bro. Binckes, Past Grand Steward.

Glee, "Prosper the Art."

P.P.G.W. J. L. Hine gave "The Health of Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, R.W. Provincial Grand Master." He referred to the manner in which it appeared the Prov. Grand Master had been educated in all that appertained to the Craft, and said there was no Prov. Grand Master whose heart was more open, or whose purse was always more ready.

The toast was drunk in a most enthusiastic manner, and upon rising to acknowledge the compliment the Prov. Grand Master was loudly cheered. He remarked that that was the largest assembly of Freemasons it had ever been his privilege to preside over. It was with feelings of no small agitation, and feelings which he could scarcely repress, that he addressed them upon that occasion. Knowing, as he did, that he stood in the place of one who was the townsman, one who was highly respected and beloved by every member of the fraternity, and a man in whose footsteps in Masonry he hoped he should always tread. He then alluded to that province, which he said was the largest in England, and it was now in a most flourishing state. He was at that time, he might almost say, in his native town, for if they read history they would find that some of his ancestors were interred in the churchyard adjoining the old Parish Church in Bolton, and when he remembered that fact it was sufficient to raise in him feelings which could only beat in the heart of a Lancashire lad. He then alluded to Free masonry, and to its charities, after which he proposed "The Health of W. Romaine Callender, Esq., M.P., Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and the Provincial Grand Officers, present and past." He remarked that the name of Wm. Romaine Callender, Esq., was a household word in that province, and that no man had done more than he in elevating Masonry.

Prov. J.G.W. J. A. Birch, responded on behalf of W. Romaine Callender, Esq., and the Provincial Grand Officers, and in doing so alluded to the noble and eminent men connected with Freemasonry.

"Glee, 'O Hills, O Vales of Pleasure.'"

The Prov. Grand Master next proposed "The Mayor and Corporation and Town and Trade of Bolton." They were all, he said, indebted to the Mayor and Corporation of Bolton for the use of that hall that evening. He wished the toast had fallen into the hands of a worthy brother who was unable to be with them that evening, but, like Bro. Callender, he was in London attending to the duties of the State. He (the Prov. Grand Master) saw one present that evening whom he had that day appointed Senior Grand Warden, namely, Bro. Glaister—(he heard)—a gentleman who was connected with the Corporation of Bolton. All the brethren were deeply indebted to some persons for a commodating them in that magnificent erection. Such a building as that was a credit to the town of Bolton. He did not know the Mayor of Bolton, but he believed that he was good citizen of his native town. He trusted that the trade of Bolton would flourish, for he did not know any town that concerned him so. The toast was drunk with three times three.

Song, "John Anderson my Jo, John."

Prov. S.G.W. T. Glaister thanked them in the manner in which they had received the toast. He had not long been a member of the Corporation of Bolton, but he had endeavoured to do duty while connected with it, and he believed that the whole Corporation were trying to their duty to the best of their skill and ability. They had now extensive waterworks, and was sure that that beautiful Town Hall was credit to Bolton. He trusted that the trade of the town would continue to flourish, for if it did not, he would suffer with the rest.

P.Prov. G.W. T. G. Gibbons proposed, "The Masters of the Bolton Lodges," which was responded to by Prov. S.G.D. W. Slater, W. 37.

"The Visiting Brethren" was next proposed by the Prov. Grand Master, and responded to by P. Prov. G.W. West Lancashire, Bro. Birch of Preston.

The Prov. Grand Master then proposed

his place in the chair was taken by P.P.G.W. J. L. Hine.

Bro. Hine next gave the toast of "The Masonic Charities," which was responded to by Bro. Terry, Secretary of the Royal Benevolent Institution, and Bro. Binckes, Secretary of the Masonic Boys' School, London.

Song (by desire) by Bro. Wroe, "A Mason's True Jewels."

Bro. Hine next proposed "The Provincial Grand Stewards," which was responded to by Bro. Frank Ainsworth.

Glee, by Bros. Edmondson, Bailey, Lovatt—"Willie brewed a peck o' maud."

The toast of "The Ladies" was proposed in very gracious terms by Bro. Pilkington, P.M., and responded to by Bro. Walter Pennington, W.M. 678.

The last toast on the list, "All poor and distressed Masons," was given by Bro. Hine.

Bro. Dunville next sang "The Final Toast" which brought the banquet to a close.

Original Correspondence.

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

MASONS' MARKS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have hesitated not a little before resolving to address to you a few words in reply to a letter on Masons' Marks, which appeared in the Freemason of 18th February (p. 234), signed "A Masonic Student," for I do not think it generally advisable to carry on controversy with any one who has the meanness to descend to personal abuse; and I was very much inclined to think that the letter of "A Masonic Student" could produce little impression on the mind of any intelligent Freemason, except to disgust him by its low abusiveness, to amuse him by the self-conceit which it displays, and to astonish him by the extraordinary blundering of which it is full. "Self-praise is no honour," it is said; but our Student Brother seems to be of a different opinion, and sounds his own trumpet loudly enough. However, when he takes credit to himself for his diligence in the study of Masons' Marks, saying "I have probably studied Masons' Marks far longer and far more carefully than Bro. Paton," I feel no inclination whatever to dispute the point. I am willing to give him credit for the utmost assiduity in the study, and for having persevered in it for years enough to make him quite a remarkable student; but I cannot help reflecting that mere time and diligence in study will not produce very satisfactory results without something else. Perhaps he has heard the story of a great painter who being asked by an aspirant for artistic fame what mixed his colours with, replied "with brains, r!" How far this ingredient has entered into the composition of "A Masonic Student's" letter, you may judge who read it.

Permit me, however, to point out that he has fallen into utter confusion as to the state of the question on which he professes to write. He writes—"Bro. Chalmers I. Paton originally asserted that all Mason's Marks must have even numbers." Most certainly, I asserted no such thing. I suppose that by "even points" the student means an even number of points, though the expression used does not very clearly convey that, nor any other meaning. Anyone who has read what has previously appeared in the Freemason on this subject, must know that instead of asserting that all Mason's Marks must have an even number of points, I asserted the very opposite, that they must have an odd number of points, and to this it is that the whole controversy relates. Far be it from me to suppose that "A Masonic Student" consciously and deliberately made a statement wholly contrary to the truth. I only suppose that he has got bewildered, like a man in a dazed condition, who does not know very well where he is or where he wants to go. I have imagined that the word even, in the

sentence which I have quoted, was written by a slip of the pen for odd; but other things which follow forbid the entertainment of this opinion, as, for example, when we read:—"In operative Masonry there is no such rule as even points, in speculative Masonry there is no trace of such a custom," a statement on which it is evidently unnecessary for me to make any observation, beyond this that it makes the proof of bewilderment complete.

"A Masonic Student" is pleased to speak of my "noisy asseveration and overbearing assertion," and resolutely declares that he for one never intends to allow any one, so long as he is able to hold a pen, "to mislead the Craft, either by absurd pretensions to infallibility or by idle claims to authority." Now he ought to be aware, if he has read and is capable of understanding the letters on which he seems to animadvert, that I adduced proofs and authorities in support of the assertions which I made, that I referred to the authority of the Grand Lodge of Scotland and of the best writers on Masonic History, dead and alive, both in England and in America, whereas he indulges in assertions unsupported by any proof or authority whatever, and in favour of which he brings forward no semblance of Masonic argument. It is he that is misleading or attempting to mislead the Craft, not I. I am inclined to think that he is not a Mark Mason himself, and that amidst all his Masonic studies, he has never read Laurie's History of Mark Masonry. It is plain that he has not recently looked into Bro. D. M. Lyon's book, as the fac-similes of marks there all belong to operative Masonry, and to the period from A.D. 1599, to A.D. 1680, and there is nothing in the whole volume to afford countenance to any of the views he apparently wishes to maintain. And if he is an English Freemason, it is quite evident that he is not acquainted with Bro. Oliver's landmarks. He writes about a subject of which it is evident that he knows nothing, and all his tall talk does not conceal his ignorance of the difference between operative and speculative Masonry.

The brother who wrote the chapter on Masons' Marks in Laurie's History of Freemasonry is Bro. Andrew Kerr, Past Master No. 8, S.C., and it was he whom I adduced as an authority for the opinion which I expressed, and have seen no reason to change, that a Mason's Mark of the present period ought always to consist of an odd number of points.

It is amusing to see how, "A Masonic Student" refers to Bro. Hughan, as a great authority in Masonry, and how Bro. Hughan, in a letter which appeared in *The Freemason* of 25th April, returns the compliment to the Student. But it all comes to this, that they have studied the subject, and they know, and therefore all other brethren must take their word for it. I hope many brethren will prefer to enquire for themselves, and to consider the evidence adduced.

Yours fraternally,
CHALMERS I. PATON.

A CAUTION.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

I should feel obliged if you will find space in your next Saturday's issue for this letter.

A foreigner who professes to be a distressed Alsatian, has been travelling about this province selling French poplins, cloth, &c., which he says have been given to him by his brother, who he says is a manufacturer at Lyons, to sell, in order to pay his expenses to the French colony in Canada. During my absence he victimised my wife to the tune of £3 10s., for a dress; on my return home, I fortunately found the individual, and compelled him to take back the dress and refund the money; he then attempted to pass himself off as a Mason, at the same time telling me he would, as a brother Mason, let me have the dress for £2 10s. Of course, I did not accept his fraternal offering, and fortunately, for after his departure a similar dress bought by another lady in this place was found to be utter rubbish (she gave him £3 10s. for it). Amongst other things, he suc-

ceeded in obtaining 10s. from a very worthy and Rev. brother of my acquaintance by passing himself off as a distressed French Mason.

He is a man about 48 years old, thick set, rather over the average height, full face, clean shaven, with the exception of a moustache. He presents cards of numerous people in the neighbourhood, many of which, I hear, have been surreptitiously obtained. He sends in a neat little card, with his name, over the name is a crest.

In this neighbourhood he presents a letter of introduction which he has obtained by misrepresentation from a lady highly connected, and which letter, much to her annoyance, has led to his making victims of many of her friends.

I may say that the letter is supposed to be signed Alice Barrington, or Alice E. Barrington. His victims in this neighbourhood are legion, his gentlemanly bearing and language gaining him an easy access everywhere.

Fraternally yours,
HERBERT BUSY HODGES.
P.P.S.G.W., Herts.

THE MELROSE LODGE.

(To the Editor of the Freemason.)

Dear Sir and Brother,—

After reading the letters of "Fraternal Justice," at page 234 of your issue for April 18th, I waited to see if there was to be any more in the same style before answering. There has been none, so in answer to "Fraternal Justice," I may say that his letters are sufficiently answered already at page 206. As to his assertion that he is "prepared to present me with a bone which I may not find easy to masticate," I beg to say that the only "bone" in the case worth spending time upon is the old minute-books and papers of the lodge. If he is able to give me a proper chance of "masticating" them, I am willing to try what I can do. In case, however, the effect of my teeth might be dreaded, pray give Bro. W. J. Hughan the opportunity of dealing with the subject.

I understand that a number of the Melrose Masons are ready to join the Grand Lodge of Scotland, if they get what they want, but for them to have the audacity and presumption to aim at getting in as No. 0, and before the lodge of Edinburgh, Mary's Chapel, is simply ludicrous. No doubt they may point to the Kilwinning Lodge as a precedent, and say that if fortune rewarded her pretensions with success, she may also equally favour them, if they will only be persistent enough and adopt the same course, coming in with all their illegitimate children under the paternal coat tails just as the other so gracefully sailed in with all her's under her petticoat! I am afraid, however, that the times have now changed, and that the Grand Lodge of Scotland will now see it to be more to her true interests to deal out "Fraternal Justice" with a faithful hand than to adopt what I consider to be the unfair course she took in A.D. 1807. And although fortune favoured the Kilwinning Lodge then, it is quite possible that this Melrose agitation now going on is simply the fair Nemesis shaking her whip over the back of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and threatening to bring it down, as the settlement for past misdeeds.

I am, Yours fraternally,
MASONICUS.

OPENING OF THE INFIRMARY FOR WIGAN AND DISTRICT.—On Thursday week, the Royal Albert Edward Infirmary, erected at a cost (including furnishing) of £29,500, was formally opened for the reception of patients, and, at the same time, the first annual general meeting of subscribers was held. The report placed the deficiency between subscriptions and expenditure at £3,200. Of this sum £1,000 was written off at the meeting. It was stated that the sum required to carry on the institution would be about £1,800 per annum, and the endowment fund, after the sale of the old dispensary, would probably be £6,000. Hospital Saturday and Sunday had this year produced £783, and in addition there were the annual subscriptions.

Masonic Tidings.

We have received a letter from Bro. Gottheil, with reference to a statement in our issue of May and, for every reason, we think it better not to publish the letter, and not to re-open the question now settled, in any way.

The Gresham Masonic Club of Instruction is held at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, every Friday evening, from 6 o'clock to 9, Bro. Crawley, P.M. 174, Preceptor.

The fifteen Sections will be worked by Bro Austin, P.M. 933, assisted by the brethren, on Friday evening, June 5th, in the Gresham Masonic Club of Instruction, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, commencing at 6 o'clock.

"MASONIC MAGAZINE."—The June number of the Magazine will contain a photograph of the Marquess of Ripon, K.G., Grand Master of England, and among other articles, Old Military Lodges, by Bro. Hughan; the Old Masonic Poem; Troy; History of Freemasonry in Russia; and other interesting matter. The "Masonic Magazine" is published monthly by Bro. George Kenning, 198, Fleet-street.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, May 22, 1874.

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

Saturday, May 16.

- Lodge 1185, Lewis, King's Arms, Wood-green.
- " 1336, Lebanon, Red Lion Hotel, Hampton.
- Manchester Lodge of Instruction (179), Yorkshire Grey, 77, London-street, Fitzroy-square, at 8; Bro. H. Ash, Preceptor.
- Lily Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, Surrey.
- Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. G. Dilley, Preceptor.

Monday, May 18.

- Lodge 1, Grand Master's, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-st.
- " 8, British, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 21, Emulation, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.
- " 58, Felicity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-st.
- " 720, Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
- " 1139, Marquess of Dalhousie, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 1201, Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall.

- Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction (1445), Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland, at 7; Bro. T. Austin, Preceptor.
- Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.

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

- Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern, Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
- Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gottheil, Preceptor.

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

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

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

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

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

- Metropolitan Mark Lodge of Instruction, Coach and Horses Hotel, 323, Strand, at 8.

Tuesday, May 19.

- Board of General Purposes at 3.
- Lodge 30, United Mainers, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.

- " 165, Honour and Generosity, London Tavern Bishopsgate-st.

- " 194, St. Paul's, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.

- " 704, Camden, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.

- " 857, St. Mark's, Duke of Edinburgh Tavern, Brixton.

- Chap. 19, Mount Sinai, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.

- " 186, Industry, Freemasons' Hall.

- Yarborough Lodge of Instruction, Green Dragon Stepey, at 8; Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.

- Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tavern, Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 8.

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

- Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Lord's Hotel, Lord's Cricket Ground, St. John's-wood, at 8; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.

- Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. Crawley, Preceptor.

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

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

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

- Union Club of Instruction (day meetings), Windsor Castle, Victoria Station, Pimlico, from 2 till 4 p.m.

Wednesday, May 20.

- General Committee Grand Lodge, and Lodge of Benevolence, at 6.

- Lodge 174, Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st.

- " 190, Oak, Freemasons' Hall.

- " 619, Beadon, Greyhound Tavern, Dulwich.

- " 700, Nelson, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich.

- " 969, Maybury, Freemasons' Hall.

- " 1044, Wandsworth, Spread Eagle Hotel, New Wandsworth.

- " 1320, Blackheath, Crown Hotel, Blackheath.

- " 1382, Corinthian, George Inn, Cubitt-town, E. Chap. 1269, Stanhope, Thicket Hotel, Anerley.

- Most Puissant Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of England, 2, Red Lion-square. (See *Adv.*)

- Southwark Lodge of Instruction, (879), Southwark Park Tavern, Southwark Park, at 8; Bro. Charles William Kent, Preceptor.

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

- United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.

- Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30.

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

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

- Confidence Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.

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

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

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

- Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction (1288), Finsbury Park Tavern, Seven Sisters'-road, N., at 8. Bro. P. Dickinson, Acting Preceptor.

Thursday, May 21.

- House Committee, Girls' School at 4.

- Lodge 55, Constitutional, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.

- " 63, St. Mary's, Freemasons' Hall.

- " 169, Temperance, White Swan, High-street, Deptford.

- " 813, New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton.

- " 1227, Upton, Spotted Dog Tavern, Upton.

- " 1278, Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park.

- " 1365, Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton.

- Chap. 733, Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's-wood.

- " 742, Crystal Palace, Clarendon Hotel, Anerley.

- Knights Templar Preceptory, E. Observance, 14, Bedford-row.

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

- Great City Lodge of Instruction, 33, Gutter-lane, at 6.30; Bro. T. Poore, W.M. 720, Preceptor.

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

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

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

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

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

- Highgate Lodge of Instruction (1366), Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.

- Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.

- St. George's Lodge of Instruction (140), Globe Tavern, Royal-hill, Greenwich.

- Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.

- Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, (749), Coach and Horses, Strand, at 8; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.

- Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.

- Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M. Freemasons' Hall, at 7.

- Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria T. Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.

- Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park, at 8; Bro. W. Verry, Preceptor.

Friday, May 22.

- House Committee, Boys' School at 4.

- Lodge 197, Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall.

- " 780, Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew-br.

- " 861, Finsbury, Rosemary Branch Tavern, H.

- Clapton Lodge of Instruction, White Hart, Clapton.

- Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., Preceptor.

- Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1291), the Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. W. F. Rogers, Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (79), Pine Orange, Greenwich-road, at 8; Comp. W. West Preceptor.

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

- Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, street, at 7; Bro. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.

- United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Antelope T. Lorn-road, Brixton, at 7.

- St. James's Lodge of Instruction, New Taner's Grange-road, Bermondsey, at 8; Bro. Howes Preceptor.

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

- Doric Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, end-road, at 8.

- Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Cranes Arms, P. Wales's-road, N.W., at 8; Bro. P. M. Wue Preceptor.

- St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Rose T. Fulham-road, S.W.

- Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Buckhurst-hill, at 8.

- High Cross Lodge of Instruction (754), Coach & High Road, Tottenham.

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

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE

CHESHIRE,

For the Week ending Saturday, May 23, 1874.

Monday, May 18.

- Everton Lodge of Instruction (823), Masonic T. Liverpool, at 7.30.

- Chap. 995, Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverstone.

Tuesday, May 19.

- Lodge 667, Alliance, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 7.30.

- " 1225, Hindpool, Hartington Hotel, Barrow-in-Wes.

- " 1276, Warren, Stanley Arms Hotel, Seacombe.

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

- Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic T. Liverpool, at 6.

Wednesday, May 20.

- Lodge 823, Everton, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 7.30.

- " 1182, Duke of Edinburgh, Coffee House, W. at 5.

- " 1086, Walton, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, at 6.

- " 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys Hotel, Eccles.

- " 1353, Duke of Lancaster, Athenaeum, Lanc.

- Harmonic Lodge of Instruction (216), Mona James-street, Liverpool, at 8.

- Chap. 580, Unity, Wheatheaf Inn, Ormskirk.

Thursday, May 21.

- Lodge 203, Ancient Union, Masonic Temple, L. at 6.

- " 343, Concord, Queen's Arms Hotel, Church Preston.

- " 425, Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester, at 8.

- " 605, Combermere, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe.

- " 1299, Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby.

Friday, May 22.

- Lodge 1350, Fernor-Hesketh, Masonic Temple pool, at 6.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW

VICINITY.

For the week ending Saturday, May 23, 1874.

All the Meetings take place at 8 o'clock.

Monday, May 18.

- Lodge 324, Union, 170, Buchanan-street.

- St. Mungo Encampment of Knight Templ. Buchanan-st.

Tuesday, May 19.

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

- " 87, Thistle, 213, Buchanan-st.

Wednesday, May 20.

- Lodge 117, St. Mary, Freemasons' Hall, Park Thrusday, May 21.

- Lodge 27, St. Mungo, 213, Buchanan-street.

- " 465, St. Andrew's, Missions' Hall, Ganga.

- " 22, St. John, George Hotel, Kilmarnock.

- Lodge 221, St. Andrew's, 213, Buchanan-street.

- Lodge 205, St. John, 213, Buchanan-street.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH. For the Week ending Saturday, May 23, 1874.

Monday, May 18. Lodge 44, St. Luke's, Freemasons' Hall, George-st., at 8. Tuesday, May 19. Lodge 36, St. David's, Ship Hotel, E. Register-street, at 8. 405, Rifle, Freemasons' Hall, George-street, at 8.30. Wednesday, May 20. Lodge 160, Roman Eagle, Iona Hotel, Nicolson-street, at 8. Thursday, May 21. Lodge 48, St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall, George-st. at 8. 226, Fortobello, Royal Hotel, Bath-street, Portobello, at 8. Red Cross Conclave 103, St. Giles, Masonic Hall, Blackfriars-st., at 8.

Advertisements.

MOST PUSSANT GRAND COUNCIL OF Royal and Select Masters of England, &c. CONSTITUTED 4TH AUGUST, 1871.

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A meeting of the Members of the Degree of Royal and Select Master, will be held at 2, Red Lion-square, Holborn, on Wednesday, the 20th inst., at 1/4 o'clock in the afternoon, to admit and receive Candidates, properly qualified as Mark and Royal Arch Masons, whose names must be sent to the undersigned, not later than Thursday, 14th inst.

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The Provincial Grand Treasurer will read his Finance Statement.

The Provincial Grand Secretary will read the Report of the Committee of the P.G. Lodge Fund of Benevolence and an abstract of the accounts to the present time.

The Provincial Grand Registrar will give the Returns for the past year from the several Lodges in the Province.

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Craft Masonry.

LIVERPOOL.—*Merchants' Lodge* (No. 241).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday evening, the 12th inst., at the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool, the chair of K.S. being occupied by Bro. J. Halton, W.M.: The officers and others present were Bro. R. Robinson, P.M.; G. Broadbridge, P.M.; S. Forrest, P.M.; R. Wilson, P.M.; W. M. Chudley, S.W.; R. Brown, J.W.; S. I. McGeorge, P.M., Treasurer; G. Hutchins, Sec.; G. Peet, S.D.; J. Winsor, I.G.; P. Ball; Tyler, W. J. Lunt, P.M. 823; W. M. Norbury; J. Cooper; H. Gabriel; J. Latta; G. Hulse; M. de Freece; J. Sillitoe, P.M. 605; B. Levy; S. Jacob; D. C. Marks, &c. The visitors included Bro. J. Banning, P.G.O., C. and W.; J. Mandsley, P.P.G. Reg.; C. H. Hill, P.G. Reg.; J. R. Goepel, P.G.S.; E. Friend, P.P. J.G.D. (Cheshire); W. C. Connell, P.M. 137; W. Sephton, W.M. 1086; J. Wallace, I. G. 1289; J. W. Farley, P.M. 1035, &c. During the meeting it was unanimously resolved that a letter of condolence, signed by the W.M. and Sec., should be sent to the widow of the late Bro. Capt. Mott, who was a valued and esteemed P.M. of the Merchants' Lodge. Bro. Wilson also gave notice that he should move at the next meeting, that the sum of £100 be given by the lodge towards the fund about to be raised, as a presentation to the widow of Captain Mott. Bro. R. Robinson, P.M., was elected Preceptor of the Lodge of Instruction in connection with No. 241, in room of Bro. Mott, who had for many years most effectually filled that position. After the transaction of some formal business, the proceedings closed in peace and harmony.

LIVERPOOL.—*Croxteth United Service Lodge* (No. 786).—Bro. H. J. Newman, W.M., presided at the ordinary meeting of this excellent lodge on Thursday evening, the 14th inst., at the Masonic Temple, and amongst the others present were Bro. G. Owen, P.M.; G. L. Blundell, P.M., S.W.; G. S. Stopford Taylor, J.W.; L. Coulton, P.M., D.C.; W. B. Cay, Sec.; W. H. Holt, J.D.; W. H. Tyerman, &c.; J. B. Wallace, Treas.; R. Neville, Tyler; and W. G. Veale, Org. The principal business of the evening was the election of W.M., and Bro. G. G. Stopford Taylor, the S.W., was unanimously and by acclamation chosen to fill that important office. The installation will take place on the 11th June, when it is expected that Bro. Councillor Dr. Taylor, P.M., will instal his son into the chair of K.S. The assembled brethren subsequently sat down to an excellent repast, and during the evening the usual loyal, masonic, and complimentary toasts were given from the chair by Bro. Newman, W.M., in happy terms.

LIVERPOOL.—*De Grey and Ripon Lodge* (No. 56).—The brethren of this large and prosperous lodge assembled for the performance of their Masonic duties on the evening of the 13th inst., in their lodge room, North Hill-street, 150th Park. Bro. T. Evans, W.M., presided, the principal officers being Bro. B. B. Marson, M.; Rothwell, S.W.; J. Bell, J.W.; Joseph nes, Sec.; W. G. Veale, Org. The principal business was the raising of five candidates, the ceremony being performed by the

W.M., Bro. Evans, in a most masterly and impressive manner. Several substantial sums were voted for charity, after which the lodge was closed.

MACDONALD LODGE (No. 1216).—A very numerous attended meeting of this lodge was held at the Head Quarters of the First Surrey Rifles, at Camberwell, on Thursday, the 14th inst., the occasion being the installation of a highly respected member, both of the corps and the lodge, as its fifth W.M., the first of the initiates who has attained the honourable distinction. Amongst those present were Bros. Newington Bridges, W.M.; W. J. Messenger, S.W., and W.M. Elect; J. H. Hastie, J.W.; M. S. Larham, S.D.; H. Hammond, J.D.; F. H. Cozens, Org.; T. W. Carnell, D.C.; Fountain, Steward; G. Waterall, I.P.M.; Major Irvine, Senior P.M.; J. Stevens, P.M.; Dubois, Allen, Fletcher, Ross, Grey, Cacket, Harper, Collins, Nevill, Bradley, Styan, Joy, Cutting, Bowen, Youngman, Clay, Challoner, Style, Wilkins, Woodcock, Barnett, and a large number of visitors were also present, among whom we observed the W. Bros. Henry Bridges, P.G.S.B., D.P.G.M. Somerset; R. C. Else, P. Prov. G.S.W. Somerset; Thrupp, P.M.; Coote, P.M.; Gatherwood, P.M.; Rexworthy, Stride, 176; Puckle, 176; Garner, and others. The lodge was opened at four o'clock, and the minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, ballots were taken for three candidates for initiation, which were found clear, and the Rev. Charles Compton Barry Domville, M.A., being in attendance, was introduced. At the conclusion of the ceremony the rev. brother expressed his high appreciation of the solemnity, and gave force to his opinion by accepting at a later period of the evening the office of Chaplain to the lodge. The lodge having been opened in the second degree, Bro. W. J. Messenger was duly presented as W.M. elect, and was then installed in a large board of Installed Masters, and in a most efficient manner, by the retiring W.M., Bro. Newington Bridges, who afterwards completed the ceremony by delivering the addresses to officers and brethren in a most correct and perfect manner. The newly-installed Master then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. W. J. Messenger, W.M.; J. H. Hastie, S.W.; M. S. Larham, J.W.; Rev. C. C. Domville, M.A., Chaplain; A. Styan, Treas.; J. J. Curtis, Sec.; H. Hammond, S.D.; J. W. Carnell, J.D.; C. Fountain, I.G.; F. Cozens, Org.; J. Stevens, P.M., D.C.; D. A. Ross, W.S.; W. Gray, C.S. The W.M. stated his desire that the office of D.C. should be held by a Past Master, and be considered as out of the rota for promotion, so that the advancement of other officers might not be retarded, and at his solicitation, Bro. Stevens, P.M., agreed to fulfil the duties of that office. Business was at once undertaken by the W.M., who in most excellent manner initiated the remaining two candidates previously balloted for, and Messrs. T. A. Fitzen, and H. P. Jarman, were severally admitted to the Order. A Past Master's jewel of the elegant and valuable description worn by former P.M.'s of this lodge, was presented to Bro. Bridges, I.P.M., and a Past Treasurer's jewel of equal value was unanimously voted for presentation to Bro. Dr. E. Cronin, who had filled that office since the formation of the lodge. Candidates were proposed for initiation at the ensuing meeting, and the lodge was then closed with musical service, Bro. Coote presiding, during the temporary absence of Bro. Cozens, at the harmonium. The banquet was provided in the large canteen of the corps, the tables being plentifully adorned with large and valuable epagnes, cups, and other prizes won by the members of the lodge. Amongst them our attention was especially directed to the elaborate Macdonald Lodge cup, a work of beautiful design and of considerable cost, a gift from the lodge to the corps, and which has been held by Bro. Curtis, the Secretary to the lodge, as prize winner; as also to the magnificent Bread-street Ward epagne, a challenge prize, which has been won by Bro. Messenger, the newly installed W.M. The late Colonel Macdonald's cups, Major Irvine's shield, and other similar trophies

gave evidence that Masonry and rifle practice went hand in hand in the Macdonald Lodge. The costly dinner service bearing the device of the lodge and presented to it by one of its earlier members, Bro. Rassam, of Abyssinian celebrity, was also brought into requisition on this occasion, and generally the surroundings of the entertainment were in unison with the position and celebrity the Macdonald has attained. The cloth having been cleared and the loving cups, the Macdonald Lodge cup, and Colonel Macdonald's cup, having circulated, the W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, that of "The past and present Officers of Grand Lodge" being responded to by the W. Bro. Henry Bridges, P.G.S.B. and D.P.G.M. Somerset, who thanking the lodge for the reception accorded to him, took occasion to express his pleasure at having the ceremony of installation so ably performed by his nephew, the outgoing Master, and the subsequent ceremonies of initiation so well carried out by the W.M. and his officers. To the toast of "The W.M." Bro. Messenger responded with much feeling, thanking the proposer (Bro. Newington Bridges) for his allusion to the fact of his initiation in the lodge and that he was the first of the lodge's children to attain the high position he now held. He expressed his anxiety from the first to attain that position, and his acknowledgments to former officers and brethren who had aided and stimulated his exertions towards that object, and concluded a brief but forcible speech by proposing the toast of "The Past Masters." Bro. Major Irvine in one of his usual excellent speeches, in the course of which he reviewed the past proceedings of the lodge, returned thanks on behalf of the Past Masters, and trusted that, as he believed would be the case, in the future the same prosperity would attend its labours. Bro. Else, Provincial Grand Senior Warden, Somerset, responded on behalf of "The Visitors" in complimentary terms of satisfaction with all which they had seen, heard, and enjoyed. "The Initiates" was replied to by both of the newly admitted brethren then present (Bro. Domville, the Chaplain, having retired before the closing of the lodge), and the several other toasts were also duly acknowledged. The evening's proceedings were enlivened by the excellent performance of Bros. Cozens, Cootes, and others, and terminated with the "Tyler's toast."

LEBANON LODGE (No. 1326).—After a recess of six months this well established lodge commenced its session by meeting on Saturday, May 16th, at the Red Lion Hotel, Hampton, Bro. W. Hammond, W.M. presided. There were present during the afternoon and evening Bros. H. A. Lubois, P.G. Steward, Middlesex, W.M. 1423 S.W.; J. W. Jackson, J.W.; F. Walters, P.G. Steward, Middlesex, P.M.; Sec.; L. Hayward, J.D.; J. T. Moss, P.P.G.S.D. Middlesex, P.M.; J. C. Woodrow, P.M.; E. Hopwood, P.M.; H. Potter, P.M., W.S.; R. Limpus, P.G. Organist, Middlesex; W. G. Laving, P.M.; H. Gloster, T. Wheeler, W. Mitchell, J. G. Fessett, T. W. Stone, G. Shott, W. Staunton, J. J. Marsh, James Lawrence, Josias Lawrence, Robert Lawrence, J. W. Baldwin, C. Heitzmann, G. R. Turnbull, E. Larking, J. Hurst, and some others. The visitors were Bro. Col. F. Burdett, R.W.P.G.M. Middlesex; R. Mabson, 100; T. Price, J.D. 946; W. Smeed, P.P.G.J.W. Middlesex, P.M.; G. W. Malim, 1423; W. A. Simmons, 1423; F. H. Webster, I.G. 1309; and others. The minutes of previous meeting were read and unanimously confirmed. The ballots proved favourable to all the candidates for initiation. The work done was initiating Mr. G. R. Turnbull, and passing Bro. J. W. Stone to the second degree, the work being well and ably done. On motion made by the Secretary, Bro. F. Walters, ten guineas were unanimously voted from lodge funds to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. The W.M., Bro. W. Hammond, P.M. 201, on his motion got five pounds voted from the charity fund of the lodge for the male annuity fund of the Royal Benevolent Institution for aged Freemasons and the widows of Freemasons, both amounts to be paid in the name of the W.M. for the time being. Three gentlemen were proposed for initiation, the lodge was closed, and a good cold collation was served.

Royal Arch.

LIVERPOOL.—*Mariners' Chapter* (No. 249).—The annual meeting of this chapter was held at the Masonic Temple, Liverpool, on the evening of Friday, the 8th instant, when there was a large and influential muster of companions. Comp. J. F. Jones, Z., presided at the opening, and amongst the others present were Comps. J. Hamer, P.Z.; W. J. Lunt, P.Z.; J. Healing, P.Z.; W. Doyle, H.; H. Pearson, J.; J. S. Dixon, E.; W. C. Bulman, N.; J. E. Jackson, P.S.; Joseph Wood, Treas.; Rev. P. Hains, Chaplain, P. Ball, Janitor; W. Roberts, W. Laidlaw, P.Z. 216; P. B. Gee; G. S. Willings; C. Leighton, J. R. Goepel, P.S. 86; A. Bucknall; W. Curtis; J. Chisnall; T. H. Hall; R. Carter; J. Archdeacon; H. Firth; J. Marshall; J. E. Skillicorn; W. Heath; Jose F. Larza; W. Nash; C. Warner, &c. The list of visitors included the names of Companions J. Pemberton, P.Z. 1094; W. Shortis, H. 1094; W. T. May, P.Z. 580; P. M. Larsen, P.Z. 220; T. Clark, 673; J. Skeaf, Z. 216; J. Goodman, 823; and C. S. Hinks, 203. After the transaction of some formal business, Comp. J. Hamer, P.Z., proceeded to instal Comp. W. Doyle, H., as Z. of the chapter, and after he had been duly placed in that position, he invested the following as his officers for the ensuing year:—Comps. H. Pearson, H.; W. C. Bulman, J.; Joseph Wood, Treas. (re-elected); Rev. P. Hains, Chaplain; J. E. Jackson, P.S.; J. S. Dixon, S.E.; P. B. Gee, S.N. Comp. Peter Ball was unanimously re-elected Janitor. Comp. Hamer, who is a recognised veteran in excellent working, performed the ceremony of installation in a remarkably able manner. Bros Evans, Carter, and Jones, were exalted during the meeting, and in the course of the evening Comp. J. F. Jones was presented with a handsome P.Z. jewel, in recognition of his valuable services.

PANMURE CHAPTER (No. 720).—The installation meeting of this prosperous chapter was held at the "Horns Tavern," Kennington, on Monday, the 11th instant. The chapter was placed in mourning for the late Comp. S. C. Davison, the M.E.Z., whose decease took place on the 23rd January last. The chapter was opened by Comps. James Stevens, P.Z., as M.E.Z.; Henry Smith, H.; Chas. Hammerton, J.; H. C. Levander, P.Z., and Treas.; R. H. Harvey, P.Z.; Joseph Nunn, P.Z.; John Read, P.Z.; William Watson, P.Z.; William Worrell, M.E.Z., William Preston Chapter; and the following companions were present during the convocation, viz:—Comps. Rev. W. B. Church, N.; T. Pulsford, P.S.; T. Poore; C. Burrell; Newington Bridges; T. Heffer; R. B. Bryant; G. Waterall; M. S. Larham; F. Levander; R. N. Field; and J. Gilbert. The minutes of the previous convocation having been confirmed, Bro. William Hislop Van Baerle, of the British Lodge, No. 8, was duly exalted into the Supreme Degree with full ceremony and addresses. The following companions were then installed and invested, respectively, as officers for the ensuing year, viz:—Comps. Henry Smith, M.E.Z.; Chas Hammerton, H.; Rev. W. B. Church, J.; James Stevens, P.Z., E.; G. Waterall, N.; H. C. Levander, P.Z., Treas.; M. S. Larham, P.S.; T. Poore, S.A.S.; R. N. Field, J.A.S.; R. B. Bryant, Steward; and J. Gilbert, Janitor. The report of the Audit Committee, which presented a very favourable financial result, after liberal donations to charitable purposes, was read and adopted. The sum of five pounds, to be added to a former vote of equal amount, was voted for the purpose of constituting a Life Governorship in the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, in memory of the late M.E.Z., to be called the "Davison Governorship," and to be at the disposal of the Treasurer for the time being. A similar Life Governorship, in memory of the late Comp. Thomas, P.Z., had been created during the past year. The resignation of Comp. Worthington, P.Z., in consequence of business engagements in the country, was accepted with earnest expressions of regret, and the resignation of Comp. T. Pulsford was also accepted. Propositions for exaltation at the ensuing meeting were received, and the chapter was then closed.

The companions partook of an excellent banquet, provided in first-rate style by the new host of the "Horns" Tavern, which gave unqualified satisfaction, and was supplemented by a very generous gift from the M.E.Z., who received hearty congratulations on his advancement in Masonic position, and whose health, after the usual preliminary toasts, was cordially drunk and responded to by him in his customary genial and courteous manner. A most enjoyable evening was passed in that perfect harmony and good companionship which has been characteristic of this chapter from its foundation, and the members separated at a seasonable hour, well pleased with the entire proceedings of their ninth anniversary.

Scotland.

EDINBURGH.—*The Lodge of Edinburgh Mary's Chapel* (No. 1).—The last monthly meeting of the season of this lodge was held in the lodge room, Waterloo place, on Tuesday evening, the 12th inst. There were present on the occasion, Bro. Bailie Muirhead, R. & M.; Abbott, P.M.; Officer, P.M.; Mann, P.M., Melville, P.D.M., President Board of Grand Stewards; Captain Shanks, Royal Marines L.L., J.G.W., Prov. Grand Lodge of Devon; Schopp, R.W.M.; Lodge Canongate Kilwinning No. 2, accompanied by a deputation; H. R. Hendrie, P.M., Lodge Journeymen, No. 8; Roy, D.M.; Dr. Dickson, S.M., and a numerous attendance of other brethren. In the temporary absence of the R.W.M., the lodge was opened by Bro. Roy, D.M., after which the minutes were read and confirmed. A petition was then read from Bro. Edward Massey Hay, Roslin, Mid Lothian, a M.M. of the Lodge Hornsey, No. 890 (E.C.) craving to be affiliated a member of the lodge, which having been unanimously approved, Bro. Hay was duly affiliated, and at a subsequent part of the evening gave the brethren an interesting sketch of his experiences as a Freemason in various distant parts of the world, and of the advantages of Freemasonry to those whose avocations lead them to travel abroad, a remark which was amply corroborated by Bro. Captain Shanks. In accordance with a previous resolution of the lodge to confer honorary affiliation on Bro. H. P. Hendrie, P.M. of the Lodge Journeymen No. 8, in recognition of his lengthened and well known services to the Craft, and of the friendly relations which have always existed betwixt the lodge No. 1, and the lodge No. 8, one of its most thriving and vigorous offshoots, that brother presented himself, and was affiliated in common form, amid the applause of the brethren. A gratifying part of the proceedings of the evening consisted in the presentation of a piece of plate, and a P.M.'s jewel, to Bro. W. J. Crawford Abbott, whose name has been familiarly identified with the lodge for a considerable number of years past. Bro. Abbott has been in office for at least seven consecutive years of that period as Secretary, Sub-Master, and latterly as R.W.M., an office which he vacated on St. John's Day, 1872, and during his connection with the lodge, he has worked incessantly and disinterestedly in furthering its welfare. The R.W.M., in making the presentation, adverted in a highly complimentary manner to the good work Bro. Abbott had done for his mother lodge, and how pleasing it was to him, personally, to be deputed by the brethren to place in his hands that gift expressive of their appreciation of his services in the various offices he had filled. He hoped that Bro. Abbott would not estimate their gratitude by the size or value of the gift, but accept as a little representing a great deal. The R.W.M. concluded by placing the piece of plate in Bro. Abbott's hands, and by fixing the jewel on his breast, amid much applause. Bro. Abbott, in reply, said that he felt great difficulty in expressing himself in terms adequate to an occasion so gratifying to him. It did not require this mark of their approval to keep him in mind of the gratitude he owed to the lodge. After serving in several subordinate offices, he was raised by the goodwill of the brethren to the responsible position of Master, in which position

he received the most generous support from the office-bearers and brethren. He would ever look back to the two years of his Mastership as the most pleasant of his life. While occupying the chair he endeavoured, as was his duty, to do all he could not only to advance the interests of the lodge, but also to do the Craft at large; and although he had "passed the chair," the brethren might reckon upon him in any emergency so long as health and strength were vouchsafed to him. Bro. Abbott concluded by adding that as he devoted much time to Masonry, he considered it just to do homage to claims of an importance by allowing Mrs. Abbott to receive her own pleasure in the selection of the gift, a remark which elicited much applause. On motion of brother officers it was unanimously agreed to record on the minutes an expression of regret at the death of Bro. Alexander Hay, Past Treasurer, and (with the exception of the oldest member of the lodge, Bro. Hay, who initiated in the year 1822, and has thus been connected with the lodge for the long period of 52 years. This concluded the business, and the lodge was closed according to ancient form.

GLASGOW.—*St. Mark Lodge*, No. 102, held their usual meeting on Monday, May 11th. There was a good attendance of members, Bro. Mitchell, R.W.M., in the chair. There one candidate who was duly admitted into the Order by the P.M., Bro. T. Halket.

GLASGOW.—*Star Lodge*, No. 219, met on the 11th. Their fine new Hall was crowded with members and visitors, Bro. Joseph Wilson, R.W.M., in the chair; J. Logan, S.W.; J. Duthie, acting J.W.; Bro. Miller, Sec. There were two candidates for initiation, and a request was preferred from the Lodge Union and Crown Lodge, No. 103, to initiate two for them. This was read and acceded to, and Bro. A. M. Wright, R.W.M., No. 103, proceeded to initiate the four gentlemen in a careful and praiseworthy manner. The lodge was then raised to the second degree, and five brethren were duly passed to that degree, Bro. J. Gilles, R.W.M. of 103, giving the degree. The lodge was again raised, and that sublime degree was conferred on three brethren by Bro. P. A. Bain. This concluded a long evening's labour, the brethren having had the opportunity of seeing the three degrees worked by three excellent workers of the mystic art.

GLASGOW.—*Union Lodge* (No. 33).—This lodge held an emergency meeting on Monday, May 11th, to initiate a gentleman who was about to sail for Canada. The lodge was opened at 8 p.m. by Bro. J. MacNair, R.W.M.; Bro. McHurdy, S.W.; J. McConnachy, J.W.; Balfour, P.M., as Past D.M.; and J. Murray, Secretary. The 1st and 2nd degree were wrought by the Master, Bro. J. Pash gave the obligations of the 3rd, and Bro. J. Balfour the lecture and concluding charges.

GLASGOW.—*Glasgow Lodge* (No. 441). This lodge held their monthly meeting in their own hall, Struthers-street, on Tuesday, May 12th, the R.W.M., Bro. W. H. Jackson, in the chair, Bros. W. Taylor, P.M.; Thallon, S.W. J. Mason, J.W.; and A. Rennie, Secretary. A deputation from the Provincial Grand Lodge consisting of Bros. M. W. F. A. Barrow, D.P. acting Grand Master; J. B. Walker, P.G.T.; McTaggart, M.A., P.G.S.; G. Thall, P.G.J.D.; J. Balfour, P.G.D. of C.; J. Gilles, P.G.S.B.; and Wm. Phillips, P.G. The P.G. Secretary reported that after a minute examination they had found all the books perfectly correct and well kept. The P.G.M. said it was always a source of pleasure to be able to speak well of the lodge they were visiting, in this instance it was all the more satisfactory as they had had occasion to refer to the minutes for the past five years, and they found they were always accurately kept. As the lodge were aware they had some trouble with one of their late members, Bro. Thomas Stratford, who they had expelled for unmasonic conduct, and acting as the Master of an unrecognised lodge; that gentleman had appealed to the Grand Lodge, who had sent him back to the Provincial Lodge to be initiated. When before that body, he had, in the presence of

relating to events that took place about the time of his joining the lodge, but the minute book showed that those statements were without foundation, and this showed the necessity of the records of a lodge being accurately kept, as he was glad to say they were. He had accordingly confirmed the action of the lodge in expelling Mr. Stratford. The P.G.M. then impressed on the members the necessity of caution in the admission of visitors, and also dwelt on the desirability of an extended scheme of benevolence for the province, stating, that as this was the last visitation for this season, and he had now brought the matter before each lodge, he thought that now something practical should be done, and with that view he intended, at the next provincial meeting, to bring it before them in a definite shape. Bro. Jackson, R.W.M., thanked the P.G.M. and the deputation for their visit, and also for the favourable way in which they had spoken of the affairs of the lodge, and congratulated them on having completed their arduous task of visiting the twenty-six lodges of the Province. By the aid of his officers and members, the lodge of Glasgow had, during the past year, paid off £50 of their debt, and their hall would soon be free, and he could assure the P.G.L. that 441 would gladly join a plan for extending benevolence to deserving objects. The deputation then withdrew. The brethren spent some time in harmony. The R.W.M. proposed the various toasts in appropriate terms; that of the visitors was responded to by Bro. J. Gray, of No. 17, and G. W. Wheeler, 73, who proposed "Prosperity to Lodge 441." Bro. Jackson acknowledged the compliment, and gave "The Masonic Press." Bro. Wheeler responded for the *Freemason*, and Bro. Adams for the *Masonic News*.

GLASGOW.—*Clyde Lodge* (No. 408,) met at 170, Buchanan-street, on Friday, May 15th, D. Downie, R.W.M., in the chair, supported by J. McDonald, P.M. 73; G. W. Wheeler, 73; J. Bain, P.M. 103; J. R. Mitchell, P.M. 332; J. McGinnis, S.W.; Wm. Billsland, J.W.; J. Harper, T. There was a petition for initiation from Mr. Buckland, Master Mariner, and also one from Mr. H. G. Banks, on behalf of lodge 73. These two gentlemen were then duly initiated into the Order by Bro. Downie, the Master of the lodge, in a way which proved him to be a careful Masonic Student. The lodge having been raised to the second degree, Bro. G. McDonald, P.M. of 73, passed one brother for his own lodge, and another for the Clyde, into that degree. A lodge of Master Masons was then opened, and Bro. Banks, P.M., of 103, raised three brethren to the sublime degree. At the conclusion of the ceremony, as two of the new Mark Masters were seafaring men, he related the circumstances under which a seaman and mate of a schooner who had himself raised to the same degree had been the means of saving not only their own lives but those of the whole ship's crew, through their knowing the distress sign on their first voyage, and the owners were so pleased at their being the means of saving the vessel and cargo that they had placed them in the command of a large vessel with greatly increased pay. The narration of this anecdote, as the event is quite recent, and some of the actors well known, created a great impression in the Lodge Clyde, many of its members are seafaring men.

GLASGOW.—*Clydesdale Lodge* (No. 556).—A meeting of this new lodge was held in the "Star Lodge Hall," 12, Tron-gate-street, on Thursday, 14th May, for the election of officers, when the following brethren were unanimously appointed, viz:—Bro. William Phillips, R.W.M.; Dr. Thomas Russell, D.M.; Wm. McNaught, S.M.; J. B. McNaught, S.W.; J. Howie, J.W.; T. B. Yuill, T.; James Young, S.; John Frew, S.D.; John McDougall, J.; John Doig, C.; Wm. J. E. Dobson, J.S.; J. Weir, S.S.; John Brown, I.G.; Wm. Jackman, A.; Wm. Graham, T. After business of election was settled, the lodge proceeded to initiate four candidates, viz:—John Yuill, Robert Scott, George Yuill, and John Campbell. The lodge was thereafter held, in due and ancient form.

CONSECRATION OF A NEW LODGE AT LARKHALL, LANARKSHIRE.

Saturday, May the 9th, was a day to be remembered by the inhabitants of this village and its vicinity, for the oldest inhabitant had never seen such a procession as that formed by the brethren of the mystic tie to assist inaugurating the Lodge Clydesdale Larkhall, No. 534. As a proof of the zeal and energy of the members of the new lodge, we have only to say that the charter was only granted on Monday the 4th, and on the 9th they had not only got the Provincial Grand Master to attend, but also above 600 brethren from the several other lodges in the province. The day too was propitious and the whole proceedings, considering the short time the new officers had to make their arrangements, was something wonderful, and fully accounted for the few moments' delay, at the commencement.

As it would be invidious to mention a few names where so many were present, we will only state that there were deputations from the following lodges: Hamilton, Kilwinning (No. 7), Old St. John, Lanark (No. 21), St Mungo, Glasgow (No. 27), St. Mary Coltness, Wishaw (No. 31), Thistle and Rose, Glasgow (No. 73), Robert Burns Chapter (143), Free Operatives, Biggar (167), St. John's, Carluke (187), Union St. John's, Stonehouse (244), Hamilton (233), Woodhall St. John's, Holytown (305), St. John's, Cairnworth (244), St. John's, Dalziel, Motherwell (406), and the Old Larkhall St. Thomas, (306), which numbers about 200 members, and has a benefit society attached to it, and who are cordially welcoming the new lodge in their midst. Larkhall is the centre of a large mining district, and if some of its denizens are not quite so polished as some of the Masonic fraternity, they have hearts as warm, and their hands are quite as open to relieve the wants of a brother in distress.

Bro. Hector MacLean, P.G.M., of the Upper Ward of Lanarkshire, attended by the P.G. Sec., Bro. John Currie, and other Provincial Officers, attended punctually at the hour named, and the handsome gold cups, brought by the P.G.M., excited much admiration.

The consecrating ceremonies having been gone through, Bro. MacLean proceeded to instal the following brethren as the first officers of the lodge: James Davis, R.W.M.; Daniel Wright, S.W.; Robert J. Brown, J.W.; Andrew T. Watson, Sec.; William MacEwan, Treas.; Alex. Frew, S.D.; William Brown, J.D.; Neil Barn, S.S.; Andrew Imrie, J.S.; John Caldwell, I.G.; and William Wood, Tyler. At the conclusion of the ceremonies, after a short interval, the brethren assembled in the large hall of Bro. Sibbald's Inn, where a substantial banquet was provided in very good style. The P.G.M. presided, supported by the R.W.M. and P.G.S., we also noticed Bros. Bassett and Wheeler, who appeared to be the only representatives of the Glasgow Province; probably this was owing to the shortness of the notice.

DIMITS.

A number of brethren in various lodges throughout Scotland are not exactly aware of the nature of a Dimit, it best explains itself and a copy is herewith given, the blanks being filled up when issued to a brother:—

"The office bearers and members of the lodge holding of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, No. do hereby certify that brother (whose signature is annexed in the margin) has, during the period of his membership, conducted himself to the entire satisfaction of the lodge, and has paid all fees and dues exigible from him, he is therefore cordially commended to the fraternal reception of any regular lodge in which he may seek affiliation.

..... R.W. Master.
..... Secretary.

..... IS.....
"GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.
"The foregoing Dimit is hereby countersigned, and confirmed under the seal of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, at the request of the lodge No....
[Seal] Grand Secretary."

DEDICATION OF KING SOLOMON'S TEMPLE.

We give to day the following amount of subscriptions, and the subscribers names, towards the purchase of Bro. Ashton's picture. Bro. George Kenning, 2, 3, 4, Little Britain, is the treasurer of the fund. We wish the endeavour to obtain the picture for Freemasons' Hall all success:—

	£	s.	d.
The Most Hon. the Marquess of Ripon,			
M.W. Grand Master	5	5	0
Friends in Council Lodge (No. 1383)	1	1	0
Lodge of Union No. 38	0	10	0
Lodge of Unanimity No. 102	0	15	0
Massy Rynes	1	1	0
R. Sargent	0	10	0
E. Smyth	0	10	0
J. Bingham	0	5	0
E. J. Duncan	1	1	0
F. Duncan	0	10	0
W. Johnson	0	10	0
W. S. Browne	1	0	0
S. Bailey	0	10	0
J. Wilcox	0	2	6
J. Morgan	0	5	0
E. Morgan	0	10	0
E. Davidson	0	5	0
P. F. Newnham	1	1	0
W. Moore	0	10	0
R. Townsend	0	10	0
R. Hare	0	5	0
Captain R. D. Grady	1	1	0
E. Scott	0	10	0
S. C. M.	0	10	0
E. S. Parain	1	1	0
W. P.	0	5	0
C. M.	0	10	0
J. Williams	0	10	0
A. H. R.	0	5	0
G. J.	1	0	0
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A NEW LODGE IN NORTH LONDON.

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The Freemason,

SATURDAY, MAY 23, 1874.

THE VISIT OF THE CZAR.

We English Freemasons are not politicians, and it never can be repeated too often, or remembered too carefully, that, with politics, quâ politics, we have no concern whatever.

Indeed so careful are we to maintain the golden mean of neutrality, between external parties that we should not allow in *The Freemason*, political addresses on one side or the other to appear, even as paid advertisements, because such a proceeding would be utterly alien from the true principles of entire Masonic neutrality, in respect of the passing political transactions of the day.

But though this be so, and we trust ever will remain the distinguishing feature and bond of English Freemasonry, there are some events in the world's history which seem to lift themselves above the domain of mere party politics, and which we may fairly deal with, though we be Freemasons, on the broader ground, and with the blameless sympathies of citizens of the world.

Now it appears to us that the visit of the Emperor Alexander II. to this country, is just one of those events in which we all have equally a concern, and which interests us all alike, so much so that, it may be fairly noticed in the pages of our hebdomadal Masonic paper, which is alike cosmopolitan in its teaching, as it is cosmopolitan in its circulation.

And, therefore, Freemasons though we be and proud are we for every reason of being so, and of our good old Order, we hail with an entire people, nay with two great nations, with every expression of gratification and rejoicing, the advent of so exalted a visitor to our friendly and hospitable shores.

For in truth the Emperor Alexander II. comes to us invested not only with that Sovereign rank which as loyal Englishmen, we have been taught to value and revere, but also distinguished markedly by those many and genial qualities of the mind and heart, and person, which lend such a charm to cultivated humanity, and are so strongly prized ever by our English people.

His whole career has been a signal instance, in all his public acts, of earnestness and consideration, usefulness and justice, patriotism and benevolence, united with a singular love of home life and family association, and with an entire absence of needless ceremonial or profitless parade. He succeeded to that mighty empire at a time of great national anxiety which the genius of Peter the Great had practically founded, which the mental powers of Catherine II. had consolidated, and which, despite all shallow opinions and prophecies to the contrary, has con-

tinued to grow in greatness and expand power.

On the Emperor Alexander the Second was imposed the solemn responsibility of emancipating the serfs of Russia, and of completing the gigantic undertaking which his uncle and father had initiated, and he has succeeded happily in having his name handed down to posterity, as the emancipator and benefactor of countless myriads of a toiling but grateful people.

Later, by the marriage of his only cherished daughter with a member of the Royal family, the personal interests and national sympathies of Russia and England have been greatly strengthened and cemented.

And we who have lately welcomed as an entire people with one heart and voice the arrival of his charming daughter amongst us, rejoice in welcoming, to day, the father of the Duchess of Edinburgh, and the august ruler of all the Russias! Happily, too, a firm and honourable peace now unites our two great Empires in the bonds of friendly rivalry and civilizing progress.

Time was, even in our own generation, when the two firm friends of olden days found themselves in hostile array.

But now that the loud echoes of war are hushed, and those unbrotherly feelings which war evokes are forgotten, let us hope for ever we, in this country, and with that praiseworthy frankness characteristic of our fine army, and our gallant neighbours, "La Belle France," have not failed to offer our tribute of admiration to the fighting qualities of the Russian soldiers, to the skilful disposition of Prince Gortschakoff, and to the historic fame of Todleben.

And so in this auspicious visit, and at the time when all the feuds of former days are forgotten in the happier association of the present, and with bright anticipation of the future, we offer our humble Masonic welcome, in unison with all our countrymen and countrywomen of every rank and condition to the Emperor Alexander the Second.

In so doing, we believe that we do but express the universal feeling of our ever loyal Order, that we most entirely represent the entire brotherhood to day when we offer our heartfelt congratulations to the Emperor personally, and our most sincere wishes for the well-being of that great country, over which he has been called by God's providence to reign, and which we entertain so many close connections and such important and needful commercial relations.

May the visit of the Czar be one of our happiness and satisfaction to our sovereign himself, of much family enjoyment to the various imperial and Royal Families, of renewed friendship to the Duchess of Edinburgh, and may it tend to unite closer the bonds of society and will between Russia and England, to confirm the peace of Europe and advance the tranquil progress of mankind.

One word more before we close.

Once upon a time Freemasonry existed in Russia, having had its origin exclusively in England, and our English Grand Lodge, I think all went on well, until the introduction of the ceremonies and symbols of the "observance" called "the

divisions and cabals, and to dissensions innumerable amongst the Russian Freemasons.

Up to that time, our English Masonic system had received the direct approval of the Government, because altogether peaceable, loyal, and unpolitical, and had attracted to it some of the best names in Russia, as may be seen from an interesting account of "Freemasonry in Russia," translated from "Le Monde Maçonique," and which will appear in the June number of the "Masonic Magazine."

About 1821, as it is well known, all the Masonic lodges in Russia were closed by order of the imperial authority, and have remained so ever since, there being little doubt but, that the peculiar views and teaching of the High Grades, which abroad are ever a cause of dissension, and a cause of weakness to Craft Masonry, had attracted the attention of the Government, not otherwise unfriendly.

Indeed the ceaseless dissensions and cabals of the High Grade Masons, and the divisions which existed in Russian Freemasonry, gave, we feel it right to express our opinion, legitimate cause for the apprehensions and decision of the lawful authorities,

But it is perhaps not impossible that, if Russian Freemasonry could divest itself, were its resuscitation permitted, of those extraneous and hurtful accessories, and revert to its personal simple English form of an entirely unpolitical and benevolent association, many of the old objections to its existence would be loosened and eventually removed.

So we shall hope, that as time passes on, the former Anglo-Russian Masonic system may be revived, with the full approval of the imperial authorities, and resume its peaceful labours, duly intent on promulgating its great and benign principles of active corporate beneficence and charity, brotherly love, sympathy, and liberation for all mankind.

THE ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

We congratulate the House Committee of the Girls' School, and Bro. R. W. Little, on the most successful result of the gathering of Wednesday last, the 13th inst.

Our third Masonic Charitable Festival for 1874, has come and gone with increasing tokens of Masonic sympathy, and liberality. As Bro. Binckes observed, "It seems as if our charitable anniversaries have proceeded at 'crescendo' time since while the trio have produced the large total in all of over £21,000, they have stood respectively at £6,000, £7,000, and £8,000.

We therefore beg to express once more, our hearty felicitations to all concerned in the management of the Girls' School, and in the arrangement of the Festival.

It says something for the energy of the Stewards, and not a little for the kindly liberality of our Order, that this last anniversary was so entirely successful, alike in its appeal, and in its results, and, that, so large a response has been made to the claims of that most excellent Institution, in order to render it still more serviceable to the many applicants for its happy home, and its admirable education.

It seems, that, in a previous article, we slightly underrated the increase of the number of orphans since the last anniversary.

Twenty-eight additional pupils have actually been received, Bro. R. W. Little tells us, since 1873, and with the exception of about ten, or fifteen more at the outside, the present building, we believe, cannot be made to accommodate by any means a larger number.

Let us rejoice to think, that, we as an Order, can boast of so admirable a school, unique in its organization, standing out prominently amidst a host of educational institutions, as remarkably successful, and perfectly adapted to the end in view, a kind and parental training of the young girls, on whom in the providence of God, the terrible trial of orphanhood has fallen.

And with this feeling of pride and rejoicing, of confidence in the House Committee, of approval of the educational authorities, may it be our aim not to relax our efforts, or stay our hands in the liberal support of our Masonic Girls' School.

There is no Masonic charity in which we may feel a more legitimate contentment and pride, and there is no educational institution in the country which has a more abiding and rightful claim on our fraternal sympathy and material aid.

Those, too, who take an interest in the proceedings of educational establishments, will have been deeply pleased with the report of the distribution of prizes by Bro. the Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot, and his kindly Countess, on Monday last, the 11th.

It is most gratifying to read such an account of the result of the labours of the pupils, and to note so much proficiency in every branch of study or emulation.

The girls seem to be thoroughly happy, healthy, and contented, educated with great care and skill, and fitted, as far as friendly human help can fit them, for the after struggles and sterner battle of life.

Let it be a subject of rejoicing to us as Freemasons, that, while many idle and hurtful controversies abound about education, what it is, and what it should be, we have so far practically solved the difficulty by giving to these interesting orphans, as sound, as good, as practical, as valuable an education as can possibly be given under any circumstances. The actual condition of the Girls' School reflects the highest credit on the governing body, on Bro. Little, and above all on Miss Davis, and those associated happily with her, in the active and ever blessed work of education.

The following is from Richmond, Indiana, U.S., and it is certainly a note which deserves to be found and attended to, by the proper authorities, though of course mishaps will occur in all postal deliveries.—Ed.

BRITISH MAILS.—To illustrate the interest taken by the English P.O. Department in mis-sent letters and papers, we would notice, that a copy of the London Weekly *Freemason* is taken at this P.O., and the No. due here for Oct. 28, 1873, arrived here this week, it having been mis-sent to Melbourne in Australia, 13,000 miles, and then forwarded to New York 15,600 miles, from thence to Richmond—the whole time being nearly six months.

Original Correspondence.

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

MASONS' MARKS.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,

I have read this correspondence with some interest, and think it is a pity these discussions can never be confined to their archaeological limits; the fact that they never can show the bigotry of Masonry, whilst it sets itself up the opponent of such in all other creeds.

We may, I think, reasonably conclude that in ancient times, as now, whilst the mystic nature of the Marks were understood by a few, the mass were ignorant of the signification.

I can show either "Masonic Student," or Bro. Hughan, a Mark ritual furnished to me by the Grand Mark Lodge of England upon which to start the first lodge founded here under their jurisdiction, which makes the odd points compulsory; but to my mind this is the very strongest argument in favour of these writers against Bro. Paton, since it shows the ritual to be a modern concoction, opposed, as it is, to the facts of operative marks.

Few Masons, now-a-days, believe the pretensions of any of the Masonic degrees, and in my opinion the Mark is a spurious Order, not above a century old. The old operative and speculative Masonry (conjoined) gave the Mark with both the first and second degree, as some degrees give stones, tokens, mottoes, characteristics, roses, &c., and the single principle followed seems to have been, that, like Runic or arrow-headed characters, they were to be simple and easy to cut, carve, or engrave. Mystic symbols, when available, were used as now. Other trades, even merchants and literary men, made use of marks in the same way as operative Masons.

It is worthy of enquiry whether the even marks might betoken the 1st, and the odd the 2nd°. The Mark degree, I consider no authority either way.

JOHN YARKER, JUN.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I think that it will be better on the whole for me to withdraw from the discussion on this very interesting topic to myself, who have carefully studied it for years, and leave to Bro. C. Paton the honour of beginning and ending it with puerile personalities.

I have said nothing except in pure self-defence, and when a state of things had been arrived at by Bro. Paton's rejoinder to a purely archaeological communication, in which, to use the words of a very great statesman, he clearly proves that "ignorance was not logic and impertinence was not criticism."

Then it was Bro. Paton told me, as he told Bro. Buchan, that we neither of us knew anything about the matter, that he was in fact alike the only "arbiter elegantiarum," and "doctor dubitantium," and last week he expressed his conviction that I had never even studied the subject at all, or if I had, I had learnt nothing from my studies, and that I had not even read Laurie or Oliver, though why he brings Oliver in I don't exactly know.

It is in vain Bro. Hughan, by no means given to flatter anyone, tells him, on his personal knowledge, that I do understand what I write about. There is, as we know, no limit to "la credulité des incridules." The truth is Bro. Paton has got into a regular mess; he has struck out into deep water, and has hardly yet learned to swim; he has committed himself to a ridiculous position in which he has unfortunately betrayed his entire ignorance of the subject to all true students; he can't advance; he can't retreat; and so being between Scylla and Charibdis, or rather in the "Caudine Forks" of practical evidence and scientific criticism, he follows the example of that ever memorable "representative of an uncurrent 6s. and 8d." To use poor Powers' words, in "His Last Legs," "I have a deuced bad case, go in and abuse the plaintiff's attorney."

And Bro. Paton has certainly succeeded, as a more ill-mannered, childish, petulant, vulgarly written letter, I never perused.

What can you think of a brother who professes to set everybody else right, and who, clearly, has not yet mastered "the grammar" of Mark Masonry, who confounds, in the most beautiful manner, speculative and operative Marks with the sublimest contempt of evidence, and an utter disregard of all the known facts of the case!

Those of us who have paid attention to marks know that Bro. Paton is utterly wrong, and I beg to refer him to the able treatise of Mr. George Godwin, to the opinion of Mr. Dove, that all that Mr. Street has so well said on the subject, and to the clever statement of a Portuguese writer, that so he may realise what can yet be written on the subject itself.

As regards my not knowing the difference between operative and speculative marks, it is just because I do know the difference, and because I have so closely studied the operative marks, that I do object to Bro. Paton making the incorrect statement on the subject that he has done, the only result of which is to utterly mislead the brethren. I would recommend Bro. Paton, in conclusion, the next time he writes upon a subject so dogmatically and overbearingly, to have mastered its first principles, as otherwise he is an utterly valueless, useless "master of the work," and to clear his head at once of what Carlisle has called so well "bottled moonshine," of which commodity it appears to me Bro. Paton at present possesses a superfluous and extravagant amount.

I am, yours fraternally,
MASONIC STUDENT.

TEMPLARISM AND RED-CROSSISM IN EDINBURGH AND GLASGOW.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

On reading the report of the opening of a new conclave of the Red Cross of Rome and Constantine in Glasgow, I find that Sir Knight Wheeler rejoices in the fact that "his office bearers are not only high up in Royal Arch Masonry, eight being Principals and two Scribe E.'s, but that they are also Knights Templar, three being Past Commanders and two Deputy Commanders. Now I shall be glad if anyone will inform me how it is that the Knights Templar of Glasgow can become active members of the Red Cross degree, when the Knights Templar of Edinburgh threaten their members with all sorts of pains and penalties should they do so, they even refuse to admit a Red Cross man into their Order, unless he forswears his R. C. connection.

Now the Templars of Glasgow must either be acting in opposition to their Constitution, or the Templars of Edinburgh must be taking a position they have no right to hold—which is it?

ENQUIRER.

THE POPE A FREEMASON.

(To the Editor of *The Freemason*.)

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The last paragraph of a letter from "P.M." has attracted my attention, and I would so far venture to corroborate the writer and his informant, Dr. Leeson, as to say, that, in Italy it is a well known fact that Pope Pío Nono is a Freemason. I quote from an Italian brochure which I purchased at a kiosk either at Milan or Turin:—

"Il secolo era pieno del nome di Napoleone, di militari e d'idee guerriere, Giare maria canto la battaglia d'Austerlitz, e si fece inscrivere nelle loggie de Francmassoni."

This brochure was selling in great quantities. I need hardly say that it is not very complimentary to the Mastai Ferretti, "già Tenente di Cavalleria." I only quote from it, however, to show the assertion current amongst the Italians.

I have also one of the very common photographs, whereon he is represented in a collar adorned with emblems, &c.

There is not the slightest doubt that Freemasonry has been used for political purposes in Italy—hence his present condemnation of it. I should like much to know the date when he

commenced his crusade against it. Was it not about 1848 or '49, after the Colonna's death?

I am yours fraternally,

W. M.

Gebitws.

DR. MACKAY'S ENCYCLOPEDIA OF FREEMASONRY, 1874.

I am very pleased to notice the high encomium you pass on the labours of the world-renowned craftsman, Dr. Mackay, and certainly he has only now given an indication even of the extent and variety of his abilities. I presume now he has pretty well fashioned the keystone of his many works, for at his age, and being far from a robust constitution we cannot expect more of such volumes as the "Encyclopædia," which presents within the compass of about one thousand pages the labours for a lifetime of a scholar, a Masonic enthusiast, and a constant searcher after truth.

To my mind nothing equal to it of its kind has ever been produced in Europe or America, and it is impossible to obtain such a mass of valuable and trustworthy (as also interesting) information in any other larger Masonic work besides.

In none can the discoveries and researches of the last three years be found excepting in this grand volume, and in addition to its being a sure guide as to the present condition of Masonic archaeology, it is also a repertory of ancient and modern Freemasonry, comprising the whole range of arts, science, and literature, as connected with the fraternity.

I know of no Masonic work to be compared with this one in a linguistical point of view, and many words which in a symbolical sense have reference to our esoteric customs are most exhaustively and learnedly treated and explained. I should much like to afford the readers of the *Freemason* an insight into the general character of the work, but its extent is such as to render that almost impossible. As, however, the splendid book can be obtained at the office of the *Freemason* for two pounds, (or a trifle increase for the extra binding), I strongly advise all Masonic students to procure copies at once, and especially that the officers of Masonic libraries take the opportunity of adding the *Encyclopædia* to their collections.

Because of the size of the volume I cannot spare the time now to particularize its contents, or to carefully note any of the points especially worthy of selection.

I should like also to fraternally allude to some of the articles about which there is a little difference of opinion, and occasionally I should have to differ from the worthy author, but rarely, and not on any important question.

I am glad to find that so able and thorough a Masonic scholar, as also one of the best informed brethren in the United States, agrees in the main with our views in this country, especially with Bros. Woodford, Lyon, and myself, and with our able Bro. Findel of Saxony. When several have thus for years conducted their researches independently, their united testimony at the present time cannot fail to be worthy of respect and careful consideration.

In Dr. Mackay's *Encyclopædia*, all the results of modern researches respecting the history of the Craft are very fully described, and the evidence when conflicting is most fairly presented in a twofold aspect, and every opportunity afforded the reader to arrive at a common sense conclusion. The various decisions as to Masonic legislation, and suggestions respecting Masonic trials, are especially of value, and indeed Dr. Mackay is one of the first, probably the first, Masonic jurist in this country, or in America.

On Adoptive, spurious and semi-Free Masonry the work furnishes copious details, and our Rosicrucian friends will find in its pages, many more particulars relative to the obscure mystical and symbolical studies than numerous works of a much more pretentious character.

I shall allude to the Masonic *Encyclopædia* shortly again, and meanwhile a hope that the few copies sent over from across the "big pond," will soon be transferred to the shelves of the lodge libraries in this country.

From a few odd sheets of the work we take up casually the following, which will serve to indicate the style of the noble volume.

W. J. HUGHAN.

CRUX ANSATA. This signifies, in Latin, the "cross with a handle." It is formed by a tau cross surmounted by a circle, or more properly an oval. It was one of the most significant of the symbols of the ancient Egyptians, and is depicted repeatedly on their monuments borne in the hands of their deities, and especially Pthah. Among them it was the symbol of life and with that meaning it has been introduced into some of the higher degrees of Masonry. The crux ansata, surrounded by a serpent in a circle, is the symbol of immortality, because the cross was the symbol of life, and the serpent of eternity.

CROSS, JEREMY L. A teacher of the Masonic ritual, who, during his lifetime, was extensively known, and for some time very popular. He was born June 27, 1783, at Haverhill, New Hampshire, and died at the same place in 1861. Cross was admitted into the Masonic Order in 1808, and soon afterwards became a pupil of Thomas Smith Webb, whose modifications of the Preston lectures and of the higher degrees were generally accepted by the Masons of the United States. Cross, having acquired a competent knowledge of Webb's system, began to travel and disseminate it throughout the country. In 1819 he published *The True Masonic Chart or Hieroglyphic Monitor*, in which he borrowed liberally from the previous work of Webb. In fact, the *Chart of Cross* is, in nearly all its parts, a mere transcript of the *Monitor* of Webb, the first edition of which was published in 1797. Webb, it is true, took the same liberty with Preston, from whose *Illustrations of Masonry* he borrowed largely. The engraving of the emblems constituted, however, an entirely new and original feature in the *Hieroglyphic Chart*, and, as furnishing aids to the memory, rendered the book of Cross at once very popular; so much so, indeed, that for a long time it almost altogether superseded that of Webb. In 1820 Cross published *The Templars' Chart*, which, as a monitor of the degrees of chivalry, met with equal success. Both of these works have passed through numerous editions.

Cross received the appointment of Grand Lecturer from many Grand Lodges, and travelled for many years very extensively through the United States, teaching his system of lectures to lodges, chapters, councils, and encampments.

He possessed little or no scholarly attainments, and his contributions to the literature of Masonry are confined to the two compilations already cited. In his latter years he became involved in a schismatic effort to establish a spurious Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Rite. But he soon withdrew his name, and retired to the place of his nativity where he died, at the advanced age of seventy eight.

Although Cross was not a man of any very original genius, yet a recent writer has announced the fact that the symbol of the monument in the third degree, unknown to the system of either Preston or Webb, was invented by him. See *Monument*.

CRUCEFIX, ROBERT T. An English Mason distinguished for his services to the Craft. Robert Thomas Crucefix, M.D., LL.D., was born at Holborn, Eng., in the year 1797, and received his education at Merchant Tailors' School. After leaving school, he became the pupil of Mr. Chamberlayne, a general and celebrated practitioner of his day, at Clerkenwell; he afterwards became a student at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and was a pupil of the celebrated Abernethy. On receiving his diploma as a member of the Royal College of Surgeons, in 1810 he went to India, where he remained but a short time upon his return he settled in London, and continued to reside there till the year 1841 when he removed to Milton-on-Thames, where he spent the rest of his life till within a few weeks before his decease, when he removed, for the benefit of his declining health, to Bath, where he expired February 25, 1850. Dr. Crucefix was initiated into Masonry in 1829, and during the greater part of his life discharged the duties of important offices in the Grand Lodge of Eng.

land, of which he was a Grand Deacon, and in subordinate Lodges, Chapters, and Encampments. He was an earnest promoter of all the Masonic charities of England, of one of which, the "Asylum for Aged and Decayed Freemasons," he was the founder. In 1834, he established the *Freemasons' Quarterly Review*, and continued to edit it for six years, during which period he contributed many valuable articles to its pages.

In 1840, through the machinations of his enemies, (for he was too great a man not to have had some), he incurred the displeasure of the ruling powers; and on charges which, undoubtedly, were not sustained by sufficient evidence, he was suspended by the Grand Lodge for six months, and retired from active Masonic life. But he never lost the respect of the Craft, nor the affection of the leading Masons who were his contemporaries. On his restoration, he again began to labour in behalf of the Institution, and spent his last days in advancing its interests. To his character, his long-tryed friend, the venerable Oliver, pays this tribute:—"Dr. Crucefix did not pretend to infallibility, and like all other public men, he might be sometimes wrong; but his errors were not from the heart, and always leaned to the side of virtue and beneficence. He toiled incessantly for the benefit of his brethren, and was anxious that all inestimable blessings should be conveyed by Masonry on mankind. In sickness or in health he was ever found at his post, and his sympathy was the most active in behalf of the destitute brother, the widow, and the orphan. His perseverance never flagged for a moment; and he acted as though he had made up his mind to live and die in obedience to the calls of duty."

Multum in Parvo, or Masonic Notes and Queries.

DR. DESAGUIERS IN HIS OLD AGE.
In the "Encyclopedia Britannica" (8th ed., 1857), we are told that Jean Theophile Desaguliers, D.D., was born at Rochelle, March 12th, 1683, and died in 1749, aged 66. After giving a short sketch of his career it goes on to say, "The following lines, of the poet Camthorn, depict the indigence and neglect into which he fell in his old age."

"How poor, neglected, Desaguliers fell!
How he who taught two gracious kings to view
All Boyle ennobled, and all Bacon knew,
Died in a cell, without a friend to save,
Without a guinea, and without a grave."

Now in reference to the above, I would respectfully ask, if any reader of *The Freemason* can tell us under what circumstances Desaguliers was so left in his old age? This is of all the more interest to us, as Freemasons, seeing the active and prominent part he took in the formation of the Grand Lodge of England.

W. P. BUCHAN.

AN ANCIENT CHARGE.

The following charge was dictated by a very old Freemason, since deceased, to Bro. James redk. Spurr, F.R. Hist. Soc., P.Z., 18, who as sent it to us for publication:—

"Brother—You stand before me a representative of the second birth. Remember from henceforth thyself, and all the twice born, shall live to the newness of life; from henceforth earnest piety and strict moral virtue must be thy end and aim, and of all the twice born, for singly each man born, singly he dies, singly receives the reward of his good deeds, and singly the ward of his evil ones, therefore be earnestly virtuous, for in thy passage from life to the next neither father nor mother, life nor child, kinsman nor friend, can bear thee company, thy piety and virtue alone, if sincere will remain with thee, with piety and true to accompany thee thou wilt traverse a journey how hard to be traversed."

CURIOUS REMINISCENCE OF SCOTTISH FREEMASONRY.

A curious document has just come to light, tending to prove that Freemasons and the Roman Catholic Church were not always at such an enmity, as one would believe from the fierce themas hurled against its members by the

Sovereign Pontiff and his followers. It is a list of the brethren composing the original Scotch Lodge of John of Scotland, holding its warrant and constitution from the Orient of Paris, in 1778. Amongst the officers and members of the lodge, who belonged to all classes of society, may be seen that of the Abbé Bartolio, Worshipful Master, and a Rosicrucian; Abbé Robinson, Rosicrucian; Abbé Durand, prior of Entraignes; Master Don Chabriet, Benedictine Friar attached to the Monastery of Cluny, Rosicrucian; and many others. It may also be remembered that his Holiness the Pope, and many of his cardinals, notably Antonelli, are not only Masons, but have worked their way up to the degree of Rosicrucians.

Masonic Tidings.

At a special court of the governors of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, held at the Masonic Hall, Liverpool, Bro. Richard Brown, J.W., of the Merchants' Lodge (241) was elected hon. secretary of the institution, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Bro. Captain Mott.

Owing to the proprietors of "The London Warehousemen's Association" having been compelled somewhat suddenly to relinquish their occupation of 33, Gutter-lane, the meetings of the Great City Lodge of Instruction will be discontinued until some other meeting place can be found.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, May 29, 1874.

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

Saturday, May 23.

- Manchester Lodge of Instruction (179), Yorkshire Grey, 77, London-street, Fitzroy-square, at 8; Bro. H. Ash, Preceptor.
- Lily Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, Surrey.
- Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. G. Dilley, Preceptor.

Monday, May 25.

- Lodge 4, Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 26, Castle and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 183, Unity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-st.
- " 902, Burgoyne, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-st.
- " 905, De Grey and Ripon, Angel Hotel, Great Ilford.
- Chap. 25, Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 188, Joppa, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.
- Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction (1445), Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland, at 7; Bro. T. Austin, Preceptor.
- Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.
- Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.
- Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern, Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
- Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gotthilf, Preceptor.
- British Oak Lodge of Instruction, Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.
- St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street (opposite the Pantheon), Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.
- Wellington Lodge of Instruction, White Swan Tavern, Deptford, at 8; Bro. C. G. Dilley, P.M. 11.55; Preceptor.
- St. John of Wapping Lodge of Instruction (1306), Gun Tavern, High-street, Wapping, at 8; Bro. T. Mortlock, Preceptor.
- West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
- Metropolitan Mark Lodge of Instruction, Coach and Horses Hotel, 323, Strand, at 8.

Tuesday, May 26.

- Lodge 14, Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 92, Moria, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-st.
- " 259, Prince of Wales's, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
- " 1158, Southern Star, Montpellier Tavern, Walworth.
- Chap. 28, Cyrus, Ship and Turle, Leadenhall-st.
- " 167, Old Union, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-st.
- " 180, St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall.
- Palestine Rose Croix Chapter, 33, Golden-square.

Wednesday, May 27.

- Yarborough Lodge of Instruction, Green Dragon Stepney, at 8; Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.
- Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tavern, Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 8.
- Faith Lodge of Instruction, Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Preceptor.
- Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Lord's Hotel, Lord's Cricket Ground, St. John's-wood, at 8; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.
- Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. Crawley, Preceptor.
- Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st., Within, at 7.30; Bro. Bolton, W.M. 1227, Preceptor.
- St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, New-street, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
- Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (55), Wheatheaf Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey (P.M. 180), Preceptor.
- Union Club of Instruction (day meetings), Windsor Castle, Victoria Station, Pimlico, from 2 till 4 p.m.

Wednesday, May 27.

- Lodge 2, Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 212, Euphrates, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue.
- " 507, United Pilgrims, Horns Tavern, Kennington-park.
- " 753, Prince Frederick William, Knights of St. John Hotel, St. John's-wood.
- " 754, High Cross, Seven Sisters Tavern, Page-green, Tottenham.
- " 898, Temperance in the East, 6, Newby-place, Poplar.

- Southwark Lodge of Instruction, (879), Southwark Park Tavern, Southwark Park, at 8; Bro. Charles William Kent, Preceptor.
- Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor.
- United Strenuous Lodge of Instruction (128), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
- Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30.
- New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8.
- Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
- Confidence Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
- Peckham Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham, at 8; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor.
- Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, George & Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar.
- Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, Thicket Hotel, Anerley, at 7.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
- Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction (1288), Finsbury Park Tavern, Seven Sisters'-road, N., at 8. Bro. P. Dickinson, Acting Preceptor.

Thursday, May 28.

- General Committee, Girls' School, at 4.
- Lodge 23, Neptune, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st.
- " 34, Mount Moriah, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 99, Shakespeare, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.
- Chap. 5, St George's, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 46, Old Union, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.
- " 657, Canonbury, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue.
- " 834, Andrew, Royal Sussex Hotel, Hammersmith.
- Efidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham Court-road, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
- Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Angl. Tavern, Bath-street, City-road; Bro. Stean, Preceptor.
- United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
- Whittington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern, Holborn, at 8; Bro. Lewis Alexander, P.M. 188, Preceptor.
- Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
- Ebury Lodge of Instruction, Bro. Palmer's, 12, Pensonby-st., Millbank.
- Highgate Lodge of Instruction (1366), Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
- St. George's Lodge of Instruction (140), Globe Tavern, Royal-hill, Greenwich.
- Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
- Belgrave Lodge of Instruction (749), Coach and Horses, Strand, at 8; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.
- Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.
- Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
- Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tavern, Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.
- Burdett Courts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park, at 8; Bro. Geo. W. Verry, Preceptor.

Friday, May 29.

- Chap. 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
- Knight Templar Preceptory 74, Harcourt, Greyhound Inn, Richmond.

Clapton Lodge of Instruction, White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., Preceptor.
 Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1298), the Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. W. F. Rogers, Precep.
 Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-road, at 8; Comp. W. West Smith Preceptor.
 Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (733), Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8.
 Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet street, at 7; Bro. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.
 United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Antelope Tavern, Lorn-road, Brixton, at 7.
 St. James's Lodge of Instruction, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-road, Bermondsey, at 8; Bro. Howes, P.M., Preceptor.
 Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Bro. D. S. Potts, Preceptor.
 Doric Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8.
 Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8; Bro. P. M. Wuest, Preceptor.
 St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Rose Tavern, Fulham-road, S.W.
 Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhorse-hill, at 8.
 High Cross Lodge of Instruction (754), Coach & Horses, High Road, Tottenham.
 Union Club of Instruction, Windsor Castle, Victoria Station at 8 p.m.; H. Ash, P.M., Instructor.
 Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE,

For the Week ending Saturday, May 30, 1874.

Monday, May 25.

Lodge 148, Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington, at 6.30.
 " 613, Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport.
 " 703, Clifton, Clifton Arms Hotel, Blackpool.
 Chap. 241, Friendship, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 5.30.

Tuesday, May 26.

Lodge 897, Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helen's, at 6.
 " 986, Heskeith, Grapes Inn, Croston, at 4.
 " 1256, Fidelity, Bull Hotel, Poulton-le-Fylde.
 " 1393, Hamer, 2A, Windermere-street, Breck-road, Liverpool, at 6.

Chap. 721, Grosvenor, Barr's Hotel, Chester, at 6.30.
 " 1094, Temple, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), 90, Park-lane, Liverpool, at 7.

Wednesday, May 27.

Lodge 86, Loyalty, Assembly Rooms, Prescott, at 6.
 " 484, Faith, Gerard's Arms Inn, Ashton-le-Willows.
 " 580, Harmony, Wheatheaf Inn, Ormskirk, at 5.
 " 758, Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 6.
 " 220, Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, near Liverpool, at 4.30.
 " 1325, Stanley, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 1052, Callender, Public Hall, Rusholme.
 " 724, Derby, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 St. John's Lodge of Instruction (673), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 8.
 Neptune Lodge of Instruction (1264), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 7.
 De Grey and Ripon Lodge of Instruction (1356), 140, North Hill-street, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 7.30.

Thursday, May 28.

Lodge 594, Downshire, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 Lodge 1313, Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, at 7.
 " 950, Heskeith, Royal Hotel, Dock-street, Fleetwood.
 " 1032, Townley Parker, Howard's Arms, Whittle-le-Springs.
 " 1070, Starkie, Black Horse Hotel, Kirkham.
 " 1086, Walton, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, at 6.
 Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction (1182), 150, Park-lane, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 7.
 Mariners' Lodge of Instruction (249), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 8.

Saturday, May 30.

Lodge 178, Antiquity, Royal Hotel, Wigan, at 6.30.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND VICINITY.

For the week ending Saturday, May 30, 1874.
 All the Meetings take place at 8 o'clock.

Monday, May 25.

Lodge 103, Union and Crown, 170, Buchanan-st.
 " 219, Star, 12, Tron-gate.
 " 362, St. Clair, 25, Robertson-st.
 " 541, Marie Stuart, Masons' Hall, Crosshill.
 Chap. 122, Thetis, 35, James-street.

Tuesday, May 26.

Lodge 413, Athole, 213, Buchanan-st.
 Chap. 67, Cathedral, 23, Struthers-street.
 " 73, Caledonian Unity, 170, Buchanan-street.
 " 117, Govan, Parkland Hall, Govan.

Wednesday, May 27.

Lodge 187, St. John's, Black Bull Inn, Carlisle.

Friday, May 29.

Lodge 153, Royal Arch, Town Hall, Pollokshaws.
 " 347, St. John's, Old Council Hall, Rutherglen.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH.

For the Week ending Saturday, May 30, 1874.

Monday, May 25.

Lodge 145, St. Stephen, Masonic Hall, Writers' Court, at 8.
 " 349, St. Clair, Freemasons' Hall, George-street, at 8.30.

Tuesday, May 26.

Lodge 151, Edinburgh Defensive Band, Masonic Hall, Blackfriars-street, at 8.30.
 Chap. 40, Naval and Military, Freemasons' Hall, George-street, at 8.
 Red Cross Conclave 4, Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Writers' Court, High-street, at 8.

Wednesday, May 27.

Lodge 2, Canongate Kilwinning, St. John's Chapel, St. John's-st, at 8.
 " 112, St. John's, Royal Hotel, Edinburgh, at 8.

Thursday, May 28.

Lodge 392, Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, George-street, at 8.30.

Friday, May 29.

" 203, Ancient Union, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.

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Craft Masonry.

WINDSOR.—*Etonian Lodge of St. John* (No. 209).—The last monthly meeting of the session was held at the Masonic Hall, St. Alban's-street, Windsor, on the 5th inst. The W.M., Bro. G. W. Dixon, was supported by a large number of the brethren of the lodge and visitors, amongst whom were Bros. J. P. Carter, J. W.; Denne, S.D.; Crowhurst, J.D.; Herne, D.C.; Strange, P.M., Sec.; J. Wilson, P.M.; L. Bryett, P.M.; Duffield, Baker, Hiscock, Webster, Pears, Christian, Lovegrove, and others. Visitors Bros. Bingham, W.M. 771; Guisebrook, I.P.M. 771 (acting S.W.); Tolley, P.M. 771; Rev. J. Cave, 771; Cantrell, 771; Veal, W.M., Dobie Lodge, and others. The lodge was duly opened and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. After the usual interrogation Bros. Clay and Ferrey were entrusted with the pass, grip, and word, and retired to be properly prepared. On their return to the lodge they were raised to the degree of F.C., by the W.M. The next business was raising Bro. Hawker to the sublime degree of M.M. After some routine business had been disposed of, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Castle Hotel for refreshment.

PANMURE LODGE (No. 720).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Balam Hotel, on Monday the 18th inst., and was well attended by members and visitors. The W.M. Bro. Thomas Poore, opened the lodge punctually at three o'clock in the afternoon and was supported by Bros. Payne, S.W.; Puman, J.W.; H. Huntley, P.M., Secretary; Whitall, S.D.; Trusler, J.D.; Lane, I.G.; R. Huntley, Cole, Dr. Moore, Richardson, Lilley, Broadwood, Broadbridge, Burgess, and Woolfe. Amongst the visitors were Bros. James Stevens, P.M., 720, 1216, and W.M. 1426; G. Neall, P.M., 720; R. N. Field, Burgoyne Lodge; W. Iarber, 1426; Lewis Lewis, 1426; Coe, J.D.; Stockwell Lodge; W. Heffer, Southern Star lodge, and others. Messrs. Biddlecombe and Keart- and, as candidates for initiation, were billeted and duly elected, and Bro. Biddlecombe, being in attendance was admitted to the first degree. The lodge having been passed to the second degree, Bro. Stevens presented Bro. Payne, as W.M. elect, who was installed into the chair of K.S. in a most able and efficient manner by the retiring W.M., Bro. Poore, whose admiration of the beautiful ceremony of installation, was highly appreciated, and called forth expressions of well deserved eulogium. The officers for the ensuing year were appointed as follows:—Bros. Fulman, S.W.; R. Huntley, Sec.; H. F. Huntley, P.M., Sec.; F. Trusler, D.; Lane, J.D.; Burgess, I.G.; Broadbridge, S. Bro. T. Poore, I.P.M., was invited as S.C., and then proceeded to deliver the usual addresses to officers and brethren. Bro. Scotland was introduced and duly initiated by a new W.M., and some business matters relating to the lodge having been disposed of, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. The customary toasts were duly nourished and Bro. Poore, I.P.M., received at the hands of the W.M., a handsome P.M.'s jewel. The evening's proceedings were enlivened by song and recitation, and closed at a reasonable hour with satisfaction to all present.

MANCHESTER.—*Du Grey and Ripa Lodge*

(No. 1161).—The St. John's festival and installation of the Worshipful Master of this lodge was held at the Corporation Hotel on Friday 22nd inst. Amongst the company present were—Bros. Bowen, Prov. G. Chaplain, East Lancashire; Last, P.P.G.D.C., East Lancashire; Hind, P.M. 204; Parker, P.M. 501; Barker, P.M.; Yates, P.M.; and Allison, W.M. 993. The ceremony was ably performed by Bro. S. P. Bidder, P.M., assisted by Bro. East. Afterwards the brethren repaired to a splendid banquet prepared in the Ardwick Town Hall, presided over by the W.M. Bro. John Hayes, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to. Bro. Bowen replying on behalf of the P.G. Lodge, gave some most interesting incidents of the value of Freemasonry in various parts of the world visited by him. In proposing the toast of "The I.P.M., Bro. John Hinchliffe," Bro. Parker presented him, in the name of the brethren, a very handsome 18-carat gold jewel for his able, zealous, and faithful performance of the duties of Worshipful Master, which was most feelingly acknowledged by Bro. Hinchliffe. At nine o'clock the ladies of brethren arrived, at the invitation of the Master, to a soiree of a most agreeable character, dancing being kept up with much spirit till two o'clock.

WAVERTREE.—*Duke of Edinburgh Lodge*, (No. 1182).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 20th inst., at the Coffee House, Wavertree, near Liverpool. Bro. J. Watkin Williams, W.M., was in the chair of K.S., and the other members present were Bros. W. Pugh, P.M. (acting as J.W.); J. Thornton, P.M.; S. Cookson, P.M.; W. Woods, P.M. (acting as S.D.); J. A. Edginton, S.W.; W. Brown, Treas.; T. Davis, I.G.; G. Masker, Steward; Peter M. Larsen, P.M. 564 (acting as Tyler, in the absence, through serious illness, of Bro. W. Crawford, the respected Tyler of the lodge); Bros. Smelton, A. D. Hesketh, J. Haslam, S. Lincoln, S. Whitfield, W. Thomason, J. Jones, J. Collings, J. York, D. Norris, G. Bowring, R. Jones, G. H. Samuell, S. Newbold, and J. B. Mackenzie. The visitors present were Bros. G. W. Chirside, 1325; J. Dawson, 1299; G. Wilson, Sec., 1393; and R. Hulme, 673. During the meeting, Bros. Norris, Samuell, and Lincoln, were passed to the degree of F.C., by the W.M., in a most efficient manner, and before the lodge was closed a vote of money for a deserving case of charity was made unanimously and heartily. The brethren present subsequently sat down to a very excellent repast, provided in her well-known style by Mrs. Wright, the W.M. occupying the position of president. A very pleasant evening was spent, toasts and songs being given with great zest.

POTTERS' BAR.—*Acacia Lodge* (No. 1509).—The regular meeting of this prosperous lodge was held at the Railway Hotel, Potters' Bar, on Saturday, May 23rd, 1874. Bro. Frederick Walters, P.G. Steward Middlesex, P.M., Sec., opened the lodge. There were present Bros. R. Limpus, P.G. Organist, J.W.; J. H. Webster, I.G.; J. W. George, S. Budgett, A. Gould, R. P. Tebb, E. W. Collins, F. H. Butten, P.G.A.D.C. Middlesex, P.M.; C. Horsley, P.P.G.R., Middlesex, P.M. Visitors, strange to say, none were present. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and unanimously confirmed. Ballots, taken separately, were unanimous in favour of the admission of all the candidates for initiation. Messrs. H. D. Upstone, J. A. Murray, and Charles Paulson, were introduced separately and duly initiated into ancient Freemasonry. Bro. R. P. Tebb, was raised to the third degree. The elections proved unanimous in favour of Bro. R. Limpus, P.G. Org., Middlesex, as W.M.; E. Sillifant, P.P.G.D., Middlesex, P.M., re-elected Treasurer for the fifth time; W. Y. Laing, P.M., re-elected Tyler; and for Stewards to represent the lodge at the Festivals in 1875, namely Charles Horsley, P.P.G. Registrar, Middlesex, P.M., for Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and the Widows of Freemasons; R. Limpus, P.G. Org., Middlesex, W.M. elect, for Royal Masonic Institution for Boys; and John Henry Butten, P.G.A.D.C., Middlesex, for Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. It was carried *nem con* that no more meetings be held

at Potters' Bar. Some candidates were proposed for initiation. The lodge was closed. Refreshment followed labour.

HAMPTON COURT.—*Era Lodge* (No. 1423).—An emergency meeting of this well-established lodge was held at the King's Arms Hotel, Hampton Court, on Friday, May 22nd, 1874. Bro. H. A. Dubois, P.G. Steward Mid., W.M., occupied the chair of K.S. There were present Bros. J. W. Baldwin, S.W.; J. Baxter Langley, J.W.; F. Walters, P.G. Steward Mid., P.M. Sec.; Rev. A. P.M. Holden, Chaplain; T. Hastings Miller, P.M., Organist; J. S. Sweeney, S.D.; E. W. Devereux, I.G.; S. Woolf, M.C.; Rev. J. M. Vaughan, P.G. Chaplain Mid., P.M.; J. T. Moss, P.P.G. S.D. Mid., P.M.; C. Raab, H. Fajja, W. M. Matthews, E. King, G. A. Blacey, F. A. Joyce, E. H. Thiellay, R. Liebmann, D. Sullivan, G. W. Malim, A. Hartmann, G. A. L. Hohly, W. A. Simmons, M. Underwood, W. Munday, L. Thornhill, D. D. Weinhausen, E. W. Mackney, P.M., and others. Amongst the visitors were Bros. J. Chynoweth, W.M. 4; Captain W. Andrews, 784; C. Cann, 192; W. Hammond, W.M. 1326, P.M. 201, and others. The W.M. in an admirable manner, for force, impressiveness, and correctness, initiated Messrs. S. W. Seldner, M. Underwood, W. Munday, L. Thornhill and D. D. Weinhausen. E. W. Mackney, P.M. 134, took the chair, and in his happy correct style passed Bro. H. Fajja, raised Bros. G. W. Malim, E. King, F. B. Joyce, G. A. L. Hobby, and G. A. Black. The lodge was closed; refreshment followed labour.

IVY LODGE (No. 1441).—This young and very successful lodge, having completed its first session, stood adjourned until September next; but several highly qualified candidates for admission into Freemasonry having expressed their anxiety for an early initiation, and other brethren being in intermediate stages of the Order, the W.M., felt justified in calling the lodge together on Tuesday, the 19th inst., at the usual meeting place, the Windsor Castle Tavern, Southwark Bridge-road. The meeting was very fairly attended, and the only officer absent was the Treasurer. The W.M., Bro. C. Smith, presided throughout the whole of the meeting, supported by Bros. J. Noke, P.M., as I.P.M.; G. Mattock, S.W.; J. J. Cante, J.W.; C. S. Jolly, Sec.; C. F. Poupard, S.D.; L. Cornelissen, J.D.; W. Ashwell, I.G.; and G. T. Fox, P.M., Tyler. Many private members and Bros. Knox, No. 22; Laing, P.M. No. 45; Farwig, No. 180; and R. Welsford, P.M. and Treasurer No. 548, as visitors. There were four candidates for raising named in the summons, viz.:—Four for the third degree, two for the second, and four for initiation; of these appeared Bros. J. S. Dane, W. Doherty, and G. Plock, for the former; Bro. C. J. Shenton, to be crafted; and Messrs. J. Burgess, of Charing-cross, and A. Vernon, of Finsbury-park, as initiates. The three ceremonies were most admirably worked by Bro. Smith, and his excellent staff, each candidate being separately introduced, and the ancient charge most impressively delivered to the newcomers by the W.M. When the lodge was closed most of the brethren departed, but a few remained, not for the purpose of speechmaking or song singing, but for interchange of Masonic thought, analytical and critical, and the time passed so delightfully that the summons to depart was quite a surprise, the time had passed so quickly. This meeting of the Ivy Lodge and its agreeable associations will long dwell in the memory of those who had the good fortune to be present. The lodge stands adjourned until the third Tuesday in September.

Scotland.

GLASGOW.—*St Mungo Encampment* met at 213, Buchanan-street, Glasgow, on Monday, May 18th, at 3.30, Sir Knight R. Bell, M.N.C., presiding, assisted by Sir Knights J. Tweed, D.C.; J. C. Spears, C.G.; G. W. Wheeler, Recorder, acting Prelate; R. Hunter, C.C.; C. Mackenzie, S.C.R.; R. Currie, J.C.; J. Chatfield, W.; J. Dunbar, 1st A. de C. The encampment having been regularly opened, petitions were read from Comps. R. S. Brown, James Walker, H. Macpherson, and William Bassett, the ballot proving unanimous they were admitted, and

be carried out. By appointment of the R.W.P.G.M., Bro. Thomas Wylie, P.P.J.G.W., was afterwards to have performed the necessary ceremonial, but owing to an unfortunate accident he was prevented from being present. His place was accordingly taken, at very short notice, by Bro. H. S. Alpass, P.G. Sec., assisted by Bros. the Rev. F. Goggin, M.A., P.G. Chaplin; T. Armstrong, P.G. Treas.; R. Wylie, P.P.G.D.; and J. Skeaf, P.G.O. A number of brethren from Liverpool were present on the occasion, and there were also representatives from Manchester, Preston, Barnley, Omeskirk, Lytham, Southport, &c. The morning was cloudy and showery, but towards afternoon the weather brightened considerably, enabling the numerous brethren from other parts to enjoy the magnificent promenade of the fashionable watering place. The Blackpool Lodge was inaugurated under the most promising circumstances, and there is no doubt that, with the influential character of the members connected with this the youngest lodge in the province, it will enjoy a most prosperous career, and quickly take rank as one of the best in this part of the country where its meeting place has been fixed.

Shortly before twelve o'clock the brethren assembled in the handsome lodge room, while a voluntary was played by Bro. J. Skeaf, P.G.O., who presided at the harmonium. Amongst those present we observed the following:—Bros. J. Prescott, P.G.J.W.; C. R. N. Beswick-Royds, P.S.G.W., East Lancashire; H. S. Alpass, P.G. Sec.; Rev. J. F. Goggin, P.G. Chaplain; T. Birchall, P.P.J.G.W.; E. Pierpoint, P.G.S.D.; R. Laudless, P.G.S.E.; T. Armstrong, P.G. Treas.; R. Wylie, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Skeaf, P.G.O.; D. Jones, P.M. 155; J. Greenwood, W.M. 308; J. Eccleston, P.M. 703; J. Wray, W.M. 1061; T. Nevitt, P.M. 133; M. G. Manning, P.M. 95; J. A. Orr, W.M. 950; G. Stuttard, P.M. 126; W. M'Murtrie, P.M. 189; Joseph Wood, Treas. 1094; T. Bisson, 1356; C. Haswell, 203; D. Saunders, 1299; J. Busfield, 216; P. H. Bird, 1061; T. Knowles, 280; H. G. Crewe, 1052; J. H. Carr, 1170; W. Stewardson, S.D. 950; G. Bolton, 703; R. Rushton, 703; E. Gregson, 703; J. Grime, 703; E. Bisson, 1356; H. Johns, 703; C. E. Chadwick, 1061; A. M. Viener, T. R. Judson, 1051; E. Diggle, I.G. 126; H. Gardner, 703; R. W. Braithwaite, 703; J. Crossley, 307; J. B. McKenzie, 1366, and others. After the brethren had assumed their proper places the chair was taken by Bro. H. S. Alpass, P.G. Sec., as presiding officer, who appointed his officers, *pro tem*, as follows:—Bros. T. Birchall, I.P.M.; J. Prescott, S.W.; E. Pierpoint, J.W.; J. Wood, S.D.; J. B. McKenzie, J.D.; and G. Bolton, I.G. Bro. T. Armstrong efficiently acted as P.G. Secretary during the ceremony, and Bro. R. Wylie, as D.C., performed his duties in a manner which contributed in a large measure to the impressive and successful performance of the ceremony. After the lodge had been opened in the three degrees, the brethren took their places to the right of the Presiding Officer. An opening prayer was offered by Bro. the Rev. J. F. Goggin, P.G.C., and after a piece of solemn music had been played by the P.G.O., the brethren were addressed on the nature of the meeting by the reading Officer. The P.G. Secretary then read the petition and warrant, and after the brethren had signified their approval of the brethren named therein,

Bro. the Rev. J. F. Goggin, P.G. Chaplain, then delivered the following appropriate and most impressive oration, which was listened to with the most profound attention by the whole of the assembled brethren:—
Brethren, the Temple of King Solomon was erected in imitation of the Tabernacle of Moses, "the court thereof," but with vast and general improvement in the grandeur, riches, and magnificence of it, by the design that David father received from the Great Architect of the Universe. It was a most glorious palace, of cedar and fir, and olive wood and hewn stone, with most amazing expense of gold, silver, and brass, and precious stones, both for adorning of the house itself, and "for the vessels thereof." King Solomon dedicated the Temple to the Most High, by assembling

all the men of Israel, by bringing thither the ark, and the holy things, by a devout prayer to God, by music and praises, by a feast of seven days, and a vast number of sacrifices. Every part of the Temple had a symbolic meaning; its porch, its courts, its pillars, its altars, its decorations, and vessels. The services were, moreover, of a typical and symbolic character, and calculated to impress the minds of the most ignorant among the worshippers with feelings of respect, awe, and reverence, for the Great Creator. The highest acts of adoration were accompanied by sounds of many trumpets, the harps of skilful players, and the swelling choruses of a vast multitude of trained singers while the prayers of the faithful ascended to the Great Throne above, with sweet incense wafted from golden censers. Symbolic worship has been used from the earliest times by all nations in their religious rites and ceremonies, but nothing so imposing and gorgeous has been ever seen or heard of in the world's history as the splendid Temple worship at Jerusalem. A Freemason's Lodge is a humble representation of the Temple of King Solomon, and however feeble an imitation it may be it enjoins, by its symbolic teaching, such estimable tenets (founded on the contents of the volume of the Sacred Law), that if Masons will only strive to the utmost to acquaint themselves with its mysteries and ceremonies, they must become better fitted for the society of their brethren of the Craft, as well as better members of the popular world at large. So full of meaning are the symbols constantly before our eyes, that the poorest memory can retain their signification and practice the principles they represent in daily life and conduct. To carry the illustration, further, I need scarcely remind you that the human body has been described as "the temple of the Most High" and as our earthly tabernacle. What more fitting occupation, then, can we have than to build up with care, and protect with caution, that outward part of our manhood "so fearfully and wonderfully made." The teaching of Masonry is a great help to this end. However rough and uncultivated a Mason may be, or however much what the world calls "refined"—be he prince or peasant—he may learn how to guard against most of those errors and temptations which beset humanity. By using the instruments and working tools of the Craft upon the rough projections and irregular angles of his character (until his mind will bear the test of square and compasses, level and plumb-rule, guided by the (divine) tracing-board and plan of operations) he will raise a superstructure worthy of the builder, and fitted for every walk in life. As a pure mind can only exist in a pure body, so the soul must have an abode free from defilement; and the peculiar system of Masonry is such, that were all its members obedient thereunto, morality would be triumphant, and vice almost unknown. Finally, brethren, let us strive to obtain excellence. First of all, our foundation must be laid upon a proper basis, namely, a firm but humble confidence in the Great Architect of the Universe, whose aid we should invoke in all our undertakings. Next, our ashlar work should be of the true die, square nicely adjusted, and cemented with true affection. Thus will mind and body be built up, perfect in its parts, and full of wisdom, strength, and beauty. The roof, like our aspirations heavenward, should be so constructed and ordered, that our eyes may behold the Bright and Morning Star, whose rising brings peace and salvation to the faithful and obedient. Supported by fortitude, chastened by temperance, and guided in all our actions by faith and justice, we shall be able to maintain the fabric of this our earthly temple until time for us shall be no more. A frequent reflection upon the dissolution of this bodily tabernacle will discipline our minds by the line of the skirret, and the divisions of the 24-inch gauge, until death shall lose its terrors, and we can hope for a home in those heavenly mansions not made with hands, but which shall endure to all eternity, for the World's Great Architect lives there and reigns for ever. Let us work while it is day, and while we are in the light, advancing daily in a knowledge of the Craft, and employing ourselves in its operations, until we are all in reality perfect stone-squarers, fitted for the

Grand Lodge above, the abode of Him, whence all goodness emanates. Let this be our aim, and to keep within the parallel lines of the path of rectitude ascending by the steps of "Faith, Hope, and Charity." And may the Most High prosper all our endeavours. So mote it be.

Bro. Skeaf's splendid anthem, "Behold, how good," was then sung, and the first portion of the consecration prayer having been offered by the P.G. Chaplain, the lodge was uncovered and consecrated according to ancient form. The whole of the effective music used during the ceremony was the composition of Bro. Joseph Skeaf, P.G. Organist, who presided at the harmonium, and was most impressively and artistically rendered by Bros. D. Jones, P.M. 155; D. Saunders, 1299; C. Haswell, 203, and J. Buswell, 216. The anthem, "Behold, how good," was especially well rendered, and equal praise is due to the "Hallelujah Chorus," which brought the consecration ceremony to a close.

Bro. H. S. Alpass, P.G. Sec., as Presiding Officer, proceeded to instal Bro. Ralph Laudless, P.M. 126, 703, and 1256, P.G.S.B., as W.M. of the new lodge, being presented for that honour by Bro. the Rev. J. F. Goggin, P.G.C., and Bro. R. Wylie, P.P.G.D.C. After the usual ceremonial in connection with this part of the proceedings, the first Master of the Blackpool Lodge invested the following as his officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. H. Johns, S.W.; R. W. Braithwaite, J.W.; H. Gardner, Treas.; R. Rushton, S.D.; E. Gregson, J.D.; G. Bolton, I.G.; A. M. Viener, M.C.; and J. Waddington, Organist. Bro. Wade was unanimously elected the first Tyler of the lodge.

The charges at the investment of the officers were given by Bro. R. Wylie, and at the close of the installation ceremonies Bro. Alpass said he must remind the brethren of the new lodge that a great trust had been imposed in them by the M.W.G.M., after being recommended by their R.W. Prov. G.M., and he (Bro. Alpass) strongly impressed upon them to strive to warrant that confidence. They commenced their Masonic career in Blackpool with another long-established lodge in existence, but there was no reason why they should not work together in perfect harmony and strive to emulate each other in good works, endeavour to display the principles of Freemasonry—"brotherly love, relief, and truth." The brethren of the new lodge would shortly have to frame their bye-laws and he would strongly counsel them to fix their subscriptions at such a figure as would cover the working expenses. It was not carrying out the principles of Masonry to use any part of the initiation fees, for the purpose of meeting working expenses. This principle was not sufficiently acted upon by lodges, forgetting that initiation fees ought to be devoted entirely to charity. He also cautioned the brethren as to the admission of members into the lodge, especially with regard to applicants for membership from other towns. He had long strongly held the opinion that the town in which a man ought to be initiated was the town in which he was well known. This also was not sufficiently well attended to in some parts of that province not far distant from Blackpool. There might be circumstances in which such a thing became justifiable, but he would counsel them to exercise the greatest caution in connection with such an arrangement. In conclusion he warmly congratulated the brethren of the new lodge upon the auspicious opening, and upon having so worthy and excellent a W.M. as Bro. Laudless to preside over them.

The lodge was then closed, after several propositions for joining and initiation and "hearty good wishes" had been conveyed to the W.M. by the majority of the representatives of other lodges present.

The whole of the furniture of the lodge, with the clothing and numerous *et ceteras*, was supplied by Bro. George Kenning, of Monument Place, Liverpool, and the extremely artistic character of all his furnishing elicited universal admiration from both visitors and members.

After the day's business had been satisfactorily concluded, about fifty brethren sat down at three o'clock to a very magnificent banquet at the Clifton Arms Hotel, which was admir-

ably served under the superintendence of the manager. Bro. Laudless, W.M., presided during the banquet, but as soon as dessert had been placed on the table he left the room for the purpose of proceeding to Manchester, where his son was lying seriously ill, the whole of the brethren expressing their most cordial sympathy for him in his affliction and anxiety. In his absence the chair was taken by Bro. H. S. Alpass, P.G. Secretary, who completed an admirable day's work by fulfilling the duties of the chair in a most satisfactory manner.

Bro. Alpass, in giving the toast of "The Queen," said her Majesty as far as a lady could, took a deep interest in the prosperity and welfare of Masonry.

National anthem, solo by Bro. Busfield.

Bro. Alpass then gave "Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the royal Family." This toast he said was becoming year by year more interesting to Masons. They had known the Prince of Wales for several years, and during that time he had taken the liveliest interest in the Craft. Whilst in other countries the reigning monarch and family might look down with suspicion upon Masonry, and to the best of their ability strive to prohibit its existence, yet in this free country of ours they always had, when the proper age had been reached, some member of the reigning family identifying himself with their ancient and honourable Order. During the years the Prince of Wales had been a member of their Order he had given frequent and abundant proofs of his zeal for the cause of Freemasonry, and within the last month or two they had had another member of the royal Family initiated into their body, who, he was quite sure, would find among the members of the fraternity some of the most loyal supporters of the throne. Although they had amongst them persons of different religions and political opinions, yet as regarded the throne they were unanimous in their unflinching sentiments of devoted loyalty.

Bro. Jones, "God Bless the Prince of Wales."

Bro. Alpass: the next toast, brethren, is the ruler of our Order, "The Right Hon. the Marquess of Ripon, M.W.G.M." I shall not waste your time nor patience by expatiating on his many merits as a Mason. He has received his present high position by the unanimous vote of the Grand Lodge of England for some four or five years, and that he takes a very deep interest in the prosperity of our Order I very well know. I couple with that toast "The Health of the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon," an equally enthusiastic Mason, who is always ready to assist to the utmost of his power, and the rest of the Grand Lodge Officers.

Song and Chorus, "When I am on the Sea," Bro. D. Saunders.

Bro. Alpass, in proposing "The Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, R.W.P.G.M., West Lancashire," said, no one had a better opportunity of observing the zeal and interest of his lordship, and the thorough conscientiousness with which he discharged his various duties. His anxious wish was to do his very best for Masonry in this Province. In a Province like West Lancashire, which included between sixty and seventy lodges, it must happen that brethren would have to wait some little time before they obtained P.G. Lodge honours, and he would recommend the brethren to entertain the same modest anticipations which he (Bro. Alpass) held when a very young Mason, and that was, that some day or other modest merit would be repaid. For a long time he had served the office of the P.G. Steward—many more years than was now the custom—and, at last, he obtained a very subordinate office; but as time rolled on, he obtained office of distinction. Lord Skelmersdale, he could assure them, was too anxious for the welfare of the Province, to pass over any worthy brother when brought under his notice.

Glee, "Prosper the Art," with solo, by Bro. Busfield.

Bro. J. Prescott, P.J.G.W., in responding to the toast, said that any one who came into contact with his lordship in his Masonic capacity, must at once feel admiration for his many talents, and be convinced that he was the right man in the right place. No one, he was sure,

would be more sorry than his lordship at his inability to be present at the interesting ceremony that day. He (Bro. Prescott) asked to be permitted to congratulate the W.M. and Officers of the Blackpool Lodge, upon the very perfect manner in which everything had been got up and done that day.

Bro. Alpass then gave "The Hon. F. Stanley, R.W.D.P.G.M., W.L., and the rest of the P.G. Officers."

Song, "When shall I see you?" by Bro. Busfield

Bro. T. Birchall, P. Prov. G.J.W. responded to the toast.

Bro. Alpass then gave "Bro. Major Le Gendre N. Starkie, R.W.P.G.M., East Lancashire, and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers."

Glee, "Mynheer Van Dunck."

Bro. Bidder acknowledged the toast.

Bro. A. M. Viner, M.C., proposed "The Consecrating and Installing Officer," which was acknowledged by Bro. Alpass.

Bro. R. Wylie, then gave the health of "Bro. Laudless, the W.M. of the Blackpool Lodge," of whom he spoke in the highest terms.

The other toasts were "The Officers of the Lodge," given by Bro. Birchall, and acknowledged by Bro. H. Johns, S.W.; "The Visiting Brethren" given by Bro. Eccleston, and responded to by Bro. Nevitt; "The Masonic Charities," proposed by Bro. Bird, and acknowledged by Bro. Alpass; and the "Tyler's Toast."

The singing of Bros. Saunders and Buckfield, with the assistance of the other musical brethren was greatly admired, and Bro. Skeaf, P.G.O., ably presided at the harmonium.

CONSECRATION OF THE MARQUESS OF RIPON LODGE (No. 1489.)

This new lodge was consecrated on Wednesday last, at the hall of Bowles's Metropolitan Benefit Society's Asylum, Balls Pond-road, Dalston. The ceremony was performed by Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary, who was assisted by Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., who took the S.W. chair. Bro. H. G. Buss, G. Treasurer for Middlesex, who took the post of Inner Guard, and Bro. R. Wentworth Little, Prov. G. Sec., Middlesex, acted as Director of Ceremonies. The Rev. P. M. Holden was Chaplain on the occasion, and Bro. Jones, P. Prov., G.D.C., Herts, acted as Secretary. The musical portion of the ceremony was under the direction of Bro. Limpus, Prov. G. Organist of Middlesex, who was assisted by Bros. Hubbard and McDavitt. Like the other portions of the ceremony, this was most ably performed.

An oration on Freemasonry was delivered, with excellent effect, by Bro. Little. The lodge was fully attended, and there was every prospect of this new addition to the roll of Grand Lodge becoming very prosperous. At the conclusion of the ceremony of consecration and dedication, Bro. W. Stephen was installed W.M., who then proceeded to invest as his officers the following brethren—Elias Somers, S.W.; W. J. Murlis, J.W.; J. C. Walford, Treas.; Jones, Sec.; T. E. Jessitt, S.D.; E. F. Sim, I.G.; Dr. Somers, D.C.; Ellen, Steward; and Gilchrist, Tyler. The address to the W.M. was delivered by Bro. Hervey, and those to the Wardens and brethren by Bro. James Brett. Bros. Hervey, Brett, and Little were elected honorary members of the lodge, and a vote of thanks to them, and Bros. Buss, Holden, Cubitt, Payne, and the musical brethren was ordered to be entered on the minutes for their kindness in taking part in the consecration of the lodge.

Bros. Hervey, Brett, and Little, acknowledged the thanks of the brethren, and then Bro. Jones read out a long list of names of proposed joining members and initiates, after which the lodge was closed till Friday next, and the brethren adjourned to London, where, at the restaurant of the Broad-street terminus of the North London Railway, they partook of an elegant banquet, provided with the greatest taste and skill by W. Higgs, the refreshment contractor at that place. At the conclusion of the banquet, the W.M. proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts.

Bro. T. Cubitt responded to the toast of the

"Past Grand Master, the Prince of Wales Earl of Carnarvon, and the rest of the Grand Officers," and in doing so said that the whole of the Grand Officers were always in their place when any work was to be done at Grand Lodge. He trusted that this would be case on Wednesday next, when there were some important questions to come before the brethren.

Bro. John Hervey proposed "Success to the Marquess of Ripon Lodge." He was satisfied that everyone would drink it with pleasure, himself, although it was not at all times possible for us to do what we liked, on this occasion it had been accorded to him to do so. The brethren whom they had chosen for their W.M., a candidate which had been sealed by the Grand Master, was one whom he (Bro. Hervey) had long known as a worthy brother. Good wine needed no bush, and the W.M. was so well-known that it was needless to make a long speech to introduce them of his merits. He would therefore simply offer this toast to the brethren, feeling confident that it would be well received.

The W.M. in reply said that the new lodge was started on a sound basis, and that its future would meet with the approbation of the Grand Master. He felt assured of its success, and it would be one of the best lodges in the metropolis.

The W.M. next gave "The Consecrating Officers," Bros. Hervey, Brett, Cubitt, Little, Buss, and Holden. In speaking of the brethren, he said he was an old acquaintance of his, for a few years since he was in the habit of attending church every Sunday where he used to officiate. He had lost sight of him for some time, but when he did come across him he told him they were going to establish a lodge at Dalston, and requested him to be the Chaplain. He knew he would be a valuable acquisition to the lodge, and that he would be greatly respected in it. He remembered that when the reverend brother left the neighbourhood where he ministered he had a handsome testimonial presented to him as a mark of respect and loyalty, which he was held, to which testimonial he (W.M.), had great pleasure in contributing a mite. Of the other Consecrating Officers, were all so well known that it would save the trouble of saying much about them; but could not propose their health without acknowledging their kindness in performing the ceremonies of the day, more especially when he knew that it was at great inconvenience to themselves that they have attended. He was sure the lodge would be successful, for they were good officers. He himself had never proposed more than four initiates, and he was happy to say that three of those were officers under that evening. They were brethren for whom he had the most cordial and fraternal regard, and he knew they would assist him to the utmost in well ruling and governing the lodge. He had all much to thank Bro. Hervey for, among other kindnesses he had exerted his very much in obtaining the warrant for the lodge.

Bro. Hervey said he had thought that he proposed "Success to the Marquess of Ripon Lodge" to toast would meet with such a reception as that; but he was mistaken, the toast just proposed had not fallen short of the favour with which it was accepted. It given him very great pleasure to participate in the good work of consecrating the lodge, and in embodying the hospitality which the brethren had provided. If in addition to being Consecrating Master he also became the bore of the lodge by obtruding himself upon them frequently, it was really not his fault but somebody else, he would not say who, but W.M. had given him great praise for conducting the lodge. Now, he had not, it was remembered, done it single-handed, but been assisted by those with whom he had times before, Bro. Brett and Bro. Little with whom he should have much pleasure in acting again. Whether Bros. Brett, Buss, Little should be consecrating officers, he always has pleasure in taking the Senior Warden's chair for them; and he would be in mind, but all of them were present at all times, and he would be glad to see them at all times.

always pervade members of the Craft. They sank their rank, they did not for one moment imagine that one was above another; they all sought to come to one great end, and that was to carry out a ceremony well and worthily, and to do that which was agreeable to the lodge they were about to consecrate, and to the brethren with whom they were associated. The W.M. had alluded to Bro. Holden, the Chaplain, who had done them such good service that evening. He (Bro. Hervey) had been telling that brother that he thought he was a relative of his, as his own mother's maiden name was Holden, and the graveyard of Bolton, in Lancashire, was paved with tombstones of the Holdens. He did not know that they really were related in that way, but he knew they were very much nearer in their relationship than this at the present time. He had known Bro. Holden in another place, and he could only say that to know him was to respect him. He had given his services that day with great gratification to the brethren, as well as with great advantage to the ceremony of consecrating the lodge. He (Bro. Hervey) was always glad to be associated with another brother, whose name he had not yet mentioned, in connection with the consecration of the lodge, and that was Bro. Cubitt. In conclusion, he would say that, if he had been put to any little trouble in coming among the brethren, he had been amply repaid for it by their cordiality.

The Rev. P. M. Holden said, he believed he had one very great merit as a public speaker, which was being extremely short in his remarks; and he thought the W.M. would bear him out when he said that, that was one reason why he was so popular in the pulpit. His sermons were always short, and the longer he lived, the more convinced he was that a long sermon was a great and fatal mistake. The W.M. would also bear him out in saying that if, on any occasion, when he had heard him he did not succeed in interesting him, at any rate he was not sufficiently tedious to bore him, and he had not occasion to look at his watch to see when he was going to leave off. It had been a great pleasure to him to be present, and to assist at the consecration of his lodge, a ceremony he had never witnessed before. He need hardly say how much impressed he had been by it, it had been very interesting and effective, and he could not but congratulate himself on having been permitted to take a share in it, more especially as he had found that he had conferred a species of immortality on himself by doing, because as had been told in lodge that his name as a Consecrating Officer would now be known as that of one of the great lights of Masonry along with those of Bros. Hervey and a vote of thanks given to him. He was happy to think that on the very first occasion of attending a consecration he should have the species of immortality conferred on him to which had previously referred. With regard to his only relations with Bro. Hervey that brother said he believed they were not related. Now it was a great mistake because they were brothers, (cheers) and as a brother he very much respected Bro. Hervey. He would mention in thank the brethren for the kind way in which they had drunk his health, but he felt he had done nothing to deserve it. (No, no.) The mention by the W.M. of his name had filled him with gladness, but he could not help saying he would have been unworthy of the position if he had not cheerfully come forward as Chaplain that day. (Cheers.) The W.M. then gave "The Visitors," to whom he expressed his thanks for their attendance, and gave them both a hearty welcome, evening, and a cordial invitation to any meet of the lodges when it got to work. Home (Prince Leopold Lodge) returned and wished every success to the Marquess of Ripon Lodge which the members of the lodge selves could wish it. R. Spooner Hart, W.M. 861, and Bro. et al likewise responded. W.M. proposed "The Officers of the Somers, S.W., replied; after which W.M. then gave "The Charities," ex-

pressing his regret that Bros. Binckes and Terry were not present. He, however, was glad to see Bro. Little at the table, who was well-known, not only as a great working Mason, but as a most energetic upholder of the Charities. The only time he (the W.M.) was Steward for one of the Charities, it was for the Girls' School, of which Bro. Little was Secretary. He hoped that the Marquess of Ripon Lodge would always send a Steward to one or other of the Institutions' festivals; and he hoped to make himself a life governor of every one of the Masonic Charities. Bro. Little, in reply said, he felt intensely gratified at the way his name had been coupled with this toast. He had the honour to be Secretary to the oldest Masonic Institution which had commended itself to their forefathers, and was commending itself to the present generation. Sinking himself in that Institution, they would allow him to congratulate himself on having assisted at the consecration of the Marquess of Ripon Lodge. Though a young Freemason he had endeavoured to do his duty to the Craft and to his brethren. It had been the utmost satisfaction and gratification to him to meet them on such occasions as this to greet them as being the precursors of still greater success than hitherto in Masonry. With respect to the Charities he need not say that they were very successful, and they were more estimated and appreciated every day. He believed they would be still more so the better they were known. It was not for him to commend those institutions, because they were known to all the brethren present, but he must say they are alleviating distress and soothing the pillows of the aged and infirm as well as providing entirely for multitudes of the young. As long as he had the honour to be the Secretary of the Girls' School he should endeavour to perform his duties to the satisfaction of the Craft and all who were connected with it. They had a worthy representative of the Benevolent Institution present (Bro. Jones, Secretary), and he was happy to say that all the institutions were working well together. He hoped it would go forth through the length and breadth of the land, and there was no rivalry between them. He and the other Secretaries were all one in spirit, and would continue to discharge their duty. The more they did so the better they themselves would be satisfied, and they felt they could reap their reward hereafter. The brethren then separated.

Original Correspondence.

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

THE MELROSE LODGE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

So "Masonicus" has been waiting to see how many letters of "the same style" he could despatch with a single shot, and though he has had ample time to study the subject of discussion between us, he either cannot or dare not level his fowling piece to ruffle a single feather of the single solitary bird that has dared to cross his path.

"Masonicus" says that my letters at page 234 "are sufficiently answered already at page 206." I ask "Masonicus" how it could have been possible for him to have answered one of my letters before it was written. I would caution "Masonicus" to be careful how he makes reckless assertions that may lead him into a net, from whose meshes he might find it difficult to extricate himself.

It is unfair in "Masonicus" to persist in misrepresenting me by trying to drag me in, against my inclination, among those who are upholding the priority of Melrose over Kilwinning. Practical Masonry is a more important question with me than the mere age of any particular lodge, and I challenge "Masonicus" to point out to me a single word, in any of his letters, that he can construe into an answer to either of mine.

If "Masonicus" is not able to masticate the small "bone" which I have given him at page 234, without the aid of another to assist him, let him retire in favour of a champion with sounder teeth and less presumption, and instead of indulging in slang ridiculisms I would advise him to study a little logic as a preventive of wandering too far into the labyrinth of entangling "coat tails and petticoats" of "illegitimate children."

I am, yours fraternally,

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To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am much surprised in not finding a report in your paper of the meeting and election of candidates for the Male and Female Annuitants at the May election, which I consider one of great importance to Masons and subscribers of your paper.

Yours fraternally,

A SUBSCRIBER.

[Our correspondent will see the report to which he alludes in another column.—EDITOR.]

TEMPLARISM AND RED CROSSISM IN EDINBURGH AND GLASGOW.

(To the Editor of the Freemason.)

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Under the above heading, "Enquirer" asks certain questions, which, if his previous enquiries had been of a stricter nature, I think he might have saved himself the trouble of doing.

As he has mentioned my name, I beg to inform him that I have too great a respect for my Masonic O.B., to "wilfully act in opposition to the Constitution" of any Order to which I may have the honour to belong. I fear, when he made his former enquiries, his informant must have been practising on his credulity. Possibly, some Knight Templar, whose zeal may have outrun his discretion, may have become a little jealous of the rapid spread of the Red Cross Order, in Edinburgh; but that the officials of the Order threaten their members with all sorts of pains and penalties if they join, and even refuse to receive a Red Cross man into their Order, unless he will forswear his R.C. connection, is a statement to which I cannot give credence till it is supported by proof substantial by the writer's own signature. The two Orders are not naturally antagonistic, and need not be rivals; true they are both Christian Orders of Chivalry, but there is no difficulty in a Freemason preserving his allegiance to both.

Yours Fraternally,

G. W. WHEELER.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In reply to "Enquirer" in your issue of Saturday last, I beg to inform him that the Knights Templar of Edinburgh do not refuse to admit members of the Red Cross Order of Constantine into their Order or require them to forswear their R.C. connection. There are several Sir Knights who maintain active relations in both Orders in Edinburgh.

I am, yours fraternally,

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The Freemason.

SATURDAY, MAY 30, 1874.

FANTASTIC PROCEEDINGS.

A case has come to our cognizance to which we deem it right, in the interests of Freemasonry, to call attention at once, in the hope, that the stop may at once be put to a proposal, which, if persevered in, must tend not only to the detriment of the Craft in that particular locality, which is most antagonistic to the spirit of the Book of Constitutions and the "lex inscripta" of our Order, and will we think bring the Craft and officers and brethren inevitably sooner under the notice of the Board of Grand Purposes.

We have received a communication dated 12th, from a reputable and respectable brother who has furnished us in confidence with a name, in which we are assured that in the bye-law specified, under the English Constitution, a bye-law has been proposed and carried, that a visiting fee not exceeding three guineas shall be charged, at the option of the brother, on all Masons resident within a radius of three miles, who may desire to visit the more than once, without becoming affiliated.

We should have been inclined to think that there must be some mistake, but the complaint lies before us as we write, and we have every reason to believe it to be a bona fide communication, and we are made acquainted both with the locality and the name of the brother, which is most assuredly to be found in the Masonic Calendar.

The object gravely asserted to be the object of this most remarkable bye-law is, "to keep out any members of the Craft, although subscribing to other lodges, who are obnoxious to the members of the lodge in question."

Now we venture at once to express our decided opinion, that anything more unmasonic more alike in language and more opposed to the feelings of our brethren.

of the lodge itself, never was suggested or propounded.

Knowing as we do so well of what the "staple" of our lodges is composed, we are we confess, utterly astounded to learn, that, any number of brethren could on any grounds, however adroitly laid down, ever be induced to vote in favour of such a palpably unmasonic bye-law.

Indeed we do not hesitate to say, that, in our humble opinion, any lodge which has such a bye-law, deserves never again to be honoured with the presence of any visiting brethren whatever.

Many lodges very properly make their members vouch for the visiting brethren they introduce, and pay a given sum for them if they remain to share in the lodge banquet, which is a private friendly brotherly *réunion*; but to say, that, all visiting brethren are to pay a certain sum for every visit, at the option of the W.M., is not only to make an utterly illegal claim upon our brethren at large, but exposes the W.M. and the lodge to the inevitable charge, that, they are either utterly ignorant of the common law of Masonic courtesy and hospitality, or are entirely unacquainted with the principles of Freemasonry, or are actuated by some unexpressed but unworthy personal feelings of antagonism to some of the local brethren it is hoped in this way to exclude.

We can only thank our correspondent for calling our attention to these "fantastic proceedings," and express our hope, that, the good sense of the members of the lodge we have alluded to, will induce them at once to retrace their steps, and to rescind so unmasonic a bye-law, before that, such untenable claims and such unwise proceedings become matter of just complaint to the constituted authorities of our Order.

THE MASONIC CLUB.

We have had our attention called to the prospectus of a new Masonic Club, about to be established in London, and we think it therefore well to let the matter be fully known to the Order, through the columns of *The Freemason*.

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Since then we have received a further list of names, including some well-known in the Order, and as we quite agree that in so diversified a society as ours, composed of all professions, a club may be, if well conducted, a great comfort to "many metropolitan and provincial brethren, we hope to hear that the movement has been successful, and that the Masonic Club starts with a good basis of substantial support and adhesion among the numerous members of our Order, alike in town and country.

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Bro. Kenning deserves also the support and gratitude of the Craft, for the great perseverance with which, amid much apathy in literary matters, he has looked forward to a better day of sympathy and appreciation, alike with his endeavours and of his energy. May he find a response to what have been many sacrifices in the enlarged and more general support kindly accorded by the brotherhood to the *Masonic Magazine*, our only monthly serial, and to *The Freemason*, which goes all over the world, and is most truly cosmopolitan in every sense, and commends itself to the patronage and sympathy of every Craftsman.

MASONIC FEMALE ORPHAN SCHOOL, DUBLIN.

The annual meeting of this school was held on the 20th May in the Exhibition Palace. Though a generous and continuous support is accorded by the members of the Masonic Order to the school, enabling the Governors to do much good work in furtherance of the noble duty they have undertaken, yet, despite their assiduous care, much remains undone for want of increased assistance. The cause of the widow

and orphan is one which appeals to the sympathies of all, and even a stronger and more personal claim has the distress of the little ones bereaved of a Masonic parent to the prompt and liberal succour of the brethren of the Craft. In the annual meeting the Governors find a valuable supplement to the yearly income and a powerful stimulative to renewed effort upon the part of the friends of the school. This recurring *reunion* has, indeed, become one of the most prominent and attractive of Masonic festivals, and the meeting of last night fully sustained the prestige of the institution, and betokened to the most casual glance the influence and wealth of the Order in Ireland. The beautiful Concert Hall of the building was almost inconveniently crowded by a brilliant assemblage, representative of the most important classes of the community. Many, unable to obtain seats or even standing room within the favoured precincts of the Hall, were fain to content themselves with promenading in the glass transept, and enjoying the music "sweetly discoursed" by the band of the Royal Irish Constabulary. Others availed themselves of the balcony of the transept immediately opposite, to sit and endeavour to hear such portions of the oratory as might perchance reach them, and to observe the charming and rich diversity of the auditorium through a drapery of evergreens tastefully suspended in front of the Hall. Inside the Hall, amidst the gay and fashionable attires of the ladies, the varied and sparkling Masonic costumes and jewels of the brethren, and the general air of graceful luxury which prevailed throughout, no feature appeared more interesting or pleasingly conspicuous than that of the pupils of the female and male schools, who occupied seats on a rising dais in front of the orchestra.

Neatly dressed and exhibiting that intelligent demeanour which, in truth, is the result of watchful supervision and careful training, they were the object of considerable attention and consequent satisfaction. The doors of the Palace were thrown open at a quarter past seven o'clock, from which time the building began rapidly to fill, and until the commencement of the proceedings a selection of music was performed by the band of the 17th Lancers, under the direction of Bro. Herr A. Hartman, and that of the Royal Irish Constabulary, under the direction of Bro. J. P. Clarke. At eight o'clock the Grand Officers and a number of other brethren who had been requested to occupy places on the platform assembled in the small Concert Room, and a procession having been formed, the Grand Master was conducted by it meanwhile from the Leinster Hall to the platform in the following order—the bands playing a Masonic march:—Stewards; Grand Stewards; Officers of Country Lodges, being Governors; the W.M., Wardens, and Secretary of each of the Dublin Lodges; Officers of the Grand Master's Lodges; Vice-Presidents and Vice-Patrons; Honorary Officers and Committees of the School; Provincial Grand Officers; Past Grand Officers; Representatives from Foreign Grand Lodge; Grand Inner Guard; Grand Organist; Grand Superintendent of Works; the Grand Deacons, with their Wands; the Grand Chaplains; the Grand Treasurer; the Grand Secretary; the Grand Wardens; the Grand Sword Bearer, carrying the Sword; the Deputy Grand Secretary, with the Book of Constitutions; the Grand Master; Deputy Grand Master; Past Deputy Grand Masters; the Grand Director of Ceremonies; Stewards.

On ascending the platform, the brethren filed off, according to lodges, and took their respective places as appointed by the Stewards. Following the procession came the pupils of the school, accompanied by the pupils of the boys' school, who took seats on the dais underneath the orchestra. During the evening several of the pupils played a programme of pianoforte music consisting of the following pieces:—Duet, "Overture to Massaniello." Solo, "Will o' the Wisp." Solo, "Le jet d'eau." Solo, "March from Tanhauser." Duet, "Husarenritt." Solo, "Home Sweet Home." The performance deservedly elicited the warm plaudits of the listeners, showing, as it did, very great ability and accuracy of taste and manipulation.

On the chair being taken by
The Most Worshipful his Grace the Duke of
Leinster, Grand Master,

The brethren present (and the pupils) saluted his Grace "by a running fire of eleven coming down on the third," the time being taken from the Right Worshipful the Deputy Grand Master.

The proceedings having been opened by the singing of a portion of the hundredth psalm, joined in by the entire assemblage,

Right Worshipful J. F. Elrington, Q.C., read—

The report of the governors for the year ending December 31st, 1873, which stated that the revenue of the school from all sources, including a balance from the previous annual account of £778, amounted to the sum of £3,511 6s. 11d., not any material increase over the previous year. Of that sum £1,621 9s. 9d. had been expended in the maintenance and education of the pupils, and in the necessary repairs and supplies for the school house, as well as the providing outfits and apprentice fees for those who had left the institution during the year. The capital stock had been increased by the purchase of £900 in Great Southern and Western Railway stock, and by the investment of £265 in Masonic Hall shares, and a balance of £747 4s. 8d. was carried forward to credit. The annual subscriptions showed a falling off of £183 10s., when compared with those of last year; and the individual life donations also are less than those of 1872 by the sum of £55 10s., but these deficiencies were, in part, made up by the official life donations, which were nearly double the amount of those in the last year's account, and on the whole the income of the school, including a sum of £250 on deposit receipt, transferred to the current account, shows an increase of £25 on the year. The expenditure showed an increase, arising chiefly from the high price of provisions and fuel. The Governors had completed negotiations for the purchase of a plot of ground on the north side of the schoolhouse; but it had been a matter of much consideration whether, in the event of the building of an enlarged schoolhouse being decided on, should such be erected on the present site, looking to the increase of buildings in the neighbourhood, and the limited area of the ground, even with the addition thus secured. One of the pupils (Emma Walsh, aged 13) died during the year of rapid decline; and another (Maude White) was in delicate health; but with these exceptions the health of the pupils during the year has been satisfactory. No change in the educational department had taken place since the last report, except the appointment of one of the senior pupils, Lizzie G. Williams, as pupil teacher—an arrangement which promised to work satisfactorily. The progress of the children in their studies has been good. During the year nine girls were elected, but of these only six had as yet been admitted in consequence of the crowded state of the schoolhouse. During the same period three girls in addition to the one appointed pupil teacher, had been provided with situations; one had been returned to her mother, and one had been removed by death as above stated. The report concluded with a graceful reference to the loss which the institution had sustained by the death of Bro. Edmund R. Digges La Touche, who for many years filled the office of honorary secretary of the institution.

Bro. the Right Worshipful Lord Plunket, who was received with loud applause, said:—I have the honour of moving the following resolution—"That the report now read be adopted, printed, and circulated, and that the thanks of this meeting are due to the members of the several committees of the institution, and also to the medical officers of the school, for the zealous and efficient manner in which they have discharged the duties devolving upon them, and for the lively interest they manifest in everything conducive to the prosperity and progress of the pupils of the Masonic Female Orphan School." I must remember that this is a meeting for the distribution of prizes, and not for making speeches, and therefore I will try and follow the good example generally set by your Grace, and detain the meeting here as short a

time as possible by my remarks. It is now, I think, just eleven years since I had the honour of moving a resolution in the very same words as those which I have just read. I had only then been very recently made a Mason, and I took the opportunity of stating the reasons which had induced me to join the Order, and the advantages which I hoped to obtain from connecting myself with that ancient and honourable brotherhood. Eleven years have now passed, and I can truly say that my expectations have not been disappointed. My experience has taught me that the Masonic Order is not merely an institution established for the purpose of initiating its members into certain mysteries which they have the privilege of keeping secret from all, even from the importunity of their wives; how great that privilege is I leave it to the married members of my order to confess. Nor is it an institution which gives us merely an opportunity of displaying or airing our oratorical powers in our respective lodges, or of exercising our gastronomical powers at our feasts; it is something more, I am happy to say. It is an institution, as my experience teaches me, for bringing together in loving bonds of social union men of different opinions and creeds and views and tastes and feelings, making them to love one another daily more and more as brothers. It is an institution which above all brings us together upon the common platform of Christian charity, and which teaches us all, as this meeting does, to do that which the blessed book that was carried before us in procession this evening, the symbol and emblem of what our lives should be and the standard beneath which we should never lower our aspirations, to do what that blessed book tells us is the great element of pure and enlightened religion, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction and to support them in their distress. Upon the same occasion I had also to ask the meeting to return their thanks to those who during the past year had acted upon the various committees of this excellent institution, the Masonic Female Orphanage, and dwelling as I did then upon what appeared to me the anomalous duties of those gentlemen who had to act on committees, I claimed from the meeting an unanimous response, and received it. Now eleven years have passed, and for my own part, though I have attended innumerable committees during the interval, I have not found them one whit more pleasant than they were then. Let me say here openly, I hate committees, I consider it even a more trying ordeal to be summoned to a committee than to be invited to an afternoon tea, and that, as a friend near me observes, is saying a good deal. But then if you go to an afternoon tea you may hear good music, or you may converse with some of your friends, and if they are disagreeable you may go up to your hostess, make some complimentary remarks, go down stairs, take your hat and coat, if somebody else has not done that before you, and go home to your wife, whereas if you go to a committee you have to listen to some gentlemen uttering dry platitudes, about the election of a new Secretary, and if you think his remarks are rather tiresome, and begin to speak to a friend, you are called to order, and if you take up your hat and go out in despair, you go under the ban of general disapprobation, and feeling that you have been guilty of a dereliction of duty. Therefore I say that really an afternoon tea is better than a committee. However, committees are necessary evils, and all one can do is to tender our thanks to those who, at such self sacrifice, take upon themselves the arduous duty of attending them. And now, since you have so heartily responded to that, there is one point more which I must not omit bringing before you, that among the committees connected with this institution, there is a ladies' committee. I know that a poet has said that men must work and women weep, and I remember one man being so profane as to interpret that thus: "Men must work and women talk;" but for my part a more atrocious calumny on the fair sex I never heard. What greater proof of that could there be than the fact that to the ladies' committee is owing very much of the present successful condition of the institution. They are the workers,

and now I, poor humble man, am the talker. But you will, I am sure, properly appreciate their labour. That response shows that you agree with me in thinking that we are under obligations to the ladies, and it would be a piece of monstrous superfluity to prove a foregone conclusion. I will merely conclude by moving the resolution I read, and by asking you, after it is seconded, to adopt it with acclamation.

Bro. the Right Worshipful Edward Hudson, Kinahan, D.L., High-sheriff of the county Dublin, and representative of the Grand Lodge Virginia, in seconding the resolution, testified to the excellent manner in which the schools had been conducted during the past year, remarking that he did so after frequent personal observation.

The resolution was then put, and adopted amidst applause.

Bro. George Woods Maunsell proposed the second resolution, as follows:—That whilst acknowledging with gratitude the liberal support and assistance which the Masonic Orphan Schools have hitherto experienced, the Governors would earnestly invite the co-operation of the brethren in order still further to extend the usefulness of these institutions." He might ask this magnificent meeting which was gathered around them, he might ask the distinguished members of the Order of which he had the honour to be an humble member, what was the cause of their assembling here to-night, if it were not through the medium of such a meeting to extend the usefulness of the Order. He had heard such meetings as this made little of, as if they had no value or importance in promoting the objects of this great and noble institution. They were met here for many and valuable objects. They were met, first to render an account to the subscribers to the institution of how their money had gone, and how the institution had prospered; they were met here to enlist recruits for the institution; they were met here to carry forward into the future the blessings which it had so far extended and they were here—as he had heard it stated—to add bricks to the temple which had already been built. He thought he might congratulate the Order upon the benefits which had been hitherto achieved. It was happily said by the present Prime Minister at one of his orations, he thought at Glasgow, that now-a-days men liked to become their own executors. Men liked to see the value of these institutions, which at other times were only carried out in intention during life time, and were left to executors to be fulfilled. Now a new principle was introduced, and men were found in the length and breadth of the land devoting in their lifetime the sums which Providence had placed at their disposal, to create and extend institutions which carried blessings to all around them. He hoped that among those who heard him there were some who might become their own executors in the extension of this school, so that the wish of the governors might be realized, by increasing the number of pupils from 40 to 70. Let them hope that the governors would soon be able to carry out their intentions of placing the institution in such a position that no brother leaving a family unprovided would feel there was a difficulty about getting them a home and education; that they would be placed over them those who would train them, and who would feel they had more beings to discipline, and souls to save. So long as there was a large class in the world who must eat the bread of industry on the condition of good behaviour, so long would cases arise that called for the support, the protection, and the assistance of the brethren he saw around him. Let them hope that that assistance would be given, and the usefulness of the institution extended either by building an addition or planting the institution on a larger space.

Bro. the Right Hon. the Vice-Chancellor, in seconding the resolution, said, as he had served on committees, the labours of which had been depicted as so irksome, and for more years even than Lord Plunket had mentioned, he would venture to bring before them some facts which he asked their serious attention. The income, as stated by their Secretary, consisted of annual subscriptions this year of £800. This presented a diminution from last year of £18.

That was not as it ought to be, and called upon them to bring before them more energetically the resolution he was now speaking to, so that they should not again have to make such a statement to any annual assemblage in the future. But he had to tell them, in addition, that their house, which afforded accommodation barely for the number of 38 inmates, was crowded at present to the extent of 40 inmates—two over the maximum accommodation. And not only that, but they had been obliged to give up the half-yearly election, which generally took place in the ensuing month of June, through having admitted several pressing cases to the number of six, at the December meeting, which caused the number to be too great for the accommodation they were able to afford. He therefore called upon the brethren and friends assembled here to exert themselves more than they had hitherto done, and to prevent the Governors again coming before them with such a statement. He trusted to the liberality of the Order—he could hardly call it the liberality, but the discharge of the common duties of Masonry—to enable them to extend the accommodation to the number which the Order peremptorily demanded. He should be ashamed if they could not do this, and admit every pressing case, and he would call upon them to extend the accommodation to sixty if not to seventy inmates. He asked them to look upon the children brought before them, having listened to their performances, and judge for themselves whether the school was deserving of the support of the Order.

The resolution was put and carried.

This terminated the proceedings in the large Concert Hall, and the procession of the brethren to the platform having re-formed, the Most Worshipful the Grand Master was conducted from the room to a dais erected at the upper end of the glass transept. On reaching this point the officers of the several lodges represented fell back, right and left, forming an avenue through which the pupils were conducted to his Grace, at whose hands were presented—with graceful and appropriate remarks—the various prizes, medals, and certificates awarded at the last annual examination. At these the following brethren acted as examiners:—

William T. Wilkinson, Esq., of the Church Education Society; W. A. Hunter, Esq., of the National Board of Education; Rev. Benjamin Gibson, Professor Prospero Belio, and Francis Quin, Esq., Past Grand Organist. The following is a list of the prizes awarded:—

First Class.—Mary Barnett, Anna M. Copeland, Jane S. Andrews, Margaret Knight, Maud White, Grace Harte, Kate M'Nally, Phoebe Shegog.

Second Class.—Mary H. Armstrong, Minnie Burdge, Emma J. Hendley, Emilie Christian, Gertrude L. Gill, Frances Smith, Jessie Wallace, Frances Shields.

Third Class.—Lilly Bradshaw, Christabella Knight, Helen Perry, Louisa M'Mullen, Edith Anketell, Kate Sayers, Alice Richards, Emily Wigmore, Kate Lowry.

Fourth Class.—Kate Wilson, Emily Little. The Fennell Prize, value £3, was awarded to Anna Matilda Copeland, a pupil in the First Class, on very superior answering. The Astley Prize, founded in memory of the late Charles D. Astley, Grand Superintendent of Works (in two divisions), were given, the first, value £2, to Anna Matilda Copeland; the second, value £1, to Maud White. In the Second Division, for French, the First Prize, value 25s., was awarded to Maud White, and the second, value 15s., to Anna Matilda Copeland. The Good Conduct Medals presented by Bro. Oldham, Assistant Secretary (and which was awarded by the vote of the pupils), were won by Maud White and Maggie Knight.

The following prizes were then awarded to the pupils of the Masonic Boys' School, who had been successful on the occasion of the last annual examination:—

First Class.—James B. Brett, Alexander J. Semple, John King Irwin.

Second Class.—George A. Du Noyer, Francis A. Fraser, Edward B. Atkins, Henry G. Willson, George Faris, Robert A. Robertson, John Sayers. The Astley Silver Medals, for the

highest marks during the year in English, mathematics, and classics, were all three this year carried off by James B. Brett. The Good Conduct Silver Medals, presented by Bro. Oldham, were awarded by the vote of the pupils themselves to James B. Brett, in the first class, and to Robert G. Warren in the second class.

For a very considerable time, after the business of the evening had concluded, the halls were thronged by the company, excellent promenade music being supplied by the bands already mentioned.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

A Quarterly Communication was held at Freemasons' Hall, Sydney, on Monday, the 19th day of January, 1874. Present:—R. W. A. T. Hdroyd, District Grand Master, in the chair; V. W. Ernest O. Smith, Deputy District Grand Master; W. F. Senior, P.D.G.S.W., as Senior District Grand Warden; W. G. Cassidy, Junior District Grand Warden; Rev. W. Beg, M.D., L.L.D., District Grand Chaplain, J. R. Thackeray, M.A., District Grand Chaplain; W. W. H. Simpson, District Grand Treasurer; Henry Westcott, District Grand Registrar; Richard Leworthy, District Grand Secretary; W. Webster, Senior District Grand Deacon; Ryall, as Junior District Grand Deacon; A. Gray, District Grand Assistant Director, of Ceremonies; J. R. Elliott, District Grand Supt. Works; Henry Harper, District Grand Sword Bearer; G. Merrett, P.S.D.G.W., as District Grand Pursuivant; S. A. Delissa, District Grand Tyler.

The District Grand Lodge was opened by the R. W. District Grand Master in due form.

The minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 20th October were read and confirmed.

The District Grand Master invested Bro. the Rev. J. R. Thackeray, with the collar and jewel of District Grand Chaplain, and said he had much pleasure in doing so, more especially as that brother belonged to a country lodge, because he desired to show that those brethren of the country lodges who could and would take office would have every opportunity of doing so whenever circumstances permitted.

A letter was read from the Grand Secretary, dated 18th October, forwarding the Warrants granted by the M.W.G. Master to the Doric Lodge, No. 1450, Hill End, and the St. John's Lodge, No. 1451, Mudgee.

The District Grand Master stated he had received a petition from certain brethren at the Tumut, for a dispensation to open a lodge in that locality, to be called the "Tumut Unity Lodge;" he had granted the prayer of the petitioners, and the warrant of dispensation had been issued and forwarded to form and work the new lodge.

The District Grand Secretary read the report of the meetings of Committee of Benevolence since last communication, with the names of applicants for assistance, and the several amounts voted, amounting to £31.

The District Grand Secretary stated that no meetings had been held of the Orphan Society or Board of General Purposes.

The District Grand Treasurer stated the balance to credit of District Grand Lodge was £126 19s. 5d.; Benevolent Fund £449, 9s. 5d.; Orphan Fund £45 10s. 5d., exclusive of £700 invested in Government Debentures, and shares in Freemasons' Hall, the value of the latter being doubtful.

W. H. Simpson, D. G. Treasurer, read and moved the motion standing in his name on the Agenda Paper—"That the fee payable to District Grand Lodge for every initiation shall be £1, such payment to include Grand Lodge Certificate for the brother initiated." He was aware some years ago the practice among lodges was not to include the certificate in the fee charged at initiation, leaving that to be paid by the brother when he applied for it. Lodge No. 390, to which he belonged, did so till lately; they had now altered the Initiation Fee so as to include the payment for the certificate. The Grand Lodge required the full fee on the registration of every brother.

The better way for the future would, therefore, be for lodges to make their returns quarterly, in the same way as the Benevolent and Orphan Funds; it would be more advantageous to both the District Grand Lodge and the lodges themselves.

The District Grand Master said the fees for certificates should, with as little delay as possible, be handed over to District Grand Lodge.

Bro. Ryall, P.M. 556, said he would second the motion if the mover would consent to a slight alteration he proposed to make, viz., "That the fee on the initiation of every candidate shall be £1, such payment to include registration in the books of the Grand Lodge of England, and Grand Lodge Certificate for the brother initiated, the fees to be paid quarterly to District Grand Lodge." This, he thought, would be the best course to pursue, and would facilitate the registration of the brother. By the Book of Constitutions, every brother was entitled to have his name returned and to obtain his certificate.

The Deputy District Grand Master quoted the Law No. 1, page 89, in Book of Constitutions, and said that every lodge was bound to obtain a Grand Lodge Certificate for a brother initiated therein.

Bro. Booth, P.M. Lodge 392, inquired whether a brother could obtain a certificate other than for the Third Degree.

Bro. Elliott, District Grand Supt. of Works, asked whether a brother after he had completed his three degrees had a right to his certificate.

The Deputy District Grand Master said, the Book of Constitutions required every brother to take up his certificate. If necessary he could have a certificate for each degree without any extra expense.

Bro. H. Harper, District Grand Sword Bearer, said he had given a brother his third degree who had received the first and second elsewhere, and on another occasion had given the second and third degrees to a brother in like manner.

Bro. Simpson having consented to the amendment, the District Grand Master put the motion as amended, which was carried.

Bro. Cassidy, J.D.G. Warden, moved the motion standing on the paper in his name—"That the sum of £20 be voted from the funds of District Grand Lodge towards defraying expenses of painting and decorating lodge-room."

Bro. Westcott, D. Grand Registrar, seconded the motion.

Bro. Booth, P.M. Lodge No. 390, moved as an amendment—"That the sum of £25 should be voted." The brethren of the Furnishing Committee had taken great trouble, and large expenses had been incurred, and the room had a very handsome appearance. He thought that the District Grand Lodge on an occasion of this kind should be liberal.

The Deputy District Grand Master said he seconded the amendment. He thought the District Grand Lodge could well afford the amount, and should vote the largest sum in order to set the lodges a good example.

In reply to an inquiry, D.G. Treasurer said, the cost, he understood, would be £132.

Bro. Ryall, P.M. No. 556, supported the amendment, and said the Sydney Lodges alone should bear the cost.

Rev. Bro. Beg also supported the amendment.

The District Grand Master said, that the manner in which the room was decorated was handsome and neat, and very creditable; he had visited the lodge rooms several times while the work was in operation, and he now considered the room very comfortable, and he fully approved of what had been done. The lodges, he was happy to say, were progressing favourably, and the District Grand Lodge was in a prosperous condition.

The amendment was carried.

B. Webster, S.D.G. Deacon, stated, as President of the Benevolent Fund, that he had been requested to bring under the notice of District Grand Lodge the large amount of arrears (£25) owing by Lodge No. 937 to the Benevolent Fund.

The D.G. Treasurer said this lodge was over three years in arrears to the Benevolent Fund, and he thought, in justice to other lodges, these arrears should be paid.

After some further remarks by other brethren the subject was allowed to drop.

The Rev. Bro. Thackeray returned thanks for the honour conferred on him by his appointment and investiture as District Grand Chaplain. He regretted very much that he had been unable to attend sooner, he had started from Maitland on two occasions, on one of which the steamer had to put back. He trusted he should be able to attend regularly in future. He might mention that the Unity Lodge, 547, of which he was a member, was strong in numbers, and had among its members a large majority of the most influential gentlemen of the Hunter district.

The Deputy District Grand Master said he had received a letter from Bro. Blau, of Hunter-street, wishing him to bring under the consideration of the brethren the great distress prevailing in Hungary through the ravages of cholera, and soliciting on behalf of the widows, orphans, and others, assistance. He read Bro. Blau's letter, also an extract from one he received, fully bearing out his statements. The D.D.G. Master very forcibly urged this matter on the attention of District Grand Lodge, and said great misery, distress and want were caused by the ravages of cholera, which had raged so terribly; that there was hardly a house or family where there was not a death therein, and great grief and suffering of course the result; he trusted, as the District Grand Lodge had means, a sum of money would be voted this evening, as he felt sure it could not be better applied, it would tend to prove to our poor distressed Hungarian brethren that distance did not weaken the Masonic bond by which we are embraced.

Bro. Simpson, D.G. Treasurer, said he was sorry he must object to voting money without notice for such a purpose, as it was contrary to their rules to vote money until after due notice. In this case he believed neither he nor any of the brethren present had ever heard of the distress said to prevail in Hungary, a country of which they knew or heard so little at any time.

The Rev. Bro. Beg thought we might do as asked when the objects of our sympathy were so far away.

Bro. Booth, P.M., Lodge 390, said he objected to the money of District Grand Lodge being voted for any such purpose. He considered this a matter for private subscription, and if one was opened he would very willingly put his name down.

The business being concluded, the District Grand Lodge was closed in due form at 9.30 o'clock.

Bulwark in Parado, or Masonic Notes and Queries.

MARK MASONRY.

I am glad to notice a communication from Bro. Yarker, in to-day's *Freemason*, respecting the choice of marks by our operative brethren, and pleased to see he confirms the statement made by "Masonic Student" and myself, that these marks consist of even and odd points, according to the fancy of the Masons who made them.

That this is but the reiteration of an archaeological fact well-known to all students of the subject, must be patent to anyone who will take the trouble to examine certain old buildings, both at home and abroad, or who will consult the pages of that magnificent book lately issued by Messrs. Blackwood & Sons, Edinburgh, containing the history of the Lodge "Mary's Chapel," from 1599, by my friend Bro. Lyon. The regulation alluded to by Bro. Yarker as having been in force amongst Mark Master Masons under the English Constitution, was rescinded by the Mark Grand Lodge, on the 14th December, 1864. On referring to a report of the proceedings, I find that the "General Board," on "representations received from the Camarvon Lodge, No. 7, and other lodges, recommending the abrogation of the regulation confining the selection of marks to figures comprising any specified numbers of points or lines."

The R.W. Bro. W. W. Beach, M.P., concurred on the policy of the alteration. An examination of the ruins of ancient buildings,

on the stones of which the marks of the artificers were found, proved that "no such regulation as that enforced under this rule existed." The Vice-President moved that the alteration be agreed to, and Bro. Colonel Cole, C.B., seconded it, and the proposition was carried unanimously.

I do not quite understand what Bro. Yarker means by saying that "few Masons, now-a-days, believe in the pretensions of any of the Masonic degrees, and, in my opinion, the Mark is a spurious Order, not above a century old." Bro. Yarker's "Speculative Freemasonry" should be consulted on the subject.

Were I discussing the antiquity or Masonic character of the "Mark Degree," I should be inclined to elucidate the probable meaning of the foregoing, but, so far, the inquiry has had reference mainly to operative Masonry, and the more the correspondence is limited to the original object the better. It would be well, also, if the editor expunged all references of an offensive, or "personal," or abusive style from the communications sent for insertion in *The Freemason*.

I hope this inquiry will have the effect of inducing our able brother "Masonic Student" to drop his "nom de plume," so that his valued contributions may have the full weight that his name (if known) would confer upon them.

W. J. HUGHAN.

TASMANIAN MASONIC BENEVOLENT FUND.

This fund was established at Hobart Town, A.D. 1843, and re-organised A.D. 1867.

The Committee of Management for 1874 comprises Bro. J. T. Robertson, 345, I.C., Chairman; Bro. L. Riley, 345, I.C., Treasurer; Bro. C. Toby, 536, E.C., Hon Secretary; and Bros. W. G. Beaumont, John Gillon, 345, I.C.; W. A. B. Jamieson, F. H. Wise, John Clark, L. Susman, John Hamilton, Robert Fitzgerald, 536, E.C.; Rev. R. D. Poulett-Harris, W. S. Hammond, H. Nelson, T. H. MacGrath, J. R. Scott, 801, E.C., Comps. W. H. Burgess, jun., D. Lewis, Chapter 536, E.C., and all subscribing installed Past Masters of contributing lodges who shall pay a subscription of not less than 10s. 6d. per annum to this fund.

The object of this institution is to assist aged and distressed worthy brethren of the Ancient and Honourable Order of Freemasonry, and to afford relief to their Widows and Orphans.

The annual meeting of the Committee was held on the 28th of January, when the officers and committee for 1874 were appointed, and the financial statement and balance sheet unanimously adopted, copies of which the committee circulated amongst the members of the Order generally, and the contributors to the fund in particular.

The statement of receipts shows that the income from all sources in 1873 amounted to £7 15s. 6d., being £17 1s. in excess of the previous year.

The total payments for education, gratuities, &c., for the same period was £42 17s. 2d., an increase of £24 11d., over the amount paid in 1872. The disbursements for printing, &c., amounted to £1 15s.

The balance sheet shows amount of cash to the credit of the fund £62 17s. 7d., and £220 invested in 6 per cent Debentures.

The Committee has much pleasure in congratulating the Order on the present highly satisfactory state of the fund, and tenders its grateful acknowledgements to the donors, and individual subscribers, and especially to the lodges and chapters, for the handsome amounts voluntarily contributed during the past year.

In conclusion the Committee cannot refrain from again urging on the W. Masters and Officers of the lodges the desirability of keeping the objects of the institution prominently before their members, bearing in mind that its object is not only to relieve Lodge Funds, and individual brethren, from the necessity of aiding the distressed worthy Mason, but by careful enquiry to protect the Order against imposition by unworthy members.

LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The General Committee of Grand Lodge of Benevolence met on Wednesday evening, at Freemason's Hall. Bro. J. M. Clap President, Bro. Joshua Nunn, Senior V. President, and Bro. James Brett, Junior V. President, occupied their respective places. There were also present, Bros. John Her Grand Secretary; J. A. Rucker, John S. Hadley, C. A. Cottebrune, Colonel C. Conrad C. Dumas, N. Bradford, J. B. Morton, John Emmens, T. Cubitt, and a full list. The sum of £385 in all was voted to deserving objects of benevolence.

At the Board of Masters, the M.W.G. gave notice that he would move at next Grand Lodge, that Grand Lodge give £500 to the Bengal Famine Fund. The report of the Board of General Purposes read, in the report were contained recommendations for a revision and increase of salaries of all the officers in Grand Secretariat office. Notice was given of a motion to contribute £70 to the asylum for the aged at Croft for coals; and Bro. W. Smith gave notice of a motion that all Masters of lodges should have access to the Board of General Purposes to make suggestions. At this Board there were nominations of members for the Board of General Purposes, the Colonial Board, and the Masonic Annuity.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

At the Annual General Meeting of this institution, held at Freemasons' Hall, London, Friday, the 15th of May, 1874, W. Bro. M. Creaton, Vice-Patron, P.G.D., in the chair. At the general business was disposed of, the Governors and subscribers proceeded to the election of annuitants from an approved list of thirty-four male candidates and thirty-one female candidates, when the following were declared successful:—

MALES.

- Robert Death
- John Weedon
- Joseph Salsbury
- Edward Penman
- James Peace
- John Tilbury
- George Chapman
- Charles S. Woollons
- Richard Commins
- Dowse S. Potts
- George Turner
- Henry John Mason
- Benjamin Abraham
- Robert Forster
- Charles Turner
- * Abraham Freeman
- * Henry William Pelton
- * George Taylor
- * R. B. Thompson
- * Frederick Jos. Johnson

WIDOWS.

- Eliza King
- Isabella Mew
- Jemima Spicer
- Mary Winter
- Judith Baker
- Charlotte Newton
- Sophia Morton
- Hannah Ingleson
- Amelia Wood
- Sarah Wallington
- * Maria Hitchlife

The votes of the unsuccessful candidates will be carried forward to the next election. Those marked thus * are elected to fill vacant occasions by death since the voting papers were issued.

[We have copied the above from a Masonic paper for the information of the C.]

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, June 5, 1874.

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

Saturday, May 30.

- Manchester Lodge of Instruction (179), Yorkshire Grey, 77, London-street, Fitzroy-square, at 8; Bro. H. Ash, Preceptor.
- Lily Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, Surrey.
- Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. G. Dille, Preceptor.

Monday, June 1.

- Lodge 16, Royal Alpha, Willis's Rooms, St. James's. " 188, Joppa, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st. " 1319, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall.
- Chap. 1026, Victoria, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue.
- Red Cross of Constantine, Premier, Freemasons' Tavern.
- Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction (1445), Lord Stanley Tavern, Saundringham-road, Kingsland, at 7; Bro. T. Austin, Preceptor.
- Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.
- Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Finchurch-street Station, at 7.
- Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern, Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
- Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gotthel, Preceptor.
- British Oak Lodge of Instruction, Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.
- St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street (opposite the Pantheon), Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.
- Wellington Lodge of Instruction, White Swan Tavern, Deptford, at 8; Bro. C. G. Dille, P.M. 1155; Preceptor.
- St. John of Wapping Lodge of Instruction (1306), Gun Tavern, High-street, Wapping, at 8; Bro. T. Mortlock, Preceptor.
- West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
- Metropolitan Mark Lodge of Instruction, Coach and Horses Hotel, 343, Strand, at 8.

Tuesday, June 2.

- Colonial Board, at 3.
- Lodge 171, Amity, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
- " 1257, Grosvenor, Caledonian Hotel, Adelphi.
- " 1259, Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tavern, Commercial-rod.
- " 1383, Friends in Council, Golden-square.
- " 1397, Anerley, Thicket Hotel, Anerley.
- Chap. 109, Temperance, White Swan Tavern, Deptford.
- Half-yearly Communication Grand Mark Lodge (see Advt).
- Thorough Lodge of Instruction, Green Dragon Steppney, at 8; Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.
- Omnic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tavern, Grosvenor-park, Canberwell, at 8.
- 10th Lodge of Instruction, Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cotebrune, Preceptor.
- 10th Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Lord's Hotel, Lord's Cricket Ground, St. John's-wood, at 8; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.
- 10th House Lodge of Instruction, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. Crawley, Preceptor.
- 10th Unity Lodge of Instruction, Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st., Within, at 7.30; Bro. Bolton, W.M. 1227, Preceptor.
- Marylebone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, New-street, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
- 10th Unional Lodge of Instruction (55), Wheatsheaf Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.
- 10th Unity Lodge of Instruction, Grapes Tavern, Little Windmill-street, W.

Wednesday, June 3.

- 10th Unity Communication Grand Lodge, at 6.
- 10th Earl Spencer, Freemasons' Hotel, New Wandsworth.
- 10th Hawk Lodge of Instruction, (879), Southwark Park Tavern, Southwark Park, at 8; Bro. Charles William Keat, Preceptor.
- 10th Progression Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor.
- 10th Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
- 10th Unity Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30.
- 10th Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8.
- 10th Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
- 10th Unity Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
- 10th Unity Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Beckenham, at 8; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor.
- 10th Unity Lodge of Instruction, in the East Lodge of Instruction, George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar.
- 10th Unity Lodge of Instruction, Thicket Hotel, Anerley, at 8.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.

Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction (1288), Finsbury Park Tavern, Seven Sisters'-road, N., at 8. Bro. P. Dickinson, Acting Preceptor.

Thursday, June 4.

- Lodge 10, Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons Hall.
- " 744, Crystal Palace, Star and Garter, Kew-bridge.
- " 822, Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 1155, Excelsior, Sydney Arms, Lewisham.
- " 1178, Perfect Ashlar, Gregorian Arms, Bermondsey.
- Chap. 9, Moriah, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.
- Rose Croix, St. George, 33, Golden-square.
- Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham Court-road, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
- Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Angle, Tavern, Bath-street, City-road; Bro. Stean, Preceptor.
- United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
- Whittington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern, Holborn, at 8; Bro. Lewis Alexander, P.M. 188, Preceptor.
- Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
- Ebury Lodge of Instruction, Bro. Palmer's, 12, Ponsonby-st. Millbank.
- Highgate Lodge of Instruction (1366), Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
- St. George's Lodge of Instruction (140), Globe Tavern, Royal-hill, Greenwich.
- Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
- Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, (749), Coach and Horses, Strand, at 8; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.
- Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.
- Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s Freemasons' Hall, a 7.
- Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tavern, Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.

Friday, June 5.

- Lodge 1275, Star, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
- Clapton Lodge of Instruction, White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30.
- Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., Preceptor.
- Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1294), the Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. W. F. Rogers, Precep.
- Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-road, at 8; Comp. W. West Smith, Preceptor.
- Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (733), Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8.
- Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet street, at 7; Bro. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.
- United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Antelope Tavern, Lorn-road, Brixton, at 7.
- St. James's Lodge of Instruction, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-road, Bermondsey, at 8; Bro. Howes, P.M., Preceptor.
- Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Bro. D. S. Potts, Preceptor.
- Doric Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8.
- Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8; Bro. P. M. Wuest, Preceptor.
- St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Rose Tavern, Fulham-road, S.W.
- Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.
- High Cross Lodge of Instruction (754), Coach & Horses, High Road, Tottenham.
- Union Club of Instruction, Windsor Castle, Victoria Station at 8 p.m.; H. Ash, P.M., Instructor.
- Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
- Burdett Courts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park, at 8; Bro. Geo. W. Verry, Preceptor.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, June 6, 1874.

Monday, June 1.

- Lodge 113, Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Assembly Rooms, Preston.
- " 1051, Rowley, Masonic Rooms, Lancaster.
- " 1380, Skelmersdale, Waterloo, near Liverpool, at 6.
- Chap. 605, De Tabley, Seacombe Hotel, St. Anselm, at 6.
- Skelmersdale Red Cross Conclave, 77, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
- Eveton Lodge of Instruction (823), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 7.30.

Tuesday, June 2.

- Lodge 178, Antiquity, Royal Hotel, Wigan, at 6.30.
- " 995, Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverstone.
- " 1384, Equity, Walker's Commercial Hotel, Widnes near Warrington, at 6.
- Chap. 203, St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
- Mark Lodge, No. 161, Walton, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale Liverpool, at 6.
- Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.

Wednesday, June 3.

- Lodge 673, St. John's, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.30.
- " 730, Ellesmere, Royal Oak Hotel, Chorley.
- " 1013, Royal Victoria, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
- " 1061, Triumph, Masonic Hall, Lytham.

- Lodge 1413, West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk, at 6.
- " 1335, Lindsay, 20, King-street, Wigan.
- " 1354, Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Hall, Leigh.
- Harmonic Lodge of Instruction (216), Mona Hotel, James-street, Liverpool, at 8.
- De Grey and Ripon Lodge of Instruction (1356), 140, North Hill-street, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 7.30.

Thursday, June 4.

- Lodge 249, Mariners', Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
- " 1473, Bootle, Molyneux Assembly Rooms, Bootle, at 6.
- Chap. 758, Bridgewater, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 6.

Friday, June 5.

- Lodge 1264, Neptune, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
- " 1375, Architect, Didsbury Hotel, Didsbury.
- " 1387, Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton-cum-Hardy.
- Chap. 1086, Walton, St. Lawrence School, Kirkdale, at 6.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND VICINITY.

For the week ending Saturday, June 6, 1874. All the Meetings take place at 8 o'clock.

Monday, June 1.

- Lodge 332, Union, 170, Buchanan-street.
- " 129, St. Mirren, St. Mirren's Hall, Paisley.
- " 88, Montrose, Town Hall, Airdrie.
- Chap. 119, Rosslyn, Freemasons' Hall, 25, Robertson-street.

Tuesday, June 2.

- Lodge 33, St. John, St. John's Hall, Buchanan-st.
- " 68, Doric, 44, Church-street, Port Glasgow.
- " 73, Thistle and Rose, 170 Buchanan-st.
- " 87, Thistle, 12, Trongate.
- " 233, Hamilton, Spalding Hotel, Hamilton.
- " 406, St. John, Masonic Hall, Motherwell.

Wednesday, June 3.

- Lodge 4, Kilwinning, 170, Buchanan-street.
- " 128, St. John Shettleston, Freemasons' Hall, Shettleston.
- " 21, Old St. John's, Freemasons' Hall, Lanark.
- " 354, Caledonian Railway, 213, Buchanan-st.
- " 126, St. Andrew, George Hotel, Kilmarnock.
- " 166, St. John, 26, Grange-street, Airdrie.
- Chap. 87, Shamrock and Thistle, 12, Trongate.

Thursday, June 4.

- Lodge 465, St. Andrew's, Masons' Hall, Garnagad-road.
- " 32, St. John, George Hotel, Kilmarnock.
- " 202, St. Clement's, Trades' Tavern, Kilmarnock.
- " 149, St. Andrew's, Masonic Hall, Irvine.
- " 290, Blair Dairy, Masonic Hall, Dairy.

Friday, June 5.

- Lodge 275, Shamrock and Thistle, 21, Struthers-street.
- " 300, Commercial, 19, Croy-place.
- " 408, Clyde, 170, Buchanan-st.
- " 135, St. James, Crown Inn, Tarbolton.
- " 512, Thorn-tree, Thornliebank.
- Lodge 458, St. John's, Freemasons' Hall, Busby.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH.

For the Week ending Saturday, June 6, 1874.

Monday, June 1.

- Lodge 429, St. Kentigern, Royal Hotel, Penicuik, at 8.

Tuesday, June 2.

- Lodge 5, Carongate and Leith, 83, Constitution-street, Leith, at 8.
- Lodge 36, St. David's, Ship Hotel, E. Register-street, at 8.
- " 405, Rifle, Freemasons' Hall, George-street, at 8.30.

Wednesday, June 3.

- Lodge 100, Roman Eagle, Iona Hotel, Nicolson-street, at 8.30.

Thursday, June 4.

- Lodge 97, St. James, Masonic Hall, Writers'-court, High-st., at 8.
- Red Cross Conclave 103, St. Giles, Masonic Hall, Blackfriars-st., at 8.30.

Friday, June 5.

- Lodge 29, Celtic, Ship Hotel, E. Register-st., at 8.
- Chap. 83, St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, George-street, at 8.30.

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UNITED GRAND LODGE.

The Quarterly Communication to Grand Lodge of England was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. The Marquess of Ripon, M.W.G.M., presided. Lord Tenterden occupied the G.S.W. chair, and Colonel Whitwell, the G.J.W. There was a large attendance of brethren from various lodges, and a great number of Past Grand Officers.

The minutes of Quarterly Communication of March and of Grand Festival having been read by Grand Secretary and confirmed, the Scrutineers of votes for members of the Board of General Purposes and of the Colonial Board were selected and obligated, and the election then took place. When the voting papers had been collected and the scrutineers had retired,

The M.W. G.M. rose and said, I now rise for the purpose of submitting to you the motion which stands in my name upon the paper, and I am quite sure that so far as the object to which I am about to ask you to make a contribution, is concerned, it will need no words of mine to recommend it to your charitable feelings. For brethren, you have had brought before you, month by month, in the public journals, the full descriptions, first of what was likely to happen and then of what was actually happening in the great British possession of India, at least in a certain portion of it, during this greivous time of famine. You have had, I say, such ample descriptions brought before you by the public press, that it would be perfectly unbecoming in me to attempt in less forcible language to repeat that which from time to time unhappily of late you have been reading in the newspapers. You know well the extent and the terrible character of that calamity. Happy indeed are we that in these times of ours we as a nation know nothing of these wide spread famines, but our own munimity ought not to make us less sensible. I rather think that through a sense of gratitude it ought to make us more sensible of the misfortunes of others. It ought to give us a tender heart with which to feel for, and greater readiness to aid those who are suffering from a calamity so tremendous, and to us perhaps in its extent I may truly say so inconceivable. Therefore, brethren, so far as the propriety of doing by any means in the power of those who are amongst those who are the fellow subjects of our beloved Sovereign. I am confident that you will not require words of mine to convince you of the propriety of that course. The only question which could be raised would be whether this be or be not a fitting subject for the assistance of this Grand Lodge. Now, brethren, I say at once that I have always held that we ought very carefully to weigh the claims which may be brought before us in this description and very carefully to consider the circumstances under which they come before our notice. Claims of this kind are undoubtedly not of a strictly Masonic character, but I will not say but that there is much in the arguments which I have sometimes heard urged some that these claims, not strictly Masonic, not proper objects for the contribution of Grand Lodge. I am not prepared to lay down so strict a general rule—(hear, hear)—but I distinctly of opinion that we ought to consider every one of these cases very carefully, and we ought not to contribute from the funds of Grand Lodge except in cases which are clearly of a national character. Now, no one

doubted when you were asked to contribute in the case of the cotton famine in Lancashire—(hear, hear)—no one doubted that that was a great national calamity to which the funds of Grand Lodge might be appropriately devoted. Well, it seems to me that we Englishmen, we white Masons, owe a great debt of consideration to our brethren in the East, of a different race and of a different colour, but who are many of them Masons as we are, and who are all of them the subjects of our Queen—(hear, hear)—and I do think that when you have before you so large a portion of British subjects, a calamity so tremendous and so overwhelming, that if you have the funds, as I believe you have upon this occasion, at your disposal, it is a call of a national character and one to which you may justly respond. (Hear, hear.) But I have thought it right to draw your attention to this portion of the subject, in order that I may, so far as in me lies, enter at the same time, and protest against applying the funds of Grand Lodge to non-Masonic purposes, except in circumstances of a strictly national, and more or less of an exceptional character. I believe those circumstances to exist at the present time. I believe that we shall be justified in making this grant, and I cannot doubt that if you agree with me in thinking that it is one which we may fairly make, it is one which you will make most gladly, because it will enable you to come forward to aid those who cannot aid themselves, and those who are suffering from one of the most tremendous calamities that can befall any portion of mankind. Therefore, brethren, without further preface I will content myself with moving the following resolution, "That taking into consideration the dreadful sufferings which the present famine in Bengal has inflicted on the natives of that presidency, this Grand Lodge do grant the sum of £500, to be paid out of the Fund of General Purposes, in aid of the voluntary fund now in course of formation for their relief." (Cheers.)

Bro. Fawcett, P.G.M., Durham, seconded the motion.

Bro. Sandeman, District Grand Master of Bengal, in supporting the motion said, that in Bengal the Masons had always been guided by the principle just laid down by the G. Master, always to give their charity to Masons, except in cases of national or exceptional emergency. Although poor in pocket they managed to subscribe a somewhat handsome donation in the case of the Scottish famine many years ago, the Irish famine, and the cotton famine. He was sure the District Grand Lodge of Bengal would most highly appreciate this gift to the public of Bengal.

After a few words from Bro. J. H. Wynne, in opposition to the gift, while twelve poor old men and twenty-two poor old women were unsuccessful at the last election of the Benevolent Institution, the resolution was put and carried; and

Bro. Tomkins, Grand Treasurer, said he would follow the course he had adopted on former similar occasions, and pay the money immediately, without waiting for the confirmation of the vote by next Grand Lodge.

The G.M. announced that he would defer making the statement as to the alterations he contemplated with regard to the charity jewel.

The late W.M. and another brother of the British Oak Lodge were then introduced to show cause why the lodge should not be erased. The late W.M. went into a long statement to show that in doing what he had done, he did what he thought was for the best, and if he had done wrong he apologised for it.

Bro. J. A. Rucker, V.P., and the Board of General Purposes explained what the conduct of the two contending sections of the lodge was when before the Board, and said that from what the Board saw they felt it was impossible for the lodge to exist with any credit to the Craft. The Board though very unwilling to erase the lodge, were unanimous in their recommendation to that effect.

Bro. F. A. Phillbrick and Bro. Poynter concurred in every respect with Bro. Rucker.

On the G.M. putting the motion for the erasure of the lodge;

The late W.M. of 831, said he attended that

evening, not to show cause against the motion, but only to apologise and express his regret if it was ruled that he had done wrong. He never intended to show cause.

The resolution for the erasure of Lodge 831 was then put and carried unanimously, and the two brethren retired.

Bro. Joshua Nunn, moved the following grants recommended by the Lodge of Benevolence for the last quarter, viz:—

- A Brother of the St. Luke's Lodge, No. 144, London £50
- A Brother of the Bank of England Lodge, No. 263, London £50
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All these were carried unanimously. Bro. James Brett seconded the two first and Bro. J. B. Monckton the last.

The following report of the Board of General Purposes was moved by Bro. Rucker, and seconded by Bro. J. B. Monckton, to be taken as read.

"The Board of General Purposes deeply regret having to report that since the last Quarterly Communication the Craft have sustained a serious loss, and the Board have been deprived of the services of a most efficient head, by the early death of their President, Bro. Horace Lloyd, Q.C., whose great ability in presiding over them, and whose unvaried urbanity had gained him the respect and warm esteem of every Member of the Board.

"The Board further report that they have had their attention drawn to the salaries of the officials in the Grand Secretary's Department, and the following tabular statement has been brought under their notice showing the number of Certificates issued in each year from 1866 to 1873 inclusive, together with the Income of the Fund of General Purposes and of the Fund of Benevolence during the same period:—

Date	Total Number of Certificates issued by the Grand Lodge and Chapter.	Total Income of the Funds of the General Purposes, the Fund of Benevolence and of Grand Chapter.	Total Salaries Paid.
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1867	7498	14,805 15 9	1,331 5 0
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1870	7323	14,952 3 11	1,317 10 0
1871	7440	15,369 19 11	1,416 0 0
1872	8452	16,926 16 11	1,439 0 0
1873	8766	17,891 15 4	1,377 10 0

The number of lodges in 1863 was 996, in 1873 1380, showing an increase of 39 per cent. in eleven years.

Taking into consideration the facts set forth in the foregoing statement, and that the increase in the number of lodges, of certificates issued, and consequently of the annual receipts, must necessarily have greatly added to the work of this department, and considering more especially that all household expenses have materially increased since the salaries were last fixed by Grand Lodge in 1866, the Board are of opinion that the time has arrived for revising the salaries in the Grand Secretary's department, and for submitting a new scale for the sanction of Grand Lodge.

The offices in the Grand Secretary's department are—

- Grand Secretary.
- Chief Clerk.
- Cashier or 2nd Clerk.
- 3rd Clerk.
- 4th Clerk.
- 5th Clerk.
- Grand Tyler.

The Board first took into consideration the salaries of the various offices, without reference to the individual merits or claims of the brethren who fill those offices at the present time, and after arriving at what they deem should be the minimum and maximum in each case, they considered what immediate increase they should recommend to be made in the salaries of those who at present discharge the duties of those offices.

The scale fixed by Grand Lodge in 1866 was as follows:—

	To commence.	Yearly increase after the Second Year of office.	Maximum
Grand Secretary	£450	£15	£600
Chief Clerk	£200	£10	£350
2nd Clerk	£150	£10	£200
3rd Clerk	£100	£10	£150
4th Clerk	£100	£10	£150

There was no fifth Clerk at that time.

The Board consider that the present salary of the Grand Secretary is by no means adequate to the position in the Craft held by that officer and the important and responsible duties he has to perform.

They therefore recommend to Grand Lodge that in future appointments to the office of Grand Secretary the salary of such officer shall commence at £500, and that an annual increase of £50 shall be made in such salary until the sum of £800 is reached, which shall be the maximum salary.

They further recommend that the following shall be the scale of salaries for the subordinate offices:—

	To Commence.	Yearly Increase.	Maximum.
Chief Clerk	£300	£20	£400
Cashier or 2nd Clerk	200	15	300
3rd Clerk	120	10	200
4th Clerk	120	10	200
5th Clerk	120	10	200
Grand Tyler	100	10	150

In determining the amount at which they recommend the salaries of the Junior Clerks shall commence, the Board have had in mind that all the Clerks must be Masons, and that consequently none can be employed under twenty-one years of age.

The Board recommend that the Salary of the present Grand Secretary shall be £600 per annum from the commencement of the present year, with an increase of £50 per annum until the maximum of £800 is reached.

That the salaries of the subordinate officers be raised from the commencement of the present year as follows:—

	Increase.
Bro. Buss, Chief Clerk, from £505 to £520	£15
Bro. Pendlebury, Cashier or 2nd Clerk, from £150 to £200	50
Bro. W. Dodd, 3rd Clerk, from £150 to £170	20
Bro. W. H. Lee, 4th Clerk, from £100 to £120	20
Bro. N. Green, 5th Clerk, from £100 to £120	20
Bro. C. B. Payne, Grand Tyler, from £125 to £150	25

“Add to this the proposed immediate addition to the salary of the Grand Secretary £90

Total addition to the present salaries £240

“With respect to Bro. Pendlebury, it is necessary to observe that although he succeeded Bro. Little in the office of cashier he obtained no immediate increase in his salary, having arrived after nine years' service at the maximum fixed for the salary of 3rd Clerk, and on his promotion receiving for the next two years only the same sum as the minimum salary of the Cashier or 2nd Clerk.

The Vice-President will then move:—

(1.) That the report be received and entered on the Minutes.

(2.) That the various recommendations contained in the report of the Board be adopted.

(Signed) JOHN A. RUCKER, Vice-President.

After the ordinary business had been disposed of, it was resolved unanimously:—That the best thanks of the Members of the Board are eminently due, and are hereby offered, to the Vice-President, Bro. John Rucker, S.G.D., who, in consequence of the ill-health and subsequent decease of the President, has so ably and courteously presided over the meetings of the Board during a great portion of the year, and whose untiring devotion to the duties of his office has obviated any inconvenience which might other-

wise have been experienced in the conduct of the affairs of the society.

(Signed) J. E. SAUNDERS.

To the Report is subjoined a statement of the Grand Lodge accounts at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 15th day of May ult, showing a balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer of £3,761 3s. 4d.; and in the hands of the Grand Secretary, for Petty Cash, £75; and for Servants' Wages, £90 5s.

Bro Rucker in moving that the report be received and entered on the minutes, paid a high tribute to the memory and character of Bro. Horace Lloyd, Q.C., the late President of the Board.

Bro. F. A. Philbrick also bore testimony to the distinguished character of the deceased brother, the care and assiduity with which he discharged his duties, and the unwearied manner with which he devoted himself to all the claims of Masonry, notwithstanding his numerous professional avocations. As a Mason he was an ornament to the Order, and in his profession he was missed as one of the ablest reasoners, and as possessing one of the most analytical minds in Westminster Hall.

The M.W.G.M. said he could not allow this motion to pass without expressing his entire concurrence in what had fallen from the worthy brethren who had just addressed them. He fully agreed with them in the belief that the Craft had sustained the loss of a very eminent brother, and the profession of the law a great ornament. Speaking for himself, he (the M.W.G.M.) felt grateful when Bro. Horace Lloyd accepted the office of President of the Board of General Purposes, and he now rejoiced to find how truly his services upon that Board were appreciated by those with whom he was associated.

The report was then unanimously ordered to be received and entered on the minutes.

Bro. Rucker moved the adoption of the various recommendations contained in the report, which having been seconded,

Bro. John Havers alter stating that he knew he was taking a most unpopular view of the recommendation as to the increase of the salaries to Grand Secretary and his officers, opposed it except in the case of Bros. Buss and Pendlebury, and said that a bad precedent would be set, that the salaries would really in seven years be increased by over £2,000; but what he most objected to was the increase in the junior clerks' salaries, and the commencing salaries of the new clerks who would come in. He instanced various Government offices where the commencing salaries were small, but was reminded first that junior clerks in Government offices went in as boys, and that when they reached twenty-one, which a clerk in Grand Secretary's office must be, their salaries were far higher than Grand Secretary's junior clerks. He was also reminded by Bro. Matthew Cooke that Government clerks were not obliged to be Masons.

Bro. S. Tomkins, G. Treasurer, supported the recommendation of the Board, and thought that so great and rich a body as Freemasons should act with dignified liberality to their officers.

Bro. J. C. Parkinson, G.J.W., followed on the same side.

Bro. Eve, from Hants, and another brother from the same province, respectively, moved and seconded an amendment embodying Bro. Haver's views, that brother having only spoken to the motion, and not moved any amendment.

Lord Tenterden supported the Board, as did also Bro. Matthew Cooke, who spoke strongly in favour of the industry, urbanity and consideration which characterised all the officers in Grand Secretary's department.

The motion of amendment being put and lost, the motion was put and was opposed by two hands only, and it was declared to be carried, amidst marks of general approbation.

Bro. Monckton moved the reception of the following report of the Colonial Board.

The Colonial Board take the opportunity, at the close of their year's labours, to congratulate Grand Lodge on the prosperity and general unanimity of the Craft, under the English Constitution, in the various colonies; and that during

the session 1873-4 they have not had occasion in one single instance, to trouble Grand Lodge with the affairs of the colonies, no question any sort having arisen with which the Board was not enabled to deal.

The only subject the Board have to submit for the consideration of Grand Lodge, is an application from the Royal Philanthropic Lodge, No. 405, Trinidad, for assistance to build a Masonic Hall.

(Signed) JOHN B. MONCKTON, President.

The members of the Board desire to express to their President, Bro. John B. Monckton, P.G.D., their hearty thanks and sincere acknowledgments for the courtesy of his demeanour and the ability with which he has presided over them, and their earnest hope that the Craft long have the advantage of his services.

(Signed) W. NETTLESH, Vice-President.

The same was received, and Bro. Hervey he had a letter from the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, at Trinidad, asking the postponement of the consideration of the petition of the Philanthropic Lodge.

The Annual Report of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for aged Freemasons, Widows of Freemasons, was then laid before Grand Lodge, and the following alteration in laws, which was agreed to at the Annual General Meeting of the Institution, held on Friday, the 15th May, 1874, submitted for approval of Grand Lodge:—

That Rule 8, page 8 of the Rules and Regulations be altered, by inserting after the words “London Papers”—“Notice also being sent every Provincial Grand Secretary.”

Bro. John Symonds explained that this alteration was suggested for the purpose of giving country brethren full notice of any of the special meetings of the Institution. The rule had been adopted in the Boys' and Girls' Schools, and was found that advertisements in the London daily papers, and *The Freemason*, did not always reach the eyes of Provincial brethren.

The alteration was ordered to be made.

The following two appeals were dismissed after due consideration, from the Union of M.Lodge, No. 407, Malta, against the decision of the District Grand Master ordering the reinstatement of a brother excluded by the lodges and of the Treasurer of the Sandeman Lodge, No. 1374, Dum Dum, Bengal, East India, against an order of the Deputy District Grand Master directing that the resignation of a brother must be accepted although his dues were not paid.

The motion by Bro. Benjamin Head, P.G. That the sum of £70 be given from the Fund of General Purposes. That the money placed in the hands of the Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, to supply the inmates at Croydon with coals during the winter season was carried *nem con.*

Grand Secretary read a letter from Bro. Smith, P.G. Steward, P.M. 26, asking permission to postpone the motion given below, as he feared he would not be back from Epsom time. (Great laughter.)

That the practice followed by the Board of General Purposes of refusing audience a right to members of the Craft desiring to have personal communications or suggestions for benefit of the Order, or on matters likely to be conducive to its well-being, unless invited to the Board to attend, shall henceforth be discontinued in respect of Past Masters and the Masters of Lodges, who shall, in future, have the right of audience after communicating in writing to the Grand Secretary their intention to attend on the next board-day, and shortly the object or purpose of such audience.

The Scrutineers then returned into Grand Lodge, and the following brethren were duly elected.

Board of General Purposes, Masters: John Chynoweth, No. 4; Edward Clark, Frederick G. Dobbs, £150; Robert Grey, Peter De Lande Long.

2; Erasmus Wilson, 1464. Past Master Frederick George Finch, 33; Standish Grady, 14; Henry Gruning, 197; Mullins, 753; Samuel Poynter, 902; Smith, 21; George John Theobald, 5; Levander and Theobald, polled each 118 M.W.G.M., gave his casting vote in of the latter brother, he belonging to the lodge.

Grand Master invested Bro. Monckton. (Received with loud cheers). Monckton said so much has been said so feelingly as to the sad cause of the that I am now called for to fill, that I of further allude to it, but will simply say will endeavour to follow a great and an Mason to the best of my poor ability.

of brethren elected on the Colonial Bros. Brackstone Baker, No. 21; Brett, No. 177; John M. Case, No. 1; March, No. 99; John G. Marsh, No. William F. Nettleship, No. 14; Samuel

Grand Master appointed Bro. Rucker, and Bro. Joseph Smith, Vice-President, and thanked the scrutineers on behalf of Lodge for the manner in which they had discharged their duties.

Committee of Management for the Royal Benevolent Institution for Aged Free-masons and Widows of Freemasons, Bros. Brett, 177; Charles A. Cottebrune, 733; Cubitt, 157; John A. Farnfield, 256; Gale, 19; Charles F. Hogard, 205; Kent, 177; Hyam M. Levy, 188; G. Stevens, 554; Wm. Thomas White,

Lodge was then closed.

GRAND MARK LODGE.

The usual half-yearly communication of Lodge of Mark Masters of England and S. &c., was held on Tuesday evening at Masons' Tavern. The Rev. George Ray-Portal, Past Grand Master, presided, and a large number of Mark Masters attended to assist him. Among the brethren present

W. Bro. Rev. G. R. Portal, P.G.M., as G.M.; W. W. B. Beach, M.W.P.G.M.; Bro. Sir Edmund Lechmere, Bart., P.G.M., as Dep. G.M.; James Stevens, O., as G.S.W.; Rev. T. F. Ravenshaw, Chaplain, as G.I.W.; Samuel Bryant, O.; C. C. Whitney Griffiths, P.G.S.D., as Thomas Hargreaves, P.G.J.D., as Rev. D. J. Drakeford, Rev. J. Hordern G. Chaplains; Frederick Binckes, G. Registrar; Frederic Davison, G. Registrar; Walker, G.S.D.; Morton Edwards, D., as G.J.D.; George Neale, P.G.S.W., of Works; Thomas Cubitt, G.D.C.; Wilkins, P.G. Standard Bearer as Grand Bearer; Edmund Worrall, G. Standard Bearer; F. H. Cozens, G. Org.; S. Funkenz-berg, G. Org.; Clement Stretton, W. A. Scott, R. Parker, Grd. Stewards, and the following Grand Officers:—R. W. Bros. W. Mableton, P.G.J.W.; S. C. Dibbin, as W. Bros. Wm. Hudson, P.G.A.C.; Spencer, P.G. Sword Bearer; S. M. P.G. Org.; J. H. Wynne, P.G.I.G.; Levander, P.G.D.C.; J. Sabine, C.; John Read, P.G. Organist; Rev. C. R. Davy, H. Massey, Israel s, James W. Smith, D. M. Dewar, F., P.G. Stewards; with the following Grand Officers. R.W. Bros. Major Harlow, P. Prov. G.J.W., Middlesex and William Roebuck, P. Prov. G.W. Mid-Surrey; Arthur Walton, Prov. G.S.O. and Surrey; W. Bros. Frederick Prov. G. Organist, Middlesex and William Trevena, P.P.M.O. Devon; George Mellor, P.P.G.W. East shire; Thomas Radley, P.P.G. Chap-shire; Thomas Schofield, P.P.G.J.W. shire; and the Masters, Past Masters, Overseers, and brethren of many

The Acting Grand Master, as soon as Grand Lodge had been opened, read a letter he had received from Earl Percy, M.W.G.M., explaining his non-attendance at this meeting for installation and regretting the same.

Grand Secretary then read the minutes of the last half-yearly communication of 2nd Dec. 1873, which were put by the Acting M.W. Grand Master, and unanimously confirmed.

The following report of the General Board was afterwards read by Grand Secretary:—

In the six months ending 31st March, 1874, 413 certificates have been issued, the total number of brethren on the register of this Grand Lodge to that date being 7645.

During the same period the following warrants of Constitution have been granted:—

- No. 170 Keystone India.
" 171 Union Oldham, Lancashire.
" 172 John o'Gaunt Gainsborough.
" 173 Temple London.
" 174 Athol Birmingham.
" 175 St Michael Helston, Cornwall.
" 176 Era London.

The following warrants for working the degree of Royal Ark Mariner, have also been issued:—

St. John's Lodge, attached to Langley Lodge, of M.M.M., No. 28.

Isaac Newton, University Lodge, attached to Isaac Newton University Lodge, No. 112.

The number of certificates issued to same date are 147.

The Board entered into possession of the new offices on the 25th day of March last. The facilities for the transaction of business are greatly increased, and many advantages will be derived from the improved accommodation afforded by a spacious suite of rooms on the ground floor. Not the least of these was the means provided for meetings of private lodges and lodges of Instruction, and for the fitting performance of the various ceremonies of the Order. The charge for the use of the rooms will be £1 1s., which will include gas.

The recommendation of the Board for an increase from 8s. 6d. to 10s. in the fee payable for registration and certificate for a brother advanced in a private lodge, received the approval of Grand Lodge at the half-yearly communication in December last. Before giving effect thereto it has been considered advisable to wait the confirmation of that approval by the present meeting of Grand Lodge. In the event of such confirmation the increased fee will be payable on certificates issued on and from the first day of July, 1874.

The delay in the reply from the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland to the request of this Grand Lodge for a recognition of certificates and of membership as regularly advanced Mark Master Masons, has been alluded to in former reports of the Board. The reply under date 12th March, 1874, has at length been received and is of an unsatisfactory nature. The Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland announces its decision against the request urged by this Grand Lodge "following the example of the Grand Chapter of Ireland." As however the latter body has expressed in writing under date July 30, 1870, March 29th, 1873, its consent to recognise the certificates of this Grand Lodge, and to admit its members as legally advanced Mark Master Masons, the Board instructed the Grand Secretary to represent the fact to the Grand Chapter of Scotland and Ireland. This was done on 6th April, 1874, and the board still waits replies from the representatives of the respective bodies.

The Grand Council of the 33° having brought before this Grand Lodge the name of a brother, a member of the Fidelity Lodge, No. 31, Hyde, Cheshire, as openly avowing himself an active member of the so called "Antient and Primitive Rite of Misraim" the Grand Secretary addressed a letter to the brother in question, inquiring as to the correctness of the charge.

The reply was couched in language so outrageous, that the brother was summoned to attend the next meeting of the board to shew cause why he should not be suspended. The answer to that summons exceeded the former in violence and impropriety, and the Board have therefore resolved to recommend that the name of the brother shall be erased from the

roll of members under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

The Board have again had under its notice the complaint by Bro. A., against Bro. B., for charges reflecting on his character as a Knight Templar, published by the latter in the public press.

The Board, while deeply regretting that any charge of an offensive nature should be made by one brother against another, and be neither substantiated nor apologised for, feels itself unable to deal with a matter which has not arisen within the walls of a Mark Lodge.

Bro. T. J. Sabine, P.G.A.D.C., having announced his intention to represent, for the third year in succession, the Mark Degree generally as Steward for one of the great Masonic Charitable Festivals, selecting for 1875 the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, the Board recommend to Grand Lodge to vote from the General Fund the sum of £42, as a contribution to the said Institution, such sum to be placed on the list of Bro. Sabine, Steward.

Grand Treasurer's accounts are presented herewith, showing,

Table with columns £ s. d. and rows: Balance from last account, Receipts, six months to 31st March, 1874, Expenditure, six months to same date, Balance in favour of Grand Lodge.

FUND OF BENEVOLENCE.

Table with columns £ s. d. and rows: Balance from last Account, Donations received to 31st March, 1874, Half-year's interest on £300, 5 per cent. Canadian Bonds, £100.

DISBURSEMENTS, 31st March, 1874.

Table with columns £ s. d. and rows: One Petitioner, Purchase of £100 Canadian 5 per Cent. Bond, Brokerage.

Examined and found correct, 2nd June, 1874.

I also hereby certify that I have visited Messrs. Ridgway and Sons, the bankers of this Grand Lodge, and have seen the Four £100 Bonds in Canadian 5 per Cent. Securities, and also examined their books.

(Signed) THOMAS MEGGY, Auditor.

Grand Secretary said he was sorry to inform Grand Lodge that Bro. Stebbing, Grand Treasurer had been again taken ill and was unable to come to town to submit the above statement of accounts to the brethren. He had written to know how Grand Treasurer was, and the last answer received was that he was very seriously ill. He had written again, hoping to have got another answer before Grand Lodge met, but it had not yet arrived.

Bro. H. C. Levander moved the adoption of the second recommendation of the Board, that the special report of the General Board with reference to Bro. * * * be received and adopted, and that the recommendation of the Board that his name be erased from the list of members of the Mark Degree under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge be and is hereby approved and confirmed. He was exceedingly sorry that such a case should have come before the General Board. It was lamentable that the brother should so far have forgotten his Masonic duty as to use unbecoming language on the first occasion of his being written to. Still more did it increase and aggravate the offence, when on the second occasion he exceeded the violence of the letter which he had written at first. The Board had considered the matter with special reference to section 101 of the Constitution of the Order, which said the Board has authority to hear and determine all subjects of complaint or irregularity respecting lodges or individuals, when regularly brought before it, and generally to take cogni-

sance of all matters relating to the Order of Mark Master Mason. It may proceed to admonition, fine, or suspension, according to the laws, and its decision shall be final, unless an appeal be made to the Grand Lodge. But should any case be of so flagrant a nature as to require the erasure of a lodge, or the expulsion of a brother, the Board shall make a special report thereon to the Grand Lodge." Therefore, without further remarks, he would propose the adoption of this recommendation. With regard to the resolution that he be expelled from the Order of Mark Master Masons, that, of course, will be subject to his appearing at Grand Lodge next time it meets, and shewing cause why he should not be expelled.

Grand Secretary said, article 13 provided for all that. "No lodge shall be erased, nor any brother expelled, until the Master or Officers of the lodge, or the brother charged with the offence, shall have been summoned to shew cause, in the Grand Lodge, why such sentence should not be recorded and enforced." The brother would not have his name erased till he had been summoned to shew cause.

The acting Grand Master observed that Bro. Levander's motion then would take that form, that he be summoned.

Bro. Levander said it would, "That he be summoned to shew cause why his name should not be erased from the roll of Grand Lodge."

Bro. D. M. Dewar, seconded the motion.

The Acting Grand Master:—Brethren, it is proposed and seconded, "That Bro. * * * * be summoned to next Grand Lodge to show cause why his name should not be erased from the roll of members under this jurisdiction."

The motion was carried *nem con.*

Bro. F. Davison, D.P.G.M. Middlesex and Surrey, proposed, "That the sum of £42 be voted from the General Fund of this Grand Lodge to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. That the amount be placed on the list of Bro. T. J. Sabine, P.G.A.D.C., who has volunteered to accept the office of Steward, representing the Mark Degree at the Anniversary Festival of that Institution in 1875.

That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due and hereby offered to Bro. Sabine for coming forward for the third year in succession to represent the Order as Steward at the Festivals of the Masonic Institutions.

The sum voted would, we believe, make up the amount required to make this Grand Lodge a Vice-President of the Institution. (Cheers.)

Bro. W. E. Gumbleton seconded the motion, which was then put and carried unanimously.

The report of the General Board was then put and adopted.

Bro. Cubitt proclaimed Earl Percy as M. W.G.M.M.M., and by his direction Grand Lodge formally saluted the Grand Master.

The following brethren were afterwards appointed Grand Officers for the year:—

The Earl of Limerick	D.G.M.
Sir John Sebright	G.S.W.
Gilbert Smallpiece	G.J.W.
Rev. Bryan Walker	G. Chaplain.
Wm. Percy	G. Chaplain.
J. R. Stebbing	G. Treasurer.
Frederic Davison	G. Registrar.
F. Binckes	G.S.
H. W. Binckes	G. Assistant S.
R. Wentworth Little	G.M.O.
George Mellor	G.S.O.
I. J. H. Wilkins	G.J.O.
F. Gotto	G.S.D.
J. P. Platt	G.J.D.
Thos. Schofield	G. Sup. Works.
C. W. Wyndham	G. Dir. Cers.
Charles Allen	G. Asst. Dir. Cers.
H. S. Dubosc	G. Swd. B.
S. R. Ade	G. Std. B.
H. Parker	G. Org.
J. W. Taylor	G.I.G.
C. T. Speight	G. Tyler.

STEWARDS.—Wm. Crawford, No. 129; E. S. Stidolph, No. 22; R. G. Glover, No. 7; T. S. Higgins, 137; W. H. D. Horsfall, No. 58; G. F. Tuckey, No. 119; A. W. Butter, No. 182; W. H. Davies, No. 102.

General Board:—Rev. G. R. Portal, M.A., President; W. E. Gumbleton, Thos. Meggy,

James Stevens, H. C. Levander, S. Rosenthal, J. W. Wynne, T. J. Sabine, D. M. Dewar, E. S. Stidolph, and George Neall.

[The Report of Grand Mark Lodge will be concluded next week.]

Original Correspondence.

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

MASONS' MARKS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

I did not intend to say anything more in this "pretty little quarrel" but, that I wish to advert to two points.

I quite agree with Bro. Yarker; it is a great pity that we can never begin a Masonic archaeological discussion without ending in personalities.

It is just possible, that, I may have expressed myself a little too plainly, and forcibly, but I confess I do not see the use ever in free and open discussion of being "mealy mouthed," and I think it always better to speak and to write as "Downright Dunstable."

You will remember the discussion was proceeding regularly when Bro. Paton did two unheard-of things.

He objected to Bro. Buchan, and myself expressing any opinion at all in the matter, and stated that neither of us knew anything of the subject about which we were writing.

Now this, to use a common but expressive word, just now, was really too "cheeky," even in that well-known Masonic writer.

He had just made the most egregious blunder that any Masonic Student has ever made. He boldly stated that all Masons' Marks must be odd, and that the double triangle was not a Masonic Mark at all, because it had even points.

Well, the rejoinder to so startling a statement, which completely took my breath away, was that there was no such rule in operative marks; that the double triangle was an old operative mark, and that the marks of the Scottish lodges in which Bro. Paton said this rule had "existed for 150 years" proved the direct contrary. I referred him to Laurie and D. M. Lyon, specially.

What was his reply?

His most graceful course would have been to admit that he had made a "little mistake" and "ferre gradus retrorsum."

Not a bit of it! Bro. Paton gallantly returns to the charge, says he meant "Speculative," not "Operative Masonry," that we were a very ignorant set of critics; that I could never have studied the question at all; and if I had I was so dense that I had not profited by my studies, and that it was quite clear I did not know the difference between operative and speculative Marks.

Now that is unfortunately just what I did do, and do do, to use a very homely form of language. The "Speculative Marks" qua Marks are utterly worthless, as Bros. W. J. Hughan and Yarker, and Buchan will agree, if you disassociate them from the "Operative Marks," from which they are taken, and of which they are, only except in some of the Scotch Marks an amateur imitation.

Had Bro. Paton limited the discussion to Speculative Masons Marks I should not have intervened in it at all, as, from an archaeological point of view they only point to an earlier system and afford but little information in and by themselves. At any rate they are derivative evidence at the best, and of secondary importance.

It is a great pity that we cannot conduct such discussions without correspondents losing their temper, but as the French writer says, "nous sommes tous mortels," and even Freemasons are not exempt from the foibles of humanity.

If I have spoken too strongly, or too openly, I regret it, but I can plead, at any rate, a sincere desire to advance the cause of Masonic Truth. We have suffered so much from unsound dogmata and fallacious theories, that, I confess, in 1874, to be gravely told that the double

triangle is not a Masonic Mark, and that marks must have "odd points" was too much for my patience and my stomach.

With regard to Bro. W. J. Hughan's suggestion, that I should give up my pseudonym, sign myself by my actual name, I think, despite his valuable opinion, "for good and sufficient causes, me thereunto moving," I think it better still to subscribe myself

Yours fraternally,
A MASONIC STUDENT

THE MASONIC CHARITIES.

To the Editor of the Freemason.
Dear Sir and Brother,—

Myself and others who read *The Freemason* are much surprised at not finding a list of the successful candidates at the last election for aged Freemasons and their widows. Is there any reason why it should not be published in an oversight.

Yours fraternally,
J. R. FOULGER, P.M. 177, Life Subscriber
[We received no official return, and have obtained the facts from other sources.—ED.]

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION GIRLS.

The General Committee of this Institution met on Thursday week at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. John Symonds, V.P., in the chair, the day being that appointed annually for the election of the House and Audit Committee. The meeting was very fully attended. Among the brethren present we noticed A. H. Tattershall, H. Dubosc, B. Picking, H. A. Dubois, L. Thiellay, B. Head, Joshua Nunn, Thos. White, C. G. Dilley, D. Bear, P. Samuels, Loewenstark, W. Wellman, R. B. Welton, Rev. P. M. Holden, W. Myatt, Junr., G. Griffiths Smith, J. F. Peacock, Thos. Cubitt, W. Stephens, W. P. Dicks, G. Abbot, J. Horwood, H. A. Collington, W. Noah Shalless, Collard Moutrie, A. L. D. T. B. Yeoman, W. Hammond, B. Mallan Harris, John Coutts, J. Holbrook, W. T. H. C. Lacey, W. Paas, R. Kenyon, W. Roel, E. A. Sacre, A. H. Diaper, Jesse Turner Rosenthal, M. D. Loewenstark, W. Lane, M. Levy, W. A. Colls, C. F. Hogard, E. B. G. Andrews, H. Roberts, Raynham W. St. Dr. Jas. Self, Rev. J. M. Vaughan, J. Phillips, Hyde Pullen, H. G. Levy, R. H. Girand, James Terry, J. B. Law, J. M. Case, Joseph Smith, A. A. Pendl, J. G. Marsh, E. Sillifant, A. C. Burrell, Burr, S. P. Norris, George Kenning, Stanton, H. Browse, T. H. Miller, N. H. J. T. Moss, G. Barringer, L. Ruf, Dr. Brett, Richard Spencer, Edward Clark, W. T. Massa, E. H. Hubbuck, Joseph Taylor, M. Haigh, A. L. Dussek, G. Abbott, Stanton, W. T. Home, N. F. Smith, F. D. E. Harris, E. Shalless, J. C. Parkinson, Wentworth Little, (Secretary).

At the conclusion of the reading and motion of the minutes, one petition was presented and the House Committee having recommended an increase of the salary of Bro. Hedges, of motion was given to that effect.

The brethren then proceeded to elect a House Committee, consisting of twelve members, for the ensuing year, and at the term of the election the following was found the result:—Joshua Nunn, 58 votes, B. Head, 53; Thomas W. White, 52; C. Burdett, 49; John A. Rucker, 48; Smith, 46; Rev. J. M. Vaughan, William Paas, 42; H. Browse, 41; R. W. Stewart, 41; Alfred H. Tattershall, Dr. Ramsay, 36.

The election of members of the Audit Committee for the year was next taken, following result:—R. B. Webster, 29; Nunn, 26; W. Paas, 24; E. Sillifant, C. Levander, 23; W. Roebuck, 21; Chancellor, 20; John Symonds, 20; Browse, 19.

A cordial vote of thanks was then officiating

Red Cross of Constantine.

ORIGINAL OR PREMIER CONCLAVE.—This conclave met on Monday last at the Masonic Hall, 68, Regent-street. Sir Knight Robert Little presided, having Sir Knight G. Marsh to act as V.E. There was an excellent attendance of the Knights of the Order, and the meeting was altogether a great success. Among the Sir Knights present were J. T. Moss, P.G.; E. Sillifant, V.E.; H. A. Dubois, J.G.; Ernest Brette, H.P.; T. Cubitt, Treasurer; H. Ker, Organist; Thos. Kingston, Past S.; C. Levander, Past S.; George Kenning, P.S.; W. J. M. Vaughan, Rev. P. M. Holden, E. Norris, T. Catlin, W. Sorrell, and H. Massey. P. S. J. W. Ellison Macartney, M.P.; Tyrone, Lieut. Jelinger Edward Symons, R.N.; he exalted to the degree of Knights Red Cross, in a college of viceroys, Rev. E. Brette, D.; W. Smale, No. 15; Rev. P. M. Holden, W.; E. Macartney, M.P.; J. E. Symons, and Massey, then took the superior degree, and Knights Macartney, Symons, and Massey re-installed Sovereigns of the Order. This being the evening for the installation of Sovereign and appointment of other officers, Sir Knight Edwin Sillifant was installed M.P.S., B. Yeoman, V.E.; H. A. Dubois, S.G.; Dr. Brette, I.G.; Rev. J. M. Vaughan, P.; T. Cubitt, Treasurer; R. W. Little, Recorder; T. Kingston, Prefect; Alfred Moore, Standard Bearer; Colonel Peters, Herald; Pettengull, Thomas Massa, Aides. At the conclusion of the ceremonies the Conclave closed and the Sir Knights adjourned to a delicious banquet, provided by D. Nicols, at the restaurant in a most superior style. When the Sir Knights had partaken of this, they proceeded to honour the toasts usually given in the Red Cross Degree. C. and E. having been given, the "Queen," "Sir F. M. Williams, G.S.," "Colonel Burdett," and others, Sir Knight J. T. Moss, proposed "The Health of Sir Knight Sillifant, M.P.S." and said it was a matter of the greatest gratification to propose the health of one in going through the chair, he hoped Sir Knight would find it as pleasant as he himself during his year of office. Fortunately Sir Knight Little was always at hand to perform the ceremonies for him, and he had consequently through his year very well. If the M.P.S. should necessarily be absent and unable to do any of his work, Sir Knight Little would be happy to do it for him, and at the end of his year of office he must be congratulated on having served the Order worthily. (Cheers.) M.P.S. said he was overwhelmed with the grace and eloquence of Sir Knight Moss—but putting that on one side, he assured the Sir Knights that he should endeavour to carry out the charge placed in his hands as sovereign of the Order, not as Sir Knight Moss had said he did it—(laughter)—but, personally, and properly, and gratefully. (Cheers.) Sir Knight Little in proposing "The Newly Installed Sir Knights in Arms," regretted that more brethren had not presented themselves for the hood; he was pleased, however, to say that of those who did come up was introduced himself by Commander Scott, a distinguished Irish Mason, who had achieved great success in the sister country. Sir Knight Little had recently obtained a seat in the House of Commons, for that Sir Knights would be with the utmost enthusiasm. From the M.P.S. had seen of the ceremony, although it was a short one of its paraphernalia, and an accident, Sir Knight Macartney was pleased with it; but had he seen all that would have perceived an amount of Masonic Symbolism which he could form no opinion of. The conclave were sorry that the ceremony had not been given in full form, but on a previous occasion Sir Knight Macartney, and Sir Knight Little, would have an opportunity of doing it with all its accessories, and with the Knights of the Red Cross considered it a great honour. Sir Knight Levander had introduced Sir Knight Symons, who was an excellent although a very young Mason. He had led much in the Holy Land, and had

seen the traditions collected together there which were the pride of Masonry, which were true, and were based on solid foundations. The more Sir Knight Symons saw of Masonry, whether of Craft, Mark, or Knightly Orders, the more would he be disposed to greet the great traditions with which Masonry was indissolubly associated. The Knights of this conclave gave these newly installed Sir Knights a hearty welcome and their best wishes for their further progress in Freemasonry. Sir Knight Macartney, M.P., said the mode in which his health and that of Sir Knight Symons had been proposed and drunk was highly gratifying, but he was much pleased himself with the warm and cordial tone of Sir Knight Little towards his friend commander Scott. He believed there was not a better Mason living. The more he saw of Freemasonry, the more exalted opinion he formed of the purposes of the Order. Shorn as it had been in part of some of the paraphernalia of the ceremonies of that day, which contained so much of the very highest symbols of the Craft bearing on the truths of their common Christianity, yet no man he thought could be admitted to the Order without feeling himself very deeply touched. (Hear, hear.) He did not enter this degree in a jovial manner, but felt the seriousness of it (hear hear), and he thought that the more the seriousness of it was felt the more they would be prepared to carry out the real objects of Masonry. The first step a Mason took was one in which he felt himself bound with all those who confessed one God (hear, hear), and that was a very wide and ennobling idea. But still more touching and endearing to the heart was the coming into the Christian orders where we saw ceremonies still more closely attached to our eternal interests. Masonry seemed to him to be a system which led man to his God, and by steps to the most practical and best ways, teaching him to love his God and to love his neighbour, through love to the one to love the other; and that he thought was the teaching of the symbolism he had just witnessed. Although some inanimate objects were away, he who inducted the candidates into the Order did it in such a way that they could not forget it. (Hear, hear.) He felt greatly honoured at being admitted to the Conclave; he had been proposed by an esteemed friend and he had been received like a friend. He had always found among Masons a fraternal and kind reception. (Hear, hear.) He was lately in Italy, a country where Masonry was very extensively, but not properly practised. He was invited by a Neapolitan Mason, and the working of the lodge was good. The lodge was much used for political purposes, but still he was received in a most cordial and fraternal manner, and with all the honours that could be bestowed on a British Mason. He was the first British Mason that ever sat in a Masonic lodge in Rome. He hoped to see the day when those Italian Masons would devote themselves to the true principles and teaching of Masonry, that they would be in connection with us before long, and that Masons would then be a brotherhood over all the world. (Cheers.) Sir Knight Symons said that a knight who had been a brother so short a time as he had must have very little to say, but yet he could safely affirm that the excessive solemnity of the ceremony of installation which he had just passed through had impressed him very deeply. He had only taken the third degree a month; therefore it would be seen he had taken the earliest opportunity of extending his Masonic acquaintance. His experience of that day had led him to desire an extension of that acquaintance which he should not hesitate to make. He felt very deeply the honour that had been done him by his admission to the conclave, and he would take this opportunity of thanking his proposer, Sir Knight Levander, and his seconder, Sir Knight Little, for their kind offices. As his travels had been mentioned by Sir Knight Little, he must say that in those travels his convictions on Freemasonry had been greatly strengthened by his experience of facts which had been handed down to them in the history of past ages, that had not a little added to his faith. What he had been taught in history tallied exactly with what he had found, and he thought the knowledge of this fact, might be

interesting to Freemasons. (Hear (hear). The M.P.S. proposed "The Health of P. S. Moss," to which Sir Knight Moss responded, and after a few other toasts, including that of "The Officers," the Sir Knights separated having spent a most delightful evening.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF BERKS AND BUCKS.

The annual Provincial Grand Lodge of Freemasons of Berkshire and Buckinghamshire was held in the hall of the Carlton Club, Windsor. Sir D. Gooch, Bart, M.P., P.G.M., presided, and among those present were the Rev. Sir J. W. Hayes, Bart, D.P.G.M.; the Rev. F. S. Brownrigg, D.P.G.M. elect; Sir W. W. Wynn, Bart, M.P., P.G.M. (N. Wales); Bros. Trendall, P.G. W.; Biggs, P.G.S.; with many others.

The reports presented by the P.G.S. showed that the various lodges in the two counties were in a prosperous condition, and that Masonry was steadily increasing in the Province.

The Charity Fund, established by the P.G.M., had been well supported, and among the amounts disbursed in relief during the past year was one of 500 guineas, raised by the brethren of the "Abbey" Lodge, at Abingdon.

After the usual business, the P.G.M. duly installed as his Deputy the Rev. F. S. Brownrigg to the office of D.P.G.M., in the room of the Rev. Sir J. W. Hayes, Bart, who had resigned on account of advancing years.

The brethren subsequently walked to the Town Hall, where a sumptuous banquet was served.

Masonic Tidings.

The annual festival in aid of the Grand Mark Lodge Benevolent Fund will be held on the 15th July, Sir Edmund Lechmere will preside.

ACCIDENT TO A P.P.G. REGISTRAR.—On Monday, the 18th inst., Bro. Thomas Wylie, P.P.G. Registrar of West Lancashire, was passing along North John-street, Liverpool, when he was knocked down by a spring cart, the wheels passing over his foot, the horse treading on his hand. Bro. Wylie is still confined to the house in consequence of his injuries.

Bro. John Rankin Stebbing, Past Grand Deacon of England, and present Deputy Past Grand Master for Hampshire and Isle of Wight, died at Southampton on Tuesday. Bro. Stebbing had also been a member of the Executive Council of the Associated Chambers of Commerce.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Langthorne Lodge of Instruction, at the Swan Hotel, Stratford, E., on Wednesday next, the 10th inst., by Bro. Verry, P.M., assisted by several eminent brethren from the Yarrowburgh and Doric Lodges. The lodge will be opened by Bro. Verry, at seven p.m. punctually, and a number of Masonic brethren resident in the neighbourhood are expected to be present.

The June number of the "Masonic Magazine" contains a photograph of the Marquess of Ripon, and we recommend our readers to apply at once for a copy, to 198, Fleet-street, as the number is necessarily limited.

The meetings of the Metropolitan Royal Arch Chapter of Improvement, held at the Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, have been adjourned until the first Tuesday in October.

The musical arrangements at the Consecration of the Marquess of Ripon Lodge (No. 1489), were entrusted to Bro. McDavitt, who had the sole direction, and not (as stated in our report) to Bro. Richard Limpus, Provincial Grand Organist, Middlesex.

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Notice from the Evening Mail.

"Our Masonic readers are no strangers to the name of Bro. William Spark, the talented musician and Organist of the Town Hall, Leeds. In this really great work, now completed, Dr. Spark, has shown his great tact and judgment by completing and compiling for the Masonic brethren a complete library of musical compositions of the choicest English and foreign works, ancient, traditional, modern, vocal, and instrumental, by the best composers. It comprises Masonic anthems, installation odes, dedication music, responses, opening, closing, and intermediate music for all degrees, Thanksgivings, funeral odes, marches, songs, duets, banquet music, programmes, voluntaries, and general musical creations, arranged for voices and organ, pianoforte, or harmonium. "The Freemasons' Liber Musicus" is issued with the concurrence of many influential Masonic Lodges, and under the distinguished patronage and support of the Most Worshipful the Grand Masters of England, Wales, Scotland, and Ireland. It forms a complete library of the choicest and rarest Masonic music, in a word, it is indispensable to all Masonic lodges. The worthy brother editor, moreover, has had the valuable co-operation and assistance of the most distinguished and experienced composers and organists, members of the Craft. It is brought out in the highest style of art, is printed from large engraved music plates, and forms a very handsome folio volume of "nearly two hundred and twenty pages!" It deserves the patronage of every Masonic Lodge, both at home and abroad, and for its merits alone it ought to be zealously prized by every brother. As a present to a lodge, nothing could be more useful, valuable, and appropriate.

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Answers to Correspondents.

All Communications, Advertisements, &c., intended for insertion in the Number of the following Saturday, must reach the Office not later than 6 o'clock on Wednesday evening.

Our brother will see that we have answered his question practically in our 1st leader of last week.

We have to claim the indulgence of numerous correspondents who have sent reports this week. The pressure on our columns caused by several important meetings is a sufficient excuse.

REMITTANCES RECEIVED.

T. Markus (Vienna)	5 0
T. Chapman (Curacao, West Indies) per G. Lodge. 1	16 0
The W.M. of the Iqualdad Lodge (Island of Curacao, West Indies) per Grand Lodge	4 0
H. A. Baxter (London, Ontario)	P.O.O. 11 7
J. Palmer (Savana Grande, Trinidad) ... P.O.O.	13 9

TO FOREIGN SUBSCRIBERS.

It is very necessary for our friends to advise us of all money orders they remit, more especially those from the United States of America, otherwise we cannot tell where to credit them. Several remain uncredited at the present time owing to no advice having been received.

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, JUNE 6TH 1874.

THE NEW SURREY MASONIC HALL.

We have to call the attention of our readers, to an interesting ceremony, which took place on Friday last, the 29th ult., namely, the laying of the foundation stone of the new Surrey Masonic Hall, of which interesting ceremony a report appears in our columns to-day. We congratulate the Directors of the Company on this auspicious commencement of their important undertaking, and trust sincerely that the building may be erected without danger to the workmen, and will prove eventually alike profitable as an investment, convenient to the lodges using it, a credit to Masonic Architecture, and advantageous to the Craft. There is no reason why such buildings should not, under proper management, be in themselves, so to say, self-supporting, as well as most helpful to true Freemasonry. Indeed, when we recall to-day the somewhat haphazard way in which the ancient ceremonies of our Order were celebrated some twenty years ago, the inconvenient rooms in which we were content to meet, the incongruous accessories which then sometimes graced our so-called lodge-rooms, used for other purposes, and often less elevated proceedings, we cannot but feel what a large stride Masonic æsthetics have made happily amongst us, and how everywhere to-day we see tokens alike of the craftsman's handiwork, and the architect's skill, employed in raising and adorning many a most stately and goodly Masonic Hall in our land. In the case before us, all the plans of the ground buildings and all the details of the inner arrangements seem to betoken an anxious design to make the building alike suitable and fitted for our Masonic ceremonial and the convenience and comfort of our brethren. And though we know there have been those, there probably still are some, who on the "penny wise and pound foolish system," object to such an outlay and deprecate such elaboration, and say that it is better and cheaper to rent a room in some adjacent hotel, or public building, yet we feel certain from some little experience, that no movement has done more good to Masonry than that, which, a

our able Bro. John Havers saw and said years ago, would disassociate our excellent brotherhood from uncongenial influences and questionable localities. Most of us who have realized the privacy, the independence, the comfort, and the self respect which our own freehold lodge buildings give us always, will never for a moment entertain the idea that, our previous arrangements were beneficial in this respect, or that it is advisable to return to that "tenant-at-will" position which so often exposed the brethren to several drawbacks, and often effectively lowered the character of Freemasonry, in days gone by, and in the less satisfactory lodge rooms of a defunct generation. That Masonry worked on, notwithstanding many patent inconveniences and unsuitable arrangements is due, we believe, to the inherent excellency of Masonry, and the high character of our Order, but once admitted, the defect, proved the blot, it is the duty of all Masons "good and true," to labour zealously to amend the one, and to remove the other. And thus, all our large towns, as Liverpool, Manchester, Leeds, Sheffield, Huddersfield, Bradford, and many more, our brethren have, for some time since, either purchased or raised large and stately buildings, in some of which several lodges meet, and which, alike, by their external appearance and internal arrangements, do honour to those who planned them, and those who use them. Although the hand which drew the stately proportions and planned the becoming decorations, our brethren who hailed the opening, or assembled there for many years, must gradually pass away, their works and their labours of love survive. Amid the onward march of time, they still remain to tell after generations of craftsmen, that, if their forefathers were not ashamed to own themselves Free and Accepted Masons, did not grudge to give of their substance to do open honour to the Royal Art, and bequeathed to them a duty to perform, and a course to pursue in their so as to carefully preserve to their after brethren what they so liberally erected, and so lovingly reared. It is one of the great characteristics of that noble art, which forms the basis of all Masonic history and symbolism and teaching, it is so to say purely unselfish. For we have evidence before our eyes to-day of the munificence of those who, in the noble building they raised with so much care and at such sacrifices, proclaimed to us that their Masonic motto ever was, "Freely have ye received, freely give," and that they toiled, to pleasure, delight, and happiness to all. Yet we who look up with admiring gaze to the pinnacle and tower, on the wondrous proportions of some majestic building, some grand minster, some Guild Hall—we who still appreciate oftentimes now the cunning or quaint gargoyle, we should never get what we owe to that wandering of Freemasons, to those moveable lodges of operative Craft, which have given us the fulness of architectural skill and best many marvels of that noble handiwork which enriched and consecrated the sciences of architecture. From them we still obtain grand lines for modern buildings, and we discern in re-

art is that which seeks to raise our minds and hopes, ever heavenwards, by them we can be encouraged to go and do likewise, in our time and generation, and in the associations they supply, and the appreciations they evoke, we can ever feel, that we are privileged as Freemasons, to claim those operative Masons as our forefathers, and that art, as our ground work of Speculative Symbolism, which has served to promote peace and liberty, law and civilization, and to advance the Glory of God, and the welfare of man.

MASONIC ARCHÆOLOGY.

The progress of Masonic archæology has of late years been very striking, and too much praise cannot be accorded to those earnest students and Masonic "pioneers" who are digging so manfully around the foundations of the old and decayed building of Masonic fable and legend, are clearing away the rubbish, and are opening out the vast proportions of that goodly Temple of truth which lies buried in the accumulated collections of unenquiring times, and is half hid from view by the weeds which have been allowed to grow in rank luxuriance. Among these able students of the new, interesting, and true history of Freemasonry, few have laboured so earnestly and disinterestedly as our energetic Brother W. J. Hughan. His past endeavours, his present contributions to Masonic archæology have obtained for him the admiration of the Craft, and the special approval of the Grand Master. We rejoice to hear that our unwearied brother is now busily engaged in preparing a work for the press on the Union of 1813, with a list of the lodges under both the "Ancients" and the "Modern," and their numbers altered in 1814, 1832, and 1863. As an appendix to this interesting "brochure," Bro. Hughan intends we understand to publish also as an appendix, D'Assigay's "Enquiry" of 1744, which is the first work so far, which alludes to the Royal Arch, and of which Bro. Hughan possesses an unique copy. Search has been made, in the British Museum, and the Library of Trinity College, Dublin, in vain, for another copy, and unless it be bound up with some other pamphlet of the Dr.'s or some Masonic work, we believe, that the only copy extant is apparently that which belongs to our able Bro. Hughan. We congratulate the Craft, therefore, on this announcement of so interesting a work, and we thank Bro. Hughan by anticipation, for what we know will be valuable, as an archæological contribution from his pen, edifying to his readers, and helpful of Masonic enquiry and historical research.

LAYING THE MEMORIAL STONE OF THE SURREY MASONIC HALL.

On Friday, the 29th ult., the memorial stone of this new hall was laid by Colonel Francis Burdett, Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex, on a plot of ground in the Camberwell New-road, near the Post Office. There were a large number of Masons present on the occasion, and many ladies. The brethren appeared in Masonic clothing, for which purpose the following dispensation was granted specially to Bro. James

Stevens, the Worshipful Master of the Great City Lodge, No. 1426.

"To the W. Master of "The Great City" Lodge, No. 1426, London.

"You are hereby authorised to assemble the members of your lodge on the 29th day of May instant, in Masonic form and clothing at the site or ground whereon is to be erected The Surrey Masonic Hall, at Camberwell, in the county of Surrey, to assist the R. W. Bro. Lieutenant-Colonel F. Burdett, Prov. Grand Master of Middlesex, in laying with Masonic form and ceremony the first or foundation stone of the said intended Masonic Hall, and you are further permitted to allow any other brethren of the Craft to join in such Masonic ceremony. But you, the Master, are strictly charged not to permit any of the brethren to appear beyond the precincts of the said intended Masonic Hall, in the clothing or jewels of the Order, and that you take especial care that all and every the brethren do conduct themselves with order and decorum, that the credit of the ancient Craft may be maintained, as you may answer to the M. W. Grand Master, and you are further charged to transcribe this dispensation into your minute book, and forthwith to transmit for the M. W. Grand Master's information a detailed account of the proceedings.

"Given at London, this 21st day of May, 1874. By command of the most Honourable the Marquess of Ripon, K.G., &c., M. W. Grand Master.

"JOHN HERVEY, G.S."

The building is intended to be purely classic in architecture, the portico and tower forming a good composition, and will be partly of fire-proof construction. It is being carried out as especially adapted to Masonic purposes in detail, with lodge and chapter-room, banqueting hall, library, billiard-room—having a club in view—kitchen, and offices sufficiently commodious to cook for, say 80 persons, and the cellars are so arranged that each separate chartered body can have its own wine cellar. The portico and vestibule can be made the principal entrance to the large hall or ball-room, which has three other separate entrances, so that when the large hall is being used by the general public, the Masonic portion of the premises will remain perfectly separate. The facade is arranged with an elegant portico, and an octagonal tower rising at rear of same in about the line of general facade over a square base, decorated with statuary, having a mansard roof with ornamental cresting, and dormers to a total of about fifty feet high. The drawings display a large amount of skill in the arrangement of service from kitchen, entrance of goods, entrances and exits of the Freemasons and public, either separately or conjointly, and, on the whole, it may be said that nothing has been neglected which could in any way conduce to the success of the building as far as public requirements are concerned.

The cost of the hall is estimated to be about £6,000, to be subscribed for in shares of £5 each. The shares are not confined to Masons, but are open to outsiders, many of whom are availing themselves of the offer. Bro. Edward Clark (of the firm of Pain and Clark) is the architect, and Bro. John Oliver, of Denmark Hill, is the contractor. The photographs of the design show sufficiently the handsome exterior of the new building, as a work of architecture; Bro. Oliver's high repute as a builder is a good guarantee of the right sort of workmanship for permanency. The central position of the site could scarcely be superseded in point of usefulness, since the roads by rail, tram, and bus radiate from here to almost every part of London; it is almost as central as the Elephant and Castle.

The silver trowel, the Stewards' favors, and the lodge banner, (the Freemasons' Arms) was supplied by Bro. George Kenning, the remainder of the flags and banners by Messrs. Thomson and Son, through the influence of Bro. Mayo, Registrar of Seamen.

The display of bunting was lavish in the extreme, and the assemblage of a vast crowd in the Camberwell New-road bespoke an attraction of no ordinary character. In the interior the arrangements were very complete. The space in front of the stone was carpeted, a high-backed

chair elaborately gilded for the Provincial Grand Master being on the right of the stone, and gilded chairs of minor proportions for the Grand Secretary and Deputy Grand Master at a little distance off. Three-fourths of the area were filled with chairs, and a large number of ladies were present. On each side staging had been erected for the accommodation of visitors, and the appearance of the whole was very effective. The brethren, as we have said, mustered very strongly, and all the emblematic decorations were displayed to their fullest advantage. A special lodge was first opened, after which the brethren assembled in the ante-room, and to the strains of the 1st Surrey Rifles' band, marched in procession towards the stone, the juniors taking the lead.

The arrangements generally fell very well on the shoulders of Bro. James Stevens, and to him great praise is due for the admirable manner in which they were carried out. The handsome silver trowel, mentioned hereafter, was a gift to the company by Bro. Clark, the architect. Bro. Oliver, the builder, was very generous in his arrangements for preparing the platforms and decorating the railway arch. In the work he was assisted by Bro. Newington Bridges, of Camberwell, a P.M. of the Macdonald Lodge. The band of the First Surrey Rifles, in uniform, attended by permission of Colonel Gardiner. Amongst the selections of music played was a march, founded on Bro. Stevens' Masonic song, "What better theme than Masonry," and the "Entered Apprentice's Song." The Post office Authorities kindly gave up the use of the ground in rear of their building to enable the brethren to pass in procession to the reception-room and banquet saloon.

Among the brethren present were Bros. H. A. Dubois, Auditor; Edwin Sillifant, Sec.; North Rithardon, Director; Wm. Ramsey, Director; Dr. E. Pinder, Director; E. Richards; J. Heppburn Hastie; G. H. N. Bridges; James Stevens, Director; L. Leftly; D. A. Ross; M. S. Larham, Director; John Oliver, Builder; F. Spooner; E. W. Devereux; J. C. Reynolds, G. Ward, W. W. Peak, Thomas Smale, Arthur Southan, J. H. Vockins, F. S. Lancaster, R. H. Harvey, H. Durham, J. B. Scatliff, C. C. R. Donville, Thomas Bucktam, George Skegg, A. C. Burrell, J. J. Ashburner, E. Seale, Nadius Gluckstein, J. O. Gardner, C. Lake, C. A. Cottebrune, John Walton, J. T. Moss, Francis Kelly, P. M. Holden, Chaplain; C. Browne, W. S. Webster, J. Allsopp, B. R. Bryant, H. C. Soper, P. A. Nairne, Solicitor; C. Pantlin, George Kenning, Thos. G. Gardiner, Walter Stride, W. Miller Goss, B. H. Swallow, J. L. Coulton, J. Cooper, J. W. Gillard, J. Dann, Edward Clark, Architect; S. J. Harvey, George Loveday, Henry Forbes, Jonas Duckett, William F. Copland, J. T. Woodstock, J. W. Gay, W. Hudson, S. H. Pulsford, J. S. Lyon, W. Simmons, Jacob P. Batch, J. Wallis, F. Bull, Walter J. Thicke, G. W. Webb, J. G. H. McCalla, Henry Roberts, J. C. Parkinson, Col. Francis Burdett, John Hervey, Sir John Bennett, T. Beard, Col. Gardiner, W. V. Bedolfe, Tallant, West, Colmer, C. Triptree.

Col. Burdett said that a few words from him would not be inopportune on this occasion. They were assembled to lay the memorial stone of a building which they hoped would last for a great many years, and be a benefit not only to those who had promoted it, but to the Order in general. He hoped the Craft would support the building which had been undertaken by several members of the Craft, most enthusiastic men and Masons. It was not necessary for him to say much about it, except that he hoped it would be generally supported. (Hear, hear.)

The Rev. P.M. Holden then offered up a solemn prayer, invoking the assistance of the Almighty on the undertaking.

The stone having been duly raised, accompanied by music,

Bro. Edwin Sillifant, the Secretary, read the inscription on the stone.

Then copies of these inscriptions were placed in a casket by Bro. J. T. Moss, a copy of *The Times* of the 29th May, *The Freemason* of the 30th May, prospectus of the company, a half-crown, a florin, a shilling, a sixpence, a

fourpenny piece, a threepenny piece, a penny, halfpenny, and farthing, all of the current year's coinage. The casket was sealed and placed in a cavity under the stone by Bro. Clark, the architect, who also handed to Colonel Burdett, the silver trowel with which the ceremony of laying was to be performed. Bro. Oliver, the builder, presented Col. Burdett, with the heavy maul, Bro. John Hervey handed the square. Bro. J. C. Parkinson, the level, and Bro. J. T. Moss, the plumb rule. Col. Burdett, adjusted the stone after finding it to be fair work and square work, and such as was ordered to be received for the building, and then adjusted it, declaring it to be well and truly laid, well squared, level, and perpendicular and a "perfect stone." The band during this portion of the ceremony continued to play the music appointed as above-mentioned. When the stone had been laid with these formalities.

Colonel Burdett, turning to the company, said he trusted that the stone just laid might be a memorial of a happy day, and also of happy future prospects. He would now return the square to the Past Master, which he had been permitted to use for ascertaining the correctness of the material laid, and which he had found to be true. The level he would return to the Grand Senior Warden, and the plumb rule to the Grand Junior Warden. In conclusion he must congratulate the brethren on the very successful issue of the day's proceedings thus far. (Cheers.)

Each of these officers having received the above working tools,

Bro James Stevens came forward, and addressing Colonel Burdett, said, Most Worshipful Grand Master, I now present you with a drawing of the building which we hope to see raised on the basis which you have so cordially and kindly done us the honour to lay to-day. We trust, Sir, that the proceedings of this day may make a very lively impression not only on those who attend them, but on other members of our Craft, and lead them to do all they can to render the building thus commenced a credit to the Craft, a useful building for the neighbourhood, and an honour to all concerned in its construction. We have adopted—I am speaking now, brethren, to you especially—one of those principles of our Craft's teaching, without which we cannot be Masons at heart, I mean the principles of "faith." We have had a very great many difficulties to contend with in regard to the formation of this Surrey Masonic Hall; and I tell you this is the third attempt that has been made to build such a place during the last eight or ten years. From laxity on the part of some, and, perhaps, bad management on the part of others, the former undertakings have fallen through; but we have trusted very much to the energy of a few brethren to bring matters now to the present issue, not waiting to come before you till the hall is built, but coming before you at once, and relying on that faith without which the great metropolitan church of St. Paul's would not have been carried out by Sir Christopher Wren, who acted as a Mason should, and never rested till the building was completed. We feel very deeply indebted to you for the honour conferred upon us by your presence on this occasion. On behalf of the directors I beg to express the great pleasure we have in seeing with you here the Grand Secretary, and the most highly respected Deputy Provincial Grand Master from your province. Both for myself and the other directors I beg to thank them and all the others who have kindly assisted by their presence. But allow me to make one other remark before I sit down about the matter for which we have assembled. We trust, sir, at no distant date that it may be our proud privilege to receive you and all others who are now on the premises, on which we are standing, in a finished building to perform the ceremonies of our Order with that decorum together with that pleasure and agreeableness to ourselves in which we know they can be done in suitable buildings. Again thanking you for your attendance to-day, and trusting that the brethren who are not yet shareholders of the Company may give the matter consideration, and join us in carrying out what we feel assured will be profitable pecunia-

rily to themselves, and of benefit to the Order, I beg to make to you a present of the drawing I mentioned at the beginning of my address, and I trust you will have much pleasure in looking on it in the future, as you have pleasure in being here to-day. (Cheers.)

Colonel Burdett—Bro. Stevens, I receive the picture with very much pleasure, and shall always look on it with lively satisfaction.

Bro. J. C. Parkinson—Colonel Burdett, and brethren, there is one other duty I think we should perform, and which, I believe, we should perform with pleasure, and that is to thank the ladies who are present for their kindness in coming here. The brother who has just spoken alluded to the virtue of "faith," which he says has been largely invoked by the brethren more immediately interested in this undertaking. There is another virtue which we associate with "faith," and which the beautiful faces before me are highly calculated to inspire in the minds of our younger brethren, that of hope. I am quite sure the bachelor Masons who are present must be inspired by the presence of such bright and beautiful faces before them, and feel hope that at no distant day they may bring their wives and daughters to a similar ceremony. Bro. Hervey has asked me thank you for him as well as for myself for your kind remembrance of us. It has given me great pleasure to be present and witness the general tone of harmony which prevails. I am quite sure the provincial Grand Master, whose Deputy I have the honour to be, will look on this ceremony as one of the bright spots in his life.

Sir John Bennett:—We do not forget that this is no ordinary occasion. We have had, as we have been told, previous attempts at construction of a Masonic Hall for Surrey, and failures; I rather like attempts and failures. We are all the stiffer, we are all the better for them, for we are about at last to succeed. We are met as Masons at a time of day unfortunately when many of our brother Masons who would have been here are so occupied with the affairs of every-day life that they cannot come. We do not forget that Masons will have here, "a local habitation," and a home. We do not forget the great purposes of Freemasonry. We know its antiquity, we know its great traditions. Our oldest authentic history, that of the Hebrews, is one in which we find great traditions concerning our Craft, and strange to say, the learning of some of our most able critics of late, possibly through the exposition of the Talmud itself, is likely to bring forward confirmation of it to which we as Freemasons attach due importance. The world's history has led up to the present condition of human civilisation. Every chapter has been a step higher and higher to those very objects which are the cardinal points of the Craft of Masonry, and we are prepared to say this tradition confirms our declaration that through every chapter of the world's history for centuries there is little doubt that Freemasonry has played no insignificant part. In these days of liberty—at least here in England—in these days, we hardly know what it had to do in former ages. Sometimes it held its meetings in secret; but always having within its own circle some of its brightest and best men, thoroughly in earnest, because they knew the danger under which they acted, who kept alive the lamp of faith, of hope, of charity, of the highest human importance, and all those great principles and elements on which we stand as free men in the present time. We have been reminded to-day that we are honoured by the presence of the fair sex, the very fair sex. What women's rights may come to in the future we can hardly tell, but we must build the foundation before we have the superstructure; and certainly looking at the fact of their position in early days, and at the useful and high position which they occupy now, and that they are as intelligent beings taking part in this ceremony, we say that Masonry has had something to do with it; and whether directly or indirectly we hardly know to what extent they are indebted to the honourable Craft of Masonry for the blessings they enjoy. On their behalf I thank you for the compliment you have paid them and on behalf of the brethren. Provincial Grand Master, I have to thank you for the distinguished

honour you have conferred upon us by coming here and performing the ceremony of laying the memorial-stone of this building. (Hear, hear.)

Colonel Burdett—Brethren, I feel very much gratified at being here, and I thank you very much for the kind manner in which you have received my endeavours to be of any little service to you. It is not to me that the arrangements which have been made to-day are due. I have had a great deal of credit which I feel I do not deserve; yet if, at any moment, I can do anything to assist the brethren at large, I am happy to do it, and I feel both gratified and pleased, as well as honoured, by taking part in this day's proceedings.

The company, including the ladies, then repaired to the luncheon tent, which was fitted up beneath one of the railway arches with great taste. Striped canvas was placed overhead, and the walls were hung with red and green cloth, producing an agreeable effect to the eye, and being sufficiently cool and ventilated to be very pleasant to visitors who would have to sit for a lengthened period. Colonel Burdett, of course occupied the chair, having Mrs. Burdett on his left, and Bro. J. Stevens on his right. Bro. Hervey, Grand Secretary, Bros. Parkinson, E. Clark, J. Beard, Sir John Bennett, J. T. Moss, C. A. Cottebrune, George Kenning, P. A. Nairne, Dr. Pinder Browne, Middlemas, Vockins, Bridges, Larham, Hastie, Batch, and Forbes, were among the brethren who assisted.

At the conclusion of the elegant repast which was spread,

The Chairman proposed "The Health of the Queen," which having been honoured, he proposed "The Marquess of Ripon, M.W.G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon, D.G.M., and the Grand Officers, Past and Present," and in doing so expressed his great pleasure at seeing so many present, from his own province of Middlesex, from Surrey, Essex, and even from Scotland. Many as they were, he should have been pleased to see a still greater number. He called upon Bro. Parkinson to respond.

Bro. Parkinson said that he had presumed that he would have to return thanks for the Grand Officers of the year, but he could not conceive that because he held that position he was to return thanks for the Marquess of Ripon. Profoundly grateful as the Grand Officers were of course to the Grand Master for the high distinction conferred on them, their satisfaction was materially heightened by the manifestations of generous approval which, on all occasions, greeted their appointments. (Hear, hear.) They were fully conscious that it was from no superior merit of their own, that they had attained their present position, but rather from circumstances having enabled them to render services which any Mason would be glad to perform, which many Masons had performed, but which, in the Grand Officers' case, had had the good fortune to come to the Grand Master's knowledge, and to be stamped with his approbation. No one knew better than the Grand Officer addressing them, that among the Grand Master's Masonic subjects there were hundreds and thousands of members who would make unexceptionable Grand Officers, who were excluded from the position only by the inexorable law of numbers, and who would, if called upon, be felt satisfied, willingly undertake the position even with the oratorical responsibilities which he himself found so heavy. He would only say that on behalf of the large and influential body of Grand Officers of England, for whom he had been asked to respond, they earnestly trusted they would be enabled to perform their duties, and when the time came for putting off their armour, they must be thought worthy to join that band of whom it might be said, in the choice and significant language of Holy Writ, "They have done what they could." (Cheers.)

The Chairman said, although he had spoken several times before, he found he had another toast to propose, which he felt would come home to every one present. They had all been much gratified with the proceedings that had taken place that day, and he must say that he had been as much gratified as they with the proceedings and the arrangements. So, gratified was he, that he felt they would be content in the performance of their duty.

were not to propose "Success to the Surrey Masonic Hall and the Health of the Chairman and Committee, who had carried out the work." No doubt they had all had very hard work to do; indeed they had had an uphill game to play. Now they had rolled the stone to the top of the hill he hoped they would have an easy descent, and finally arrive at the place which would place them in a comfortable position, so that hereafter they must say "We assembled here on a certain day, we had a great deal to do before that; here we are floating comfortably, and have succeeded in getting not only the support of the brethren at large, but the public generally as well." (Hear, hear.) He did not believe that it was possible for men to have exerted themselves more energetically than the Chairman and Committee of this company, and he thought no one could accuse them of any deficiency in their duty, therefore he had very much pleasure in proposing "Prosperity to the Surrey Masonic Hall Company," and of coupling with it the name of "The Chairman of the Company, Bro. James Stevens." (Applause.)

Bro. James Stevens said that on behalf of those who were interested in the Masonic Hall Company he begged to return very sincere thanks for the support which had been accorded that day to the endeavours that had been made to bring the business of laying the memorial stone to a successful issue. He trusted, as he had said before, that the work commenced that day would be added to, and cemented together, and become of lasting use to the Craft, and the neighbourhood, and to all with whom they must be associated in respect of their Masonic Order. To the chairman, as well as to those who had attended, they were very much indebted for the élat that had attended the proceedings, and he hoped that the result would be to prove to many of the brethren who were present that they had to support members of the Order who stood in an exalted position in regard to Freemasonry, to follow whom could be no small honour, and and other brethren whom they met in the social world, for whom they entertained the highest regard, and who had arrived at such a position in the attainment of civic and other distinctions as to be of great aid to the company in carrying on their work. But great as they might be, desirous as they might be to help, this was more of a universal matter, this Masonic Hall, and the directors had to look to the suffrages, not of the few but of the many, and it was in order to make it the success they wished that they now asked the assistance of Masons who desired to carry out the principles that they all shared in respect to such matters. The Directors had shewn that there really was something like a body in the undertaking they had in hand. They did not ask for any large amount; they had a certain number of shares which they were desirous should be taken up by the Masonic world, and they would rather that the shares should be taken up by units, rather than by tens and scores. What they wanted was to obtain the sympathy of the greatest number of the Craft that they could. He would not say that they would think more highly, because that would be stupid flattery, of the man who held one share, than the man who held a dozen; but they thought quite as highly of him. They wanted the individuals to take the shares. They would rather have 10,000 shareholders than 5,000, and he could assure them if they would support the undertaking they would not be losers by it. In a Masonic sense they ought not perhaps to expect anything; but in a commercial sense, added to the Masonic, he could perhaps say they would be able to give from 5 to 9 per cent. At all events they would give what they could. The want of some such place in the neighbourhood for other than Masonic purposes had not been lost sight of, and when this hall was completed he believed there would be a great demand for the accommodation they could afford, to an extent which must pay the shareholders a good percentage. (Cheers.) This was clear by the evidence of those men who had attempted to give entertainments in this particular neighbourhood. With regard to the Masonic conveniences which would be provided, the hall would be a great advantage in removing their meetings

from the influence of taverns and public-houses, which alone ought to be duly appreciated by the wives and sweethearts of Masons. (Hear, hear.) There were but very few people who had any mind at all who would be likely to sneer at this, very few indeed among Masons, and those who might be tempted to do so were surely not imbued with what we consider the first point among Masons, the desire to be good, moral, and social men, to do all that they could in regard to matters in connection with the Masonic Order, but at the same time not to forget that they had homes and wives and children (cheers). It was because they believed that they could form an institution like this that they should be able to succeed in taking our Masonic ceremonies away from taverns, that they should be doing good to their own kind as far as the men were concerned, and only what was just and proper, and their duty to do as far as their kindred were concerned in doing it as a matter of commercial duty (hear hear) and separating Masonry from the connection he had alluded to. He therefore trusted that the enterprise would be supported warmly, and it would be a great pleasure to the board of directors to find at their next meeting a large number of applications for single shares, even in preference to applications for greater numbers of shares. He assured them that this was rather a proud moment for him. He did not pretend to arrogate to himself any particular position in regard to the undertaking, but as he had been connected with the first endeavour to form the hall, which failed and the second endeavour to form the hall, which failed also, finding himself connected with the third in which they had at last arrived at laying the memorial stone, he had reason, he thought, to feel a little bit satisfied. He felt that what he had endeavoured to do in connection with the other undertakings of the last ten years was meeting with something of a reward by the proud position of himself and his co-directors. He was proud to see Sir John Bennett present, as well as the Colonel of his own regiment, to whom the company were indebted for the presence of the band, and as sure as his name was Stevens, there would, please God, be a meeting in that large room before eight months were over of a large number of Masons. The way to help them was to fill up the share list, and he was happy to say that the Chairman, Bro. Beard, and several others who were present, had just sent in applications for shares. He then proposed "The Civic Authorities," coupling with the toast the names of Sir John Bennett and Bro. Beard.

Bro. Beard replied, although much had been said, not only by their esteemed Chairman, and others, about the perseverance and assiduity with which the committee had carried on their duties, he thought too much encouragement could not be given them by praising them for what they had done. They were indebted to Bro. Stevens for the success of this affair, for, to the present time; and he was speaking without intending the slightest compliment when he expressed the fervent hope that his health might be spared to exercise his talents and usefulness to such an extent as to render the present a successful undertaking. (Applause.) The very happy way he had of placing the case before them would induce any one to give it support by taking a little money from his pocket, although, when he came there, he (Bro. Beard) had not thought of taking shares in the Company, when he found men at the head of affairs with such a pilot to guide them, if he had been asked to double the number of his shares he should have done so. He believed the undertaking would turn out a successful one. Bro. Stevens had frequently made some excellent remarks on the duty of charity, and when the civic authorities had their health drunk, it would not be out of place when the person who responded for the toast said, that nothing gave the civic authorities more pleasure than to assist in the work of charity. (Cheers.)

Bro. J. T. Moss proposed "The Press," and said that every one in England felt proud of it. Whenever there was anything done, there was always a satisfaction in finding that it was

recorded by gentlemen connected with the press.

Bro. Massey responded for *The Freemason*. Bro. Stevens proposed "The Health of the Chairman," who was one of those Masons who had endeared himself thoroughly to every brother who knew him in his own province of Middlesex, Surrey, in Ireland, and elsewhere. It was therefore peculiarly gratifying to have him as their Chairman on an occasion like the present. Masonic ceremonies like that they had just observed were far more frequent in the provinces than in London. By the dispensation of the Grand Master they were allowed in the country, and as a rule countrymen had a greater opportunity of seeing Masonic ceremonies than we of the metropolis. The Grand Master only granted his dispensation to those brethren who he thought would see that the ceremonies were properly carried out. If anything went wrong the Grand Master would be to blame, and so he looked after the character of the person to whom he granted the dispensation. Without their Bro. Colonel Burdett there would have been little chance of their meeting as they had done, and with the knowledge they had themselves of his ability in Masonry and his fitness to see the ceremony properly performed, it was a duty they owed him to pass a vote of thanks to him for what he had done. He would therefore ask them to drink his health.

The Chairman said he was greatly obliged for the brethren's kindness. They were so much indebted to their Bro. Holden, who had acted as Chaplain, that he should now propose his health, as one who had that evening offered a suitable and appropriate prayer on the laying of the foundation stone of this Masonic Hall. They ought to be very much indebted to him for coming to assist, and for the very eloquent way in which he had performed his duties.

The Rev. P.M. Holden said—Bro. Colonel Burdett, ladies and gentlemen, it has been quite an unexpected pleasure for me to have my health proposed this afternoon. I have done so very little that I have hardly deserved the mention of my name. However, I beg to thank you very much indeed for the warm and kind manner in which you have responded to the toast. There is one other toast, if the toasts are now supposed to be at an end, which with your permission I will now propose. I ask to propose it because in former days a knight and a gentleman was considered, and he was said to be the champion of God and the ladies; and I really do not know that a clergyman could be spoken of in better terms than calling him a champion of God and the ladies. Most of you know very well that by the rules of precedence, those who are of the very highest rank should always go last, and it is upon that rule of precedence that we generally propose "The Health of the Ladies" as one of the last, though not the very least of the toasts. It is an acknowledged fact that in all pleasures and amusements the ladies take a first and foremost place. It is their fascinating presence, their bewildering beauty, and their graceful assistance, which lends a charm, and the greatest charm to all our public meetings, and to all our pleasant and social gatherings. I do not think we of the rougher sex are at all sufficiently aware of the very great debt we owe to the ladies, and it occurs to me at the present moment that in reading (this is true all the world over) the travels of Mungo Park, he particularly says that though a homeless stranger, though very often cruelly ill-treated by the men, whenever he was in distress, whenever he stood in need of any assistance, he always found the hearts of the women not near so black as their faces—(cheers)—whatever ill-usage he met with, he tells us that he was always sure to find assistance from the women of the village wherever he happened at that time to be. Now, of course the ladies of England cannot for a single moment compete in complexion with those ladies who were so good and kind to Mungo Park; but still I will venture to say that their hearts are as warm, and still warmer by the cultivation of their minds; and therefore, gentlemen, I should say, without detaining you any longer, I give you "The Health of Ladies," who are present on this occasion, and

many thanks to them for having contributed so very largely to the enjoyment of to-day; and, perhaps, you will allow me to put that toast in a manner in which I once heard it put on the other side of the Atlantic, in the United States. A gentleman on that occasion who had given the toast of "The Ladies," concluded by saying, "And now, gentlemen, I give you the toast of 'The Ladies,' the most enduring tribunal, who rule without law, decide without appeal, and are never wrong." (Laughter.)

Bro. Bethell responded.

The Chairman in proposing "The Health of Bro. E. Clark, the Architect," said they could not do less than drink the health of one who had been instrumental in carrying out the proceedings and the works before them which they had seen. They ought thoroughly to study plans, specifications, elevations, and so forth, in order to understand the real value of the architect's work. The building of the place was a minor consideration; it was on the architect's portion of the work that the greatest amount of intellectual labour was expended. He must mention that Bro. Clark was a Past Superintendent of Works in his own Province of Middlesex, and he was most proud of having him in that position. He was also a Past Master of his (the chairman's) best lodge, he was going to say, but that would be hardly right, as they were all best. They were all working equally well, but he might say that Bro. Clark was one of the best working members of the whole of the province. (cheers.)

Bro. Clark in reply said that although he had been much praised by the Chairman for his work, that work had been to him a labour of love. He could only add that this was one of the few efforts which would be brought before the notice of the public to rescue the Craft in general from the influence of the taverns. Most working Masons were very desirous their meetings should be free from what he must term the taint of the tavern. As a rule it was not a fit place for Masons to meet in. It certainly had some small amount of bad influence on the brethren; at any rate their wives were happier when Masons met at Masonic Halls. This small work would be a very great success; to his mind it was bound to be so. They could isolate their Masonic meetings and go on with their working without any disturbance. With regard to this locality, it especially required such an establishment, for he thought they had not anything of the kind nearer than a mile off. The Horns was nearly a mile—a most respectable house—but still it was some distance away; but in other directions there was not a good-sized place within from perhaps two to three miles in which general meetings and entertainments could be held.

Bro. Stevens proposed "The Health of the Chairman and Lady Burdett." Having alluded to the high estimation in which he was held by the Masonic world he expressed his gratification at seeing him amongst them on this occasion. He also spoke of the great honour which the Grand Master had conferred upon him in deputing him to be his representative at the laying of this memorial stone.

The Chairman in reply said he felt great difficulty in responding to the toast, which had been so kindly and flatteringly brought forward by Bro. Jas. Stevens. He knew he had done a great deal in Masonry, but still if it had not been for the support he had received from such brethren as Bro. Stevens and other brethren of the Province to which he belonged, he should never have held the office he now did. Masons always supported their Grand Officers, and he himself felt very much flattered by the way in which he had been received and supported, and especially in being then present. He would never forget this event in his life. It would be an event which would be marked in red letters hereafter. He did what he could for Freemasonry, not from the mere simple fact of being brought forward as Provincial Grand Master, but to advance the interests of the Masonic Charities and Masonry in general. If it were not for the Charities, the Order would not be looked upon as anything at all. In the Girls' School there were 128 or 130 girls clothed, educated

and supported, in the Boys' School 146 Boys, and in the Benevolent Institution for old men and women, who had served their time in Masonry, a long list of recipients of bounty on the books. Masons must be proud of what they were doing. Masons not only did this but they had their convivial meetings, all of which tended to the cause of the charities, and he looked on the whole of Masonry as tending towards faith, hope, and charity, and he trusted that every member not only there present but who must be initiated into the order in the grand temple which was going to be erected, would be induced not only to look to his own preferment in the Order, but also to his preferment in the Masonic Charities, that he would be hereafter enabled to wear what was called the Masonic jewel, that individuals only obtained by certain subscriptions to the charities and by assistance given to the charities, which they believed to be the foundation of all Freemasonry. The ladies were not forgotten by the Order, but were upheld as the principal patrons and supporters, and in any case where they could do anything in the Benevolent Institution for ladies connected with the Order to whom anything unfortunate had happened, they always did it. He hoped that none present would think that the Masons were present merely to take part in a ceremony or banquet, or something of that sort, but that they wished by this means to encourage others to come to them, and he hoped assist in the Masonic Charities, and to help those who were really in want. They did not come in their gold collars and aprons merely to shew themselves, but for some really good Masonic purpose. Wherever he found the brethren he was happy to meet them, and wherever he met them he found a cordial reception. He also thanked them for their kindness in not forgetting his wife.

Bro. Oliver, in replying to the toast of "The Health of the Builder" said he had done all he possibly could to render this building a success. He and Bro. Clark, the Architect, had been up till twelve o'clock the night before about it, and again at six that morning. He was very much pleased that the affair had gone off so well, and that the Chairman and brethren approved of their efforts. (Cheers.)

The company then separated.

The luncheon was supplied by Messrs. J. and T. Hannan (Littlejohn's), King William-street, City, under the superintendance of their chef, Mr. T. W. Phillips.

PRESENTATION OF AN ADDRESS TO THE R.W. THE J.G.W. OF ENGLAND.

On Wednesday, the 20th instant, a lodge of emergency was held by command of the W.M. of the St. Oswald Lodge No. 850, in the Lodge-room, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire.

The lodge was opened in due form at two p.m., by Bro. Hornsey Casson, W.M., P.P.G.O. of Derbyshire, who stated to the brethren present that the special object of their meeting that day was to present the congratulatory address to their acting P.G.M., Bro. Okeover, who, as they all were aware, had lately been raised to the dignity of J.G. Warden of England. For this purpose, he proposed, now, to adjourn the lodge to the Museum, at Okeover, whither, in the name of their R. Worshipful brother, he now had the pleasure to invite all the brethren present.

The Museum had been fitted up by Bro. Okeover as a most convenient and pleasing lodge-room, and when all the brethren were duly assembled, the W.M. resumed the lodge, and the Right Worshipful the Prov. D.G.M. was received with the honour due to his exalted station.

The W.M. then stated to Bro. Okeover the object of their visit, and thanked him in the name of all the brethren for the opportunity he had afforded them of presenting this address at his own house, where so many evidences were afforded, that he and his predecessors had indeed made the "liberal arts and sciences" their especial care and study. By command of the W.M.,

Bro. Holland, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., of Derbyshire, rose and said, that as mover of the address from the lodge, it was his pleasing duty first to address the R.W. brother. He was, at the same time, proud and somewhat sad to remember that he was at present the only subscribing member of the St. Oswald lodge who was a member when Bro. Okeover was initiated, now some ten years ago. He would not take up any more valuable time, but simply say that he trusted Bro. Okeover would consider that every word in the address now about to be presented was the heartfelt feeling of every brother in the lodge, and not a mere formal expression of congratulation.

Bro. Lister, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., the seconder of the address, spoke in similar terms.

The Worshipful Master then said that nothing remained to be done, but to beg Bro. Okeover's acceptance of the address of congratulation, which he assured him, speaking as the voice of the whole lodge, was the unanimous expression of the feelings of the brethren. It gave him great pleasure to inform Bro. Okeover that it was signed by every present subscribing member of the lodge, and he could assure the Right Worshipful Bro. that the absence of the few brethren who were not present on that occasion was in every case the result of very urgent and unavoidable circumstances. It would ill become him, in Bro. Okeover's presence to say all that the brethren thought with regard to their newly-honoured D.P.G.M., but he could assure him that had he been present at the lodge when the address was voted, he would at any rate have proved the fallacy of the adage, that listeners never hear any good of themselves. Bro. Okeover had endeared himself to every brother with whom he had come in contact, and he (the W.M.) held up the career of Bro. Okeover as a high example to every young Mason. Well had he carried out all the principles, as taught him by the different degrees through which he had passed. His true Masonic Charity, his cultured mind and devotion to the liberal arts and sciences, and his willingness and desire at all times to lend himself to the instruction and welfare of all his inferior brethren, proved him a just and upright Mason, who had profited by the teaching of each successive degree. In the name of the St. Oswald Lodge, he begged Bro. Okeover's acceptance of the congratulatory address.

Bro. Okeover said that "out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh," was not literally true in his case, for out of the abundance of his heart at that moment he found it very difficult to speak. He could assure the brethren that nothing in the whole course of his life had ever given him greater feelings of gratification than receiving that kind expression of the congratulations of his brethren. He felt that he was unworthy of the flattering terms in which he had been spoken of that day, but he assured the brethren one and all that the high honours conferred upon him, foremost among which he esteemed that expression of feeling on the part of the brethren of his Mother Lodge, would have the effect of making him more zealous in his Masonic duties, and more anxious to make himself worthy of the good opinion which it gratified him to find the brethren of his province had of him. He could only thank the brethren for the beautifully executed work of art in which their sentiments were expressed, and he could assure them that it would be treasured up by himself and his children as one of the most valued of their heir-looms. After labour comes refreshment, and he hoped that all the brethren present would now adjourn to the dining room, where they would find something which he hoped would prove acceptable to them after their long walk.

The W.M. then thanked their host for his hospitality, which they all accepted with pleasure. The brethren after partaking of an excellent collation, enjoyed a walk through the picture galleries, which contain many well known master pieces, and after spending a most pleasant afternoon adjourned back again to their lodge-room, when the lodge was closed in due form.

The address, which is in the form of a letter, is a very beautiful specimen of the

of illumination, it was executed by Messrs. Benson of Derby, and was as follows:—

"To the Right Worshipful Haughton Charles Okeover of Okeover, Esq., D.L. Junior Grand Warden, Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Derbyshire, &c., &c.

"Right Worshipful Sir and Brother, "We the undersigned, W.M., Past Masters, Wardens, and brethren of the St. Oswald Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masters, No. 850, in regular lodge assembled, having learnt that it has pleased the M.W. the Marquess of Ripon, Grand Master of England, to confer upon you the high office and dignity of a Grand Warden, hasten to convey to you the congratulations of this your Mother Lodge, which has the honour to number you among its Past Masters. We feel assured that all the other lodges in this Province, which has, under your rule as its Deputy Grand Master, made such distinguished progress in Masonry, most cordially share with us the feeling that the honour conferred upon you is but a just reward of the eminent services you have, during the whole of your Masonic career, rendered to Masonry in general, and this Province and lodge in particular, and that we and they are sensible of the high honour which from you reflects upon all over whom you preside.

That it may please the Great Architect of the Universe to grant you life and health long to enjoy the honours and perform the duties of Masonry, and that the rays of Heaven may shine upon you and yours with every blessing is the earnest prayer of Your most obedient servants and attached brethren, J. Hornsby Casson, W.M., P.P.G.O., Derbyshire; J. S. Whitham, I.P.M., P.P.G.S. Bearer, Derbyshire; H. M. Wood, J.W., W. R. Holland, P.M., J.W., P.P.S.G.W.; and others.

(Signed by every member of the lodge.)

Royal Arch.

CAVEAC CHAPTER (No. 176).—The regular meeting of this Chapter was held at the "Guddhall" Tavern, Gresham-street, City, on Thursday, May 21st, there being present Companions R. S. Foreman, M.E.Z.; T. Quihampton, H.; W. S. Wyman, J.; F. Walters, P.Z.; Treas.; P. A. Nairne, P.Z.; C. T. Dorey, P.Z.; W. Goss; W. J. Stride; P. C. Nixon; J. Hills. The visitors were Companions R. Harland Whiteman, J. 766; G. Lemann, 1st A.S. 79. The minutes were read and confirmed *nem con.* Ballot unanimous in favour of Bro. W. J. Stride, I.G. 176, who was in attendance, and duly exalted into Royal Arch Freemasonry. W. S. Wyman was installed Joshua, a candidate for exaltation and companion for joining were duly proposed. The work was admirably done by Companion M. Scott, P.Z. Business ended, the chapter was closed until October. The banquet, dessert, and coffee followed.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, June 12, 1874.

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

Saturday, June 6.

- General Committee, Boys' School, at 4.
- Lodge 1412, La Iberia, Hill-road, St. John's Wood. Chap. 975; Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew-bridge.
- Manchester Lodge of Instruction (179), Yorkshire Grey; 77, London-street, Fitzroy-square, at 8; Bro. H. Ash, Preceptor.
- Lily Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, Surrey.
- Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Crauby New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. G. Dilley, Preceptor.
- Monday, June 8.
- Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction (1445), Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland, at 7; Bro. T. Austin, Preceptor.
- Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.
- Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.
- Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern, Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
- Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gutheil, Preceptor.
- British Oak Lodge of Instruction, Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.

- St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street (opposite the Pantheon), Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.
- Wellington Lodge of Instruction, White Swan Tavern, Deptford, at 8; Bro. C. G. Dilley, P.M. 1155, Preceptor.
- St. John of Wapping Lodge of Instruction (1306), Gun Tavern, High-street, Wapping, at 8; Bro. T. Mortlock, Preceptor.
- West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
- Metropolitan Mark Lodge of Instruction, Coach and Horses Hotel, 243, Strand, at 8.

Tuesday, June 9.

- Lodge 167, St. John's, Holly Bush Tavern, Hampstead.
- " 548, Wellington, White Swan Tavern, Deptford.
- " 834, Ranelagh, Clarendon Hotel, Hammersmith.
- " 1269, Stanhope, Thicket Hotel, Anerley.
- Chap. 857, St. Mark's, Duke of Edinburgh Tavern, Brixton.
- Yarborough Lodge of Instruction, Green Dragon, Steppney, at 8; Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.
- Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tavern, Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 8.
- Faith Lodge of Instruction, Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottelbrune, Preceptor.
- Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Lord's Hotel, Lord's Cricket Ground, St. John's-wood, at 8; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.
- Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. Crawley, Preceptor.
- Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st., Within, at 7.30; Bro. Bolton, W.M. 1227, Preceptor.
- St. Marybone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, New-street, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
- Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (55), Wheatshel Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey (P.M. 180), Preceptor.
- Percy Lodge of Instruction, Grapes Tavern, Little Windmill-street, W.

Wednesday, June 10.

- Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.
- Lodge 15, Kent, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 1017, Montefiore, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 1228, Beacontree, Private Rooms, Leytonstone.
- " 1260, Hervey, Swan Hotel, Waltham-green.
- " 1305, St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms Tavern, St. John's Wood.
- " 1306, St. John of Wapping, Gun Tavern, High-street, Wapping.
- Rose Croix Chap., Grand Metropolitan, Freemasons' Tavern.
- Southwark Lodge of Instruction (879), Southwark Park Tavern, Southwark Park, at 8; Bro. Charles William Kent, Preceptor.
- Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor.
- United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
- Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30.
- New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8.
- Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
- Confidence Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lace, at 7.30.
- Peckham Lodge of Instruction, Maismoite Arms, Park-road, Peckham, at 8; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor.

- Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar.
- Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, Thicket Hotel, Anerley, at 7.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
- Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction (1288), Finsbury Park Tavern, Seven Sisters-road, N., at 8. Bro. F. Dickinson, Acting Preceptor.

Thursday, June 11.

- Lodge 1216, Macdonald, Head Quarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Flodden-road, Camberwell.
- Chap. 72, Royal Jubilee, Horns Tavern, Kennington.
- " 619, Beadon, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue.
- K. T. Precept. 117, New Temple, Inner Temple, London.
- Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham Court-road, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
- Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Angle Tavern, Bath-street, City-road; Bro. Stean, Preceptor.
- United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
- Whittington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern, Holborn, at 8; Bro. Lewis Alexander, P.M. 188, Preceptor.
- Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
- Ebury Lodge of Instruction, Bro. Palmer's, 12, Ponsobys-st., Millbank.
- Highgate Lodge of Instruction (1366), Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
- St. George's Lodge of Instruction (140), Globe Tavern, Royal-hill, Greenwich.
- Robt t Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
- Belgrave Lodge of Instruction (749), Coach and Horse, Strand, at 8; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.

- Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.
- Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s; Freemasons' Hall, a 7.
- Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tavern, Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.

Friday, June 12.

- Lodge 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st. Chap. 6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
- Clapton Lodge of Instruction, White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., Preceptor.
- Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1298), the Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. W. F. Rogers, Precept.
- Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-road, at 8; Comp. W. West Smith, Preceptor.
- Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (733), Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8.
- Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet street, at 7; Bro. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.
- United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Antelope Tavern, Lorn-road, Brixton, at 7.
- St. James's Lodge of Instruction, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-road, Bermondsey, at 8; Bro. Howes, P.M., Preceptor.
- Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Bro. D. S. Potts, Preceptor.
- Doric Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8.
- Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8; Bro. P. M. Wuest, Preceptor.
- St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Rose Tavern, Fulham-road, S.W.
- Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.
- High Cross Lodge of Instruction (754), Coach & Horses, High Road, Tottenham.
- Union Club of Instruction, Windsor Castle, Victoria Station at 8 p.m.; H. Ash, P.M., Instructor.
- Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
- Burdett Couits Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park, at 8; Bro. Geo. W. Verry, Preceptor.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE,

For the Week ending Saturday, June 13, 1874.

Monday, June 8.

- Lodge 314, Peace and Unity, Militia Mess Room, Preston.
- " 721, Independence, Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row, North Chester, at 5.
- " 1021, Hartington, Masonic Hall, Barrow-in-Furness.
- " 1398, Baldwin, Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.
- Red Cross Conclave of Instruction, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 7.

Tuesday, June 9.

- Lodge 241, Merchants', Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 5.
- " 1250, Gilbert Greenall, Masonic Rooms, Warrington.
- Chap. 613, Bridson, Masonic Hall, Southport, at 7.

Wednesday, June 10.

- Lodge 281, Fortitude, Athenæum, Lancaster.
- " 1052, Callender, Public Hall, Rusholme.
- " 1094, Temple, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
- " 1356, De Grey and Ripon, 140, North Hill-street, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 6.
- Chap. 673, St. John's, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.30.
- St. John's Lodge of Instruction (673), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 8.
- Neptune Lodge of Instruction (1264), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 7.

Thursday, June 11.

- Lodge 333, Royal Preston, Victoria Garrison Hotel, Fulwood, near Preston.
- " 786, Croxteth United Service, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
- " 1035, Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, at 6.
- " 1213, Bridgewater, Cross Keys Hotel, Patricroft, near Manchester.
- Mariners' Lodge of Instruction (249), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 8.
- Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction (1182), 150, Park-lane, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 7.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND VICINITY.

For the week ending Saturday, June 13, 1874. All the Meetings take place at 8 o'clock.

Monday, June 8.

- Lodge 102, St. Mark, 213, Buchanan-st.
- " 219, Star, 12, Tron-gate.
- " 362, St. Clair, 25, Robertson-st.
- " 541, Marie Stuart, Masons' Hall, Crosshill.
- " 305, St. Winnoch, Eagle Inn, Lochwinnoch.
- " 307, Union and Crown, Freemasons' Hall, Barrhead.
- " 503, St. George, Old Fellows' Hall, Helensburgh.

Tuesday, June 9.

- Lodge 413, Athole, 213, Buchanan-st.
- " 419, Govanhill, Portland Hall, Govan.
- " 441, Glasgow, 22, Struthers-street.
- " 426, Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Renfrew.
- Chap. 69, St. Andrew, 170, Buchanan-st.

Wednesday, June 10.

- Lodge 178, Scotia, 170, Buchanan-st.

" 333, St George, 213, Buchanan-st.
 " 510, Maryhill, 167, Main-street, Maryhill.
 Chap. 117, Partick, Freemasons' Hall, Partick.
 Red Cross Conclave 114, 213, Buchanan-street.
 Thursday, June 11.
 Lodge 109, St. Marnock, Crown Hotel, Kilmarnock.
 " 203, St. John's, 29, Grame-street, Airdrie.
 " 390, Dalry, Masonic Hall, Dalry.
 Chap. 50, Glasgow, 213, Buchanan-st.

Friday, June 12.
 Lodge 18, Kilwinning, Mission Hall, Dumbarton.
 " 170, St. John, Public Hall, Alexandria.
 " 203, St. John's, Olive Hall, Airdrie.
 Chap. 144, St. Rollox, Freemasons' Hall, Garngad-road.
 Saturday, June 13.
 " 179, St. Mungo, London Hotel, Mauchlin.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

BRADFORD.—Lodge of Hope (No. 302.)—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 1st instant, at the Masonic Hall, Godwin-street. There were present Bros. B. Brighton, W.M.; H. Farrow, S.W.; M. S. Rhodes, J.W.; Rev. Vaile, Chaplain, J. Clarke, Treas.; F. G. Andrews, Sec.; James Ambler, S.D.; Hamilton, I.D.; Fettinger, I.G.; Holmes, O.G.; and the following P.M.'s—Bros. F. Hill, M. Rhodes, W. Mawson, W. Ibbetson, A. Hunter, W. Bearland, C. H. Taylor, W. W. Barlow, R. Richardson, J. J. Schaeppi, C. Pratt, S. B. Walmsley, W. H. Evans, J. Foster, F. Senior, J. G. Hutchinson, and many other brethren and visitors, amongst whom we noticed Bros. Rev. R. W. Loosemore, Rev. J. Hollywood, William Firth, J. W. Holmes, Samuel P. Firth, and W. C. Lupton of the Pentalfa, 974, also Samuel Hurd, of the Fidelity, 289, and J. Davis, of the Eccleshill 1034. There not being any business before the lodge, the W.M., by request, delivered a lecture "On the General Principles and Advantages of Freemasonry," which was listened to with rapt attention during the fifty minutes it took to deliver. At its conclusion the visitors were invited to refreshment, where the W.M. again presided, and gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were rapturously received by the brethren with Masonic honours. Bro. Rev. J. W. Loosemore, Prov. G. Chaplain, on being called upon by the W.M., responded on behalf of the Grand Officers, and in doing so said that whilst he knew it was a satisfaction to the brethren of his lodge that he should receive the appointment he held, it was equally so to him, and he desired to thank them for the manner in which the toast had been proposed and received. Referring to the lecture of the W.M., they had had the pleasure of listening to, he felt that the principles propounded in it were such as any Freemason might well adopt and endeavour to carry out. He would leave it to the other Prov. Grand Officers to respond for themselves, he would only say that as he felt it the highest privilege to be admitted a member of the fraternity, so he felt that if all endeavoured to act up to the principles it inculcated they would be the better men for so doing. Bro. H. Smith, P.M., Prov. Grand Secretary, being called upon by the W.M., said in thanking them for the compliment, he esteemed it the highest honour to be associated with the Prov. Grand Officers, and also with the Lodge of Hope, and thanked the W.M. very much for what he had said in proposing the toast. He would also wish to express to them how very highly the D.P.G.M. esteemed the brethren of Bradford, especially for their liberality to the Masonic charities. For himself he must say that his duties were much lightened by the admirable way in which the proceedings of lodges were conducted, and on behalf of the Prov. Grand Officers and himself, tendered them most hearty thanks for the way in which their names had been received. Bro. W. Bearland, P.M., Prov. G.S. of W., being called upon by the

W.M., said—Brethren, you know I don't make long speeches, and I can only ask you, to adopt the language of other assemblies, to accept all I should say "as read." Bro. J. D. Sugden, P.M., Prov. G. Pursuivant, said he felt it a high honour to be placed in the position he held, and he would do all he could for the good of the Craft. Bro. Evans, M.D., P.M., being called upon by the W.M. to give the next toast, said were it not that you are, as it were, the Emperor of all the Russias, I should prefer being silent, but I must obey. The toast, brethren, which I have to propose I am sure will commend itself to you all, namely, "The Clergy and Ministers of all denominations." I am certain could all ministers, I might say the whole community, have heard the excellent lecture which has been delivered to us to-night, they might fully endorse every sentiment contained in it. I only wish we and all others could follow up and put in practice the principles enunciated in it, and then the world would be much improved. The Ministers do much, very much in the same direction for their fellow men, and we owe them a deep debt. I call upon you then to wish them very good health. The W.M. in first calling upon Bro. Rev. J. Vaile, Chaplain of the Lodge to respond, said he hoped that Bro. Rev. T. H. Flynn, P. Prov. Grand Chaplain would not feel slighted at speaking behind a "Veil." Bro. Rev. J. Vaile in thanking the W.M. and brethren, said that the lecture to which they had listened that night struck him with astonishment as to the amazing similarity it bore to the sermons he had himself preached, and he must say it was a matter of great congratulation on our part that a layman could give utterance to such exalted and noble sentiments. It seemed to me to contain a great theology, that of the incarnation of the Son of God. That assures to all the one great sentiment that Freemasonry is so proud of, that God reconciles all the human race. It is through such doctrines we receive that grand feeling of love to our neighbours, and no minister could better enlarge upon that grand principle you have enunciated to-night. The interest felt by the brethren was sufficiently seen by the patient way in which they listened for the fifty minutes it took in the delivery. But I must not trespass longer upon your time, but conclude by thanking you very sincerely for the way in which you have thought of the clergy and ministers, and I hope to visit you on future occasions when this post is occupied by other and more worthy brethren. Bro. Rev. T. H. Flynn, P. Prov. Grand Chaplain, being called upon said if Bro. Vaile felt any difficulty, the W.M. had placed him in a greater one. But he was one of those who liked short measures. He did not like long speeches nor long sermons. Bro. Vaile had well responded, and he could endorse what he had said. He had well spoken of the lecture he had heard, and he must say it had afforded him great pleasure. He always was gratified when he had the opportunity of being amongst them, and he wished to add his hearty thanks for their kind wishes towards the clergy and ministers of all denominations. Bro. Rev. Hollywood being also called upon said he did not know whether it was a post of honour being called upon to pick up the odds and ends after what had been said. But, said he, I cordially thank you for the way, not only on this but all other occasions, you have received the clergy, and expressed the pleasure it afforded him to attend these meetings and trusted they might be able always to meet and act together as brethren. The W. Master then rose and said, I have a duty to discharge, yet do not feel competent to propose in adequate terms the next toast, that of "The Visitors," but I trust they will feel that they have received a true Masonic welcome, and, if I fail to fully express our kindly feeling towards them, I trust they will know that the brethren especially honour this toast, and that it is not drunk as a mere matter of form, but that we feel what we say, that we offer them a truly Masonic welcome. We feel that we are as one family, and the Lodge of Hope is the first to offer the hand of good fellowship to all visitors, and I want you to feel that we give you a hearty welcome on this and all other occasions, and I call upon my brethren to let our visitors see that

this toast is given right heartily. Bro. Foster W.M., in responding, said on behalf of the Visiting Brethren, and especially those of the Pentalfa, and myself, I thank you. I may say we came here with great expectations, and they have been more than realised. In the lecture which your W.M. has given to-night you have well expounded the noble principle on which Freemasonry is based, and we shall retire from the effects of the lecture with greater determination to follow out the grand principles of Freemasonry. Whilst thanking you heartily for the manner in which the visitors have been received, allow me to say that if you will return our visit the brethren of the Pentalfa will endeavour to give you as warm a welcome as you have given us. Bro. J. G. Hutchenson (P.M. Eccleshill) being also called upon to respond said: W.M., Officers and brethren, my position this evening may be said to be somewhat peculiar. So soon as I received the invitation of the W.M., I knew I should have a great treat, and I hope you won't think what I am going to say out of place. I heard the lecture with great pleasure, but although you may hear a thing, unless you can take it home with you, you soon lose it. In connection with what the W.M. has said an intelligent mind may well follow it up and derive great benefit. I have not heard the principles of Freemasonry so well expounded before. One peculiar feature was the quotations the W.M. gave from the writings of men who have given a life time to their study, reflections we can well appreciate. Passing from that it would be remiss in me if I did not thank you much for your kind reception. I can only tell you that when I visit the Hope I always do so with pleasure. Bro. M. Rhodes, P.M. (Mayor of Bradford), rose and said—W.M., I shall take the gavel out of your hands for once. The W.M. rules over this lodge with kindness, but there is one here greater than the W.M. One of my brethren says I am W.M. of the whole town. Well a great deal has been said—not too much—for the excellent lecture we have heard to-night. No one entertains a higher opinion of it than I do, and it will be well if we try to put in practice the principles expounded in it. I thought during the evening I wish I could say something to our younger brethren to follow in your shoes, W.M., and endeavour to follow in your shoes in preparing lectures for our edification. I don't know that I have ever been more interested than this evening, and let us hope that we may soon again have a like pleasure. Brethren, I ask you to join with me in drinking "The good Health of the W.M." The W.M., on rising to respond said: Worthy P.M.'s and brethren, the enthusiastic reception which you have given to the toast places me in a somewhat invidious position, for I have not words in which to thank you. I can only say I heartily thank P.M. Rhodes and you all, brethren, for the way in which that toast has been proposed and received by you. Yesterday, when on our way to that church to which I am accustomed to go, we had a few words respecting the lecture to be given this evening, and although Sunday, I don't think it was wrong. He asked me how long it would take to deliver, and I said about fifty minutes, when he thought it would be desirable to shorten it. Brethren, I am glad that Bro. P.M. Rhodes has recanted his opinion, as he said this evening, and I only hope that the lecture seemed as short to you. Bro. Rhodes, P.M., has asserted his position as Master of all the Borough, then one of our brethren has said I am an autocrat. Brethren, as long as I sit in this chair, I maintain that my power is absolute, but not autocratic. I maintain there is a great difference. At this hour I wish not to detain you, but desire to say a word or two as to the lecture. I think it is the duty of every brother to do all he can for the Craft, and that it is most desirable we should have occasional lectures, the various principles and precepts inculcated in Freemasonry being so admirably calculated for exposition, and the advantage of all who know and practice them. The preparation of the lecture given this evening has afforded me much pleasure, at the same time it has been a tax upon my time, and often robbed nature of her just dues, and deprived me of what one of your poets has spoken of as "tired nature's sweet restorer, balmy sleep." Brethren, you, especially of the Lodge

of Hope, know it has always been my wish to do all in my power for the cause of Freemasonry, and I trust that so long as I occupy this chair, or in any other capacity, I shall carry out those great principles which I have so feebly endeavoured to promulgate. The W.M. before sitting down proposed "The Health of the Past Masters," terming them the backbone of the lodge, and if any W.M. had not their support he could not succeed. Bro. Thomas Hill, P.M., excused himself from making a long speech, owing to the lateness of the hour, but on behalf of the P.M.'s responded in a few terse and appropriate sentences. The W.M. proposed the health of "The Officers," complimenting them on the very efficient way in which they discharged their duties. Bro. Hanson Farrar, S.W., thanked the W.M. for the compliment paid to the officers, and congratulated him on the very successful evening, and thanked him for the excellent lecture he had given them, and thought the lessons he had propounded in his lecture taught us, as officers, it was our duty to attend to the principles therein explained. Bro. T. N. Andrews, Sec., in responding apologised for being rather late at his post that evening owing to certain circumstances, he was going to say "over which he had no control." The W.M. did not omit to notice this, and he could only say that he had an eye of an eagle, if not of an autocrat. His eye was more powerful than words. I confess when I saw it I felt as one who had done wrong. Brethren, you look on an officer who has once done wrong, and if I do wrong another time it will be the second. I may say, however, that here, as elsewhere, we shall, as officers, endeavour to do our duty. The Tyler's toast brought the very pleasurable and instructive evening's proceedings to a termination, and it would be well if, as in this case, when there is no other business lectures could be given if merely "pour passer le temps." We should be remiss did we not allude to the very excellent harmony so freely discoursed during the evening, to the gratification of all, by our able Bro. F. C. Atkinson, Mus. Bac. Cantab, and other brethren.

LEICESTER.—John of Gaunt Lodge (No. 523).—The regular meeting took place at Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on Thursday, May 21st, when there was a large attendance. The candidate whose name was upon the summons for initiation not being present, the principal business was the election of the W.M. for the ensuing year. On the ballot being taken it was found to be unanimous in favour of the S.W., Bro. S. S. Partridge, P.G. Sec., who in appropriate terms thanked the brethren for the honour conferred on him. The festival was fixed to take place on St. John's Day. After the transaction of formal business the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. There was an unusually large attendance of P.M.'s and members to do honour both to the retiring W.M., Bro. F. J. Baines, and the W.M. elect, who are deservedly much esteemed by the members. It may be mentioned that the W.M. elect, Bro. Partridge, has worked his way to the chair through all the offices, and in the Lodge of Instruction has given repeated proofs of his thorough acquaintance with the ritual; he has also filled the office of P.G. Sec. for the last two or three years. It is only reasonable to suppose that under his rule the prosperity of the lodge will be more than maintained.

WILLIAM PRESTON LODGE (No. 766).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 2nd inst., at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C., when the following brethren were present:—Bros. William Worrell, W.M.; A. Braun, S.W.; G. J. Kain, P.M. and Sec.; George Newman, P.M.; B. Abbott, P.M.; John Newton, P.M.; R. H. Whiteman, P.M.; W. M. Newton, S.D.; also Bros. A. C. Rees, C. J. Chellam, C. R. Cutmore, H. J. Roberts, W. Johnston, F. Ince, J. A. Keen, G. H. Davies, H. Reissmann, E. B. Bloomhall, J. F. Honey, H. F. Partridge, R. Lyon, L. Reinhardt, W. E. Newton, P. Steinmann. Visitors, Bros. J. Jones, S.W. 715; J. W. White, 917; F. Frott, P.M. 192; G. Abbott, P.M. 192; G. W. Lay, 569. The business of the evening consisted of the initiation of Mr. John Robert Williams and Mr. Robert Sutcliffe, the passing

of Bros. Reissmann, Davies, Broomhall, and Reinhardt, and the raising of Bros. Keen, Johnston and Lyon. All Masonic business being ended the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent supper, presided over by the W.M., the usual Masonic toasts being duly honoured.

JERSEY.—Lodge La Césarée (No. 590).—The anniversary meeting of this large and influential lodge was held on Thursday, May 28th, at the Masonic Temple, and was as usual well attended, though, owing to the peculiar occupations of many of the inhabitants in connection with shipping, some of the members are prevented from presence on all occasions. The chair was taken soon after four o'clock, by Bro. Ph. W. Binet, a worthy successor to a sire, who in all his actions endeavours to carry out Masonic principles, and who must have regarded with intense interest the successful termination of his son's year of office in the chair which he had vacated 15 years previously. The W.M. was supported by Bro. J. Pallot, S.W.; H. E. Durell, J.W.; J. Gregg, I.P.M., and P.G. Org.; A. Schmitt, Sec., and P. Prov. G.S.W.; J. Durell, Treas., and P. Prov. G.S.W.; A. Viel, P.M., and P. Prov. G.S.W.; J. Oatley, F.M., P.G.S.D.; G. J. Renouf, P.M., P.G.J.W.; Dr. H. Hopkins, Hon. Member, and P. Prov. G.S.W., for Warwickshire; Capt. Messervy, J.D.; Capt. D. Pallot, I.G.; and a goodly number of members. Among the visitors present we observed the Rev. Stewart Patterson, P. Prov. G.M., of the province of Manatoga, Canada; C. Kingsworth, P.M., 245; P.M. Nicolle, J.D. 84, Guernsey; E. Martell, W.M. 491, P.G.D.C.; J. O. Le Sœur, P.M. 491, and P.G. Secretary; E. L. Bennett, W.M. 244; P. W. Benham, P.M. 244, and P.G. Treas.; H. Follett, and others. The lodge was opened in the first degree and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. It was then opened in the second degree, and the chair was taken by the venerable and highly respected Bro. Schmitt, who always acts as Installing Master, being as apt in the performance of this important ceremony as he is in the working of all other Masonic rites. Bro. Pallot was presented as the W.M. elect, by Bros. P. W. Binet and J. Gregg. After the preliminary proceedings had been completed, the lodge was opened in the third degree. The brethren who had not passed the chair were then called upon to withdraw, leaving an array of nearly 20 Past Masters. The ceremony of installation was duly carried out, and Bro. Pallot, was placed in the chair of King Solomon. On the return of the brethren, the customary proclamations, processions, and greetings were made, and the impressive addresses to the W.M., officers, and members were delivered. It is worthy of notice that at this early stage of his career as a Masonic ruler, the W.M. proved his competency for the position to which he had been appointed by addressing each officer on his investiture, entering into full details on the duties appertaining to it, in a manner of which but few are capable. The following were the appointments made for the next year—Advocate Durell, S.W.; William Grant, J.W.; J. Durell, Treas.; A. Schmitt, Sec.; Capt. P. Messervy, S.D.; H. Joudon, J.D.; Capt. A. de Carteret, I.G.; H. Du Jardin, Tyler. The proceedings connected with the installation having been brought to a close, Bro. A. Schmitt laid before the members some details as to the funds and present position of the lodge, which are on the whole satisfactory. This he did at considerable length, and concluded in the following words, or rather in words of which the following is a translation, the work of the lodge being conducted in French. "Finally I desire to impress upon you, that as the lodge is the centre or pivot upon which every Masonic Institution depends, and from which it derives its authority and beneficial tendencies, so the W.M. is the true capstone, and as such from him proceeds its strength and unity. He who has presided over us during the last twelve months, which are gone for ever, deserves a special mention from my lips. All must agree that Rev. Ph. W. Binet has discharged his onerous and responsible duties in a manner which has gained the approbation and good will of our members. Faithful to the lodge, devoted to the elevation

and extension of the Masonic system, endowed with sentiments of honour, of conciliation and of harmony, this large hearted brother has won not only the esteem but the affection of the members of Lodge La Césarée, and has merited all the honour we can bestow upon him. Permit me, therefore, as the natural consequence of such a view of his merits, to lay before you the following proposition:—"That a Past Master's jewel as a substantial recognition of his services, be presented by the lodge to Bro. Ph. W. Binet, to mark the united sentiments of gratitude, of esteem, and of affection which we entertain towards him." This was duly seconded and carried unanimously. One or two other matters were discussed and settled, the lodge was closed at about 6.30, and the brethren were dismissed to re-assemble in the banqueting room. The W.M., who of course presided, was supported on his right by Past Masters Dr. Hopkins, A. Schmitt, Benham, John Durell, and on his left by Past Masters P. W. Binet, A. Viel, Gregg, and others. The excellent provision made by Bro. Long, Curator of the Temple, having been disposed of, the usual toasts were proposed by the W.M. and others, and duly responded to. In reply to that of the W.M., Bro. Pallot ably descanted on the duties and privileges connected with the Craft, proving his own appreciation of them, and his ability to enforce them on others. The other principal speakers were Bros. Schmitt, Advocate Durell, Nicolle of Guernsey, and Dr. Hopkins, who concluded by reciting a piece with much effect, entitled "The Mason's Vows," as appropriate to the occasion. This he did in responding to a special toast proposed by Bro. A. Schmitt, in which his name was joined with that of Bro. W. J. Hughan, the first Mason on whom has been conferred the rank of Hon. Past Grand Senior Deacon of the Grand Lodge of England, and honorary member of the Césarée Lodge, which latter distinction he highly appreciates, and in the same toast was included the name of Bro. Nicolle of Guernsey. The proceedings were enlivened by songs from Bros. Sandon, Benham, Biazet, and others. The brethren separated at about ten o'clock.

TOPSHAM.—Breut Lodge (No. 1284).—On Saturday, the 30th ult., the brethren of this lodge held their anniversary meeting in the Masonic Hall, Topsham. The lodge being duly opened at high twelve, by Bro. John Map, the W.M. for the past year, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, after which the lodge was raised to the second degree, and the W.M. vacated the chair, which was thereupon occupied by Bro. Samuel Jones, P.M., P.S.G.D. Bro. W. G. Rogers, P.S.G.W., then presented Bro. Thomas Lascelles, as the W.M. elect, and the ceremony of installation was thereupon proceeded with, the Installing P.M. being assisted by Bros. W. G. Rogers, P.M., P.S.G.W.; W. E. Stone, P.M., P.S.J.W.; Low, P.M.; S. Hodder, P.M., and the retiring W.M. This being completed, the newly-installed W.M. ascended the throne of K.S., and received the salutations of the brethren in the several degrees, after which he proceeded to appoint and invest the following officers.—Bros. H. J. Yelland, S.W.; Charles Pinn, J.W.; John Moass, P.M., Treas.; J. P. Harrison, Sec.; F. Pollard, S.D.; A. H. Wells, J.D.; Edward Rivington, Org.; J. Styles, I.G.; and P. L. Blanchard, Tyler. The lodge having been then closed in ancient form with solemn prayer, the brethren present adjourned to the adjacent Hotel, the Globe, and there, to the number of twenty-nine, sat down to a sumptuous repast, which had been prepared by Bro. Harrison, and which reflected the highest credit on the liberality as well as the taste and selection of the worthy host, who has been one of the most useful and energetic members of this lodge from the time of its foundation. Dinner over, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and heartily responded to, and the labours of the day were succeeded by and evening of harmony and conviviality which concluded to the satisfaction of all present.

ROMFORD.—Liberty of Havering Lodge (No. 1437).—This young but promising lodge, which has only been in existence a few months, assembled at the White Hart Hotel, Romford, on Wednesday afternoon, the 26th inst., for business before the lodge was

and raising, (the candidate for the latter, however was absent), to elect a Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, to elect Treasurer, and Tyler, and appoint auditors. Amongst the brethren present were—Bros. J. J. Wilson, W.M.; J. Tydeman, S.W.; George English, acting as J.W.; B. B. Brayshaw, S.D.; T. T. Bishop, Treasurer, and acting J.D.; D. Goddin, I.G.; Steedman, Tyler; G. W. Gatmore, Secy.; J. Taylor, A. W. Naylor, J. Garnett, Jas. Ellis, and others. Visitor—Bro. Taylor, of Lodge 350. The lodge having been opened in the first degree, the minutes of the last regular meeting were confirmed. Bro. Garrett was entrusted and retired, lodge opened in the second degree, and Bro. Garnett having been re-admitted, was passed to the degree of F.C. The lodge was resumed to the first degree, when Mr. Owen was duly initiated into the mysteries of Ancient Freemasonry. The ballot having been taken, it was found to be unanimous in electing Bro. J. T. Tydeman, S.W., to the position of Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. Bro. Tydeman, in thanking the brethren for their kindness towards him, hoped that during his year of office the brethren would not be disappointed in the confidence they had placed in him. He assured them that if he did anything which might seem not exactly right in their opinion, it would not be the fault of the heart, but it might be of the head. He trusted in the support of every officer and brother of the lodge to assist him in the discharge of his duties, for he felt greater confidence in accepting the high position they had elected him to, more especially because the brethren had been so unanimous in electing him. Bro. Bishop was re-elected to the office of Treasurer, and, in accepting it, hoped he should continue to give the satisfaction he seemed to have given during the past year, and assured the brethren that he would do all in his power for the good of the lodge. Bro. Steedman was re-elected Tyler, and Bros. J. Ellis and A. W. Naylor appointed to assist in auditing the accounts. Some complimentary remarks having been made of the excellent manner in which Bro. Wilson, W.M., had governed the lodge and worked the ceremonies during his year of office, it was unanimously decided that a Past Master's jewel be presented to him, upon his retiring from the position of Worshipful Master, as a testimony of the great esteem in which he is held by every member of the lodge. A gentleman was proposed for initiation at the next meeting, and, the business of the evening being ended, the lodge adjourned until the fourth Wednesday in June (the 24th), when the installation ceremony will be performed and officers invested.

LIVERPOOL.—*Neptune Lodge* (No. 1264.)—Taking the lead amongst the numerous summer installations in Liverpool, the brethren of the Neptune Lodge assembled in strong force at the Masonic Hall, Liverpool, on Friday, the 5th inst., for the purpose, principally, of assisting at the placing of Bro. J. S. Dixon, W.M. elect, in the chair of K.S. The importance of the occasion, the prosperity of the lodge, and the popularity of the brother whom the brethren delighted to honour by entrusting with the government of the lodge, were clearly shown by one of the largest and most influential attendances, both of members and visitors, ever seen in the Neptune Lodge. The lodge was opened about five o'clock, by Bro. Arthur Davies, the much esteemed W.M., whose principal supporters were Bros. P. B. Gee, P.M.; J. Taylor, P.M., D.C.; J. S. Dixon, S.W.; T. Singleton, J.W.; J. Healing, P.M., Treas.; J. Pemberton, P.M., Sec.; W. Roberts, S.D.; A. Cotter, J.D.; R. Royle, I.G.; J. Korn, S.; J. C. Fish, S.; J. Hill, Org.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. The members present were Bros. J. Alexander, J. P. Gamble, T. Ryley, A. L. Wylie, L. Schultz, W. Fish, C. S. Davies, W. A. Dawson, J. Paltreyman, G. A. Hall, J. W. Burgess, P. West, A. Morrice, J. Bushell, W. Gray, J. Grindell, J. Lyon, E. Hartnell, W. C. Webb, R. Smith, J. Hamer, P.P.G. Treasurer, J. Kelly, W. Brewer, D. R. Davies, T. G. Wilkin, W. Hill, W. Dickenson, R. P. Bott, G. Smith, J. Cottrell, J. Leonard, W. Crook, J. Hughes, E. A. Gray, E. Ellison, R. Bradley, A. Fletcher, J. Griffiths, J. Burke, R. S. Ogle, J. Hughes, J.

Abrahams, G. Temple, J. Richardson, J. Roberts, J. Johnson, Y. H. Jackson, Y. Crank, and others. The visitors present were Bro. W. F. Savage, S.W., of the Hyde Park Lodge, No. 1425, (London), and of the Ranelagh Lodge, No. 834; W. Doyle, P.J.G.D.; J. Skeaf, P.G.O.; T. Evans, W.M. 1356; W. Sephton, W.M. 1086; W. Jones, P.M. 220; R. R. Martin, P.M. 1094; J. Lunt, P.M. 1086; J. Jones, W.M. 1393; E. Rothwell, S.W. 1356; H. Pearson, P.M. 249; R. Abraham, P.M. 1086; W. Shortis P.M. 724; W. R. Bainbridge, P.M., Sec. 1276; C. Leedham, P.M. 220; T. B. Myers, J.W. 1182; J. Devaynes, P.M. 667; J. Wood, Treas. 1024; W. Pugh, P.M. 1182; J. Davison W.M. 724; P. M. Larsen, P.M. 594; T. Ockleshaw, S.W. 667; A. C. Morrison, Sec. 594; M. Corless, W. 673; J. Hayes, J.W. 249; H. P. Price, S.D. 249; W. Hamilton, J.D. 249; H. Ashmore, J.W. 1325; A. Stother, S23; R. Carter, 249; J. Romano, 667; J. Harrison, 673; J. Jones, 605; W. Atherton, S23; A. D. Hesketh, 1182; R. Crispe, 724; C. G. Wynne, 249; D. Robertson, 1835; E. C. Jones, 1356; J. Jacobs, 724; W. Draper, 673; and others. After the minutes had been read and duly confirmed, and several candidates had been balloted for, the position of presiding officer was taken by Bro. Joseph Healing, P.M., Treas., who proceeded to instal Bro. John S. Dixon, of the W.M. of the Neptune Lodge. The whole of the ceremony of installation, as well as the charges to the officers, was singularly impressive, and displayed in a remarkable manner the Masonic zeal and careful study which Bro. Healing had brought to bear on his work. The W.M. subsequently invested the following as his officers for the ensuing year.—Bros. A. Davies, I.P.M.; T. Singleton, S.W.; W. Roberts, J.W.; J. Griffiths, Sec.; J. Healing, Treas.; A. Cotter, S.D.; W. Royle, J.D.; J. Korn, I.G.; P. B. Gee, P.M., D.C.; J. C. Fish, S.S.; J. Hill, Asst. Sec.; A. C. Wylie, J.S.; and R. Smith, Organist. Bro. W. H. Ball was unanimously re-elected Tyler of the lodge. On the motion of Bro. P. M. Pemberton, seconded by Bro. P. M. Gee, a cordial vote of thanks was passed to Bro. P. M. Healing, for the exceedingly effective manner in which he had performed the ceremony of installation. Bro. Healing in acknowledging the compliment, said it was always the duty of a child to remember his parent, and therefore, if he had done his work to the satisfaction of the brethren that day, they must give Bro. Hamer all the credit of his instruction. A vote of thanks was also passed to Bro. Hamer, P.P.G. Treas., for his assistance on that occasion, and after Bro. Hamer had acknowledged the vote, the W.M. presented Bro. A. Davies, I.P.M., with a very handsome P.M.'s jewel, as a token of the esteem in which he was held by the brethren of the Neptune Lodge, and also as a recognition of the able manner in which he had discharged the duties of the chair, to the admiration of the brethren. Bro. Davies acknowledged the gift in a feeling and pointed speech, assuring the brethren that he would continue to wear the jewel presented to him with pride and pleasure, and with a continued desire to merit the approbation of his brethren in Masonry. At the conclusion of the installation ceremony, the newly-chaired W.M. inaugurated his year's labour by initiating two candidates into the mysteries and privileges of the Order, and the exceedingly masterly manner in which this was done augurs well for the coming year in the Neptune Lodge. After the transaction of some other business, the lodge was closed, and about sixty of the brethren retired from labour to refreshment. The W.M. in brief but pithy terms, proposed "The Queen," "Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Past G.M., the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family," "The Marquess of Ripon, M.W.G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon, R.W.D.G.M., and the other officers of the Grand Lodge," and "The Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, R.W.P.G.M., the Hon. Frederick Stanley, W.D.P.G.M., and the P.G. Officers." Bro. Skeaf, P.G.O., who responded for the last named toast, said it had always been the object of his lordship to promote the interests of Masonry in the province of West Lancashire, and an impetus had been given to the Craft since his appointment. Bro. Davies, I.P.M., next proposed "The Worshipful

Master," and said he was sure no brother of the Neptune Lodge felt that any mistake had been committed in appointing Bro. Dixon as their Master, who was undoubtedly "the right man in the right place." He had always faithfully attended to the duties of the lodge, which was the secret of his success in his Masonic career. During its existence the membership of the lodge had increased from six to about two hundred, and it was by his determination to do his duty manfully, faithfully, and straightforward that Bro. Dixon was now in the proud position of W.M. of Neptune Lodge. The W.M. in acknowledging the toast, assured the brethren that he would spare no exertion to uphold the status and dignity of the lodge. The W.M. then gave "The Installing Master," (Bro. Healing, P.M., who had left at this stage), "The I.P.M. and P.M.'s," the latter toast being acknowledged by Bro. Davies, I.P.M. "The Visiting Brethren" was acknowledged by Bro. W. Crane, P.M.; "The Wardens and Officers of the Lodge," by Bro. Roberts, J.W. (acting as S.W.); "The West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution" by Bro. Martin, P.M. 1094. Bro. Savage of London, also spoke in the highest terms of the Masonic Educational Institutions for Boys and Girls in the metropolis, and Bro. Leedham, P.M. 220, said that the claims of the Institution for Aged and Distressed Freemasons should not be forgotten. "The Brethren of the Neptune Lodge" was acknowledged by Bro. Bushell; "Our Seafaring Brethren," by Bro. Hill and Grindell; and "The Masonic Press" by Bro. J. B. Mackenzie. "The Tylers' Toast," given by the Acting S.W., brought the pleasant proceedings to a close. During the evening several excellent songs were given by Bros. W. Jones, Dawson, Savage, (whose "Sly Glance" caused immense amusement), Gray, the W.M., and other brethren, Bro. Skeaf presided at the harmonium.

MARQUESS OF RIPON LODGE (No. 1489).—This lodge held its first meeting on Friday, the 5th inst. Present, Bros. W. J. Stephens, W.M.; E. Somers, S.W.; W. G. Murlis, J.W.; Rev. P. Holden, Chaplain; Walford, Treas.; W. Jones, Sec.; and others. The ballot was taken for four joining members and eleven initiates, but as no dispensation had been obtained five only were initiated into the mysteries of the Craft by the W.M., who performed the ceremony in a most impressive manner. At the conclusion of the business a cold collation was provided by Bro. Grist, of Hackney. The usual Masonic toasts, were duly honoured and responded to. Bro. J. Brett the acting P.M. proposed the toast of "The W.M.," who in reply urged upon the brethren the necessity of being particular in whom they proposed as members of the lodge, wishing those only to be introduced which could with confidence be admitted to their own homes and friends of their family. Bro. Vine, the W.M. of the Phoenix, Bro. Bellerby, P.M. of the Prosperity, and Bro. Captain Webb of the Clapton, were visitors, and severally acknowledged the hospitality afforded. A most harmonious and friendly meeting was brought to a close by the Tyler's toast, and adjourned to the first Friday in July.

INSTRUCTION.

WELLINGTON LODGE OF INSTRUCTION (No. 548).—The anniversary festival of this popular Lodge of Instruction, was held on Monday evening, at the White Swan, High-street, Deptford, and proved most successful. Over 80 brethren attended, all, or nearly all, of whom were local Freemasons of Greenwich and Deptford. The ceremonies of Lodge Consecration and W.M. Installation were announced to be performed, and the brother selected as "Consecrating Officer," was Bro. James Terry, an accomplished instructor in "the noble science," and both well-known and deservedly popular. Everything had been done beforehand which could make the evening pass off well, and the influence of some of the brethren had been successfully exercised among the Catholic priesthood in the neighbourhood, who most generously lent their silver consecrating vessels for the occasion. The incense, the corn, the wine, and the oil, were thus distributed with the same solemnity and from as valuable vessels as at the

ceremonial observed at a regular consecration, and the services were conducted as "decently and in order," as by "the officer appointed by the M.W. the Grand Master." Bro. James Terry, G. Director of Ceremonies for the Province of Herts, took the chair, having Bro. James Griffin, P.M. 933, as S.W.; Bro. C. G. Dilley, W.M. 147, P.M. 1155, Preceptor to the lodge, as J.W.; Bro. Govan Macdonald, J.W. 1158, Hon. Sec., as D.C.; and Bro. W. Kipps, J.D. 1275, Org. 79, 1310, 1314, and chapter 79, as Organist. The ceremonies were of course perfectly performed by the Consecrating Officer and his assistants, and the music of Bro. Kipps, and the singing of the splendid choir, by whom he was assisted, gave a finish to the proceedings which in other cases frequent previous rehearsals only could have produced. At the conclusion of the work, which was conducted in the fine large banqueting room of the White Swan, the brethren adjourned to a cold collation in the lodge room where Bro. Griffin presided, and after the repast proposed the customary toasts. "The Masonic Charities," were duly honoured, and in replying on behalf of these admirable Institutions, Bro. James Terry gave a rapid genial sketch of that with which he was more immediately connected, and the immense progress of it and its sister institutions during the last few years. He particularly alluded to the generous support which had at all times been extended to them in the districts of Deptford and Greenwich, and hoped that they would always not only receive but deserve the appreciation of their efforts to relieve misery, which the brethren in South-East London had exhibited. The brethren separated rather late, but not before all the loyal and Masonic toasts had been proposed.

Royal Arch.

WILLIAM PRESTON CHAPTER (No. 166).—The first meeting after the consecration of this chapter was held on Thursday, the 28th of May, 1874, at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C. The following companions were present—Comps. William Morrell, M.E.Z.; George J. Kain, H.; R. H. Whiteman, J.; George Newman, S.N.; Henry Garrod, S.E.; W. R. Newton, Treasurer; James Brett. Visitor Comp. R. H. Harvey, P.Z. 720. The minutes of the preliminary meetings and consecration were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for several brethren whose names appeared on the summons, the following being present, were duly exalted to the degree of Royal Arch Masons, viz.:—Bros. W. H. Harper, P.M. 766; A. Braun, S.W. 766; P. C. Steianann, 766; C. R. Cutmore, 766; W. H. Kempster, 890; W. C. Cecil, S.W. 173. Comp. W. H. Harper was duly elected and invested as P.S., and appointed Comps. A. Braun, and W. H. Kempster, as his 1st and 2nd Asst. Soj.

ROSE OF DENMARK CHAPTER (No. 975).—This chapter met at the Star and Garter, Kew-bridge, on Saturday, the 6th inst., when a large number of companions assembled. Comp. W. Tinkler, was installed as M.E.Z., by Comp. J. Terry, P.Z., after which Bros. J. May, Frank May and W. H. Lee, were exalted, the chairs being filled by Comps. Pendlebury, R. W. Little, and J. B. Poole, and the other work devolving upon Comps. W. Dodd and J. Owens. The chapter having been closed, an excellent banquet was served by Comp. Banks, the host, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. Comps. H. G. Buss, P.Z., Treas.; W. F. Smith, P.Z.; A. H. Longhurst, H.; J. Newton, P.Z.; D. W. Pearse, and G. Everett, were amongst those present during the evening.

Red Cross of Constantine.

LEICESTER.—Byzantine Conclave (No. 44).—A regular assembly of this flourishing conclave took place at Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on Monday, 18th inst., and was largely attended by the members. A College of Viceroys having been formed, Sir Knight F. J. Baines, 18°, V.E. elect, was consecrated as V.E., as were also Sir Knights Dr. Hunt and J. C. Duncombe, who

had been recommended for that distinction by the permanent committee. The ceremony of consecration was performed by Sir Knight Toller, 18°. G. Council. After the conclave had been opened and the minutes confirmed the ballot was taken for Bro. Ward, of the Yarra Yarra Lodge, Melbourne, Australia, which being unanimous in his favour, he was duly installed, as was also Sir Knight J. Shaw, 1391, previously elected. The M.P.S., Sir Knight S. Sturbridge, 18°, K.G.C., very ably conducted the ceremony, the traditional history being given by Sir Knight Toller, and the charge by the Intendant-General Sir Knight W. Kelly, Sir Knight C. Stretton, Hon. Sov. was then inducted into the chair of C., on giving his assent to the usual charges, after which he was saluted, and proceeded to appoint and invest his officers for the year. The Treasurer's report, showing a considerable balance in hand, was adopted, after which the conclave was closed, and the members, to the number of 25 adjourned to the banquet, after which the usual toasts were very heartily responded to. In the course of the evening it transpired that Sir Knight W. Kelly has been appointed Chief Intendant-General for the Eastern Midland Counties, a well deserved honour, for which he received the congratulations of those present.

LIVERPOOL.—Skelmersdale Conclave (No. 77).—On Monday evening, the 1st instant, the annual assembly of the Knights of Rome and of the Red Cross of Constantine attached to the Skelmersdale Conclave, No. 77, was held at the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool. Em. Sir Knight H. Nelson, M.P.S., occupied the throne at the opening of the conclave, and the other principals of the Order present were Ill. Sir Knight J. K. Smith, Int. General Unattached; Em. Sir Knight J. T. Callow, V.E.; Sir Knights W. Cottrell, J.G.; H. Jackson, H.P.; T. Ashmore, P.S., Treasurer; J. McCarthy, Recorder; J. J. Rose, S. Prefect; J. Skeaf, J. Prefect; H. Morris, Orator; C. Leighton, Organist; W. Quayle, Herald; J. Capell, S.S.; and P. Ball, Sentinel. The other Knights who assembled in the conclave chamber were the following:—Sir Knights J. Lolley, W. Shortis, J. Purvis, E. A. Wright, W. P. Jennings, C. Munro, Y. Alvarez, R. H. Evans, T. Large, W. H. Cooper, J. S. L. Hobbs, J. C. McGuire, T. Garratt, J. Burgess, H. Burrows, and J. White. Amongst the visitors were Em. Sir Knight H. M. Molyneux, M.P.S. No. 55, and Sir Knight R. Washington H.P. No. 55. After the records of the previous conclave had been read and confirmed, Em. Sir Knight Nelson proceeded to install, in a most efficient manner, Bros. Fletcher, White, Auchinleck, and Dale into the rank and honours of the Order. The ceremony of enthronement of Em. Sir Knight J. T. Callow as M.P.S. of the conclave was then proceeded with, Ill. Sir Knight J. K. Smith, Int. Gen. West Lancashire, being the presiding officer. After the ceremony had been very efficiently performed, Sir Knight W. Cottrell was duly installed Viceroy, and the following officers were subsequently invested by the M.P.S.:—Sir Knights H. Jackson, S.G.; J. McCarthy, J.G.; J. J. Rose, H.P.; T. Ashmore, P.S., Treasurer; J. Skeaf, Rec.; W. R. Corbin, S. Prefect; H. Morris, J. Prefect; E. Quayle, S. Bearer; R. H. Evans, Orator; C. Leighton, Organist; W. H. Cooper, Herald; H. Burrows, S. Aide, T. Garratt, J. Aide; T. Large, M.C.; and P. Ball, Sentinel. The conclave was subsequently closed in regular form, and the assembled knights banqueted in the conclave chamber.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—This cooling Medicine may be used with the happiest effects when the blood is overheated and a tendency to inflammatory action appears in the system; a course of one Pill a day taken shortly before dinner does away with the indigestion, fullness, and flatulency—indications of a weak stomach or disordered liver. A few Pills taken at bedtime act as alterative and aperients; they not only relieve the bowels, but regulate every organ connected with them, overcome all acrid humours, and encourage a free supply of all the secretions essential to our well-being. Holloway's Pills thoroughly cleanse and perfectly regulate the circulation, and in hot climates and high temperatures induce that feeling of comfort which is the pleasing accompaniment of a high state of health.—ADVT.

Scotland.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF THE MIDD WARD OF LANARKSHIRE.—This Provincial Grand Lodge met on 27th of May, in the Masonic Hall, Motherwell. In the absence of P.G.M., Bro. James Mecoy, on the Continent the lodge was presided over by Bro. J. C. Forrester, S.P.G.M., assisted by the following Provincial Grand office-bearers—J. Henderson, P.G.S.W. Wm. Morrison, P.G.J.W.; J. Nesbett, P.G.S. C. Nelson, P.G.S.; and W. McMurdo, P.G.S. The lodge having been opened in due form, the acting P.G.M. informed the brethren that the principal business of this special meeting was to consider a remit from the Grand Lodge of Scotland for a new lodge at Coatbridge, to be called the St. Andrew's. The old lodge had raised some objection at Edinburgh, and the whole matter was now remitted to them to be investigated into and reported on. After some conversation on the subject it was moved by Bro. Henderson, R.W.M. of 116, Airdrie, and unanimously agreed to. "That seeing there has been no opposition to the prayer of the petition offered to the Prov. Grand Lodge, that the Secretary be instructed to report to the Provincial Committee accordingly, requesting them to exercise the powers vested in them by the Grand Lodge and grant the charter asked for. The being no further business the Prov. Grand Lodge was then closed.

GLASGOW.—Lodge Union (No. 332) met at 170, Buchanan-street, Glasgow, on Monday, June 1st, 1874. Bros. J. B. McNair, R.W.M. J. Murray, as S.W.; and James Balfour, J.W. There was one candidate for initiation the lodge was then raised to the second degree when a brother was passed to the Fellow Craft. The R.W.M. then installed Bro. J. Pash as Deputy Master, and Bro. J. Gilles as Substituted Master. A motion for the purchase of an harmonium for the use of the lodge was deferred till the next meeting, as well as some other business of a private character. The lodge was then closed in the usual form.

GLASGOW.—Lodge Thistle and Rose (No. 73) The old lodge met at 170, Buchanan-street, on June 2nd, Bros. G. Weston, R.W.M.; J. McLeod, acting S.W.; J. McGregor, J.W. The work consisted of one raising, which was performed in a very careful manner by Bro. W. Dobbie, R.W.M. 362. Some lodge business occupied the rest of the evening.

HOLYTOWN.—St. John Woodhall Lodge (No. 305.)—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 23rd ult. The lodge was opened by the R.W.M., Bro. Coke, the E.A. Degree. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and approved of, Bro. Meek said, Right Worshipful Sir, Wardens, brethren, no doubt you are all aware of the calls that have been made upon us for charity to assist some poor brother who was in want of a great many cases quite unexpectedly to most of the members present at these meetings consequently the sum subscribed was not what it might have been had we had a fund for that purpose. I beg therefore to present to the lodge this box, to be known as the Charity Benevolent Fund Box, hoping that it will be placed in the lodge at each meeting, so every brother will, who thinks proper, have opportunity of practising that best of virtues, namely, charity. The R.W.M. on receiving the box thanked Bro. Meek in the name of the lodge. The box is in the shape of a diamond jewel, on each side of which are a few Masonic emblems. Two gentlemen were then initiated into the mysteries of the first degree, Bro. J. Kennedy, R.W.M. elect of Lodge St. Andrew's Coatbridge, officiating. The nomination of candidates for the chair and other offices followed after which the lodge was closed in due form.

MURKIRK.—St. Thomas Lodge (No. 101) The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the lodge room, on June 12th, 1874. Bro. David Samson, R.W.M., was taken his place in the seat, and the other

of the lodge being in their respective places, the lodge was opened in the ancient form, when the R.W.M. called upon Bro. James Adamson, who delivered a very instructive lecture on the Master Mason degree. Bro. Adamson is a very young Mason, but bids fair to outstrip by far many of his seniors. The very frank and open way he defined some of the important points of this degree shows he has had great energy in the Masonic cause, and it is hoped that this example may prove a stimulus to many of the brethren of St. Thomas, to be up and do likewise, and we have no doubt that by such meetings and such instructions Masonry will prove a greater blessing in the future in this district than it has in the past.

GLASGOW.—*Caledonian Railway Lodge* (No. 354) held their monthly meeting on Wednesday, the 3rd inst., J. Shaw, R.W.M.; A. A. Smith, P.M.; J. Stafford, S.W.; J. Dune, J.W.; Jas. Crabb, S.; when one brother was, after due examination passed to the degree of a Fellow Craft.

GLASGOW.—*Lodge Clyde* (No. 408) held its monthly meeting on Friday, the 5th inst. The R.W.M. being unavoidably absent, at the request of Bro. R. Mitchell, D.M., and D.P.M. of 332, Bro. J. Bain, P.M. of 103, took the chair; J. MacGuinness, S.W.; J. Garwen, J.W.; J. Murton, Sec.; J. Stewart, S.D. The acting R.W.M. asked the lodge to grant his lodge the privilege of having a candidate initiated along with them; this was granted, Jas. Nichodemis Jamieson for 103, and Jas. W. Hunter, for the Clyde Lodge were then introduced and initiated into Freemasonry. The lodge was then raised, when Bro. P. Campbell and N. Jamieson, were passed to the Fellow Craft degree. There were a good many visitors present including Bro. G. Webster, R.W.M. 73.

ZETLAND COMMEMORATION FUND.

The following is the text of the circular issued by the sub-committee of the Zetland Commemoration Fund, the substance of which was given in our last issue:—

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,
16th March, 1869.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

Many enquiries having been made as to the destination of this Fund, we have the pleasure to inform you that the M.W. the Grand Master (having consulted the General Committee) has been pleased to state that he is willing to accept the Fund for the following purpose, viz:

"To invest it in the name of Trustees, and devote the interest to the relief of distinguished brethren who may become distressed their widows, or relations depending on them. The disposal of it to rest with Lord Zetland for his life; and, after him, with the Grand Master for the time being. The Grand Master will fix hereafter such regulations as he may think proper for the administration of the Fund."

We have good reason to hope that this will meet with general approbation. We request that you will communicate it to the members of your Lodge or Chapter; and if their subscriptions have not been already sent in, we shall be glad if you will remit them without delay.

We remain, dear Sir and Brother,

Yours, fraternally,

W. J. SIMPSON } Hon. Secs.
JOHN M. CLABON }
JAS. TERRY, Secretary.

The above appeared in *The Freemason* for March 20th, 1869. What has been done to carry out the object of this fund? Have any "distinguished brethren" in distress been aided? As a subscriber of a guinea I should like to know when and how the handsome sum raised as a lasting testimonial to our lamented Past Grand Master is to be dispersed.

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CONSECRATION OF THE ATHENÆUM LODGE (No. 1491.)

A new lodge with this title was consecrated on Wednesday evening, at the Athenæum, in the Camden-road, by Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary, who was assisted in the performance of the ceremonies by Bros. Woodford, Past Grand Chaplain; T. Fenn, P.A.G.D.C., as S.W.; Buss, Prov. G. Treasurer, Middlesex, as J.W.; Joseph Smith, P.G.P., as Director of Ceremonies; Little, Prov. G. Secretary, Middlesex, and Jas. Terry, Prov. G. Director of Ceremonies, Herts. Bro. Woodford delivered an admirable oration on the principles of the Order, and the ceremonies were adorned with some good music performed by Bro. W. H. Thomas. At the conclusion of the ceremony of consecration Bro. Hervey installed Bro. Samuel Poynter, W.M., who afterwards appointed the following brethren as his officers for the year:—W. Giles, S.W.; Angelo J. Lewis, J.W.; Benjamin Mallam, Treas.; George J. Brocklerby, Sec.; A. C. Lewis, S.D.; C. Giles, J.D.; W. H. Thomas, I.G.; and Grant, T. Bro. T. Fenn gave the charge to the W.M., Bro. Jas. Terry that to the Wardens, and Bro. Little that to the brethren. Propositions for joining and initiation were then received, and a vote of thanks, moved by the W.M. and seconded by Bro. Mallam, was unanimously carried to Bro. John Hervey for consecrating the lodge, and he was constituted an hon. member of the lodge. Bro. Hervey replied and said he felt it a great compliment to be elected a member of the lodge. A vote of thanks was also given to the W.M., S., and J.W. the Treasurer, and Bro. C. Giles, was passed on the motion of Bro. Brocklesby, seconded by Bro. H. Thomas, for gifts of various portions of the lodge furniture. Another vote was passed to Bro. Woodford, P.G.C., who had acted as Chaplain, and delivered the oration. Yet another vote of thanks was passed to Bros. Buss, Little, Terry, Fenn, and Joseph Smith, for assisting in the consecration. Bro. Fenn replied on behalf of all these brethren. The lodge was afterwards closed till the first Wednesday in July.

The following brethren were present during the evening—Samuel Poynter, W.M.; J. G. Chancellor, I.P.M.; Benjamin Mallam, Treas.; George J. Brocklesby, Secretary; A. C. Lewis, S.D.; H. Giles, J.D.; W. J. Foster, 19; H. Dodd, 1209; H. C. Levander, 142; John Hervey, G.S.; Thomas Fenn, P.G.A.D.C.; Joseph Smith, P.G.P.; H. G. Buss, Provincial Grand Treasurer, Middlesex; A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C.; J. F. West, P.M. 753; R. H. Harvey, P.M. 902; W. Wigginton, P.M. 902; R. W. Field, W.M. 902; Thomas Williams, 177; W. J. Leishman, P.M. 754; W. Smith, P.M. 33; A. B. Astley, W.M. 890; R. Baker, P.M. 177; W. H. Thomas, 1351; F. Binckes, P.G.S.; R. H. Marsh, P.M. 1196; R. Wentworth Little, Prov. G. Sec. Middlesex; W. D. S. Green, James Terry, Prov. G.D.C., Herts; D. R. Still, P.M. 1293; Charles B. Payne, P.M. 27; Thomas Hales, S.D. 227; John Green, J.W.; John Harker, 19; G. C. Turner, 902; Newton Pratt, 624; A. Booth, 36; Daniel J. Miller, 21; Henry Smith, P.M. 902; B. J. Bridgewater, 1140. The brethren then adjourned to refreshment, after which the customary toasts were proposed. Bro. Woodford responded for the "Grand Officers," and was followed by Bro. T. Fenn, who remarked on the satisfaction it gave him to find that this lodge was consecrated and would be held in a building not connected with a tavern. It had always struck him that the beautiful ceremonies were degraded by being delivered in close proximity to a tap-room. But he was not averse to the refreshment portion of Masonry, because he believed that after the labours of the evening, it was necessary to have refreshment. Indeed, he found it in the Book of Ecclesiastes, of which King Solomon was the author, that it was good for a man to have refreshment.

Bro. Hervey proposed "The Health of the W.M." He hoped the ceremonies of the occa-

sion had been carried out to the satisfaction of all the brethren. He was sure Bro. Poynter would carry out the duties of W.M. properly, and that the work was in good hands. There was no better toast than this, "Prosperity to the Lodge." It would commend itself to all the brethren.

The W.M. replied. The utmost kindness and consideration had always been extended to him, and on this occasion there was no diminution of that cordiality.

The W.M. proposed "The Health of Bro. Hervey." As a Mason, a gentleman, and a brother of the Craft, Bro. Hervey had attained to the highest position in the affections of the Craft. It had been much discussed in Grand Lodge what a Grand Secretary should be, but as having been compelled to have much communication with him, he found him the very man for the place. Every other brother had the same opinion.

Bro. Hervey said, this was one occasion when a man would rather speak by deputy. The W.M.'s eulogium of him had been almost extravagant, but he was always glad to be of use to the Craft. He was proud to have assisted at the consecration of such a distinguished lodge as this was likely to become. "The Visitors" was a toast which drew forth the expressions of warmest hospitality from the W.M., and the brethren drank it with great cordiality. Bros. Chancellor, and Col. Wigginton responded, Bro. Wigginton said he felt the lodge would be a great success. Bro. Field also responded, and as a member of 902 was extremely proud to see one of its best P.M.'s, and its Treasurer in the W.M. chair of the Athenæum Lodge. "The Officers" was the next toast, and it was drunk with great warmth. After having been proposed with the kindest expressions by the W.M., the S.W. replied, as did also Bro. Angelo J. Lewis, J.W., who expressed his belief that the W.M. had conducted the business of the lodge with a due regard to the principles of Freemasonry. He looked on the brethren who had performed the consecration as having shed a lustre on the lodge, and it was a happy omen in the future success of the lodge.

The toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary" was beautifully proposed by the W.M., and Bro. Mallam responded, stating that if entrusted with the money of the lodge he would take care of it. Bro. Brooker being Secretary did not doubt that he would be able to do the work of the lodge efficiently, and promised his utmost endeavours to make the lodge an honour to the Craft. "The Masonic Institutions" was the next toast.

Bro. Little as Secretary of one of the Institutions rejoiced that the Athenæum Lodge had begun to assist their Institutions already, the Worshipful Master having placed himself as a Steward of one of the institutions for next year. Bro. Terry thanked the W.M. having included the Boys' School in the toast. Bro. Binckes had been compelled to go away; for himself, he was glad to see that the principle of the Burgoyne Lodge was going to be followed in the Athenæum, to be Vice President of all the Masonic Institutions. The Charities must look forward to new members for support. The principle on which this new lodge was founded was a good one, and he hoped to see it repeated by other lodges.

Bro. A. C. Lewis, replied for the S.D., J.D., and I.G., after which the Tyler's toast was given, and the brethren separated.

CONSECRATION OF THE FELIX LODGE No. 1494.

This lodge was consecrated at the Clarence Hotel, Teddington, Middlesex, on Saturday, the 30th ult., by Bro. R. Wentworth Little, Provincial Grand Secretary, assisted by V.W. Bro. J. Hervey, Grand Secretary, as S.W.; H. G. Buss, Provincial Grand Treasurer, as J.W.; Rev. P. M. Holden as Chaplain; and T. W. White, Past Grand Steward, as D.C.

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The Freemason,

SATURDAY, JUNE 13TH, 1874.

IN MEMORIAM.

One of the most affecting circumstances connected with this human life of ours, (independently of its admitted shortness and its unsteady gifts, and that sense of weariness which falls so often on the human heart, amid toil and amid success), is that constant separation from old companions and valued friends, which takes place every day, nay every hour, in all professions and on every highway or byway of the world. Whoever we be, wherever our lot is cast, we ever may be allotted to us as our rank or our position in society and among our fellow men, but copies to us all equally, sooner or later, that changing experience of human existence, which is probably most fully and truly realized in that greatest of all severances which divides us from our mates and companions here, sad, but common lot of us frail children of Earth, which throws, so to say, its cloud of gloom and regret, over the pathway of our life, and penetrates with sorrow, or bows down with awe, many a loving, many a friendly, many a sympathizing heart of man. Just as of old the poet sang in solemn strain, so is it in a measure still with us all:—

"Divesnè prisco natus ab Inacho
Nil interest, an pauper et infimè
De gente sub Dio moreris.
Victima nil miserantis Orçi.
Omnes eodem cogimur, omnium
Versatur urna, seriùs, ocìus
Sors exitura."

For even to day, we miss in a moment a companion of years from our very side, read in the daily journal of the passing away of some well known and valued fellow laborer. The active brain has ceased to work, the frequent tongue to speak, the warm heart to beat, and we find that like a band of pilgrims, passing onward to some distant shrine, one by one our fellow travellers have fallen out by the way, either in the fulness of all their powers of mind and body, because in God's good and merciful Providence their hour was come, or because they became prematurely footsore by the fainting weary with the march of life. Those of us who have had much to do with Lodge life especially, must know, and we know how true this is of those associations, which

linked together, in some pleasant hour, of Masonic work or social fellowship, for time as it fleets by us so rapidly, as some one has said, "on its wings of air," takes away one by one, many who once were the prop and ornament of our lodges, —the soul, so to speak, of many a genial moment of kindly intercourse, the best of friends, and the truest of companions.

Such, we venture to think, will have been the thoughts and associations which must have arisen in the mind and memories of our readers, when they saw, last week, the little paragraph which announced the lamented death of Bro. J. R. Stebbing. For though he was probably best known and appreciated in his own distinguished Hampshire province, and in the South of England, where the greater part of his good Masonic work was done, yet as a speaker and a working member he was well known in Grand Lodge, and the Board of General Purposes, and other Masonic official duties, and his name is a very familiar one to our English Craft, and his Masonic reputation was, so to say, the common property of the Order. Most of us have read from time to time, those eloquent speeches of his, delivered on various occasions, marked by his own original ideas, and personal characteristics, and which have always seemed to us, to embody, in a striking measure, especially in their enunciation of first principles, the truest teaching of Freemasonry. Regretting then, as we do, the end of a honourable, hard-working, high-minded Masonic career, we feel bound to-day not to allow such a loss to our Order to pass altogether unnoticed or unrecorded in our pages! For the loss of Bro. Stebbing is a great loss to us, as a fraternity, take it as you will. We have happily in our Order many, very many, distinguished, and honourable, and able brethren, ornaments to their various professions, and a credit to our sodality, but we have to deplore in the death of Bro. Stebbing, the removal from among us of a most typical representative of Masonic truth and Masonic energy. It may be, that, in his long career we may not always have agreed with his views, propounded as they were with outspoken animation, though we always honoured his motives, and though sometimes we found ourselves opposed to the Mason in the great interests of our common fraternity, we yet always loved the man. There was something in Bro. Stebbing so thoroughly English, honest, reliable, and Masonic, that, no one could be brought into personal contact with him without liking him, and no one ever made his acquaintance without wishing to know more of him. Unlike some men, he always gained upon acquaintance, and even when you did not always agree with his earnest and outspoken opinions, either on his own entire honesty and sincerity, the absence in him of anything merely personal or selfish. His zeal for the Craft was, we believe unquenched to the last, and no one member of our entire English Order, has more openly proclaimed "in season and out of season" his entire devotion to the principles and position of Freemasonry, amid the conflict of the hour, and "the strife of tongues," and before that outer world

which knows nothing of our tenets, and yet is so apt to condemn alike our professions and our practice. Bro. Stebbing will be a "missed man" in that province with which he has been so long connected, and in which he held such high office, and in that town of which he has been so long a well-known and active citizen. He has filled very high posts of duty alike in municipal as in Masonic life, and has earned in both characters the good opinion and respect both of his fellow citizens and his brethren. It is always a sorrow to us to part with the old familiar face, to miss the pleasant countenance, to listen no more to the well-known voice, and to feel that all of earthly companionship or association for the time is over. But yet the grief we feel is lessened, and the sad sense of loss is mitigated, when we also rest assured that, that was indeed a true labourer's life whose close we now regret, that like a good soldier, our fellow pilgrim has died, so to say, "with harness on his back," that he has passed away doing his duty to the last, working the work of another and greater Master, until the night came when none of us can work any more. In Bro. Stebbing's Masonic career we have a high example for our own Craft, old or young, and in our deep regrets for his mourning family, and in our sympathy for the brethren of his province and lodge, we yet claim, in the name, and with the fraternal respect of our entire Brotherhood to cast our humble wreath of "Immortelles" on the grave of our worthy, and zealous, and devoted, and lamented brother, J. R. Stebbing.

THE LAST ELECTION OF THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

We have received several letters complaining of the non-publication of the names of the successful and unsuccessful candidates at the last election of the R.M. Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and their Widows. "A priori," one would have thought, that the most natural place to find the earliest official information was in the pages of *The Freemason*, and we do not, therefore, at all wonder at, or complain of, the remarks of our correspondents. Certainly any one would say, "in our only English Masonic Newspaper, we shall find the information we anxiously seek, which, in one sense, is purely Masonic." "According to Cocker," any Freemason would naturally look to the columns of *The Freemason* to find the official announcement of so great and so valuable an institution of our Craft. But if we did really reason so, we should soon see the fallacy of our position, we should soon be entirely undeceived. That is by no means the way we do our business at the head quarters of the institution in this metropolis of the country, and of Freemasonry. Nothing of the sort! We are Freemasons who conduct this paper for the information of the brotherhood, and therefore, we are the last persons to receive such official information from the Institution. Anxious, however, not to disappoint our readers, having received no official information from the office of the Society, we took the list from a paid advertisement in a non-Masonic journal. Can anything be more

absurd, or in truth unfair, or savouring more of hopeless red-tape? We are the only Masonic paper in existence in England, and we are favoured neither with a paid advertisement or an unpaid "communiqué." And yet, why we are thus left out in the cold, we do not know! We have unceasingly advocated the cause of each of the Masonic Charities, and have been at considerable cost to procure reliable reports for the brethren. Why then if we may not have paid advertisements, should we not have official information? We have never refused to publish anything sent to us, though our space is limited, and we do not therefore profess to understand what is to us a Masonic enigma.

We have hesitated to dwell upon this topic before, as we do again to-day, for fear we shall be fraternally answered, that we are only seeking for paid advertisements. But we will say this, once for all, with, we feel sure, the entire concurrence of the Craft, that, as a respectable and well-conducted Masonic paper, we have a right to expect, on the true principles of Freemasonry, some little patronage by this great Masonic Institution of our only Masonic paper. But we would even dispense with paid advertisements, from the Benevolent Institution, if we could but receive unpaid official information. Yet like some other Societies we wot of, the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution is tied down, by some old and stereotyped rules, which do not apply to the passing hour. Because there was a rule, at a time the Masonic press had but little circulation not to publish the advertisements in our Masonic papers, there is no reason why *The Freemason* should be now deprived of a fair share of patronage by the Institution, and be compelled to cull from non-Masonic papers, and paid advertisements in non-Masonic journals, the official return which it professes to supply to the Order. Such is the inveterate force of custom, that, we do not suppose that anything we have said will obtain a change in the system, which we regret, for the sake of the R. M. B. Institution itself. We have however thought it well, from a feeling of self-respect, and in consequence of the complaints we have received, to state the matter really as it is, for the information of the subscribers of that admirable Institution, and for the consideration of the House Committee and the Craft.

In Memoriam.

Servant of the Great Master, whose "Well done!" fell all too suddenly upon the ear,—
Like muffled thunder speaking when the sun
Is shining, and the summer skies are clear:
With silent grief we gather, one by one,
Mournful and heavy-hearted, round thy bier,
And give thee all that love can give,—a tear.

How many a heart thy tender hand hath sooth'd;
The widow and the orphan held thee dear;
Affliction's roughest paths by thee were smooth'd;
And helpless sorrow ever found thee near.
Stebbing! for thee our broken hearts lament;
And to thy name, in place of marble, rear
Love, as thy memory and monument.

HENRY DOMAN, P.M. 319.

GRAND MARK LODGE.

(Continued from p. 338.)

Bro. H. C. Levander said that the 15th July had been fixed as the day for holding the Benevolent Fund Festival. As to the place of meeting it had not yet been fixed. It had been hoped that the Alexandra Palace would be ready by that time, and communication had been had with the directors on the subject. An answer had not yet been received, but it was immediately expected.

Bro. J. H. Wynne hoped that a large number of brethren would come forward as Stewards on the occasion.

Grand Secretary said that the banquet was so well managed at the Alexandra Palace last year, and gave so much satisfaction, that it was wished to have it there again.

The Acting Grand Master hoped that in the interval between this meeting and the festival it would be well made known among the brethren and ladies. The calls on the Benevolent Fund were small and the balance in hand was considerable. It was a matter of great congratulation that very few Mark Masters applied to the fund for relief from time to time. It was proposed that as there were so few calls on it, there should be one or two exhibitions, by which one or two boys could have admission to Grammar Schools, and, after being examined and passing, should have scholarships at one of the universities. By this means deserving boys would have a chance of getting on. He thought the scheme was a good one. (Cheers.) Bro. J. T. Sabine thanked Grand Lodge for the vote which it had passed for his services. He trusted that at the festival for which he was to be Steward for Mark Grand Lodge, he should receive as good if not a better amount of support than he did in 1873. He then, as W.M. of the oldest Sussex Mark Lodge, invited in the name of that lodge the Grand Master to hold the annual moveable Grand Lodge at Brighton, in September or October.

Bro. James Stevens said it would give general satisfaction if the Grand Master selected Brighton for the purpose, and added that the moveable Grand Lodges had been of great service to Mark Masonry.

The Acting Grand Master observed that the holding of the Moveable Grand Lodge was entirely within the power of the Grand Master, and also as to where it should be held. He would bring the matter before Earl Percy, and he had no doubt arrangements would be made for holding it in Brighton in September or October.

A list of apologies for absence was read from several brethren, and a letter of condolence from Grand Lodge on his illness was ordered to be written by Grand Secretary (Bro. Stebbing).

Grand Lodge was then closed, and the brethren headed by Bro. Portal, sat down to banquet.

After the banquet grace was sung by Bros. H. D. Martin, T. B. Evison, A. Hubbard, and F. H. Cozens, and Miss Agnes Drummond.

The Acting Grand Master then gave the usual toasts. That of "The Queen" was proposed simply in these words—Brethren I give you "The Queen and Mark Masonry." The next toast was proposed by Bro. Portal in these words—Brethren I give you "The Prince of Wales, Prince Arthur, and Prince Leopold," all three of whom are Masons, and I am sure it is a matter of great congratulation that the younger brothers of the Prince of Wales have at last joined our great Order, and I have no doubt they will be as great an ornament to the Order as their brother.

The Acting Grand Master again rose and said: The next toast I have to bring before your notice is "The Health of our Grand Master." (Hear hear). It is a necessary condition of the election of a nobleman of high rank and great position, such as our Grand Master, who is not only a member of Parliament but also a high officer in the Queen's household, it is a condition of such an appointment as that, that we cannot be able to command his services here, as if we had an officer who had no other avocation or calling elsewhere. But I am sure the Grand Master regrets exceedingly, as he stated in the letter which I read you to-night that he is no

present with us. He feels very much the honour you have done him in electing him the second time to the chair of this Grand Lodge. His heart is in Mark Masonry, and he has done his utmost to promote the degree in his own province of Northumberland. I am sure there is no brother more deserves to have his health drunk with cordiality than our Grand Master.

The toast having been duly honoured,

Sir Edmund Lechmere, P.D.G.M., proposed "The Past Grand Masters," and in doing so said he knew they would all look with pride on the illustrious list of Past Grand Masters of this Order. Lord Holmesdale, the Earl of Carnarvon, Lord Holmesdale, Mr. Beach, and the Rev. G. R. Portal. With them, and the Earl Percy for the present Master, he could not conceive a more illustrious roll, though there might be in future times many distinguished Mark Masters added to the list, yet none could work more zealously than had those Grand Masters to place Mark Masonry in the position it now occupied. It was therefore due to them to acknowledge their services, both in the revival and sustaining of Mark Masonry, but while drinking the health of those who were absent they must not forget what they owed to Bro. Portal for the spread of the Order. He (Bro. Lechmere) was but a sluggish Mason, but it was surprising to see the stimulus which Bro. Portal gave to the Order. By his energy he had tended to strengthen the zeal of others to the cause, and he must be looked upon as one of the motive powers of the degree.

The acting Grand Master, in a very brief reply, said, that while thanking the brethren for this toast on behalf of the other P.G.M.'s and for himself, they thought the very least they could do was to place their services at the disposal of this Order. So long as they could be of use they would be happy to be so, and speaking for himself, if ever they wanted any one to conduct the business of the lodge, or this table, he should be always happy to do it.

The acting Grand Master then gave "The Deputy Grand Mark Master, the Earl of Limerick." That brother was unfortunately detained in the House of Lords, but they had a very distinguished Past Deputy Grand Master present, Sir Edmund Lechmere. Time was when he attended this Grand Lodge more regularly than he had of late years. In those days, under the influence of the good cheer which Grand Lodge set before its friends, he promised no effort should be wanting on his part to promote the good of Mark Masonry in his province of Worcester. But no doubt other avocations had prevented his carrying out those promises as fully as he would desire. But he (Bro. Portal) could not help thinking that Sir Edward Lechmere had set himself up as the Provincial Grand Master of Worcester. This Grand Lodge would be only too glad to see Mark Masonry put under his charge there, and he would hope he would allow no reasons to stand in his way.

Sir E. Lechmere said he rose as a repentant prodigal to respond to the toast. As regarded the province of Worcester there was but one lodge in it, but Bro. Griffiths and another had taken great interest in forming a local organisation in the shape of a Grand Lodge. At one time a fusion with Gloucestershire was suggested, but ultimately it was not considered desirable until there was an extension of Mark Masonry in the province. He was afraid it was hardly fair to tax him with not being Provincial Grand Master. They had not the wherewithal. He looked upon Masonry as representing the ancient guilds at work in the Temple. Masonry contained very much that illustrated that idea, and modern speculative Masonry was closely connected with the Masonry of our predecessors. When the Cathedral of Worcester was re-opened the Dean and Chapter recognised the fact in inviting the Masons of the province to participate in the ceremony.

The acting Grand Master, in giving "The Health of the Grand Officers, Past and Present," said there was nothing which fell within the Grand Master's domain of so anxious and critical a nature as the appointment to Grand Office. It had always been the endeavour of the Grand Masters of this degree to give office where merit was due, and the greatest possible pains were taken

to ascertain who were desirable brethren. For the recommendation obtained, alone, office was given, and never from any private or personal feeling at all. Therefore, he could ask them to drink the health of the Grand Officers as a mark of men who had endeavoured to do justice

to this degree. He would couple with this the name of Bro. Little, than whom there was no man who had worked harder in the cause of Masonry in the various degrees, or in the Charities of the Order.

Bro. Little confessed that he hardly expected it would have fallen to his lot to respond to such a distinguished toast that evening, but it arose from his seniors in office not being present. He was satisfied that those distinguished brethren who had been selected would have been delighted had they been present to witness the cordial and harmonious meeting, and to congratulate the acting Grand Master on the great spread of the Mark Degree through the length and breadth of the land. He hoped he should always endeavour to do his duty in every position he obtained in Masonry. He had not done much for the Mark Degree, nor for Masonry generally, but he hoped that the office conferred on him to-day would be an additional stimulus. If he was spared, that would be the case.

The Acting Grand Master next gave "Success to the Mark Benevolent Fund," with thanks to the Chairman and Board of Stewards of Festivals already held, and repeated the scheme he announced in Grand Lodge for future exhibitions and scholarships.

Bro. F. Binckes, in the course of acknowledging the compliment, said that it was astonishing that in so short a time as the festival had been established the brethren had done so much. They had already invested £400, before closing the year it would very likely be £600. He had been rather taken by surprise at the scheme of the Grand Master, but it was doubt one which commended itself to his mind, and would tend to the minds of others. Whatever might be done, he was sure the consideration would be given to any well devised scheme. For the coming festival there every prospect of success, and he thought would be even greater than any of its predecessors, and that a large amount would be realised. He hoped it would be so; he was a man of progress himself, and could not endure the course like progress of going backwards. He would go to strength to strength; that he would continue to have as satisfactory a prosperity as it was now enjoying. He hoped their friends would rally round them, and the number of Stewards would increase. When the festival came round, that a large amount of money, which means the sinews of war, would come in, and when they had sufficient of it would determine how it should be disposed of.

The brethren shortly afterwards separated.

The dinner was well supplied by Bro. Fratelli, and during the evening a selection of it was performed by Miss Agnes Drummond, Bros. H. D. Martin, T. B. Evison, and Hubbard, under the direction of Bro. F. Cozens.

Multum in Parvo, or Masonic Notes and Queries.

I am putting together an account of Wm. Preston, and I am anxious to learn if any brother can kindly refer me to any account or memoir of his life, or tell me of any letters of his.

It may be that some traces of him still be found in York. Among the brethren the old York Grand Lodge appears the name of Preston more than once, both earlier and later.

In one place he is called John Preston appears to have been W.M. Is there any relationship between him and our great Mark historian? It struck me some years ago Wm. Preston had some sort of connection with York, from his reference to the York I &c., and I remember that our late Bro. J. Hughan seems also to have been connected with York.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF LINCOLNSHIRE.

Thursday, the 18th of May, was the day appointed for the Provincial Grand Lodge of Freemasons, in Lincolnshire, and Grantham the town selected for holding the meeting. Early in the day a considerable number of brethren arrived, and met at the Exchange at high twelve for the business of the Lodge.

In the minds of many persons we know very well that a prejudice exists against Freemasonry, and for many reasons. The religionist, who, not knowing the arcana of the Order, imagines it somewhat of a usurpation of their own exclusive right of dictating to men and women what they ought to believe; others, anxious to penetrate the veil, and unable to do so, fall back upon the argument that "there is nothing in it;" the public lives of many of its members are often held up to derision; and, it is a fact, that among the few there is objection taken to this speculative science. We need only say that they do not know what it is that they condemn, and, consequently, their condemnation is but of little effect. Nor do Masons fear it. They attend their meetings and transact their business, caring little for what the outside world may say about them. It is their custom to meet once a year, and then they fix upon a central town, and representatives from each Lodge are present. These are called meetings of "Grand Lodge," and the ceremonies are of course much more imposing.

Grand Lodge was held at the Exchange, in High-street, and the Lodge was, as usual, opened in the first degree by the officers of the Doric Lodge (Grantham). The ordinary announcements having been made, his Grace the Duke of St. Albans entered the Lodge, supported by his officers, and we need hardly say that the procession was a most elaborate and imposing one. His Grace having ascended the dais, the brethren standing meanwhile, the hymn of invocation was sung with spirit and effect, and the supplication said by Bro. Dr. Ace, who looked exceedingly imposing in his many coloured robes. Grand Lodge was then opened, Bro. J. Lambert, P. G. O., presiding at the organ.

The business for transaction was not very extensive, and to some extent it was less interesting than it might have been from the fact that the brethren at the lower end of the room had a difficulty in hearing the various transactions of the Committees, whose reports were read. From these reports, we learned that Freemasonry had progressed very considerably during the year, more than seven hundred members being on the books at the present time. The funds, too, appeared to be in a very healthy state.

The Charity Committee had met at an earlier hour, and awarded various sums to aged widows of Freemasons, and a report was read by Bro. Radley, showing the workings of lads sent from his province into the Masonic Institution for Boys.

In connection with this subject, the name of Bro. Sutcliffe, P.S.W., of the Grimsby Lodge, was specially and honourably mentioned. This worthy and deserving member of the fraternity was last year appointed P.G.S., and he appears to have thoroughly interested himself in the work, or, by liberal contributions from himself and his family, and the co-operation of the Lincolnshire Lodges, he succeeded in sending to the funds of the School no less than a thousand guineas, one-seventh of the whole amount contributed during the year. A special expression of gratitude was proposed and seconded in Lodge, and his Grace the Duke said he felt he should be very remiss if he did not mention the especial aid and satisfaction it gave him to find that Bro. Sutcliffe had made such efforts for supporting the institution.

Bro. Binckes, Secretary of the Boys' School, then rose and said he was deputed by the Governors to be present, in order to acknowledge their appreciation of the very handsome donations awarded them by Bro. Sutcliffe, and they would have thought it a neglect of duty had they omitted to make special acknowledgement, not only of his exertions, but also of his own liberality. Bro. Sutcliffe, who spoke very much under

the influence of emotion, and who was not distinctly heard in consequence, said what he had done had been a labour of love, and he would have done more had it been in his power. W. Bro. Chas. Michell Nesbitt, 712, was then unanimously re-elected P.G. Treasurer for the ensuing year, and the following officers were then invested by his Grace:—

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| W. H. Smith, 712 | D. Prov. G.M. |
| T. H. Oldman, 422 | Prov G.S.W. |
| R. J. Boyall, 352 | Prov G.J.W. |
| Rev. D. Ace, D.D., 422 | Prov G. Chap. |
| W. G. Moore, 287 | Prov G. Reg. |
| C. M. Nesbitt, 712 | Prov G. Treas. |
| F. D. Marsden, 712 | Prov G. Sec. |
| F. Snaith, 272 | Prov G. S. D. |
| A. Woodrow, 469 | Prov G. J. D. |
| W. J. Mantle, 297 | Prov G. S. W. |
| J. R. Boyall, 362 | Prov G. D.C. |
| Wm. Pooles, 338 | Prov G. A. D. C. |
| F. Foster, 588 | Prov G. S. B. |
| J. C. Lambert, 588 | Prov G. O. |
| Bro. C. Smyth, 712 | Prov G. P. |
| E. F. Hudson, 352 | Prov G. Steward. |
| Rev. J. C. K. Saunders, 1286 | " " |
| W. Pigott, 1282 | " " |
| W. T. B. Hamlyn, 422 | " " |
| H. Watson, 1386 | " " |
| J. Allen, 838 | " " |

Heartly good-wishes having been expressed, the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous banquet, provided at the Guildhall, in the best style by Bro. Brickett, of the Angel Hotel (late of the "Great Northern," Lincoln); the chair being taken by his Grace the Duke of St. Albans.

The Provincial Grand Lodge will be held in 1875 at Boston.—*Spalding Free Press.*

Original Correspondence.

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

MASONS' MARKS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

The ill-considered, hasty, and erroneous statements of Bro. Chalmers I. Paton on this subject, have, as regards their main points, been so thoroughly controverted by the learned brother who writes under the modest *nom de plume* of "A Masonic Student," and by my able and worthy friend, Bro. W. J. Hughan (whose literary services to the Craft all must be delighted to see recognised by the M.W. Grand Master), that it would be quite superfluous for any one else to add a word to these observations, so far as the actual question of Masons' Marks is concerned.

There are, however, two or three assertions made by Bro. C. I. Paton, collateral to the main issue as to the marks, but important in themselves, which are equally inaccurate with the rest. These have been entirely passed over in the discussion, and it certainly seems desirable to have them rectified.

I have waited for some time in the hope that some more able brother would stir in the matter, but as no else seems disposed to do so, I venture to "put my spoon in the kail," even at the risk of the penalty threatened in the Scottish proverb quoted by Bro. Paton. I hope, however, that in my case, our English proverb that "too many cooks spoil the broth," will not prove to be true.

In Bro. C. I. Paton's letter, in *The Freemason* of April 11 (p. 221), he asserts that "The Grand Lodge of Mark Masters in England was only constituted a few years ago, to take charge, or to speak of the mark lodges in England; but all those English lodges received their charters from Scotland, and along with them their ritual, which they could have no right to change, and in which it is distinctly laid down as a fixed rule that candidates are to choose no other mark than one with an odd number of points," and again, further on, he re-asserts that "all the lodges of Mark Masters in England are daughters of the Supreme Grand Royal and Chapter of Scotland."

It is possible that a brother who is a fluent writer on Freemasonry, and who possesses the undoubted abilities and acquirements of Bro. Paton, can really be so ignorant of the status of Mark Masonry in England as not to know that the Mark Masters' degree was worked by many lodges in this country long before the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland itself existed.

This being so, I would first recommend Bro. C. I. Paton to peruse the introduction to the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters of England, which I presume, he cannot have seen, and then proceed to give the following particulars, as facts within my own knowledge, confirmatory of the statements there made.

The Mark Masters and other degrees not now recognised by the United Grand Lodge of England, were regularly worked in an old lodge, No. 91, in this town, date of foundation unknown, but which, after many years' labour, ceased to exist about the year 1818, the seals of which, including those for the Ark Mariners, the Royal Arch, the Knights Templar, and the Red Cross degrees, are now in my own possession.

These degrees were also worked, under the Craft warrants, in the Knights of Malta Lodge, at Hinckley, in this Province, now No. 50, on the Craft register and No. 30 in that of the Mark Grand Lodge, which was founded in the year 1767.

In my sketch of the History of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Leicestershire, 1870, (pp. 66-9) I have given copies of some curious old certificates, issued by their lodge, and also some extracts from the lodge books, of which the following entries may suffice for present services.

Joseph Dudley was arked and marked on St. John's Day, 1827. The Square

William May, on the same day The Half Moon.

Bro. Joseph King marked and arked, March 23rd, 1828. The 7 Stars.

Although St. John's Lodge (now 279) in this town never worked the Mark as a separate degree, I well recollect, after being passed in it, thirty-five years ago, having the sign inimical of a Mark Man and Mark Master communicated to me.

In company with five or six other Leicester brethren, I was advanced to the Mark Masters' degree, sixteen years ago, in the old Newstead Lodge, No. 47, at Nottingham, which, like the lodge at Hinckley, founded almost contemporaneously with it, has continued from its foundation to work the Mark degree, in connection with the Craft Lodge, down to the present day, but, unlike the latter, it is one of the very few time-immemorial lodges, which has yet recognised the Mark Grand Lodge, but in the midst of its territory or jurisdiction, it continues, in isolated independence, a little imperium in imperio.

Here, we have three positive instances of lodges in this neighbourhood, in which the Mark Degree has been worked from about a century ago, and also in two, out of the three cases, of the correctness of the statements in the Mark Book of Constitutions, that notwithstanding the non-recognition of this degree by the United Grand Lodge at the union in 1813, "the Mark Degree continued to be extensively worked in the Northern and Midland districts of England."

The first warrant issued to an English Mark Masters' Lodge under the Scottish Constitution was, I believe, that to the Bon Accord Lodge, in London, less than twenty years ago. I have a copy of the ritual used in the lodge at that time (differing essentially, in some respects from the working at Nottingham), which singularly enough, contains no mention of the candidate Mark being required to have an odd number of lines, indeed, the candidate did not select it himself, but it was presented to him by the R.W.M., "subject to the confirmation of the Registrar." I fully admit, however, the accuracy of Bro. C. I. Paton's statement that such a requirement was part of the Scottish system of working.

When the newly-established Grand Lodge of Mark Masters, in 1856, promulgated their first

ritual, this practice was copied from Scotland, and the candidate was instructed that he was to select a Mark consisting of 3, 5, 7, 9, or 11 lines of any figures, not previously chosen by a member of the same lodge, except the equilateral triangle, which was the Mark Master's Mark.

This restriction being found contrary to ancient usage, after being in force during several years, was abolished, and as Bro. Hughan and "A Masonic Student" were probably advanced to the degree subsequently to this being done, their ignorance of such a requirement having existed, is, of course, at once explained, whilst at the same time it confirms the accuracy of Bro. Yarker's statement at p. 311.

It is evident that no such restriction existed in the old mark lodges, any more than it did among the operative Masons in the middle ages, as it will be seen that among the marks selected at Hinckley, as above mentioned, are the square, the half moon, and seven stars, all contrary to Bro. Paton's assertion, whilst in the lodge at Nottingham, also, no such restriction was enforced, and I believe that scarcely one of the marks selected by the candidates from Leicester was in accordance with this so-called requirement. I recollect that one brother chose a horse shoe as his mark, whilst singularly enough, as apropos to the present discussion, the mark I myself selected was the double triangle, which Bro. C. I. Paton denied to be a Masonic mark at all.

If any confirmation were needed to those who have studied the subject of Masons' Marks, I could from my own experience on the subject, fully confirm the assertion of "A Masonic Student" that (although it certainly does not occur so frequently as the pentagon) "there is hardly a collection of Mason's Marks in which the double triangle is not to be found."

To show that I am not wholly ignorant of the subject, I may state (at the risk of Bro. C. I. Paton accusing me, as he has done "A Masonic Student," of "sounding my own trumpet") that years ago I also devoted considerable attention to the study of these marks, of which I made a tolerably large collection.

In the year 1852, George Godwin, Esq., F.S.A., (one of the first to draw attention to the importance of Masons' Marks) favoured me with copies (six sheets) of marks which he had found whilst engaged in the restoration of Canterbury Cathedral, and which, with others collected by myself in this country, I had the pleasure of supplying to the late indefatigable Bro. Shaw, whose illness and premature decease prevented the appearance of what would, doubtless, have proved a most useful and interesting text book on the subject. Among numerous marks at Canterbury contradictory of Bro. Paton's theory, was a bell, probably the mark of a Craftsman so named.

Regretting, as I am sure all your readers must do, the unmasonic personalities which have been so unnecessarily imported into this discussion,

I am, yours fraternally,

WILLIAM KELLY,
P.G.M.M., Leicestershire.

DR. SPARK'S LIBER MUSICUS.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Allow me to suggest the desirability of Dr. Spark's work being advertised with a detailed index showing the contents of each part.

I can conceive of many musical brethren who might avail themselves of this eminent maestro's composition, say for instance that incidental to Craft Masonry, who would not care about purchasing the entire work.

Yours fraternally,

M.M.

TEMPLAR CERTIFICATE.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

One of your correspondents, some weeks since, enquired where the Templar certificate, of which I published a copy in your columns, was to be seen. I must apologise to that brother for not having replied at once to his

enquiry. The certificate is in the museum at Bangor; it is dated 30th January, 1806, and granted under the sanction of Lodge No. 44, at Nottingham.

May I take this opportunity to suggest that the termination "ism" is much out of place when tacked on to the Templar or Red Cross degrees. What should we think of Garterism or Bathism as applied to the public orders.

Yours fraternally,

LUPUS,

MASONIC CHARITIES.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The list of subscriptions handed in at the Girls' School Festival has not yet appeared in your publication. I looked forward anxiously to seeing it in to-day's paper, but am disappointed. It is interesting to see whence the money comes, whether from town or country, and to see and know who have taken an interest in the success of the different charities.

This ought to be made known to all, it ought not to be a Masonic secret, known only to a few.

Yours fraternally,

JOHN SUTCLIFFE.

TEMPLARISM AND RED CROSSISM IN EDINBURGH AND GLASGOW.

(To the Editor of the *Freemason*.)

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In thanking Bro. Wheeler, and K.T.—K.R.C.C. for replying to my communication of the 23rd of May, I cannot help remarking on the difference between the dignified and unimpassioned tone of K.T.—K.R.C.C., and the angry tinge which seems to pervade the communication of Bro. Wheeler. I always feel sorry for a man, particularly a brother Mason, who fails to handle a subject calmly and dispassionately as he not unfrequently comes to grief however good his cause may be. Why Bro. Wheeler should be angry with me for commencing my enquiries in *The Freemason* instead of running up and down and asking Dick, Tom, and Harry, I cannot conceive, being fully impressed with the idea that *The Freemason* is the proper medium through which to ask questions and ventilate all Masonic subjects. I can however assure Bro. Wheeler that knowing him (by repute) as I do, I fully believe him when he says that "he has too great a respect for his O.B., to wilfully act in opposition to the Constitution of any Order he may belong to," and I rejoice that he has adopted the R.C.C. degree, and wish him every success. It was my confidence in his Masonic probity and my knowledge of the state of matters in Edinburgh, (which by the bye he elects to disbelieve) that induced me to ask the question I did, and which he has so far answered by declaring that he at least, is acting in due conformity with the Charter of the Encampment which he represents as Secretary.

Now the Edinburgh Champion—K.T.—K.R.C.C., (it is a terrible job getting over all those capitals) goes in for a bold straightforward denial of my position, and backs his denial by a calm statement that there are "several Sir Knights who maintain active relations in both Orders in Edinburgh." Now at first sight that looks like a terrible crusher, and so it would be if it truly meant what it bears on the surface, which it does not, I am sorry to say, and therefore is a wee bit misleading to those not in the secret. It is true that there are several Templars holding office in the Red Cross Order in Edinburgh, but they happen to be Glasgow Templars and in no way under the jurisdiction of the Priory of the Lothians. Such being the case I apprehend that the evidence of K.T.—K.R.C.C. goes for nothing, or if anything, it must be to prove the contrary of what he desires.

Now as neither of my correspondents have satisfactorily cleared up the question at issue, the one merely denying and the other refusing to believe the existence of the ground on which my question was based, but which I know did, and believe still does exist, and which I shall be happy to find vanish, I will, in conclusion, and at the risk of being considered credulous, state what I have heard since my last communication, and which may not be known to Bro. Wheeler

or to K.T.—K.R.C.C., as neither of alluded to it, and which taken with Wheeler's declaration may account for the in the nut. It is to the effect that the Ten of Edinburgh possess a privilege not possessed by their brethren of Glasgow, that the C of the Priory of the Lothians empowers them to confer the Red Cross Degree. It is true they have never done so, and perhaps never will still they say they have the power, and that they cannot at present make up their mind to see another body, what they call infringe rights. There appears, however, a probability that ere long they will make up their mind to do so. How far my credulity has been posed upon in the above, I must trust to the dict of Bro. Wheeler, hoping he will give dispassionate consideration, being guided by beautiful principles inculcated in the R.C.C. degree, the exposition of which so delighted on the occasion of our opening in Glasgow.

I am your fraternally,

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PROVINCE OF CORNWALL AND HUGHAN, F.S.G. DEACON.

The brethren of this province with Bro. Hughan is so deservedly popular, are gratified at the great honour bestowed by the Grand Master at a recent meeting of the Grand Lodge.

The Fortitude Lodge, 131, Truro, of Bro. Hughan is a Past Master, has paid a high compliment of presenting to Bro. Hughan a P.S.G. Deacon's collar and Lodge Druids, 589, Redruth, has paid a similar compliment by presenting to Bro. Hughan apron and cuffs to match.

At a meeting of the Lodge One and A Bodmin, held on the 1st instant, the following vote of congratulation to Bro. Hughan passed with acclamation:—

"The most noble the Marquess of Grand Master, having conferred on our gifted brother, Bro. Hughan, P.M., a member of this lodge, the very distinguished honour of P.S.G. Deacon, we, the W. Master, Past Masters, Wardens, and do, at the first regular meeting of this lodge the above auspicious event, hasten to Bro. Hughan our sincere congratulations high and unique distinction he has attained the hands of the Grand Master, and do our fervent hope that he will long live to the honour he so richly merits.

"That the above vote of congratulation entered on the minutes of this lodge, and a copy thereof be transmitted to Bro. Hughan."

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION BOYS.

The General Committee of this Institution on Saturday last at Freemasons' Hall, Wordsworth in the chair. There were present Bros. H. Browne, J. G. Chance, Roebuck, Benjamin Head, J. W. Denon, Gutierrez, W. H. Saunders, John S. H. Massey, Hyde Pullen, Jesse Turner, Moutrie, F. Adlard, R. Spencer, H. Duff, F. Binckes (Secretary).

There was but a small amount of work got through. The minutes of former meetings were read and confirmed, and the minutes of other committees were read for information. A pleasing communication was conveyed from one of the Lancashire brethren, that one of the Lancashire brethren had made the munificent offer of 176 counterpane for the use of the institution. One lad was in reading previous to being put on the candidates for election; and a letter from a Lancashire brother making an offer of the institution's benefit, which it was necessary to forward to the Provincial Lodge before accepting. A young man was made to a former paper, who had satisfaction to his employers, and the list then adjourned.

Masonic Tidings.

GRAND LODGE OF IRELAND.—A special meeting of Grand Lodge was held on Thursday, 11th of June, for the consideration of the proposed rule 133, and the several notices of motion which have been handed in relative to alternate prayers, &c., full particulars of which will be issued immediately after Grand Lodge on the 4th prox. The Grand Lodge will meet on Wednesday, 24th June, St. John's at twelve o'clock noon, to salute the Grand Masters and receive the report of Committee of Selection as to the officers of the Dublin lodges for the next half-year.

We are requested to contradict, (on authority) the statement in the Report of the General Grand of the Mark Grand Lodge, that a brother whose name was submitted for erasure was a member of the Rite of Misraim. It should have been Memphis.

On Tuesday the 9th inst., a testimonial consisting of a handsome and elegantly engraved tea pot was presented to Bro. E. Gottheil, (and P.Z.), by the members of the Confiance Lodge of Instruction, in recognition of 17 years' service as Preceptor thereto.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS. For the Week ending Friday, June 19, 1874.

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

Saturday, June 13.

- 1208, London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
176, Cavendish, Westminster Palace Hotel.
1328, Granite, Freemasons' Hall.
1361, United Service, Greyhound Hotel, Greenwich.
1423, Era, King's Arms Hotel, Hampton Court.
1446, Mount Edgumbe, Swan Tavern, Battersea.
1447, Lodge 104, Macdonald, Head-Quarters, 1st Surrey Rifles, Brunswick-rd., Camberwell.
144, Grosvenor, Caledonian Hotel, Adelphi.
145, Lodge of Instruction (179), Yorkshire Grey, 17, London-street, Fitzroy-square, at 8; Bro. H. Ash, Preceptor.
Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, Surrey.
Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. G. Dille, Preceptor.

Monday, June 15.

- 1159, Marquess of Dalhousie, Freemasons' Hall.
1201, Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall.
Leopold Lodge of Instruction (1445), Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland, at 7; Bro. T. Austin, Preceptor.
Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 8; Bro. Eckert, Preceptor.
Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Church-street Station, at 7.
Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern, Aversock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gottheil, Preceptor.
Oak Lodge of Instruction, Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.
Men's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street (opposite the Pantheon), Strand-street, at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.
Pan Lodge of Instruction, White Swan Tavern, Strand, at 8; Bro. C. G. Dille, P.M. 1155; Preceptor.
Wapping Lodge of Instruction (1306), Gables, High-street, Wapping, at 8; Bro. T. Mordock, Preceptor.
Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Duns, Preceptor.
Lion Mark Lodge of Instruction, Coach and Horses Hotel, 343, Strand, at 8.

Tuesday, June 16.

- General Purposes at 3.
30, United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.
11, Enoch, Freemasons' Hall.
6, Industry, Freemasons' Hall.
3, Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.
High Lodge of Instruction, Green Dragon, Wey, at 8; Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.
Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tavern, Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 8.
Lodge of Instruction, Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-street (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Struan, Preceptor.
Edk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Lord's and Lord's Cricket Ground, St. John's-wood, at 8; F. G. Baker, Preceptor.
Lodge of Instruction, King Edward, Triangle, Wey, at 7.30; Bro. Crawley, Preceptor.

- Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st., Within, at 7.30; Bro. Bolton, W.M. 1227, Preceptor.
St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, New-street, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (55), Wheatshaf Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.
Percy Lodge of Instruction, Grapes Tavern, Little Windmill-street, W.

Wednesday, June 17.

- Lodge of Benevolence at 6.
Lodge 174, Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st.
190, Oak, Freemasons' Hall.
754, High Cross, Seven Sisters' Tavern, Page-green, Tottenham.
1044, Wandsworth, Spread Eagle Hotel, New Wandsworth.
1150, Buckingham and Chandos, Freemasons' Hall,
1320, Blackheath, Crown Hotel, Blackheath.
1382, Co. inthian, George Inn, Cubitt-town, Chap. 10, Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall.
Southwark Lodge of Instruction, (879), Southwark Park Tavern, Southwark Park, at 8; Bro. Charles William Kent, Preceptor.
Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor.
United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30.
New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8.
Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
Confidence Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
Peckham Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham, at 8; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor.
Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar.
Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, Thicket Hotel, Anerley, at 7.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction (1288), Finsbury Park Tavern, Seven Sisters'-road, N., at 8. Bro. P. Dickinson, Acting Preceptor.

Thursday, June 18.

- House Committee Girls' School, at 4.
Lodge 1227, Upton, Spotted Dog Tavern, Upton.
1326, Lebanon, Red Lion, Hampton.
1339, Stockwell, Half Moon, Herne-hill.
Mark Lodge 7, Carnarvon, Mitre Tavern, Hampton Court.
Knight Templar Preceptory E., Observance, 14, Bedford row.
Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham Court-road, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Arglers' Tavern, Bath-street, City-road; Bro. Stean, Preceptor.
United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
Whittington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern, Holborn, at 8; Bro. Lewis Alexander, P.M. 188, Preceptor.
Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
Ebury Lodge of Instruction, Bro. Palmer's, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.
Highgate Lodge of Instruction (1366), Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
St. George's Lodge of Instruction (140), Globe Tavern, Royal-hill, Greenwich.
Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
Belgrave Lodge of Instruction (749), Coach and Horses, Strand, at 8; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.
Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.
Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tavern, Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.

Friday, June 19.

- House Committee Boys' School, at 4.
Lodge 6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
975, Rose of Denmark, White Hart Hotel, Barnes.
1118, University, Freemasons' Hall.
Chap. 92, Moira, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-st.
Knight Templar Preceptory, 43, St. George's, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.
Rose Croix Chapter, Invicta, Masonic Hall, William-st. Woolwich.
Clapton Lodge of Instruction, White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., Preceptor.
Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1294), the Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. W. F. Rogers, Precep.
Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-road, at 8; Comp. W. West Smith, Preceptor.
Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (733), Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8.
Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet street, at 7; Bro. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.
United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Antelope Tavern, Lorn-road, Brixton, at 7.

- St. James's Lodge of Instruction, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-road, Bermondsey, at 8; Bro. Howes, P.M., Preceptor.
Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Bro. D. S. Potts, Preceptor.
Doric Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8.
Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8; Bro. P. M. Wuest, Preceptor.
St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Rose Tavern, Fulham-road, S.W.
Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.
High Cross Lodge of Instruction (754), Coach & Horses, High Road, Tottenham.
Union Club of Instruction, Windsor Castle, Victoria Station at 8 p.m.; H. Ash, P.M., Instructor.
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
Burdett Couits Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park, at 8; Bro. Geo. W. Verby, Preceptor.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, June 20, 1874.

Monday, June 15.

- Everton Lodge of Instruction (823), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 7.30.
Chap. 995, Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverstone.
Tuesday, June 16.
Lodge 667, Alliance, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
1225, Hindpool, Hartington Hotel, Barrow-in-Furness.
1276, Warren, Stanley Arms Hotel, Seacombe, at 6.
Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
Wednesday, June 17.
Lodge 823, Everton, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
1086, Walton, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, at 6.
1182, Duke of Edinburgh, Coffee House, Wavertree, at 5.
1345, Victoria, Cross Keys Hotel, Eccles.
1353, Duke of Lancaster, Atheneum, Lancaster.
Harmonic Lodge of Instruction (216), Mona Hotel, James-street, Liverpool, at 8.
Mark Lodge No. 31, Fidelity, Norfolk Arms Hotel, Hyde, Cheshire.

Thursday, June 18.

- Lodge 203, Ancient Union, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
343, Concord, Queen's Arms Hotel, Church-street, Preston.
425, Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester, at 4.
605, Combermere, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, at 6.
1299, Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, at 5.
Encampment William de la More, Assembly Room, Prescott.

Friday, June 19.

- Lodge 1350, Fermor-Hesketh, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND VICINITY.

For the week ending Saturday, June 20, 1874. All the Meetings take place at 8 o'clock.

Monday, June 15.

- St. Mungo Encampment of Knights Templar, 213, Buchanan-st.
Tuesday, June 16.
Royal Ark Mariners' Lodge, 170, Buchanan-st.
Red Cross Council Babylon, 170, Buchanan-st.
Wednesday, June 17.
Lodge 117, St. Mary, Freemasons' Hall, Partick.
Thursday, June 18.
Lodge 27, St. Mungo, 213, Buchanan-street.
Friday, June 19.
Lodge 321, St. Andrew's, Public Hall, Alexandria.
306, St. Thomas, Larkhall.
471, St. John, Stone Inn, Shotts.
Saturday, June 20.
Lodge 12, Kilwinning, Town-Hall, Greenock.
305, St. John Woodhall, Masons' Hall, Holytown.
504, St. Andrew, East Kilbride.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

IPSWICH.—British Union Lodge (No. 114).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on the 28th ult., when there were present Bros. W. Boby, P.S.G.W., in the chair of W.M.; A.D. George, S.W.; J. Wright, acting J.W.; Emra Holmes, P.G. Reg., M.C.; F. Comell, P.P.G.S.D.; N. Tracy, P.P.G.J.W.; and S. B. King, P.P.G.S.D., of the Perfect Friendship Lodge; G. Cresswell, W.M. Prince of Wales Lodge; and others. After the lodge had been opened and the minutes confirmed, Bro. Tracy, in the absence of the popular W.M., Bro. Peter de Lande Long, at the request of the acting Master assumed the gavel, and passed Bro. Casley to the second degree in his usual manner, Bro. Cornell presenting the working tools. Bro. Emra Holmes gave notice that at the next regular lodge he should move that the fee should be £5 5s. for initiation instead of £4 4s., as at present. Previous to 1830, the higher sum had been charged, and it was only subsequent to that date that it had been lowered to its present figure. Bro. Emra Holmes also gave notice that he should bring the question of a salaried Organist before the lodge at the next meeting. He thought if that officer were adequately remunerated, the addition of music to the ceremonies would greatly add to their effect. Bro. George cordially supported the notion. At refreshment Bro. Holmes called attention to the circular issued by Bro. Kenning, relative to the picture of the building of King Solomon's Temple, which it is proposed to purchase by subscription and present to Grand Lodge. Several copies of the well-known poem in the same subject, published by our able Bro. Arkham Tweddell, were also disposed of, and the proceeds given to the Benevolent Box. Bro. Tracy brought before the lodge the project of a Masonic library, first mooted in the Perfect Friendship Lodge, which had already a considerable number of books to form the nucleus of a good library. The matter was referred to a small committee. A very agreeable evening, under the presidency of Bro. Cornell, was spent with the brethren.

WEST HARTLEPOOL.—Harbour of Refuge Lodge (No. 746).—On the 9th inst. in presence of a influential gathering of Masons, many from distant lodges, the installation of the W.M. of the Lodge of Freemasons took place at the Music Hall, Upper Church-street, West Hartlepool. The W.M. elect, Bro. George Thompson, was installed by Bro. Gourley, F.M., and at the conclusion of the ceremony the W.M. appointed the following officers:—Bro. Chas. T. Sebourne, S.W.; Bro. W.T. Tait, J.W.; the Rev. John Rudd, Chaplain; Bro. Harpley, P.M., Treasurer; Bro. Geo. Paxton, Secretary; Bro. Mellanby, S.D.; Bro. J. Tweedy, J.D.; Bro.

F. Cowper, I.G.; and Bro. W. Atkinson, Tyler. The customary banquet was held the same evening at the Royal Hotel, and was numerously attended by members of the Order belonging to distant lodges, the W.M. presiding.

LIVERPOOL.—Croxth United Service Lodge, (No. 786).—The annual meeting, for installation purposes, of the brethren of the Croxth United Service Lodge, No. 786, was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on Thursday, the 11th inst., and as there were two features of special interest in connection with the gathering, the brethren who were present experienced all the greater pleasure. The first arose from the fact that this was the first installation which has been held in the new building, which is not yet quite complete, and the second from the fact that Bro. G. G. Stopford Taylor, the W.M. elect, was installed by his father, Bro. Councillor Dr. J. Stopford Taylor, a worthy and much esteemed P.M. of the Everton Lodge, No. 823, who previously had had the privilege of initiating and subsequently raising his son a few years ago. The presence of Bro. Councillor Taylor, for such a purpose, on this occasion, was an expressive evidence of the value and genuine merits of Freemasonry, and as it is very rarely the privilege of brethren to see a father installing his son, whose brother he is, all the greater importance attached to the meeting, which was largely and influentially attended. The lodge was opened about 5 o'clock by Bro. Capt. W. J. Newman, W.M., who was supported by Bros. G. L. Blundell, P.M., S.W.; G. G. Stopford Taylor, J.W.; W. B. Caw, Secretary; J. B. Wallace, Treas.; W. H. Holt, J.D.; G. Owen, P.M., P.G.S.; J. A. Coulter, P.M.; and P. Ball, acting Tyler. Amongst the members were Bros. W. Tomkinson, H. A. Lawton, J. Dale, J. Bunting, H. Tomkinson, E. W. Parnell, and J. W. Wright, and the list of visitors included the names of Bros. Dr. Taylor, P.M. 823; J. Hamer, P. Prov. G. Treas.; R. Wylie, P. Prov. S.G.D.; C. H. Hill, P.G. Reg.; Dr. S. Kisch, 216; B. Williams, 216; A. Stephen, P. Prov. G.S.D. (Cheshire); W. Hughes, P.M. 1013; J. Hocken, P.M. 673; R. Croft, 673; W. J. Chapman, 667; T. Platt, P. Prov. G.S.D. (Cheshire); R. Collinson, 1305; J. Galloway, 113; J. B. Mac Kenzie, 1356; T. H. Ward, W.M. 1276; W. G. Veale, Org. 1356; H. Price, 1393; J. C. Minclair, 1393; and others. After the lodge had been opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, Dr. Francis J. Bailey, assistant surgeon of the 80th L.R.V., was duly and impressively installed by the W.M. Bro. P.M. Taylor then took the chair, and proceeded to instal his son, Bro. G. G. Stopford Taylor, into the chair of K.S., the whole of the ceremony being very effectively and efficiently performed. The W.M. subsequently invested the following as his officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Captain W. J. Newman, I.P.M.; W. B. Carr, S.W.; W. H. Holt, J.W.; J. B. Wallace, Treasurer (re-elected by acclamation); W. H. Tyerman, Secretary; G. W. Parnell, S.D.; W. Tomkinson, J.D.; Dr. H. A. Lawton, I.G.; and J. A. Coulter, P.M., D.C. Bro. Neville was unanimously re-elected Tyler of the lodge. The brethren then "ceased labour" and retired to a most *recherché* banquet in the old lodge-room, where the newly chaired W.M. was supported by a good muster of the fraternity. During the evening, the W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts in a most business-like manner, which augurs favourably for his year's Masonic reign. The toast of "The Rulers," was acknowledged by Bro. Platt, P.P.J.G.D. (Cheshire), and Bro. G. Owen, P.M., P.G.S. (West Lancashire). The W.M.'s health was given by Bro. Newman, I.P.M., in terse and pointed terms, and acknowledged in an excellent manner by the W.M. Bro. P.M. Blundell proposed "The I.P.M.," who suitably responded, referring with pleasure to the great harmony and good feeling which had obtained during his year of office. Bro. P.M. Owen gave "The Health of the Installing Master," who, in reply, spoke of the pride and pleasure he had experienced that day in installing his son into the chair of W.M. There was something true and noble in Masonry, else he would not have occupied the position he had held that day. The more he (Bro. Dr. Taylor)

saw of Masonry, the more he felt that the man who acted up to its principles, would be better in heart and conscience. The W.M. then gave "The New Initiate," which was acknowledged by Bro. Dr. Bailey. "The Officers" was then responded to by the whole staff, and "The Visitors," by Bros. Hughes, Leslie, and Kisch. The lodge was then resumed, and after several propositions for initiation, and hearty good wishes from a number of visitors, the proceedings were brought to a close at an early hour.

WALTHAM CROSS.—Gresham Lodge (867.)—The installation meeting of this lodge took place at Waltham Cross, on Saturday, the 13th instant, the W.M., Bro. F. D. Rees Copestick, P.P.G.S.B., in the chair, assisted by his officers, all of whom were in their places. The lodge was opened at 2 p.m., and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, with the exception of that part relative to the election of Treasurer (in order to take the office of J.W.). The ballot was then taken for Mr. A. Powel, of Wood-street, E.C., as a candidate for initiation, which proving unanimous, the W.M. proceeded to initiate him into the mysteries of the Order. It was then announced that the R.W. Grand Master of the Province desired admission. Bros. Past Masters, Forsyth, Gompertz, and Bruce were, therefore, deputed by the W.M. to escort him to the lodge, who, on his arrival, with Bros. O. H. Wagner, P.G. J.W.; and Wilson Iles, P.G. Secretary, was saluted with the usual honours observed on such occasions. The lodge having been opened in the 2nd degree, Bro. the Rev. Charles Mayo was examined as to his proficiency in the art, which proved satisfactory. He accordingly retired, when the lodge was opened in the 3rd degree, and the ceremony of raising him was worked by Past Master Gompertz in an impressive manner. The chair being resumed by the W.M., Bro. J. Copestick, W.M. elect, was presented for installation, which ceremony was performed in a very impressive manner. The newly installed W.M. having been proclaimed and saluted, proceeded to appoint his officers for the year as follows—Bros. A. C. Wylie, J.W.; J. E. Grotcott, J.W.; Rev. C. Mayo, Chaplain; T. D. R. Copestick, Treasurer; W. E. Gompertz, Secretary; Etherington, S.D.; Pottle, J.D.; Chapman, I.G.; Stephens, D.; Perry, Steward; after which the Installing Master gave the addresses to the Wardens and brethren in a manner that called forth a general expression of approval. The Master, in the chair, then presented the immediate P.M., in the name of the lodge, with a handsome Past Master's jewel, manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, as a small token of the esteem in which they held him, and in appreciation of his services during his year of office. After the usual routine business, propositions, &c., the lodge was closed in harmony, and the brethren adjourned to a *recherché* banquet, served up by mine host, Bro. Hunt, and presided over by the Worshipful Master, Bro. Joseph Copestick, supported on the right by the R.W. Provincial Grand Master, P.S. Grand Warden; the P. G. Secretary, and Bro. J. B. Scriven, P. G. Steward, and the Past Masters of the lodge on the left. Justice having been done to the good things provided, and the cloth removed, the W.M. proved his fitness for the position by the animated way in which he proposed the various toasts of the evening. That of "The Grand Officers" was responded to by Bro. Scriven, P.G.S. "The Health of The P.G.M., the R. W. Bro. Thomas Halsey, M.P." was received most heartily, and after the enthusiasm had subsided, the Grand Master rose to acknowledge the compliment and return thanks. He said he congratulated the brethren on the very efficient manner in which the several officers had performed their duties in the lodge, and of his satisfaction at the position of the various lodges in the Province, as far as he had been able to visit them, and he felt that although the number was small, yet for efficiency and usefulness, he was sure they would bear comparison with many older and larger provinces. He thanked the brethren for the cordial manner in which they had received him, and hoped to often have the pleasure of meeting them in time to come. In response to the toast of the Deputy

P. Grand Master, who had written to excuse his absence, being engaged at the London Orphan Asylum, Bro. Iles, the P.G. Secretary, replied, assuring the brethren that so long as he had the honour to preside over the official duties of the Province, he should do so with all promptitude and courtesy possible, at the same time he wished to thank the Secretaries of the various lodges for the assistance they had afforded him by the prompt manner in which they had replied to his communications. The "Health of the W.M." was then proposed by the Provincial Grand Master in very complimentary terms, and responded to heartily by the brethren. Bro. Copestick, in replying, assured the P.G.M. and brethren it should be his study to promote the prosperity of the lodge, and the happiness of the brethren, to the utmost of his power. The "Health of The Immediate P.M." was proposed by Bro. Past Master Barnes in very warm and eulogistic terms, and Bro. Copestick, in replying, thanked the brethren for their unanimous expression of approval, and instanced the cordial good feeling that had hitherto existed in the lodge by the fact that the W.M., the present S.W., and himself, were initiated together, and had had the honour during the past year of filling the three principal offices, having followed each other in unbroken succession. Before resuming his seat, he wished to propose the health of the officers, and in doing so, thanked them for the assistance they had rendered him during his term of office, and to express his conviction that they would render to his successor the same firm support so necessary in the well-governing of the lodge. Bro. Gompertz, the Secretary, in responding, gave a short history of the lodge, by which it appears it had been in existence thirteen years, during which time sixty-three brethren had been initiated, seven of whom had passed the chair, and still remain members, the number of which at present were thirty-three. All the Past Masters had served as Stewards to one or other of the Charities, and a large portion of its members are Life Governors or Subscribers, the lodge being in addition annual subscriber to each. Further, by a Club inaugurated by Bro. F. D. R. Copestick, seven life subscribers had been purchased, and he believed there were funds in hand to purchase two more, a circumstance of which the brethren might justly feel proud. Several capital songs were sung, and the band of the 41st Middlesex played some choice selections during the evening. Amongst the visitors, were the W. Bro. W. Thomas, Halsey, M.P., Prov. Grand Master W. Bro. O. H. Wagner, Prov. G.S.W.; W. Bro. Wilson Iles, Prov. G. Secretary; W. Bro. Scriven P.M., Lodge No. 5, Past Grand Steward; Bro. James Death, Lodge 186; Bro. Jackson, Lodge 1475, &c.

WELCHPOOL.—*Welchpool Lodge* (No. 998) held its first meeting since the installation of the new Master, on Friday, the 6th inst., the W. Bro. William Callender in the chair of K.S. There were also present:—Bros. Goldsbrough, P.M., P.P.G.P., North Wales; H. Muggeridge, P.M., 192, P.G. Standard Bearer, England; D. P. Owen, P.M., P.P.G.P., North Wales; W. Withy, P.M. and Treas., No. 998; Kemble Williams, J.W.; MacGrath, Graham Brown, R. T. Morris, Danily, Morgan, Jones, Barnard, and others. The W.M. opened the lodge, and on the confirmation of the minutes the ballot was taken for Mr. J. Anderson, a candidate for initiation, who on being introduced was duly inducted into Masonry by Bro. Muggeridge, to whom the W.M. gracefully yielded his chair for the occasion. Bro. Goldsbrough stated that he had been honoured and entrusted by the lodge with the performance of a duty which was highly gratifying to himself, namely, that of presenting to the Worthy and Worshipful Bro. Withy, a very handsome Past Master's jewel, unanimously voted him by the lodge as a small but very significant token of the high regard, fraternal affection, and esteem in which he was held by every member of the lodge. "It has been my happiness" (said Bro. Goldsbrough), "to have been very intimately acquainted with Bro. William Withy for upwards of thirty years, and the longer I have known him the more have I regarded him as the true, sincere, and

kind friend." (Addressing Bro. Withy), "On behalf of the Welchpool Lodge, I have great, very great pleasure in placing this jewel upon your breast; it is not only a mark of the high estimation in which your services are held as a Past Master and the Treasurer of this lodge, but it is a token of our sincere regard, fraternal affection, and esteem. Very long may your life be spared to wear this handsome and well-merited testimonial on your breast." Bro. Withy having expressed his thanks to the brethren for the compliment they had paid him, and the kind manner in which Bro. Goldsbrough had spoken of him. Bro. Muggeridge, at the request of the W.M. and the brethren, delivered a lecture upon the first lodge board, which was listened to with profound interest and pleasure. Bro. D. P. Owen then eloquently expatiated upon the brightest ornament of Freemasonry, and proposed that the sum of five guineas be given from the funds of the lodge, (which he observed were in a very prosperous state), as a donation to the Girls' School. Bro. Goldsbrough seconded the proposition, which was carried unanimously. Bro. Goldsbrough proposed that the donation from the lodge to the Girls' School should be made in the name of Bro. D. P. Owen, whose services to the lodge had been continuous almost from the day of his initiation, and it would mark, though in a very slight degree, the estimation in which those services were held by the members of the lodge. This proposition was duly seconded and carried unanimously. There being no further business, the lodge was closed, and the brethren, accepting the hospitable invitation of Bro. D. P. Owen (Mayor of the town), partook of refreshments at the residence of his Worship.

Royal Arch.

OLD UNION CHAPTER.—The installation meeting of this distinguished chapter took place at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, on Tuesday, the 26th ult., and was numerously attended. Among those present were Ex. Comps. R. W. Williams, M.D., M.E.Z.; W. Bulkeley Hughes, M.P., H.; John H. Paul, M.D., J.; A. Holman, P.Z.; H. Dumas, P.Z.; Saul Isaac, M.P., P.Z.; Samuel Isaac, P.Z.; Stevenson, Scribe E.; G. B. Foster, Ibbetson, P.S.; Rooke, and others. The visitors were E. Comps. Greenwood, P.Z.; Thomas, (South Wales) P.Z.; Goldsbrough, M.D., P.Z. The minutes of the previous convocation having been confirmed, the companions below the rank of Installed First Principal retired, and Comp. Bulkeley Hughes, being presented by Comp. Saul Isaac, was duly installed as the M.E.Z. Comp. Saul was re-admitted, and installed into the second chair, after which Comp. Richards was admitted and installed as J. for the ensuing year. The following officers were then invested: Comp. Williams, as the I.P.Z.; Stevenson, S. E.; Ibbetson, as P.S.; Rook, as 1st. Asst. Ex. Comp. Saul Isaac informed the chapter of the highly satisfactory results of the efforts which he, in conjunction with Comp. Dumas, had made for the distressed widow of a late esteemed companion of the chapter, and which would place the widow in comparatively easy circumstances. The business of the Chapter being concluded, the companions partook of an excellent dinner, (à la Russe), the menu of which was provided by Comp. W. G. Jennings. After the banquet the customary Masonic observances and toasts were duly honoured. E. Comps. Holman and Dumas returned thanks for the officers of the Grand Chapter. E. Comp. R. W. Williams, I.P.Z., in complimentary terms proposed "The Health of the M.E.Z.," and observed what the companions had seen of the work of the M.E.Z., in the Chapter that evening, and the good fellowship he displayed towards the companions was highly satisfactory to them all. The M.E.Z. in reply said:—"I should be unworthy of the position in which I stand as your principal officer of the Chapter, if I did not acknowledge with deep gratitude the kind feeling which you have evinced on this occasion. I assure you that when I entered this chapter, of which I was

then proud (and of which I am now still), I little expected I should hold a high position of your principal officer, but allowance must be made for the friends, the companions, especially of the I.P.Z., and some other companions present, who deserve that kindness and the encomiums upon me; however, to respond to your kind wishes, I assure you no honour conferred upon me equalled that which you have done this evening. By future actions and by strict adherence to my duties, I trust I may so conduct in continuing to promote and study the prosperity of your chapter as to do honour to and justice to you for the honour you have conferred upon me. I little expected at the time when I was exalted by my revered friends, that I should be in the proud position I now hold in this chapter, so pleased you I should preside over you, and I trust you will never see me again, and that you will always find me diligent in the discharge of my duties so far as I (consistently) am able. The time has arrived when I should say or two of commendation of our excellent companion who preceded me in this chair, the next toast I have to propose to you is the health of that man to whom this chapter owes much, very much, and to whom I owe a great deal, (not for what he said of myself this evening, which, from friendly prejudice is serving of being recollected) but for what he has done for the M.E.Z. so sedulously did for this chapter. He raised himself to that position to which kindness has elevated me. I know that he has had many laborious duties to encounter, but he has not forgotten the Old Union Chapter, he has done good service by having been the M.E.Z. Permit me to ask you to drink his health with that energy and cordiality, that kindness and friendship with which I do, and to continue to serve this chapter and the Royal Arch Masonry, for very many years. Let me ask you to drink, with honour, the health of the Immediate Past Z., W. Williams, and thanks from myself personally and from the Chapter. M. E. Comp. Williams, I.P.Z., having replied, the M.E.Z. said that the toast was one which should have special mention. It is "The Health of the Past Principals of the Chapter," in giving which we do honour to ourselves, and to the chapter to which we belong, and it will afford you a gratification which we particularise one individual among them on a recent occasion portrayed to us the case of a singularly distressing case of a widow, which, I am sure, enlisted the sympathy of all those companions who were present. I allude to the case of the widow of * * * which was taken up by one of our companions now present, and have now the opportunity of telling him individually I thank him for the service rendered to that poor creature, who is all those easy circumstances which we all should be. In giving you the "Health of the Past Principals of this Chapter," upon you to thank Companion Isaac for his work of charity and good feeling in which he has been so successful. Comp. Isaac:—Excellent, I may tell you that the Past P. have always been upholders of this Chapter and of everything they could do to embellish the beauties of Royal Arch Masonry for me. I may tell you, Sir, that it was my good fortune to be introduced into this chapter by a companion twenty-seven years ago; since then I have followed the example set me by my Past Principal, whom a better set of men never stepped upon. I have been a good Mason, and a good Royal Arch Mason. You have mented me for what I do not deserve, for I have obtained £250 from the Grand Chapter, and my Companion Stevens, our Co. Secretary (with his cheerful face) all has contributed to the assistance of the widow, particularly grateful for what you said of the Past Principals of the chapter. As charity, it is our first duty to assist the orphan, and the orphan, we have assisted the widow brought in two others. It is an honour to be brought here, to rise to any toast, and to be unable to rise, but to be able to do this is an honour to you. W.

for your kind mention and for proposing health. Comp. Holman, P.Z., begged that might supplement the observations of Comp. who would not acknowledge his own deeds, and reminded the members of this that they were indebted to him for the very handsome Principals' chairs he had presented to the chapter. The M.E.Z.:—A toast comes round to me which I know all will honour to, one to which is always accorded and great consideration on every occasion, whether it be in Royal Arch or Craft Masonry, or any other institution, and it is one in which ought to unite on every occasion; the toast is "Health of the Visitors," who have done us honour to be with us this evening, and whom shall be only too proud to ask again and to come here. We have received them with that genial feeling, cordiality and unity, which should always exist among Masons. The toasts this evening are Companions Past Principals Goldsbrough, Greenwood, and Thomas. Comps. Goldsbrough, Greenwood and Thomas, respectively replied, Comp. Rhys Williams, P.Z., said, I beg permission to propose the Health of Comp. Saul Isaacs, under whom I had the pleasure of working as a junior member of the chapter. I have only to give the name of Saul Isaacs to ensure the reception of the toast. The Town of Nottingham has seen him as the most fitting person as its representative in parliament, and has done honour only to him, but to the Old Union Chapter also, and though the Most Excellent is on one side, and Comp. Isaac on the other, here they are but one Masonic feeling, I can assure Comp. Saul Isaac, that I have sincere pleasure in proposing his health, and that I have regretted his absence on many accounts, especially that on occasioned by his heavy domestic affliction. I propose you to stand to the toast. Comp. Saul Isaacs replied:—I feel somewhat incapable of rendering to the toast proposed by the Immediate Past. For the kind sympathy you have expressed towards me, I feel deeply grateful, but I am indebted to the past services of my brother in the estimation in which the name is held in the chapter. I cannot lose sight of the extension of sympathy with me on the grave sorrow that has fallen on me; no particular or public notice took me from your meetings, your extension of sympathy in the chapter towards myself, in my seclusion, under the affliction upon me; by the Almighty, I shall cherish in my mind, and the consolation you had for me, and for that dear in the hour of my sorrow and affliction, M.E.Z., proposed "The Health of the Officers of the Chapter," and complimented Comp. Ibbetson on the admirable way in which he had responded. Comp. Ibbetson, P.S., then thanked for the officers. The M.E.Z. said: "Whatever I have been remiss in this evening I trust you will excuse. On this occasion I have been, as to the order of the night, I have omitted one which ought to have been from me earlier in the evening, one which is always by my pleasure, as it is my duty, on every occasion, to propose to you, and which I admit has been a great dereliction in not proposing earlier; we acknowledge the services of the companion who is the glory of our chapter, and we all lament the loss of Comp. Bradford. I would say, not in the name of that toast, I am quite sure that toast will give as great pleasure to you as that has preceded it. The companion whose name I shall mention is one to whom we are truly indebted, and one for whom we have esteem and regard, I allude to Comp. Stevenson, and I acknowledge my fault in not drinking his health. His gentlemanly behaviour will excuse me for not bringing his name before you. Nothing could enhance the esteem of high regard with which I esteem this chapter, with which is identified my name at Comp. Stevenson; may he long continue the object of it. It is his own fault that he has not been up to that eminence to which you have endeavoured to raise me. Comp. Stevenson, in reply said; I regret extremely the loss of Bro. Bradford, my privileged friend for the last eight or nine years, and I thought that the Most Excellent had thought

proper to apologise for the late introduction of my name; my name has been introduced quite as soon as it ought. Without affectation I may say that the duties which I render are comparatively small. I return you my warmest thanks. The Janitor's toast concluded the proceedings of the evening.

WHITEHAVEN.—*The Sun, Square and Compasses Chapter (No. 119).*—A regular convocation of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday, June 9th, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. The Principals, Comps. Kenworthy, Z.; Barr, H.; and Fearon, J.; were supported by an unusually large number of companions. Visitor, E. Comp. John Bowes, P.Z., P. Prot. G.S.B. The chapter having been opened by the Principals the remainder of the companions were admitted, and the minutes of the previous convocation read and confirmed; the ballot was then taken for ten brethren regularly proposed, all of which were accepted. On the invitation of the M.E.Z. Comp. John Bowes, took the principal chair, and the following seven brethren were severally admitted and exalted in ample form viz., Bros. Tickle, Pitblade, Blakany, Crear, Paitson, Rev. W. Beeby, and Dr. Horan. The lectures were given by Comps. Fearon, J. Barr, H.; and Bowes, acting Z. On the conclusion of the ceremony M. E. Comp. Kenworthy, M.E.Z., proposed that the best thanks of the chapter be given to E. Comp. Bowes, P.Z. for his ready and valuable assistance on the occasion, and that the same be entered on the minutes of the proceedings. The motion was seconded by Comp. Fearon, and carried by acclamation, and Comp. Bowes made a suitable acknowledgment. Several brethren were then proposed, and after some routine business the chapter was closed, and the companions retired to the refreshment room, where the usual toasts were proposed, honoured and responded to.

BOLTON.—*St. John's Chapter (No. 348).*—The regular meeting of this chapter was held at the Rising Sun Inn, Churchgate, Bolton, on 9th June. Amongst others present were Comps. Thomas Entwistle, P. Prot. G. Scribe N., as Z.; Thomas Wilson, H.; James Horrocks, J.; Robert Harwood, P.Z. P. Prot. G. Standard Bearer; James Newton, P.Z., John Brandwood, P.Z.; Thomas Chambers, P.Z.; and others. The chapter having been opened and the minutes of the preceding meeting read and confirmed, the ceremony of installation of Principals and investiture of officers was performed by Comp. Entwistle, as follows:—Comps. Thomas Wilson, Z.; James Horrocks, H.; Robert Harwood, J.; Thomas Chambers, E.; Henry Ainsworth, N.; Robert Glaister, Principal Soj.; Charles Walker, Janitor. The chapter was then duly closed.

WELCHPOOL.—*Welchpool Chapter (No. 998).*—The anniversary meeting of this chapter was held on Thursday, the 4th inst. Among those present were:—E. Comps. Goldsbrough, M.E.Z.; D. P. Owen, H.; W. H. Spaul, J.; H. Muggeridge, P.Z., P.G. Standard Bearer, England; J. Onions, P.Z.; Hyde, P.Z. Comps. W. Withy, W. Callender, Sides, Davies, Graham, Brown, Kemble, Williams, R. S. Morris, Barnard, and others. This being the installation meeting, a conclave of Installed Principals was formed, and Comp. D. P. Owen (presented by Comp. Henry Muggeridge) was installed by Comp. Goldsbrough as First Principal for the ensuing year. Comp. Spaullet was then presented to the newly installed M.E.Z., by whom he was ably inducted into the second chair, after which Comp. Withy was placed in the chair of J., by the immediate P.Z. The following were invested as officers:—Comps. Goldsbrough, I.P.Z.; W. Callender, Scribe N.; R. T. Morris, Scribe E.; Bagnall, P.S. The M.E.Z. proposed that the best thanks of the chapter be voted to Comp. Goldsbrough, the Immediate P.Z., for his valuable services to the chapter from the day of its consecration, and that the same be recorded on the minutes of the chapter. One of the highest privileges conferred by Freemasonry (observed the M.E.Z.) was the close and firm friendships formed amongst its members; when the formation of a chapter was contemplated, I felt that I was almost pressing too much upon the kindness of

Comp. Goldsbrough, by asking him to be the first Z., but whenever Welchpool has required his services, it has always been to him, within the length of a cable tow, proving how closely Freemasonry binds its members together, he has been always ready. His services in Freemasonry are a matter of history in England as well as in the Province of North Wales and Shropshire, where his name is a household word, and I have much pleasure in moving also that the chapter do present to Comp. Goldsbrough a Past First Principal's jewel, as a small token of the regard and esteem of the members of this chapter, as well as to mark our high sense of his services and courtesy. Comp. Spaul, H., in seconding the proposition of the M.E.Z., said, I cheerfully confirm all that Comp. Owen has said with regard to Comp. Goldsbrough, whom, in other capacities, I have always found ready. Whenever his services are required, he comes, I don't know how far, from the extreme end of England, to render us services in this province, and, I am sure, it is a source of pleasure to the companions to express their gratification at the proposition of the Most Excellent Z. The M.E.Z. expressed the regret which he felt, in conjunction with the other members of the chapter, at the absence of the Ex. Comp. George Arthur Brown, whom circumstances, of family affliction, had prevented attending, but who had said "if, at the last moment, you should want me, wire me, and I will come." I asked Companions Onions and Hyde to come, they both promised to be here, and they are here; and I did not send to Comp. Brown. Comp. Muggeridge consecrated our lodge some ten years ago, and we have the pleasure of seeing him at our first anniversary of the chapter. Our companions come from a distance, especially Comp. Muggeridge, who has come from London, and I may tell you, that had they not made up the number of Installed First Principals, our meeting, so far as the installation was concerned, would have been in vain. I move "That the thanks of this chapter be given to Comps. Muggeridge, Onions, and Hyde for their great kindness in coming here to-day," and I hope, when another anniversary comes round, to see their genial faces again. Comp. Withy, J., seconded the proposition, which was cordially carried. Comps. Muggeridge, Onions, and Hyde acknowledged the compliment paid them by the chapter, and expressed the gratification they felt in having been elected honorary members of the chapter. The chapter was then closed, and the members partook of a well served banquet. The customary toasts were given by the M.E.Z., and warmly responded to. In proposing "The Health of the Marquess of Ripon," Comp. Owen said—Very few words are required when it is so well known that Lord Ripon, as one of the most active members of Government, scarcely ever failed in his attendance in the Grand Lodge; it is saying a great deal for a man in his high position. I am a great admirer of the man who, when he puts his hand to the plough does not draw back. When we consider the example set us by Lords Ripon, Carnarvon, De Tabley, and other dignitaries in Masonry, it only shows how little sacrifice we make for our chapters. We all promise to do what we can within the length of our cable, but I am very much afraid that vain excuses are sometimes made. In proposing the healths of Lords Carnarvon, De Tabley, and the Officers of the Supreme Grand Chapter, the M.E.Z. said.—We are honoured this evening with the presence of one of the past officers, Comp. Henry Muggeridge, P.G.S.B. It is extremely gratifying to us so see his nice genial face again amongst us, I do not think we ought to drink his health, except as a distinct toast, and I only do so otherwise to save time, as some of our companions have to leave by train. Though I have but little knowledge of the Grand Officers generally, I know a great deal of him, when we consider the number of years he has devoted to Masonry, he is like an evergreen, and seems to put out fresh leaves every time we see him. It is a great pleasure to me to see him here on the evening of my installation, and it is very kind of him to come amongst us again. I give you "The Health of the Officers of the Grand Chapter, and couple therewith the name of Comp. Muggeridge, and

thanks to him for his presence here this evening." Comp. Mugeridge, in reply said—On behalf of the officers of the Supreme Grand Chapter, allow me to return my very sincere thanks, for the very kind manner in which you have recognised my name. I assure you I have very great pleasure in coming to this chapter this evening, I had the honour of consecrating the Welchpool Lodge, and of visiting the lodge on its first anniversary, when Bro. Dr. Goldsbrough was re-elected their Master for the second year, and, if I remember aright, I came on a third occasion, I can assure you I felt very much pleased when Comp. Goldsbrough intimated to me that you had done me the honour of electing me an honorary member of this chapter, which I appreciate very highly, I beg again to thank you for the very kind reception you have given me. Comp. Goldsbrough, P.Z., proposed "The Health of the M.E.Z.," dwelling in terms of praise upon the services which Comp. Owen had rendered not only to Freemasonry from the time when he became a member of the Craft, but also those which he had as the chief magistrate of his native town, he being the originator and mainspring of a work of great public utility in operative Masonry, namely, the rebuilding of the Town Hall, which would be a lasting memento of his mayoralty, and an ornament to the town. The M.E.Z., in reply said—I am extremely obliged for the eulogistic remarks, which excellent Comp. Goldsbrough has thought fit to make in proposing my health. Anything I can do for this chapter, I always do with pleasure; those who know me thoroughly well know that what I say is sincere. I little thought some ten years ago, that I should see myself at the head of Masonry in the lodge, much less did I think I should go further, and reach that proud position in the chapter. Some years ago it was in contemplation to form a chapter here, and when the subject was again mooted I had only to copy the former proceedings of the lodge, and it is now accomplished. As regards my Masonic career, I may say it has been one of unmitigated pleasure. I thank the companions for their kindness to me, and hope that no action of mine will ever warrant their distrust of me. The M.E.Z. said: Companions, I am going to ask you to drink the health of the Past Principals of the chapter, and when I tell you that at present we can only couple Comp. Goldsbrough with the toast, it is sufficient to recommend it to your hands. I hardly know how to put the toast to you, because his name and Masonic career is not confined to this province, but may be said to extend almost over the whole of the dominions of the Grand Chapter. I think I am not very far wrong in saying that at the very time when he was the W.M. of the Welchpool Lodge, each of his brothers was presiding as W.M., one in New Zealand and the other in Australia; within this province his name is a household word, and no Provincial Grand Lodge seems complete if he has not answered to the muster. We never seem complete here if he is not amongst us. Our last anniversary was a blank without him, and I hope it will be the last of his being absent. It was not his own fault, he follows a profession in which his time is not his own. We have to thank him much for his valuable services to this chapter; may he be spared many years with health and faculties unimpaired. Comp. Goldsbrough having returned thanks, the M.E.Z. proposed "The Healths of E. Comps. Spaul and Withy," the Second and Third Principals, and said, Royal Arch Masonry has thought fit to join two others in the government of the chapter; a very good idea; they have the means of checking the exuberance of the First Principal, or the reverse, by keeping him up to his work. As to E. Comp. H., his labours are well known, he has taken upon himself the responsibility of Provincial Grand Secretary, and I am extremely pleased; the first document he issued showed his determination to carry out his duties, and we shall see, he will do so. The late Bro. Wigan devoted his best energies to the interests of the province, still a young member, he does a deal of good; and I predict a new reign of law, and that we are going to be looked up. Our Comp. Withy is well known as one of the Past Masters,

and as the Treasurer of our lodge, and under his kind care and protecting nursing we have increased our balance at the bank, and I hope we shall soon take a proper position in supporting the charities as we ought to do. Comps. Spaul and Withy having respectively returned thanks, the M.E.Z. proposed "The Health of the Officers of the Chapter," to which Comp. Scribe N. replied.

Mark Masonry.

MACDONALD LODGE (No. 104).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Head Quarters of the First Surrey Rifles, at Camberwell, on Saturday last, the 13th inst., and was well attended. The W.M., Bro. Arthur Wolton, Prov. Grand Senior Overseer, was supported by the V. W. Brethren, Frederick Binckes, P.G.J.W., and Grand Secretary; Thomas Meggy, P.G.M.O.; James Stevens, P.G.J.O., and Grand Secretary for the Province; and Charles Hamerton, P. Prov. G. Secretary, Past Masters of the lodge. The W.M. elect, Bro. William Worrell, P.P.G. Organist, was in the west, and amongst other brethren present were Bros. Robert Berridge, J.W.; North Ritherdon, J.O.; Edward Moody, S.D.; Edgar Drewett, J.D.; W. P. Collins, I.G.; Frederick J. Cozens, Org.; N. F. Bassett, Steward; also Bros. George Motion, G. Yaxley, J. Close, J. K. Pitt, Dennis, Chard, Wohlgemuth, O'Neill, Bell, &c., &c.

The business of the lodge on this occasion admitting only of discussion of several motions, in addition to the ceremony of installation, the numerous candidates for advancement were not summoned to be present. They were, however, balloted for, and approved of, and an early Emergency Lodge is to be called for the special purpose of admitting them to the honourable degree. The minutes of the previous lodge meeting, which contained important resolutions, were unanimously confirmed, and the W.M. elect, Bro. W. Worrell, was presented to the W. Bro. T. Meggy as Installing Master, and was duly installed into the chair of H. in a manner so perfect as to call forth the well-deserved acknowledgements of Bro. Meggy's services. The following members were appointed and invested as officers of the ensuing year, viz.:—Bro. Robert Berridge, S.W.; Bro. Thomas W. White, J.W.; Bro. North Ritherdon, Prov. G. Sup. Works, S.O.; Bro. Edward Moody, Prov. G. Std. Bearer, S.O.; Bro. Thomas Meggy, P.G.M.O., Treasurer; Bro. Charles Hamerton, Z. Prov. G. Secretary; Bro. W. Wigginton, Registrar; Bro. Edgar Drewett, S.D.; Bro. W. P. Collins, Prov. P. Steward, J.D.; Bro. W. J. F. Bassett, Prov. G. Steward, D.C.; Bro. Frederick J. Cozens, Prov. G. Organist, I.G.; Bro. John Dennis, Organist; Bro. George Huxley, W.S.; Bro. George Motion, C.S.; Bro. W. Grant, Tyler. The notice of motion which stood in the name of the newly installed Master, "That the lodge be removed from the present place of meeting," was then discussed, and after many expressions of regret that such removal was rendered a necessity, it was unanimously agreed to change the place of meeting. On the question as to the selection of a future habitation, several brethren were heard, and the respective merits of sundry localities were canvassed. Bro. Stevens advocated the removal to the new Surrey Masonic Hall, now in course of erection, and was warmly supported, but it being proved that the individual convenience of a large majority of the members would be best studied by selecting a place of meeting in the City, it was at length unanimously resolved to remove the lodge to the Masons' Tavern, near the Guildhall, where from this date its meetings will be held. The lodge having been closed with musical service, the brethren adjourned to banquet, and, on the removal of the cloth, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. To that of "The Grand Officers" a hearty response was given by the V.W. Bro. F. Binckes, who enlarged on the considerable progress of the Order under late and present rule; and that of "Provincial Grand Lodges" was responded to by the V.W. Bro.

Stevens. The W.M., in responding to the toast "The Worshipful Master," referred to the trying circumstance that he found himself in the proud position of occupying at the same time the principal chairs respectively of Mother Craft Lodge, Royal Arch Chapter, Mark Lodge, and trusted that his earnest desire to fulfil the duties which had now devolved upon him would be crowned with success. He concluded a very powerful address by proposing the health of the "Past Masters of the Lodge" and at the same time decorating the I.P. Bro. Wolton, with a P.M. jewel, and expressing his obligations to the V.W. Bro. Meggy. Installing Master on this occasion. The object of "The Mark Benevolent Fund" was supported by Bros. Meggy and Binckes, whose eloquent speeches induced Bro. N. Bassett to undertake the representation of the lodge at the next festival, and the brethren at once to place their Stewards' list the nucleus of which probably be a handsome donation to the fund. Poor and distressed members of the Order were not forgotten when the charity box circulated, and, after recognising the services of "Officers," and the enjoyment of excellent songs by Bros. Cozens, Dennis, Wolton, and Stevens, the brethren separated in perfect harmony, satisfied both with "labour and refreshment."

ALBERT VICTOR MARK LODGE.—The quarterly meeting of this prosperous lodge was held on Monday, the 15th, when there were present—Bros. Robertson, W.M.; Rev. N. Sanderson, P.G. Chaplain, Acting J. Emra Holmes, P.G.J. of Works, Acting M. G. T. Townsend, P.G.D., Secretary; Cresswell, S.W.; G. Abbott, S.O.; M. T. W. gate, P.M., Acting S.D.; W. Cuckford, Act. I.G. The lodge was opened in due form, and minutes of last lodge read and confirmed. A ballot was then taken for Bro. Henry Wainwright, the St. Luke's Lodge, who was a candidate for advancement, and proving unanimously, and candidate being in attendance, he was received, and advanced to the honourable degree of Mark Master Mason, the first part of the ceremony being worked by the W.M., the second part by Bro. Sanderson, who assumed the part in his usual able manner. Pursuant to notice Bro. Sanderson proposed that the fee for advancement be one pound ten shillings, instead of pound as heretofore, and in doing so, laid great stress on the fact that Grand Mark Lodge had just raised the fee payable for certificate registration to 10s. He thought it was absolutely necessary if the lodge was to go on successfully that the fee should be raised. Townsend seconded the proposition, which also supported by Bro. Westgate. Bro. F. Holmes was sorry to oppose anything proposed by Bro. Sanderson, who he knew had the interests of Mark Masonry at heart. He felt, however, that if this resolution were carried, the advancement fee increased 50 per cent. should run great risk of killing the goose that laid the golden eggs. He was of opinion that great numbers joined Mark Masonry because the fee was so low; but he feared it would make all the difference in the number of candidates if they raised the fee. He would move as an amendment that the fee for advancement remain as before. Bro. Abbott begged support Bro. Holmes's views, though he did not vote for the amendment. He had to enquire only this morning that the fee was who shrugged his shoulders, and declined to propose, and he believed if he had said so, it would have made all the difference his friend would have become a candidate for advancement. Bro. Holmes' amendment being to find a seconder, it fell to the ground. The original proposition was put and carried. There being no other business before the lodge, and the ceremony of advancement over, the W.M. resumed the gavel, and closed the lodge in due and ancient form, and the brethren retired for refreshment. On account of lateness of the hour, the toasts were reduced to two, "The Queen," and "Our Advanced Brother." To the latter, Bro. Sanderson briefly responded. In spite of the comparatively small attendance, nearly attainable at this season of the year, a very pleasant evening was spent, and the brethren separated about

Scotland.

GLASGOW.—*Lodge Athol* (No. 413) held their regular meeting, June 9th, at 213, Buchanan-street. In the absence of the R.W.M., the chair was taken by Bro. J. Miller, P.M., who in a very able way raised Bro. J. Liddle to the sublime degree of a Master Mason; he was ably assisted by Bros. Jas. Leuttitt, S.W.; Walter Neilson, J.W.; Wm. Leuttitt, Sec. There were several visitors present, amongst whom we observed Bros. Adams, Blockman, McBride, Elliss, and Muir, as office-bearers in other lodges.

GLASGOW.—*The Union Lodge* held an emergency meeting on Monday, June 8th, at St. Mark's Hall, when the three degrees were worked by Bro. J. B. MacNair, the R.W.M.

GLASGOW.—*Maryhill Lodge* (No. 510) held their monthly meeting in their own lodge, Muir-bridge, Maryhill, on Wednesday, June 10th, Bro. Hugh Niven, R.W.M., in the chair, assisted by Bros. A. MacKay, Substitute Master; A. Neving, Sec. S.W.; Neil, Treas., acting J.W.; J. Pringle, Secretary. A petition was presented from M. Duncan Shaw, and he having been unanimously elected, Bro. MacKay, at the request of the R.W.M., initiated him into the order in a very careful style, but without the aid of the harmonium, as the Organist was absent, the brethren by vocal music doing their best to supply its place. Fifteen handsome suits of clothing, which had been sent from Bro. George Kenning's Glasgow establishment, were exhibited and much admired, the other brethren being determined to be snortly clothed in a like style.

GLASGOW.—*Lodge St. Andrew* (No. 465) held an emergency meeting on Friday, June 12th, when one gentleman was initiated, and five passed to the second degree, after which Bros. Walter Deed, Wm. Telfer, Jack Duncan, Cameron, and Jas. Creeling were raised to the sublime degree of Master Masons. The whole of the ceremonies were admirably wrought by Bro. D. Reid, R.W.M., who though a young man is a good working Mason, he was ably assisted by Bro. J. MacLeith, D.M.; J. Clark, Sec.; J. Youill, J.W.; and the Sec., Bro. Wm. McNeill, who with Bro. Jennason acted as Treas.

GLASGOW.—*St. Mark's Lodge* (No. 102) held their usual meeting in their own hall, on Monday, June 8th, 1874, the R.W.M., Bro. Mitchell, presiding, assisted by the whole of the office bearers. The work consisted of initiation, and one passing, after which arrangements were made for raising a fund for the support of the widow and daughter of the Janitor, who had held that office many years, and died at the ripe age of 82. As he was well known in the province, the R.W.M. and each of the lodges had taken the subject and he had no doubt sufficient would be forthcoming to comfortably support the widow for the remainder of her days.

GLASGOW.—*Star Lodge* (No. 219).—This lodge met in their new hall, Trongate, on June 10th, Bro. J. Wilson, R.W.M., presiding, James Mitchell, acting S.W.; J. Harn, J.W.; G. Miller, Sec. There was a large attendance both of brethren and visitors. Amongst the latter we observed Bros. Paterson, 27; A. Wilson, 27; Wm. Er, 73; J. McKeckner, S.W.; G. Giles, Sec.; J. Bairn, P.M. 803; J. Muir, S.W. 103; J. W. 103; and a deputation from St. John's, 458. There were two passed to the second degree, after which Bro. Wm. P.M. 103, by the consent of the lodge initiated two brethren for his own lodge. The lodge from Busby invited the Glasgow brethren to join them in a procession they intended to have on Saturday. Arrangements were made for the excursion by water on Monday's Day, by the united Committee of the two lodges, which promises to be a well-arranged trip.

GLASGOW.—*St. John's Lodge* (No. 312) held their emergency meeting in their own hall, Buchanan-street, on Tuesday, June 9th, the R.W.M., Bro. J. Fletcher, in the chair, assisted by Bro. W. Bell, D.M.; William McPherson, Sec.; J. W. 103; and the Sec., Bro. W. Dick, Buchanan, Org. Propositions were

read from Messrs. Gilchrist, and Anderson, and the ballot proving unanimous in their favour, they were then admitted, and at the request of the R.W.M., Bro. J. Dick proceeded to initiate them into this, the oldest lodge in the province, in a careful manner, the excellent way in which the organist performed his portion of the mystic rites, considerably enhanced the efficiency of the ceremony, and now that appropriate music has been published, we feel that no lodge should be without an harmonium, if they wish to give due effect to our varied ceremonies.

GLASGOW.—*Clydesdale Lodge* (No. 556).—An emergency meeting of this new lodge was held in the Hall of the Lodge Neptune, on Tuesday, June 2nd, when the following brethren were present:—Bros. William Phillips, R.W.M. 566; John McNaught, S.M.; 566; Dr. T. Russell, D.M. 566; T. B. Yuill, Treas. 566; Henry Jackman, A. 566; John Milter, R.W.M. 87; William J. E. Dodson, Prov. G.S. 566; Henry Fuge, 27; Charles Groves, 392; John H. Rogers, 392; Joseph Roddy, 566; John Park, 275; H. Sherry, 594; W. S. Vallance, 275; James Hucheson, 419. The lodge was opened in due form, and the S.M. then proceeded to initiate Bro. Peter J. Aitken, in the E.A. degree, in a very clever manner, after which the R.W.M., Bro. Phillips, proceeded to raise the lodge to the Fellow Craft degree. Bros. Roddy and Brown, were then passed to the said degree by the R.W.M., in his usual impressive manner, Bro. William J. E. Dodson, acting as conductor. The ceremony over, the R.W.M. in a short speech directed the attention of the brethren present, to the centenary of the Poet, "Tamahill," which would be celebrated in Paisley, on the morrow, Wednesday, June 3rd, and deputations from lodges in Glasgow and suburbs, being requested by the Masonic brethren of Paisley, to assist in the celebration thereof, he deemed it but right that though the new Lodge Clydesdale was but young, that we should go and assist in the demonstration, as many as conveniently could. Bro. J. McNaught then proposed a show of hands from those who were willing to form a deputation from Clydesdale, 556. On the show of hands, ten of the brethren were found willing, viz:—Bros. Wm. Phillips, R.W.M.; John McNaught, S.M.; D. T. Russell, D.M.; Wm. J. E. Dodson, P.G.S.; H. Jackman, A.; J. Doig, C.; R. Scott, T. B. Yuill, Treas.; J. Strang, Sec.; D. Campbell. There being no further business, the R.W.M. proceeded to close the lodge, in due and antient form. The brethren afterwards adjourned to refreshment. "The Health of the Last-laid Stone" was then proposed by the R.W.M., and drank with all the honours. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, Visiting Brethren, &c., had been given, the brethren separated. "Happy to meet, sorry to part, but happy to meet again."

LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

Lodge of Benevolence met on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., was in the President's chair; Bro. J. C. Parkinson, G.J.D., in the Senior Vice-President's; and Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P., in the Junior Vice-President's. Grand Secretary attended, and Bro. H. G. Buss, G. Treasurer, Middlesex. There were also present the following wearers of the purple:—Bros. Hutton, J.G.D.; C. C. Dumas, P. Asst. G.D.C.; T. Cubitt, G.P.; W. Ough, P.G.P.; and a large number of brethren from various lodges; £322 in all were granted, including recommendations for two grants of £100 each to distressed brethren. The President and Senior Vice-President, were absent through illness.

ERRATA.—In the letter of Bro. Kelly last week, page 359, first column 11th line from bottom, for "or" read "so," last line, for "and" read "Arch," second column first line, for "It is" read "Is it," line 29, for "warrants" read "warrant," line 37, for "their" read "this," line 40, for "services" read "purposes," line 50, for "intimical" read "manual." Page 360 fourth line, for "figures" read "figure," line 15 from bottom, for "country" read "county."

CONSECRATION OF THE FELIX LODGE No. 1494.

This lodge was consecrated at the Clarence Hotel, Teddington, Middlesex, on Saturday, the 30th ult., by Bro. R. Wentworth Little, Provincial Grand Secretary, assisted by V.W. Bro. J. Hervey, Grand Secretary, as S.W.; H. G. Buss, Provincial Grand Treasurer, as J.W.; Rev. P. M. Holden as Chaplain; and T. W. White, Past Grand Steward, as D.C.

The usual ceremonies incident to the consecration were duly observed, after which Bro. Little installed Bro. Edward B. Grabham as First Master. The officers were nominated as follows:—Bro. Major George Barlow, S.W.; Felix Sumner Knyvett, J.W.; Daniel Nicholson (P.M. 19), Treas.; Edward S. Norris, Sec.; F. B. Archer, S.D.; J. W. Sanders, J.D.; R. Berridge, I.G.

Among the brethren present besides those mentioned were R.W. Bro. Colonel Burdett, the Prov. G.M.; J. C. Parkinson, J.G.D., Dep. Prov. G.M.; R. A. Houstoun, Dep. Prov. G.M. East Lothian; W. Smithett, G. Steward; Major S. H. Clerke, P. Prov. G.W. Devon; H. C. Levander, P. Prov. G.D. Wilts; Hyde Pullen, P.G.S.B., P. Dep. Prov. G.M. Isle of Wight; F. Binckes, P.G. Steward; J. C. Goldsmith, W.M. 19; E. Hopwood, P.M. 141; H. Phythian, W.M. 1293; F. Kelly, S.W. 1293; D. W.; Pearse, J.W. 1293; H. Robinson, P.M. 180; C. B. Payne, P.M. 27; F. Knyvett, 160; E. S. Horne, 227; G. P. Gillard, 657; and E. J. Southwell, 1293.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. R. Limpus, Prov. G.O., assisted by Bros. A. Hubbard, T. B. Evison, and G. Musgrave.

The rank of honorary member was conferred upon the consecrating officer and several other brethren, and several propositions for initiation, &c., were announced. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren spent a delightful evening together under the presidency of the W.M., who elicited the warm congratulations of all present upon his having attained the Master's chair.

Masonic Tidings.

The death is announced of Bro. Frederick Ledger, for many years proprietor and conductor of the *Era* newspaper. Bro. Ledger died on Sunday last at his residence at Balham-hill. He was 58 years of age.

The advice of the late Mr. Thackeray was as much prized by his friends as his literary genius was appreciated by his fellow-countrymen. A young lady of his acquaintance, knowing how wide and deep was his knowledge of worldly matters, one day asked him what would be the best present to make to her old friend and school-fellow, who was just married, and was setting up housekeeping. "My dear," replied the great novelist, "you may be certain your young married friends are thinking only of the luxurious and the ornamental in their purchases. Now, suppose you take the useful and the practical side. My dear, you cannot do better than present your friends with a filter—a Lipscombe's filter, mind. It is the best kind of filter I know." This was some years since, and the merits of Lipscombe's filters have become more and more esteemed as their use has spread. Numbers of valuable lives were saved during the Ashantee war by means of these filters, sent out by Government from the well-known establishment near Temple Bar, which converted water absolutely poisonous into a pure and wholesome beverage.

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The Freemason,

SATURDAY, JUNE 20TH, 1874.

NEW LODGES.

We were present at the dedication of a new lodge on Wednesday, the 11th inst. (the Athenæum, No. 1491, Camden-road), of which a condensed report appeared in our last impression, and as some thoughts seemed to force themselves upon our mind, during the interesting ceremonies of the day, we think it well to take our many readers into confidence, and impart them, with their fraternal permission, to all who peruse our pages to-day. Independently of the fact that the ceremony, always most edifying, was most ably performed by our distinguished Bro. John Hervey, our much valued and much respected Grand Secretary, assisted by that "facile princeps" of all ritual work, Bro. Fenn, and by Bros. Buss and Little, we were rejoiced to see so many well-known members of our Craft assembled, including the ever genial presence of Bro. Joseph Smith, and the Secretaries of our three great charitable Institutions. The new Master is a most worthy and energetic Mason, and he is supported by an array of excellent officers, mostly Past Masters, we observed, and with the promise of several well-known Masons and young brethren as joining members, everything appears to augur well for the future prosperity of the Athenæum Lodge. One consideration came before us very strikingly, during the day's proceedings, namely, the onward progress of Freemasonry. Each weekly Freemason that we read tells us of new lodges springing up, in different parts of our land, and go where we will we see some stately building, which we are told is the Freemasons' lodge. We say nothing of the grammatical use of the word lodge. We only state the fact—a very remarkable one it is for the reflecting Mason—that English Freemasonry has practically doubled the number of its lodges during the last quarter of a century, and despite the vast accession of new lodges in our long extended roll, "the cry is still they come." Indeed, we do not see at present any possible limit to the expansiveness and elasticity of our English system. Now this great increase of Masonic lodges proves two things, we think, incontestably. The one is, that Freemasonry is, in itself a want for the age in which we live. It is a very remarkable fact, that, in this prying and bustling age, in which everything seems to be sacrificed to the dust, and dirt, and turmoil of

public life, an institution so peculiar and so obtrusive, so much averse to open recognition and so difficult of access, should be popular to all classes of society. And yet the secret of a want and of such popular appreciation is not, I think, not hard to find. Freemasonry may have frailties and its defects, like everything else, is earthly or human, but Freemasonry has a great recommendation—it is a neutral ground for us all—an open platform on which the differing and the most distant may meet together in peace and goodwill, a green oasis in this arid wilderness of to-day's strife, in which the genial, and the friendly, the tolerant and the true, and the scholar and the statesman, may find alike rest for their bodies and refreshment for their minds. Many of us who day by day are toiling at "the forum" or in the counting house, in the senate or in the camp, or are labouring as bread winners, by the energy of their brains, to cheer and sustain the nearest and dearest to them, can find in Freemasonry, many an hour of intellectual improvement, many a season of faithful work, many a pleasant moment of social relaxation. At the portals of our lodges and on the pediment of our stately halls, seem still engraved, in words of light, that good old English motto "Friendship, Goodwill, and Brotherly love." For there we can gladly resort, after the toils of the busy day are over. There when we meet once within the lodge, the divisions and the separations of political and denominational life end, for the echoes of political war cries do not penetrate, and there the acrimony of sectarian controversy is unknown. So despite all our boasted simplicity of life and thought and ways and means to-day, the tyled lodge room of us "Ancient Free and Accepted Masons," has a great attraction for many a wandering and weary child of earth. And again Freemasonry is recognised as a medium of doing good. The old idea that we were a club of good fellows, a cordial and benevolent Order, whose very best aspiration was a good dinner, and whose chief qualification was a Masonic speech. But now we, like many have "lived down" the ancient jest of childish calumny, and can point with laudable to our charitable institutions and benevolent deavours, our institutions which emulate, do not excel any similar ones in the land. So many of the public are beginning to feel what we have long proclaimed in our good formularies, that the chief characteristic of a Freemason's heart is charity. In a new lodge, then, that we found is meant to be a centre of light, of friendship, toleration, and charity to its members. From it, we trust, some rays of brightness will fall on many of our fellow men. And it be true, that all things here are at the best ephemeral and transitory, that, they are like the dying flower, and pass like some of the day, yet let us hope, that, from the living fragment of many an earthly lodge may emanate a spirit of truth, and that loyalty, and benevolence, which shall pervade both the material fabric and the earthly members, and be perpetuated in a happier and perfected knowledge, of an improved and eternal love.

AN ORATION.

DELIVERED AT THE DEDICATION OF THE
ATHENÆUM LODGE, No. 1491.

By THE REV. A. F. A. WOODFORD, M.A. P.G.C.

Worshipful Presiding Officer and Brethren:—

I esteem it a great honour to have been asked by the Master Designate of this new lodge, our very worthy and much respected Bro. Samuel Poynter, to deliver the customary oration, as Consecrating Chaplain. For I think, that, all such ceremonies as we take part in to-day, are not only interesting in themselves to us all as faithful members of our ancient Order, but are suggestive of many very useful thoughts and valuable considerations.

As Freemasons we rejoice to see another promising offshoot of our old Masonic tree, and as brethren bound together by the ties of old friendship and sympathy, as well in solemn work, as in the social hour, we must feel within us all, those associations both pleasant yet somewhat saddening, which every new dedication of every new lodge evokes from all our minds and memories. For we are taken back even to-day from this new lodge, with all the accessories of Masonic ceremony and appointed dedication to old days, and to other meetings and to happy gatherings gone by, and ancient friends now no more. It has been my lot as W. Presiding Officer to take part in many dedications, and to deliver more than one oration, and therefore, I cannot hope, as I do not pretend, to offer you this afternoon, anything very striking or novel. All I profess to do to-day is, only to retrace after all a beaten track, and to draw from our old teaching, and our time-honoured landmarks, and the unchanged witness of Freemasonry, some few lessons of practical Masonic lore, which may be improving to our younger brethren, and will not be, I would fain hope, unedifying even to the older members of our Order now present.

I propose then (leaving out all other topics and considerations, owing to the shortness of time) to look at Freemasonry from three main points of view. First of all, let us look at it as a centre of union and harmony for men of different views and often differing opinions. It is the special characteristic of Freemasonry, that, it offers, so to say, "a harbour of refuge," a wide and a peaceful platform, where, and on which may gladly gather those who differ on most other subjects in the world outside the lodge. We cannot go into busy life, or mix much with our fellows now without becoming instantly aware, that, many severances sever us, and many divisions divide us from one another daily here. What these divisions and severances may be, matters nothing to our present consideration, whether they be religious, political, national, or social, but they do exist, and they affect us all in a variety of ways. Yet once within a lodge of Freemasons, they are happily practically altogether unknown. Within that peaceful region, so far, the voice of political animosity has never been heard, the din of religious controversy is stilled. Material and social severances, the demarcations of sectarianism, the various class antagonisms of this world's social organization have no existence there. We are all brothers. Once within the lodge-room, once admitted into Freemasonry, be we who we may, and whatever our social rank or condition outside our lodge may be, there we all meet "upon the level, and part upon the square." Freemasonry receives all candidates within its ample fold, who are good, honest, true, moral men, whatever their denominational views may be, except, as our old formularies say, "the stupid atheist, or their irreligious libertine," and enrolls gladly under her great and tolerant banner all who believe in the common Father of the human race. Our position in this respect, has been blamed by some, and anathematized by others,

who censure so wide a "formula" of religious profession and adhesion, but the experience of many years has told me, as I believe it tells us all, that, Freemasonry is right, in laying down this law of acceptance into her fraternal assemblies, and, that, they are gravely in error, who impugn too hastily either her precepts or practice in this respect.

Again Freemasonry is an institution whose foundation is the moral law of the Divine Lawgiver, and the inculcation on her members of every moral and social virtue. Freemasonry is not religion, and does not put forth dogmas of belief. But Freemasonry is a great and world-wide philanthropic society, and may be said to be a handmaid to religion, inasmuch as brotherly love, relief, and truth, are its unchanging watchwords, and because, from first to last, from the hour of our initiation to our closing moments of work, it tells us in clear and touching tones of moral duty and moral living. Sending us to the best of books, the Bible, always open in our lodges, it urges us thereby and therefrom, to be good husbands, good fathers, good brothers, good sons, good members of society, loyal subjects, and peaceable citizens. More than once, in many a lecture, and many a portion of its mystic ritual, Freemasonry forcibly appeals to us, to follow all our worldly avocations, and to perform alike our public and private duties with freedom, fervency, and zeal. For let us remember how idle is our profession of Freemasonry if we do not make obedience to the moral law, both the proof and the end of our Masonic profession. It is indeed idle to call ourselves Freemasons, idler still to disport ourselves in lodge, in all the external decorations of our excellent fraternity, if all the while our lives are a scandal to morality, and a discredit to our lodge, and the Craft at large. I do not wish to take a too professional view of the subject, always a difficult one to deal with, or to give even the tinge of a sermon to what I am now saying, and therefore will only add, that, we shall never go very far wrong, if we endeavour carefully to conform ourselves in our passage through life, to those admirable exhortations to morality and sobriety, to decency and to decorum, which we hear so often in well known words, from that "curule chair," Sir, you so well and worthily occupy to day. And so once again, Freemasonry is a great philanthropic institution, whose unchanging teaching finds its best and most active expression in deeds of charity and labours of love.

Now whatever else may be alleged against Freemasonry, it cannot be said, that, in this respect its profession and practice do not go hand in hand. I know of no other body, which so unnecessarily labours to carry out its own great principles into beneficial and persevering activity. Yes, W. Sir, I make bold to say Freemasonry may fairly claim the approval of all honest men for the zeal with which it seeks, in its divine mission of charity and goodwill, and forbearance and toleration towards men, to practice its old teachings of sympathy, and succour, towards those of its own members whom sickness or calamity have reduced to poverty or distress.

For as Freemasons, we ever do assiduously labour, and let this be ever our unchanging aim, amid all the changes and calamities of life, to relieve distress, to support old age, to aid infirmity, to educate the orphan, and to cause the "widow's heart to sing for joy."

If we wanted any defence for Freemasonry, which we do not, either as regards its utility or its mission, we surely can find it in our great charities, and our benevolent contributions. To any one who asks us to day, what does Freemasonry do of good in the world, pointing to our charities we can say "Si queris circumspice."

Why, Sir, in 1856, at the Anniversary Festival of the Girls, our most distinguished brother, then Lord Panmure, now the Earl of Dalhousie, lauded in glowing words the magnificent contributions to the Girls' School of £1500. The whole returns for the charities that year amount to £4,500. This year the subscriptions and donations of our ever ready and sympathetic brotherhood exceed £21,000, an amount not only large in itself, but, testifying in a most striking way, to the zeal and liberality of our

order, which, instead of slackening or decreasing, seems only to be augmented year by year. And when, Sir, I call to mind our Grand Lodge, and Provincial Grand Lodge and private lodge grants to suffering or indigent brethren, when I number up our many local Masonic charitable efforts, I say, that, any one who still professes to believe that Freemasonry is a mere idle form, a mere club of good fellows, or a selfish convivial assembly, must be insensible to any evidence you can offer to his mental capacity, must be, in truth, as big an idiot as exists on God's glorious earth. And so let us leave all idle cavils and frivolous objections to this practical proof of reality both of profession and of work. Let us disregard all impugnors and calumniators, let us quietly put by us all anathemas and interdicts, and let us go on our way, proud of our good old Craft, which has weathered so many angry squalls, and let us gladly welcome to-day another addition to her long list of effective lodges.

But before I close my oration (if I have not wearied my brethren), I must add two words of caution, which seem to me very appropriately to come in at the opening of a new lodge; the first is, as to the admission of new members. We are suffering at this moment, in our Order, in our great material prosperity, from a "plethora" of candidates for admission. With a new lodge there comes in always a temptation to a new Master, and its first Master, at the expiration of his year of office, to point exultingly to a long list of recently admitted members. Now I feel sure, that my worthy Bro. Samuel Poynter will pardon me for saying, that, after an experience of 32 years as a Freemason, I earnestly recommend him to adopt for his motto, in this respect at any rate, "Festina lente." There is a popular view, I am aware, amongst us, that, as Freemasonry is a public institution we have no right to refuse any who come with fair credentials and a proof of social respectability.

Now, I venture to assert to-day, that, this, Worshipful Sir, is a great fallacy. Our lodge is a brotherhood, a family, and we have no right to admit into our lodges, those whom we cannot, or will not introduce to our own families, whom we do not believe to be morally "good men and true," whom we do not think likely to rise in the lodge, or to do credit to Freemasonry. I would, therefore, earnestly urge upon the members of this lodge carefully to scan the pretensions of all who seek to be enrolled amidst the honourable ranks of our ancient and useful sodality.

And one other caution. We live in an age of much restlessness externally, many questions, more doubts. Under our Most Excellent Grand Master, and under our active and efficient Masonic administration, our great fraternity is moving on peacefully, prosperously, and well contented. But those who, like myself, see and hear a good deal of Masonic opinion, we know well, that, there is in some a hankering after novelties and changes, an "unsettlement," so to say, of ideas and aims, as regards what, at any rate since 1813, has tended wonderfully to preserve the peace and promote the progress of Freemasonry in this country.

Therefore I say, and especially to the officers and brethren of this new lodge, "keep by the ancient landmarks." Let nothing tempt you, on any pretence, or in any degree, to part with them or depart from them. They were laid down by good and expert brethren in olden days; they have withstood the lapse of years, and the onward experience of time; they are commended to our affectionate loyalty as Craftsmen, and let us resolve to hand them on unchanged and unaltered, to those who shall come after us, in the lodge, and in Freemasonry.

And now, Worshipful Sir and brethren, I commend this good work, in which we have been engaged to-day, to the providential care of the Great Architect of the Universe. May all of success attend the Athenæum Lodge, and may it long remain a centre of light, and intellectual strength to this district, a source of unflinching happiness and edification to all its members, a credit to Freemasonry, an honour to God, and a benefit to mankind.

Original Correspondence.

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

MASONS' MARKS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

I think it necessary to address you once more on the subject of Masons' Marks with reference to the letters of Bros. John Yarker junior, W. J. Hughan, and the brother signing himself "A Masonic Student," which appeared in the numbers of *The Freemason* of dates May 23rd and 30th, and June 5th and 13th. And with this I intend that the discussion which has been carried on in your columns, shall, in so far as I am concerned, be concluded. I have stated my opinion and given reasons for it, that a Mason's Mark ought to have an odd number of points, and that a mark with an even number of points is not allowable. I have been met by the assertion of an opposite opinion, but with no proof nor argument to shake my conviction, for I cannot acknowledge the authority of the brethren, who have attempted, as they think, to set me right, as in the least degree worthy to be set against that of the Ritual which I quoted, and which has been in use in Scotland for nearly 200 years, nor can I yield to that of the Grand Mark Lodge of England, which in abolishing the rule that required an odd number of points, proceeded I believe, on a wholly mistaken view of the facts concerning the marks on the stones of old buildings, and also, as I will presently proceed to show, without right to make the change it did.

Whilst the letters of Bros. Yarker and Hughan contain nothing but what is gentlemanly and brotherly, I am sorry that I cannot say the same of those which have been written by "A Masonic Student" since he began to take part in this discussion, and his abusiveness has seemingly reached its climax in that published on May 23rd, (*Freemason* pp. 311, 312,) in which he uses language with regard to me, such as in all my connection with the press, I have never seen put in type before, and such as would certainly not be permitted to appear in any ordinary newspaper. I cordially agree with Bro. Hughan that it would be well if the Editor expunged all references of an offensive, or personal or abusive style from the communications sent for insertion in *The Freemason*. It would be more to the credit of the brotherhood, and more pleasant, I believe, to readers in general. From his last letter, published on June 6th "A Masonic Student" seems himself to have become aware that he has gone a little too far, and he makes a kind of half apology for his intemperate expressions, which, however, is not worth much, for he at the same time justifies himself, by saying that he does not see the use in free and open discussion, of being "mealy-mouthed," and that he thinks it always better to speak and to write as "Downright Dunstable." There is no excuse, however, that I know of, for downright Billingsgate. The cause which excited a Masonic Student's choler in the first instance was, as he now tells us, no offensive language of mine, but merely the opinion which I had ventured to express. He says—"We have suffered so much from unsound dogmatic and fallacious theories, that I confess, in 1874, to be gravely told that the double triangle is not a Masonic Mark, and that all marks must have odd points, was too much for my patience and stomach." If a man is to get angry, whenever an opinion is advanced that is contrary to his own, there is not likely to be much good done by any discussion in which he takes part, nor is the cause of Masonic truth likely to be much promoted. But I pass from this disagreeable subject, and hope I shall not be betrayed into any expressions in what I have further to say, that can reasonably be deemed offensive by "A Masonic Student" or by any other brother. He must try to keep his temper, however, and bear with me as patiently as he can, whilst I repeat that the Double Triangle is not a Masons' Mark, and that all Masons' Marks ought to have an odd number of points, and even when I add that

he has mistaken the very subject of the discussion into which he so eagerly rushed. He seems to have fancied and still to fancy that it relates to operative Masonry, whereas my statement, as made at first, had reference to speculative Masonry alone, and all that has been said about Operative Masonry in course of the discussion has been merely because the subject of operative Masonry has been dragged into it by himself and others.

I utterly fail to follow Bro. Yarker, junr., in his arguments, when he says, "I can show either 'Masonic Student,' or Bro. Hughan, a Mark ritual furnished to me by the Grand Mark Lodge of England, upon which to start the first lodge founded here under their jurisdiction, which makes the odd points compulsory, but to my mind this is the very strongest argument in favour of these writers against Bro. Paton, since it shows the ritual to be a modern concoction, opposed as it is, to the facts of operative marks." It appears to me that Bro. Yarker falls into confusion here, and that apart from his notion as to the meaning of "the facts of operative marks," the fact that the ritual sent to him by the Grand Mark Lodge did contain the rule that marks should have an odd number of points ought to be regarded as strongly in favour of the opinion that such is the true rule of Freemasonry. How it can be regarded as tending to show that the ritual is a modern concoction, I am unable to perceive. Might it not have occurred to Bro. Yarker, that be it framed when it might, "the facts of operative marks," were in all probability fully present to the minds of those who framed it, and that they had taken a different view of the meaning of these facts, and of the evidence afforded by them, from that which he has taken, and which was taken by the Grand Mark Lodge of England, when, on 14th December, 1864, it abrogated this rule, and allowed the selection of marks with an even number of points? The original ritual of the majority of Mark Lodges in England, was sent to the first of them that were founded, by the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland, from which they received their charters, and the regulation which it contained as to marks was no recent concoction, but has been included in the ritual used in Scotland, for, as I have said, nearly 200 years. And how was the Grand Mark Lodge of England entitled to abrogate this regulation? It was itself founded by the majority of lodges, which had received their ritual with their charters, and nothing could be more unmasonic than to make such a change in the ritual without consulting the parent body. It might have been expected that in such a matter, the Grand Mark Lodge of England should not have proceeded hastily, and without consulting the highest Masonic authorities. But it appears from Bro. Hughan's account of what took place, (*Freemason* p. 328), that the Grand Mark Lodge, a body of very recent origin, proceeded in the most summary manner, on the ground that "an examination of the ruins of ancient buildings, on the stones of which the marks of the artificers were found, proved that no such regulation as that enforced under this rule existed." That is, as I apprehend, the Grand Mark Lodge mistook the meaning of the evidence which these old stones afforded, and hastily swept away a regulation which had been in force from time immemorial amongst the Freemasons of all countries.

I have no wish to say anything disrespectful of the Grand Mark Lodge of England, but when its authority is appealed to in such a matter as the present, I am compelled to call to mind its very recent origin, and that it has never been in any way recognised as yet by the Grand Lodge of England, nor by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, nor by the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland, from which last nearly all the lodges that united to found it, had received their charters.

Let us now consider what consequences must ensue from the innovation which the Grand Mark Lodge of England has made. Masons' Marks are of use that brethren may recognise one another, and a change of the rule regarding them is calculated to produce confusion. As well might pass-words and signs be changed. Every Mason must have his own mark, and he cannot change it. The rule of having an odd

number of points, aids a Mason in deciding whether a stranger who comes to him, asking brotherly kindness, is a true Masonic brother or not. The Mark Grand Lodge of England has done all in its power to deprive us of one mode of detecting an impostor, which a man asked to show his mark, and showing one with an even number of points, would properly be held to be; unless indeed, now, an exception would have to be made in the case of one professing to have been initiated since 1864, in one of the Mark Lodges of England. But supposing anyone so initiated, and having adopted a mark with an even number of points, to become resident in Scotland, and to be affiliated to a Scottish Constitution Lodge, in any part of the world out of England, he would need to take a new mark with an odd number of points, and thus have two marks, one for England and another for Scottish Constitution.

I have no need to look again into any Masonic work for proof that marks with an even number of points are to be found on the stones of old buildings. I am as perfectly aware of this fact as any of my opponents in the present discussion, even "A Masonic Student" himself. But I know the explanation of it too, which is more than he seems yet to have found out. At some future time, I may perhaps give it, but meanwhile I would only ask him, or any other brother who thinks this subject worthy of attention, if he has ever observed a mark with an odd number of points and one with an even number appearing together on the same stone; and further, if he ever saw a mark of the latter description without one of the former nearly alongside of it.

"A Masonic Student" has never yet said if he is a Mark Mason, or what lodge he belongs to. I am still inclined to doubt if he is a Mark Mason at all. With this, however, I have nothing to do, except as bearing on his capacity for forming an opinion on the subject on which he has written so confidently, and with so much passion. I cannot help saying that I am somewhat amused by the way in which Bro. Hughan and he certify for one another. I doubt, however, if this will give much additional value to the opinion of either. To the authority of both I prefer that of the late Bro. Dr. Oliver, to whom "A Masonic Student" expresses surprise that I have referred in this discussion. But I know no author whose opinions on Masonic questions are entitled to greater respect, and his opinion that Masons' Marks ought to have an odd number of points, is clearly enough expressed in his works. I have heard him also express it in conversation, having had the happiness of being acquainted with him, and having enjoyed many a long conversation with him on Masonic subjects.

A single sentence in reply to Bro. Kelly. Although a number of irregularities may have crept into some of the Mark Lodges in England such as adopting a bell for a Masons' mark, this is no rule to set aside an established law and custom. Many Freemasons have tried to introduce their coat of arms for their mark, but it has been refused to be allowed by many Mark Lodges in Great Britain.

And now, for the present, I take leave of the subject of Masons' Marks.

I am, yours fraternally,

CHALMERS I. PATON.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have read Bro. Kelly's clear and instructive letter with very great pleasure. It is very seldom that we have the opportunity of perusing so thoroughly satisfactory a statement as regards a point of controversy. I am inclined to think that the question is settled for the present, as our good Bro. Paton must see that the consensus of nearly all our Masonic writers is against his peculiar views. I don't myself profess to realize what more can be said pro or con, but it is satisfactory to have arrived at this agreement, that whatever partial or temporary law there may have been of Speculative Mark Masonry, there is no such law affecting operative marks as Bro. Paton proposed to be down.

Being a Mark Mason myself, having received my Mark from a very old Mark Lodge in Yorkshire, I certainly never heard of any such rule in English Speculative Masonry, and the marks of the Scotch lodges are fatal to the theory. But I will not pursue the subject. Will Bro. Kelly send me his history of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Leicestershire, and I will send him a little Masonic brochure of mine.

I am, yours fraternally,
A MASONIC STUDENT.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I observe in last week's issue of *The Freemason* Bro. Sutcliffe's letter respecting the non-appearance in that paper of the subscription list handed in at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and I quite agree with him in reference thereto, that it would be interesting to see whence the money comes and to know who have taken an interest in that excellent institution and deserving charity. Anxiously awaiting the publication of the several Stewards' lists.

I am, yours fraternally,
HARRY W. J. MOXON.

NATIONAL GRAND PRIORY.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Having hoped for weeks past that some more efficient writer would bring to the notice of your readers the last tyrannical act of the leaders in the National Grand Priory of the Masonic Order of Knight Templars, I find myself constrained to ask, whether our Templar brethren throughout England and Wales are aware, that at the last meeting of the National Grand Priory, the appointment of its Grand Officers was made for life, "ad vitam," moyennant regular attendance, the consequence of which measure being that neither metropolitan nor provincial knights have any change of Grand Priory rank.

Under these circumstances, if I may be permitted to give a word of advice, I should say to all the preceptors that it is advisable to become dormant, until the Masonic, religious and moral tone be restored to our chivalric degree.

Yours fraternally,
A PAST PRECEPTOR.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR AND RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE.

To the Editor of the Freemason

Dear Sir and Brother,—

While thanking "Enquirer" for the good opinion he has been pleased to express regarding myself, I think he has missed the pith of my former letter (p. 323). I did not object to his making enquiries through the pages of *The Freemason*; those enquiries I replied to, but I did object to his charges made against the Knights Templar of Edinburgh, and asked for proof that they had acted as he has stated. That is the sole ground of my dispute with him, I admitted that there might be a little jealousy, quite unfounded, but it may arise from the cause he now states as the result of his further enquiries. I frankly confess that I was not aware that the Priory of the Lothian claimed the right to work the Red Cross of Constantine, I knew that some priories as well as some Royal Arch Chapters in Scotland do work another Red Cross Degree, of which I am also a member. But with the exception of the name it has nothing in common with the Red Cross of Rome and Constantine. I am glad to hear that there is a probability of this difficulty being arranged between our Edinburgh friends.

I am sorry, if by using the word "credulity," I have wounded the sensitiveness of "Enquirer," but I know from experience when there is a divergence of opinion amongst the brethren how difficult it is to get a dispassionate statement of facts.

I hope in this and all future controversies we bear in mind the Red Cross charges of which "Enquirer" has so kindly reminded me.

I am, yours fraternally,
G. W. WHEELER.

FREEMASONRY IN PRUSSIA.

W. H. D., writing from abroad to Bro. J. K. Larke, Masonic Editor of the *New York Courier*, furnishes the following interesting items concerning the present condition of Masonry in Prussia:

"I was stopping some weeks since in Creffield, a manufacturing town of Rhenish Prussia, a place about an hour's ride from Cologne, and a little more from Dusseldorf. Business commanded my stay here for nearly two weeks, during which time it was my pleasure, when at table in the Hotel Wildemann, to be seated with an accomplished gentleman, of English birth, and a member of the Lodge of Creffield, named Henry F. Greene, Esq., of the house of Klemme & Co., manufacturers there. By him I was introduced to many of the brethren, whom we met at his club, and was conducted to his lodge room on their night of meeting. The building is owned by the fraternity, with the tastefully decorated grounds surrounding. On the entrance floor are the reception rooms, with all the conveniences necessary for the brethren; hat racks, mirrors, tables, &c., with their own servants and attendants. Here some of the brethren repair, before the opening of the Lodge, and partake of the choicest cuisine. In their banquet hall, were some venerable pictures (Masonic subjects) with historical reminiscences. They were lost to them for some years in the war with the first Napoleon, by whose command the Lodge was closed, because of the loyalty of the membership to its own king and country—as characterizes the Craft everywhere throughout the world. The Germans are truly loyal to their duly constituted government—their great Emperor, and Grand Master of the Craft in his dominions. On the next floor are rooms for the various degrees, separate rooms for each. I was present at the opening in the first degree, and was not a little surprised to find myself requested to equip in hat and sword, as were all the brethren present. My rank in the Craft (Past Master) being known, I was furnished with the appropriate jewel. After the ceremonies incident to opening of the Lodge, the Master, Worshipful Bro. Hermendahl, tendered a cordial welcome to the visiting brethren present, and, alluding to the presence of an American Brother, addressed himself in faultless English, expressing, as do Germans everywhere, the greatest regard for our country and people. On behalf of America, whose poor representative I found myself on the occasion, I made my acknowledgments, informing them that my lodge was largely composed of their countrymen, and that it was an element in the composition of our Lodges as highly appreciated as was their highly swelling numbers, by emigration, in our body politic. Their work was transacted with great dignity and decorum. The officers and members were all men of high social standing in the place, which shows what care they exercise in guarding the ballot box. After the closing of the lodge, I was invited to participate with them at the festive board, and enjoyed myself with great satisfaction. Here the Master called on the brethren to discuss some matters which were furnished from a printed programme at intervals snatched from the enjoyment of their choice Moselle and Rhenish wines.

"Previous to my visiting the Lodge at Creffield, by invitation of Brother Gustave Gebhard, Esq., of Gebhard & Co., Elberfeld, I visited his Lodge, in that city, where I was also very cordially welcomed. The Master's speech was translated to me by Brother Gebhard, who, doubtless, replied for me in much improved language to any I could muster—the Brother being a highly accomplished linguist, as well as an eminent manufacturer. He is also consul of the Persian Empire, director in various monetary institutions, one of the dignitaries of the city government of Elberfeld, and for some years a resident of this city.

"After the closing of the Lodge, the brethren repaired to their elegantly appointed club room, where some few hours were passed in social enjoyment; and, with a most fraternal "bon voyage" to the writer, who, on the morrow, was to set out for other parts of the European Continent."

MASONIC NEWS FROM AMERICA:

We take the following interesting excerpts from our respectable contemporary the *Philadelphia Keystone*, in the belief that they will be acceptable to our many readers.

DESCRIPTION OF NEW YORK MASONIC TEMPLE.

The new Masonic Temple in New York city (says the *N. Y. Courier*) is 140 feet long on Twenty-third street, nearly 100 feet on Sixth avenue, and to the top of the shield is 163 feet in height from the street level. On the second floor are the Grand Secretary's offices, consisting of a suite of three rooms, with that of the Grand Master adjoining. Opposite to these is the Grand Lodge room, 94 feet by 90, and 28 feet high. This is not yet completed. A broad staircase, in the Ionic style, leads from the Twenty-third-street entrance to this floor, and another broad staircase to the third floor, on which are located the Tuscan, Doric, and Ionic rooms; all constructed in the styles after which they are named. The first and last are 62 x 27 x 21 feet, and the Doric, 62 x 30 x 21 feet. The description of one answers for all, except in the colour of the carpet and style of architecture. The altar and lesser lights are fixtures, and are suitable to the style of architecture. The steps leading to the stations are covered with velvet, and the floors with rich Wilton carpets. The organ is located in a gallery above the West, where, on extraordinary occasions, a powerful choir can be placed. In the East are columns supporting a portico, representing the entrance to a Temple and forming a recess. Each Lodge room is supplied with suitable ante-rooms, hat and coat room, with facilities for performing the toilet, property rooms, &c. On this floor will be located the Grand Lodge Library, separated from the Lodge rooms by a hall in the Corinthian style, with the flooring after the pattern of the ground floor of King Solomon's Temple.

On the fourth floor are located the Corinthian and Composite rooms, 62 x 27 x 21 feet, fitted up in similar styles as the rooms on the third floor, only as the architecture is more beautiful, fittings are made to correspond. Between these two rooms are the Chapter room, constructed after the Egyptian style of architecture, and representing the inside of an Egyptian Temple. The capitals of the columns in this, as in all the other rooms, stand out in bold relief, and, although the room is 62 feet 6, by 30 feet, and 21 feet high, the massive caps and columns make it appear much smaller. The peculiar appliances of the R. A. D. are to be located in an adjoining room, and are well arranged. Being fixtures, the companions are saved a great amount of labour. The carpet of the main floor is scarlet, with emblematical devices, and the Council carpet is of scarlet velvet. The Grand Council is located at the entrance or within the portico of the Inner Temple. The grandeur of this room can be better appreciated by an inspection, and when completed, during the summer recess, will present a fine effect. On this floor is located the handsome parlour of the Temple.

On the fifth floor are the Commandery rooms, the Asylum of which is to be in the Gothic style, but it is yet incomplete. The entrance to the Asylum is through the Sentinel's room, which is formed like a tent, and presents that appearance. The banquet hall, on the north side, is after the Norman style, and is 54 x 27 x 21 feet. The Council Chamber is after the Persian style, and is elegantly fitted up. The Chamber of R—and the Transparency Room are suitably arranged, and in the dome are located three armories, with accommodation for over 700 Knights, and with a private staircase leading thereto. By means of an elevator, this floor, as well as all the others, can be reached without labour or difficulty.

MASONIC PILGRIMAGE TO JERUSALEM.

Bro. Rob Morris, LL.D., Past Gr. Master of Kentucky, and the present Worshipful Master of Royal Solomon Lodge, No. 293, of Jerusalem, the only Masonic Lodge in Palestine, is now organizing a Masonic party to be composed of Master Masons, limited in number. He will leave New York by one of the first class lines, on September 26th next, and will visit Liverpool, London, Paris, Turin, Milan, Venice, Trieste, Alexandria, Cairo, the Pyramids, Suez, Hebron, the Pools of Solomon and Jerusalem, and from thence to the Dead Sea, the Jordan, the Sea of Galilee, Nazareth, Mount Hermon, Damascus, Baalbec, the Cedars of Lebanon, and all points of Masonic interest through the Holy Land, opening his Lodge in many of these appointed places; returning from Beyrout in Syria, the party will go to Smyrna, Ephesus, Constantinople, Athens, Corfu, Brindisi, Naples, Pompei, Vesuvius, Sorrento, Rome, Florence, Bologna, Mt. Cenis, Geneva, Berne, Bale, Paris, London, York, Edinburgh, Ayr, Glasgow, Belfast, Dublin, Liverpool, paying official Masonic visits to the Lodges and Grand Lodge at all these points.

Bro. Morris has a number of the brethren already enrolled, and has made a contract with Cook, Son & Jenkins, of New York and London, the great excursion managers, in which they agree to conduct this party from New York over the entire route back to New York, to provide the best hotels and first class travelling arrangements for a period of one hundred and forty two days, by sea and land, by rail and steamer, in carriage and on horseback, and in tents, providing guides, camp equipage, omnibuses, porters, *backsheeh*, and servants—in a word, paying all expenses necessary for the tour, from the date of departure from New York until the return to New York, for the sum of eleven hundred dollars.

It will be remembered that this is the firm that so successfully managed the Pilgrimage of Alleghany Commandery, Knights Templar, to Europe, three years ago, which was pleasantly commemorated in St. John's Commandery at its last meeting, where we had the pleasure of again greeting Bro. E. M. Jenkins, one of the Pilgrims, in person.

We may remark, here, that upon that occasion Bro. Jenkins took upon himself the conduct of the Pilgrims, prepared for them a printed volume containing a complete description of the tour, in advance, with every place of note to be visited, and what were the prominent points to be seen.

He manifested such ability as an excursion manager throughout the Pilgrimage, that Messrs. Cook & Son resolved to utilize his services on this side of the Atlantic, and he became, as a result, and is now, a member of their firm, stationed at New York.

STAFFORDSHIRE MASONIC CHARITABLE ASSOCIATION.

The seventh half-yearly meeting of this association was held at Hawkstone, on Tuesday, 9th inst.

Twenty-one new members were enrolled, bringing the present number of subscribing members to 154, of whom seven have entered their names for double subscriptions.

The Treasurer's statement showed funds in hand sufficient for twenty-one life subscriptions to the charities, which were balloted for accordingly. The winter meeting was appointed to be held at Lichfield on the first Tuesday in December.

Thirty-one members and ladies dined after the meeting, under the presidency of W. Bro. Marsh, P.P.S.G.W., Vice-President of the Association. W. Bro. Binckes, P.G.S. (who was present as a visitor), Secretary to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, proposed "Success to the Association," and congratulated the members upon its excellent basis, and the success which had already attended their efforts, assuring them that he saw in it the elements of a further steady growth and a more influential organization for good than they were perhaps aware of. He urged the co-operation of ladies, not as visitors only, but as members.

The Secretary in replying to the toast, called special attention to the Local Education Fund

recently added, and announced that the present drawing would make a total of upwards of £400 contributed to the three great charities through the instrumentality of the Association during its short existence.

The healths of "The Committee," and "The Ladies," were then drunk, and the brethren separated, all having to drive some miles to the different railway stations, agreeing that the Hawkstone meeting had been one of the most enjoyable as well as one of the most successful meetings yet held. The weather was beautifully fine, and the visitors were charmed alike by the varied scenery of the park and the magnificent distant views.

BRO. SIR GEORGE ELLIOT, BART.

On Tuesday Sir George Elliot, Bart., was appointed Senior Grand Warden for the Masonic Province of Middlesex for the year 1874. Sir George Elliot owes this promotion to his zealous and varied efforts for the spread and development of Freemasonry in all its branches. The worthy baronet is at this time the Worshipful Master of a distinguished Middlesex lodge, to the chair of which he was re-elected on the termination of his first year of office in 1873. He is also First Principal of a Royal Arch Chapter, in which the Earl of Limerick is Second Principal; High Prelate of a Knight Templar Preceptory of which Bro. Staveley Hill, Q.C., is the Preceptor; M.W.S. of a Rose Croix Chapter; and he also holds high office in a conclave of the Red Cross of Constantine. Sir George is a Vice-Patron of the Freemasons' Boys' School, and a Vice-Patron of the Freemasons' Girls' School, and he has served the office of Steward for both institutions. By the promotion just conferred upon him, he will succeed Sir Gilbert Campbell, Bart., as Senior Grand Warden of the Metropolitan Province, and his investiture will take place at the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex, to be held at Enfield, in that county, on the 4th July next, and at which many of the leading Masons in England have expressed their intention of being present.—*South Durham Herald*.

Obituary.

BRO. J. R. STEBBING.

With reference to the lamented decease of this distinguished brother, on Monday evening, 2nd inst., at his residence, Willbrook, near Southampton, we are enabled to add the following outline.

He came to Southampton from Portsmouth, about forty years ago, and in conjunction with his brother established a business there as an optician, and nautical instrument maker. With an aptitude for business, and great mechanical ingenuity, he combined a highly scientific intelligence, for so far back as 1833 he was a frequent lecturer on subjects connected with scientific investigation, at the Southampton Literary and Philosophical Institution. His powers of eloquence and business habits soon brought him into notice, and led to his taking part in the business of the Borough. In 1838 he entered the Town Council, and in 1840 was appointed sheriff of the town, subsequently chosen an alderman; but it was not till 1867 that, having been frequently urged to accept the Chief Magistracy, he yielded to the solicitation of his friends, and was unanimously elected Mayor, the somewhat onerous duties of which office during an eventful year, he discharged to the entire satisfaction of his constituents. He had been appointed a Justice of the Peace by the Lord Chancellor some years previously. He took an active part in establishing the Chamber of Commerce, at Southampton, in 1851, and was chosen President of it, a member of the Pier and Harbour Commission, a director of the Hampshire Banking Company, and of the Southants Permanent Building Society. There was no subject involving the interests of the inhabitants of Southampton in which he did not take a prominent part. For many years he was President of the Polytechnic Institution, the members of which will long remember his kindly counsel and advice. (Here he frequently delivered lectures.

The original scheme for establishing the Hartly Institute, it is understood, was drawn up by Bro. J. R. Stebbing, and approved by the Court of Chancery, with but slight alteration. He was an earnest supporter of friendly and beneficial societies, and a member of several of them. The volunteer movement was warmly promoted by him, and when a few years ago, he took up his residence at Millbrook, he took a lively interest in parochial affairs, and was mainly instrumental in securing the erection of a new church for that district, and he materially aided its construction. He was not however, permitted to witness its completion, for on Whit Tuesday, this handsome building was consecrated by the Bishop of Winchester, and our Bro. Stebbing was suffering from the illness which carried him off. In a word he possessed all the sterling qualities of an Englishman, unwavering integrity, bold manly independence, fervent eloquence, kind hearted and genial indisposition; every one acquainted with him was his friend. At present we have to dwell upon his Masonic career. He was P.M. of the Royal Gloucester Lodge, 130 of the Twelve Brothers No. 785; of the Peace and Harmony 359, at Southampton, of the Economy Lodge, Winchester, 76; of the St. Hubert at Andover, 1373; of the New Forest at Lymington, 319; and also of a lodge at Portsmouth. In 1836, he was Grand Steward of his province (Hampshire), in 1842, Provincial Grand Secretary, in 1849, Provincial Grand Warden, in 1870, on the resignation of the late Bro. C. E. Deacon, the M.W. Prov. Grand Master appointed him Deputy Provincial Grand Master for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. In 1860, elected by Grand Lodge a member of the Board of General Purposes, and subsequently the Vice President, during the past 20 years, a constant attendant at Quarterly Communications. His frequent speeches were always listened to with pleasure, his clear, emphatic, ready, voice being raised in support of the extension of Masonic privilege, and in defence of what he deemed justice and fair play. When Grand Lodge determined in 1862 to erect suitable buildings for a Freemasons' Hall, and emancipate the Craft from being a mere appendage to a tavern, our Bro. Stebbing was elected by Grand Lodge a member of the committee of seven brethren, under the able presidency of Bro. John Havers, to conduct the building operations, and all the Craft know how zealous and indefatigable were the exertions of that distinguished Heptarchy, and the successful results of their labours in what we may call operative Masonry. Their names cannot be too frequently kept before the brethren, they were Bros. John Havers, J. Llewellyn Evans John Herbert, Job A. Savage, J. Rankin Stebbing, George Plucknett, and Henry Grissell. When the erection of Freemasons' Hall was completed and consecrated, Bro. Stebbing received the reward of his labours by being called to the dais as Senior Grand Warden of England and on the grand staircase of the hall a medallion portrait of the handsome face of our deceased brother, by the distinguished sculptor, Bro. Durham, perpetuates his likeness, and record his services. That tablet erected as a testimonial to the Building Committee is now, alas become for Bro. Stebbing, also a funeral monument. In Royal Arch Masonry he succeeded Bro. Deacon, in 1872, as Second Principal of the Provincial Grand Chapter, having from 1846 to 1865 officiated as Scribe E. He was Grand Treasurer of the Mark Degree, and First Master of St. Andrew's Mark Lodge, as well as of the Solent Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners; of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, he was Past Sovereign of the Rose Croix. The Peace and Harmony Lodge presented his portrait to the Masonic Hall, Southampton. He was also Chairman of the Masonic Assurance Society. Such is a brief outline of the busy and useful life of our departed brother.

On Wednesday the foundation stone of a new chancel to All Saints Church was laid with full Masonic rites. The brethren of the local lodge, with a number from those of Hampshire and the surrounding counties, met in the Clauence Schoolroom, and the ceremony was performed by the R.W. Prov. G.M. of Hampshire and Isle of Wight, Bro. W. W. B. B. M.P.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, June 26, 1874.

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

Saturday, June 20.

- Lodge 1185, Lewis, King's Arms, Wood-green.
- Manchester Lodge of Instruction (179), Yorkshire Grey, 77, London-street, Fitzroy-square, at 8; Bro. H. Ash, Preceptor.
- Lily Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, Surrey.
- Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. G. Dilley, Preceptor.

Monday, June 22.

- Lodge 905, De Grey and Ripon, Angel Hotel, Great Ilford.
- Knight Templar Preceptory, 128, Oxford and Cambridge, 33, Golden-square.
- Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction (1445), Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland, at 7; Bro. T. Austin, Preceptor.
- Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.
- Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.
- Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern, Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
- Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gottheil, Preceptor.
- British Oak Lodge of Instruction, Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.
- St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street (opposite the Pantheon), Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.
- Wellington Lodge of Instruction, White Swan Tavern Deptford, at 8; Bro. C. G. Dilley, P.M. 1155, Preceptor.
- St. John of Wapping Lodge of Instruction (1306), Gun Tavern, High-street, Wapping, at 8; Bro. T. Mortlock, Preceptor.
- West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stansed-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
- Metropolitan Mark Lodge of Instruction, Coach and Horses Hotel, 323, Strand, at 8.

Tuesday, June 23.

- Varborough Lodge of Instruction, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8; Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.
- Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tavern, Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 8.
- Faith Lodge of Instruction, Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Preceptor.
- Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Lord's Hotel, Lord's Cricket Ground, St. John's-wood, at 8; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.
- Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. Crawley, Preceptor.
- Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st., Within, at 7.30; Bro. Bolton, W.M. 1227, Preceptor.
- St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, New-street, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
- Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (55), Wheatshaf Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.
- Percy Lodge of Instruction, Grapes Tavern, Little Windmill-street, W.

Wednesday, June 24.

- Lodge 2, Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 507, United Pilgrims, Horns Tavern, Kennington-park.
- " 754, High Cross, Seven Sisters' Tavern, Page-green, Tottenham.
- " 898, Temperance in the East, 6, Newby-place, Poplar.
- " 1383, Friends in Council, 33, Golden-square.
- Chap. 13, Union Waterloo, Freemasons' Hall, William-st., Woolwich.
- " 820, Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond.
- " 907, Royal Albert, White Swan, Abchurch-lane.
- Knight Templar Preceptory D., Mount Calvary, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-st.
- Red Cross of Constantine 15, St. Andrew's, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue.
- Southwark Lodge of Instruction, (879), Southwark Park Tavern, Southwark Park, at 8; Bro. Charles William Kent, Preceptor.
- Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor.
- United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
- Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30.

- New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8.
- Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
- Confidence Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
- Peckham Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham, at 8; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor.
- Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar.
- Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, Thicket Hotel, Anerley, at 7.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
- Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction (1288), Finsbury Park Tavern, Seven Sisters'-road, N., at 8. Bro. P. Dickinson, Acting Preceptor.

Thursday, June 25.

- General Committee Girls' School, at 4.
- Lodge 25, Neptune, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st.
- " 60, Peace and Harmony, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-st.
- " 99, Shakespeare, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.
- " 858, South Middlesex, Beaufort Hotel, Northend Fulham.
- Mark Lodge 3, Keystone, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
- " 118, Northumberland.
- Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham Court-road, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
- Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Anglers' Tavern, Bath-street, City-road; Bro. Stean, Preceptor.
- United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
- Whittington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern, Holborn, at 8; Bro. Lewis Alexander, P.M. 188, Preceptor.
- Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
- Ebury Lodge of Instruction, Bro. Palmer's, 12, Fonsoy-by-st., Millbank.
- Highgate Lodge of Instruction (1366), Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
- St. George's Lodge of Instruction (140), Globe Tavern, Royal-hill, Greenwich.
- Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
- Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, (749), Coach and Horses, Strand, at 8; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.
- Pannure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.
- Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
- Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tavern, Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.

Friday, June 26.

- Chap. 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st. " 749, Belgrave, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.
- Clapton Lodge of Instruction, White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., Preceptor.
- Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1299), the Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. W. F. Rogers, Preceptor.
- Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-road, at 8; Comp. W. West Smith, Preceptor.
- Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (733), Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8.
- Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet street, at 7; Bro. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.
- United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Antelope Tavern, Lorn-road, Brixton, at 7.
- St. James's Lodge of Instruction, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-road, Bermondsey, at 8; Bro. Howes, P.M., Preceptor.
- Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Bro. D. S. Potts, Preceptor.
- Doric Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8.
- Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8; Bro. P. M. Wuest, Preceptor.
- St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Rose Tavern, Fulham-road, S.W.
- Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.
- High Cross Lodge of Instruction (754), Coach & Horses, High Road, Tottenham.
- Union Club of Instruction, Windsor Castle, Victoria Station at 8 p.m.; H. Ash, P.M., Instructor.
- Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
- Burdett Couits Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park, at 8; Bro. Geo W. Verry, Preceptor.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, June 27, 1874.

Monday, June 22.

- Lodge 613, Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport.
- " 703, Clifton, Clifton Arms Hotel, Blackpool.
- Chap. 241, Friendship, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 5.30.

Tuesday, June 23.

- Lodge 986, Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston, at 4.
- " 1256, Fidelity, Bull Hotel, Poulton-le-Fyldes
- " 1393, Hamer, 2A, Windermere-street, Breck-road, Liverpool, at 6.
- Chap. 721, Grosvenor, Barr's Hotel, Chester, at 6.30.
- " 823, Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
- Mark Lodge, Joppa, Hamilton-square, Birkenhead.
- Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
- Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), 90, Park-lane, Liverpool, at 7.

Wednesday, June 24.

- Lodge 86, Loyalty, Assembly Rooms, Prescott, at 6.
- " 484, Faith, Gerard's Arms Inn, Ashton-le-Willows;
- " 580, Harmony, Wheatsheaf Inn, Ormskirk, at 5.
- " 724, Derby, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
- " 758, Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 6.
- " 220, Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, near Liverpool, at 4.30.
- " 1325, Stanley, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool, at 6.
- Chap. 1052, Callender, Public Hall, Rusholme.
- St. John's Lodge of Instruction (673), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 8.
- Neptune Lodge of Instruction (1264), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 7.
- De Grey and Ripon Lodge of Instruction (1356), 140, North Hill-street, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 7.30.

Thursday, June 25.

- Lodge 594, Downshire, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
- " 950, Hesketh, Royal Hotel, Dock-street, Fleetwood.
- " 1032, Townley Parker, Howard's Arms, Whittle-le-Springs.
- " 1070, Starkie, Black Horse Hotel, Kirkham.
- " 1313, Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, at 7.
- Chap. 1086, Walton, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, at 6.
- " 216, Sacred Delta, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
- Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction (1182), 150 Park-lane, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 7.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND VICINITY.

For the week ending Saturday, June 27, 1874.

All the Meetings take place at 8 o'clock.

Monday, June 22.

- Lodge 541, Marie Stuart, Wilson's Academy, Langside-st., road, Crosshill.

Tuesday, June 23.

- Chap. 67, Cathedral, 22, Struthers-street.

Wednesday, June 24.

- Lodge 187, St. John's, Black Bull Inn, Carlisle.
- " 844, St. John's, Freemasons' Hall, New Cumnock.
- " 508, Burns, St. Mary, Harford.
- " 510, Maryhill, 167, Main-street, Maryhill.

Friday, June 26.

- Lodge 153, Royal Arch, Town Hall, Pollokshaws.
- " 347, St. John's, Old Council Hall, Rutherglen.

Saturday, June 27.

- Chap. 143, Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Holytown.

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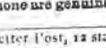
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the other visitors, who also responded, cordially seconded Bro. Holmes's remarks. Several of the brethren contributed to the harmony of the evening, the W.M. giving a capital topical song, about being truly thankful, which caused considerable amusement, and Bro. Pettitt, the oldest member of the lodge, rendering "The Flying Dutchman" in splendid style. A pleasant social hour or two was thus passed, and the brethren separated.

PERFECT ASHLAR LODGE.—(No. 1178).—On Thursday, June 11th, at the Gregorian Arms Tavern, 66, Jamaica-road, Bermondsey, this lodge was held. Bro. J. H. Harmsworth, W.M., presided. There were present Bros. C. Deakin, J.W.; F. H. Ebsworth, P.M. Treas.; F. Walters, P.G. Steward, Middlesex, P.M., Sec.; J. Ruse, S.D.; J. A. Smith, I.G.; J. W. Avery, P.M., W.S.; W. Batchelor, M.C.; G. J. Grace, P.M.; J. W. Dudley, P.M.; and others. Bro. F. Walters, P.M., took the chair, and did part of the raising of Bro. M. Mordecai, the ceremony being completed, by Bro. J. W. Dudley, P.M. One gentleman was proposed for initiation. The lodge was closed. Slight refreshment was served.

HAMPTON.—*Lebanon Lodge* (No. 1326).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at Red Lion Hotel, on Saturday, June 20th, Bro. W. Hammond, W.M., P.M. 201, presided. He raised Bro. Turnbull, initiated Messrs. Middleton Dench, Shackleton, and Stanhana. Elections were in favour of Bros. H. A. Dubois, P.G. Steward, Middlesex, as W.M.; S. Wilkins, P.M., Treas. (re-elected); J. Gilbert, Tyler, (re-elected). Notice of motion by the Secretary Bro. F. Walters, P.G. Steward Middlesex, P.M., that ten guineas be taken from lodge funds, and be given to Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. Several candidates for initiation proposed. The lodge was then closed. Refreshment followed labour. There were present Bros. J. T. Moss, P. Prov. G.S.D. Middlesex, P.M.; R. Limpus, P.G. Org. Middlesex; J. W. Jackson, J.W.; E. Gilbert, S.D.; J. Hayward, J.D.; D. W. Fox, I.G.; J. Hammond, P.M.; J. C. Woodrow, P.M.; and a large number of members. Only one visitor was present. It was arranged that an emergency meeting should be held on Thursday, July 2nd.

LIVERPOOL.—*De Grey and Ripon Lodge* (No. 1356).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, 17th inst., at the usual place, 140, North Hill-street, Toxteth-park and was numerously attended. Bro. T. Evans, W.M., presided, and the officers "on guard" were Bros. B. B. Marson, P.M.; S. E. Ibbis, P.M.; E. Rothwell, S.W.; J. Ireland, Treas.; Josh Jones, Sec.; R. Roberts, S.; C. Costigan, S.W.; G. Veale, Org.; P. M. Larsen, P.M. 594, acting as Tyler. The principal business was initiation and passing, and the splendid style in which the W.M. not only did the necessary work, but gave the historical lecture in the second degree—a masterly accomplishment—reflected the very highest credit upon him, and well warranted the special vote of thanks passed to him and ordered to be recorded on the minutes. The election of W.M. was afterwards proceeded with, when Bro. E. Rothwell, S.W., was unanimously chosen to fill that distinguished and honourable post. Bro. G. Ireland was re-elected Treasurer, and after the transaction of some other business, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

HAMPTON COURT.—*Era Lodge* (No. 1423).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, June 13th, at the King's Arms Hotel. Bro. H. A. Dubois, P.G. Steward, Middlesex, W.M., opened the lodge, supported by Bros. J. Baxter Langley, J.W.; J. Sabine, P.M., Treas.; F. Walters, P.G. Steward, Middlesex, P.M., Sec.; J. S. Swaese, S.D.; S. Wolff, J.D.; E. W. Devereux, I.G.; B. Wright, W.S.; W. A. Simmons, C.S.; J. T. Moss, P.P.G.S.D. Middlesex, P.M.; and others. Visitors, Bros. Webster, James, Elsdon, and others. Mr. Pearson was initiated; the Secretary, Bro. F. Walters, passed Bros. James and Elsdon, and raised Bro. J. Johnson. It was resolved *nem. con.* to remove the lodge. The lodge was closed, and refreshment followed labour.

ATHENÆUM LODGE (No. 1491).—The first meeting for actual business of this young and

promising scion of the Craft was held in its handsome lodge room in the Camden Road, N, on the 17th inst. The W.M., Bro. Samuel Poynter, P.M. and Treas., occupied the chair, and was well supported by his talented officers, every one of whom was present, Bro. Chancellor, P.M. 463 and 657, kindly consenting to perform the duties of the post of Immediate Past Master for the evening. The lodge having been opened, as the meeting was one of emergency there were no minutes to read and confirm, and the Master at once proceeded to the business of the evening, which was to initiate into our mysteries five very promising candidates, and in due form the light was unveiled to Messrs. Heaton, Waterlow, Swainson, Weiss, and Hamer, and the usual addresses made to them by the W.M. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to simple refreshment, served in the same building, for the members are their own caterers. Here after the usual display of Masonic loyalty to our political and our Craft rulers, the W.M., who presided, proposed "The Health of the Initiates," and expressed the profound respect he ever entertained towards those who, just admitted to the Craft, were confused and dazzled by what they had learnt and beheld, might one day perhaps be eminent teachers of the mysteries, and rule and govern where they now were learning to serve and obey. He (the W.M.) confessed that he always felt in the presence of the initiates like the old French schoolmaster, who every morning on entering the school took off his cap and bowed low to his pupils, and who when remonstrated with for this apparently extravagant act of humility, replied "Messieurs, I do not uncover to these little ragged urchins, but to the future marshals of France, among whom I have the honour now to teach." In the same way he (the W.M.) asked them to rise and drink to the future rulers and teachers of Masonry, whom they had had the distinguished honour to launch on their Masonic career that evening. The toast was drunk with enthusiasm, and each of the initiates returned thanks, expressing their sense of the value of the institution, and the beauty of the ceremony through which they had just passed. Bro. Brocklesby, the indefatigable Secretary, here ably obliged with "the Entered Apprentice's Song." "The Health of the Visitors" was responded to by our esteemed Bro. Albert Pendlebury, P.M. 1056, the well known cashier, at Freemasons' Hall. He eulogised the working of the lodge, as he had witnessed it that evening, and particularly felicitated the brethren on beginning their career with not only the profession, but the active practice of the Masonic virtue, hospitality. The Master, after doing the usual justice to his singularly able officers, brought the business of a very pleasant evening to a meet conclusion by himself (in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Grant, the Outer Guard of the lodge), giving the Tyler's toast. This being an emergency meeting, no propositions for joining members could be received, but we understand, that at the regular meeting of the lodge, on the 1st proximo, the applications of many brethren desirous of admission stand for consideration, and there is no doubt, that in that meeting also another "expectant five" will present themselves to learn from the W.M., "the word and the sign of a Free and Accepted Mason."

TEDDINGTON.—*Felix Lodge* (No. 1494).—The first regular meeting of this promising lodge was held at the Clarence Hotel, Teddington, on Saturday, the 20th inst., the W.M., Bro. Edward B. Grabham, in the chair, supported by Bros. Major George Barlow, S.W.; F. Sumner Knivett, J.W.; D. Nicholson, P.M. 19, Treas.; Edward S. Norris, Sec.; F. B. Archer, S.D.; Robert Berridge, J.D.; W. G. Moore, I.G.; W. Paterson, and others. Visitors, Bros. Witham M. Bywater, P.M. and P.Z. 19; J. Watson, W.M. 1170; and E. J. Southwell, jun., 1293. The lodge was duly opened and the minutes confirmed; after some preliminary business the ballot was taken for Messrs. Thos. Archer, G. C. Cattlin, E. E. Whitford, and E. A. Woolley, as candidates for initiation, which proving unanimous in their favour, they were duly initiated into the mysteries of the Order by the W.M. Two brethren were next proposed as joining

REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

SWANSEA.—*Indefatigable Lodge* (No. 237).—Availing themselves of the kind permission of their R.W. Prov. Grand Master, T. M. Talbot, the members of the above lodge left Swansea, on Thursday, the 18th inst., for Margam Park, the seat of the Lord Lieutenant of the county. On their arrival at Port Talbot they were met by several brethren from the Aberavon, Aberdare, and Cardiff Lodges. Thus reinforced, the party proceeded in well appointed conveyances to the park, where they sat down to tiffin in the orangery. With the inner man thus fortified, the brethren, numbering about 80, strolled over the fine old abbey, and were specially delighted with the view of the rare pictures preserved in the splendid gallery. A few hours of the most delightful character were then spent in roaming about the magnificent grounds attached to the Abbey, many of the brethren doing their best to add to the pleasures of their annual picnic by organising various out-door amusements. At six p.m., a first-class dinner was provided by Miss Jones, Walnut Tree, at the New Town Hall, Aberavon. The cloth being removed, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, interspersed with some capital songs, kept the party in excellent humour until the arrival of a special train which whirled them back to their homes at 10.30.

IPSWICH.—*Perfect Friendship Lodge* (No. 376).—On the 17th inst., the usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Ipswich. There were present, Bros. Arthur Gamman, W.M.; N. Tracy, P.P.G. J.W., S.W.; J. Pettitt, P.P.G.S.G.; W. G. Scopes, J.W.; Daking, I.G.; G. S. Findley, P.P.G.D.C.; S. B. King, P.P.G.S.D.; W. T. Westrate, P.P.G.D.C.; There were present several visiting brethren, the whole of the lodges of the town being represented. Bro. Emra Holmes, P.G. Reg., representing the British Union Lodge. The lodge having been opened in the first degree, and passed to the second, Bro. Lewcock was examined as a candidate for the third degree, and entrusted, and the lodge being opened in that degree, he was prepared, admitted, obligated, and raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. The ceremony was ably performed by the W.M. The routine business of the lodge having been disposed of, the brethren sat down to supper, and in due course the usual toast list was gone through, and Bro. Emra Holmes, in responding to the toast of "The Visitors," remarked upon the great pleasure it had given them to visit this respectable lodge. He believed it was the third time during the year that he had put in his appearance, and they had always treated him so kindly that he was very glad to come amongst them. He ventured to remark on the admirable manner in which the ceremonies had been performed that evening, and the lodge was to be congratulated on having such an efficient body of young officers, who would in due course succeed the W.M. in the chair. One or two of

members, and the lodge was closed. The brethren then sat down to an excellent banquet, provided by Messrs. J. and R. Hale, and after the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been duly honoured, the W.M. proposed "The Health of the Newly Initiated Brethren," who briefly responded. Bro. Bywater in proposing the health of the W.M., congratulated the lodge on having so efficient a head, and spoke in the most eulogistic terms of the deeply impressive manner in which Bro. Grabham had performed the ceremony of initiation. He considered that the lodge had commenced its career most successfully, and predicted continued success and prosperity. The toasts of "The Visitors and Officers" followed, and the brethren separated after spending a most enjoyable evening.

INSTRUCTION.

LANGTHORNE LODGE OF INSTRUCTION (No. 1421).—A numerous gathering of brethren connected with this lodge of instruction took place in the lodge room, at the Swan Hotel, Stratford, E., on Wednesday, the 10th inst., the occasion being the half-yearly working of the Fifteen Sections, in accordance with the byelaws of the lodge, and which had been announced to be worked on this occasion by Bro. George W. Verry, P.M. 554, assisted by several brethren from Yarborough and Doric Lodges. At 6.45 p.m. the lodge was opened by Bro. Verry, Bro. Berry, J.W. 554, acting as S.W., and Bro. G. E. Slee, S.W. 1421, as J.W. The minutes of the preceding meeting having been read and duly confirmed, the lodge was opened in the second and third degrees, and resumed in the first degree. The Fifteen Sections were then worked:—

FIRST LECTURE.

1st Section	Bro. Graves.
2nd "	" Hollington.
3rd "	" Christian.
4th "	" Berry.
5th "	" Coles.
6th "	" Lattriell.
7th "	" Verry.

SECOND LECTURE.

1st Section	Bro. Webb.
2nd "	" Berry.
3rd "	" Berry.
4th "	" Lattriell.
5th "	" Lattriell.

THIRD LECTURE.

1st Section	Bro. Wallington.
2nd "	" Webb.
3rd "	" Berry.

The working of the different sections was admirable throughout, and a thorough Masonic treat was enjoyed by all present. A cordial vote of thanks was given to Bro. Verry, and the brethren who had so kindly volunteered their services, and they were also elected honorary members of the lodge. Several other brethren were also enrolled as members. The officers were appointed for the ensuing week, after which the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren separated in perfect peace and harmony shortly after 10 o'clock, p.m. Amongst the brethren present we noticed the following, viz:—Bro. George W. Verry, P.M. 554, Graves, Hollington, Christian, Berry, Coates, Webb, Wallington, Dix, Wetherell, Crossthwaite, Willis, Smith, Watkinson, Cross, Wood, Lewis, Cull, Martin, Tucker, Bolton, Woolley, Walter, Robbins, Morley, Greenfield, C. E. Slee, S.W., 1421; R. G. Owen, J.W. 1421; F. Y. Lattriell, Hon. Preceptor; and C. W. Ashdown, Hon. Secretary.

Royal Arch.

CARNARVON.—Segontium Chapter (No. 606).—A convocation of this chapter was held in the Masonic Hall, Carnarvon Castle, on Thursday, the 18th inst., the anniversary of the Battle of Waterloo. Comps. P.Z. Worrall, Grosvenor Chapter, Hathaway, 606, H.; and Poole, 606, J., presided, and Bros. Owen Jones and Rev. J. R. Walters, M.M., were duly exalted, in accordance with ancient custom. Sundry business connected with the chapter was then transacted, and a vote of thanks unanimously passed to Comp. Worrall, for his kindness in coming from Chester to preside at this meeting. The

chapter was then closed in due form. The companions then adjourned to the Royal Sportsman Hotel, where an excellent banquet had been provided by Comp. Pugh. About 12 were present, amongst whom was the Janitor, Comp. Michael Dyer, one of the few remaining Waterloo men now alive, who wore his uniform and medals. Comp. Poole, J. (with the permission of the M.E.Z.), proposed "The Health of Comp. Dyer," and slightly altered the words of Henry V., at Agincourt, to suit the occasion: "He that outlived that hour, and came safe home,

Should stand on tiptoe when the day is named;
And rouse him at the name of Waterloo.
He that outlived that day, and saw old age,
Shall yearly on the vigil feast his neighbours;
And say, to-morrow's named from Waterloo."

The veteran companion was in the act of returning thanks when the guns of the Carnarvon Artillery (Volunteers), began firing, carrying him dimly back in memory, as he said, to the thunders at Waterloo. A pleasant evening was spent, and the companions separated early. We may say that a visit to the Masonic Hall, Carnarvon Castle, (by order from any of the companions or brethren of the Segontium Lodge, 606), would be well worth the while of Freemasons travelling in North Wales.

Mark Masonry.

LEICESTER.—Fowke Lodge (No. 19).—The regular meeting of this lodge took place on Thursday, May 28th, at Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, and was attended by the officers of the lodge, and a fair proportion of the members. Bro. A. K. Bairns, 523, and Secretary of the Arkwright Lodge, Matlock, which was consecrated on Wednesday last, was advanced to the degree of Mark Master. The ceremony of advancement was most efficiently performed by the W.M., Bro. J. M. McAllister, who presided for the first time since his installation, and by his excellent working proved his ability worthily to discharge the duties of his honourable position. The lecture of the degree was afterwards given by Bro. S. S. Partridge, P.M. Bro. C. Stretton, J.W., and G. Steward of England, was unanimously chosen to represent this lodge at the festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund. The resignations of Bros. R. Brewin, P.M., and E. J. Crow, Mus. Bac., were received with regret, both having left the town. With regard to the former, notice of motion, to make him an honorary member, was given, he being one of those first advanced on the introduction of the degree into this province, nearly twenty years ago.

ERA LODGE OF MARK MASTERS (No. 176).—By dispensation the first meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, June 12th, at the Bridge House Hotel, Southwark. There were present Bros. J. T. Moss, W.M. Designate; W. H. Dubois, S.W.; J. Baxter Langley, J.W.; T. W. Miller, Treas.; F. Walters, P.G.P., P.M. Sec.; J. Hayward, J.O.; W. Bell, S.D.; W. Hammond, J.D.; and others. The visitors were, Bros. George Kenning, W.M. No. 1; Rev. J. M. Vaughan, Charles Horsley, and several others. Bro. James Stevens opened the lodge, and advanced eight candidates to the Mark Master's Degree. Bros. R. Wentworth Little, G.O., J. Stevens, and H. C. Levander, were elected honorary members. The lodge was then closed. Banquet, dessert, and coffee were served. Bro. A. F. Loos agreed to represent the lodge as its Steward in 1875, at the Girls' School.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

PALESTINE SOVEREIGN CHAPTER ROSE CROIX OF H.R.D.M.—An emergency meeting of the above chapter was held on Tuesday, the 23rd inst., at the Masonic Hall, 33, Golden-square. There were present Bros. George Kenning, 30°, M.W.S.; John Hervey, 31°; Robert Wentworth Little, 30°; Levander, 30°, High Prelate, M.W.S. elect; Fox, Holden, Vaughan, Moss, Cubitt, Hirsch, Colonel Peters, Leith Tomkins, Visitors, Bros. Fenn, Raynham Stewart and

others. The business of the evening consisted in the perfecting of Bros. W. Winn, H. Dicketts, and Thomas Hastings Miller, 8 brethren being proposed, and after some business, the Chapter was closed, the brethren adjourning to the Café Royal to dine. The toasts were proposed, and a very enjoyable evening was spent by all present. The chapter, honoured by the presence of Bro. Cap. N. Lips, 33°, and Bro. Montague, 33°, represents the Grand Council, and Bro. Hyde Pullen, who rendered his valuable services in the closing of the chapter.

Red Cross of Constantine.

LIVERPOOL.—Walton Conclave (No. 9).—An assembly of the Knights of this Conclave was held on the 8th inst., at the St. Law Schools, Croydon-street, Walton-road, Kirkby. Em. Sir Knight J. C. Lunt, M.P.S., occupied the throne, supported at their respective positions by Em. Sir Knight Jesse Banning, V.E.; Rev. W. Richardson, H.P.; W. E. Quayle, T. Ashmore, P.S., acting as Prefect. The visitors were Em. Sir Knights J. T. Callow, M.P.S., 77; W. Cottrell, V.E. 77; A. Haynes, 66; Capell, S.B. 55; and H. Burrows, 77. The conclave was opened by the M.P.S., whose records and muster roll were read. The roll was then taken for Bros. W. H. Beard, Lodge 1086, and M. Williamson, 1363, for installation, and Sir Knight J. S. Hobbs, of Skelmersdale Conclave No. 77, for joining of whom were duly elected. Bro. D. W. (who had been previously elected) and Williamson being present, were installed as Knights Companions of the Order, by M.P.S., the historical lecture being given by High Prelate, Sir Knight the Rev. T. Richardson. Sir Knight Quayle gave the oration in a very masterly manner. A resolution to the effect that the times of meeting having been passed, the conclave was closed, and the Knights adjourned to the refectory, where an excellent banquet was served. The customary toasts of loyalty and chivalry were given, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

MANCHESTER.—County Palatine Conclave (No. 50).—The installation meeting of this Conclave was held on Saturday, May 23rd, and was well attended. The Conclave was opened by the M.P.S., Sir Knight Thomas Hargrave, assisted by Sir Knights Duffield, V.E. Fitzgerald Matier, D.I.G., South Lancashire, T. Entwisle, P.S. No. 42; Capt. Watson, elect; and others. After the confirmation of the minutes and the usual routine business, George Higgins was announced as a candidate and admitted to the order by Sir Knight Hargrave, M.P.S. The historical oration was pressively given by Sir Knight Entwisle, the theme was then assumed by Sir Knight Hargrave, who proceeded to open a college of Vice-Captain Watson was presented for consecration and regularly installed in the chair of Vice-Captain of sovereigns was then formed by Sir Knight John Duffield, who had been previously elected, was solemnly received and inducted to the chair of the Imperial Founder. The duties of High Prelate were most efficiently discharged by Sir Knight Entwisle. On the conclave being resumed in the first grade, the installed officers were saluted with the may honours, and the M.P.S. proceeded to the point as follows:—Sir Knights McDowell, Firs. G.; George Mellor, Second G.; R. Radey, H. Prelate, Thomas Hargrave, Recorder; Hayhurst, Prefect; Isaac Standford Bearer; Heap, Herald; J. E. First A. de C.; G. Higgins, Second A. de C.; Sly, Sentinel. A hearty and cordial vote of thanks was accorded by acclamation to Sir Knight Hargrave, who has ably discharged the duties of M.P.S., and by his exertions raised the Standard of the Order was then placed in position on the altar, and the conclave closed in due form. The Sir Knights then passed to the banquet, and partook of the grand dinner of the day.

LEICESTER.—Byzantine Conclave (No. 44).—The regular assembly of this conclave was held at Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on the 18th ult. The conclave was opened in Imperial form by Sir Knight S. S. Partridge, K.G.C., M.P.S. A College of Viceroy's was opened with the assistance of Ill. Sir Knight Kelly, Int. General for the Midland Counties; V. E. Sir Knights G. Toller, P.S.; Clement Stretton, Hon. P.S., and M.P.S. elect, and the Rev. W. Langley, Hon. P.S. The grade of V.E. was conferred upon Sir Knight Baines, V.E. elect, and by permission of the Grand Sov., on Sir Knights Dr. Hunt, and J. C. Duncombe. Bro. R. Ward and J. H. Shaw were admitted, and installed in due form, by the M.P.S., Sir Knight Toller giving the historical oration, and Ill. Sir Knight Kelly the charge. The ceremony of enthronement was dispensed with, Sir Knight Clement Stretton, M.P.S. elect, being an Hon. Past Sov. of the Premier Conclave of England. The M.P.S., having taken his seat, proceeded to appoint his officers as follows:—Sir Knights Rev. Langley, H.P.; W. Weare, Sen. Gen.; W. Sculthorpe, Jun. Gen., and Treasurer; J. T. Thorp, and R. Waite, Aides; Clement Edwin Stretton, Recorder; Boughton Smith, Prefect; C. Wilkinson, Standard Bearer; A. K. Baines, Organist; C. McBride, Herald; C. Bembridge and T. Dunn, Sentinels. There were also present Sir Knights A. Palmer, J. Edmunds, T. Quin, and C. A. Spencer. The labours of the evening being ended, the conclave was closed in Imperial form, and the Sir Knights were called to refreshment, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, that of "The Int. Gen., Sir Knight Kelley," being received with the enthusiasm which it merited; and in proposing the toast of "The Past Sovereigns," the M.P.S. passed a high eulogium upon Sir Knight Partridge, P.S., for the able manner in which he had ruled over the conclave during the past year. Eloquent speeches were made by Sir Knights R. J. Bairs, V.E., and Dr. Hunt, Hon. V.E., expressive of their appreciation of their newly received honours. Sir Knight Ward responded in behalf of the newly installed companions, and the Sentinel's toast brought the evening to a close. The harmony of the evening was greatly enhanced by the musical talent of Sir Knights H. Bains, Dr. Hunt, and J. T. Thorpe.

Scotland.

GLASGOW.—St. Mungo Encampment held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, the 15th, in St. Mark's Hall, Sir Knight Robert Bell, M.N.C., presiding, assisted by Sir Knights G. W. Wheeler, Recorder, Acting Preceptor; McClanachan, C.C.; G. McAlister, S.C.; McKenzie, J.C.; T. Bates, T.; J. McLeish, W.; and S. Scott, M. Applications for admission were read from Comp. Thomas J. Smilie, Chap. 50; J. H. Miller, Chap. 50; Captain T. Ellis, Chap. 69; and T. Blackwood, Chap. 50.

They were then introduced, and duly attended the Knights, and a visitor, Knight George Adams, of the English Constitution, No. 93; Bombay, who expressed himself highly pleased with the working of the institution.

LYDSE LODGE.—An emergency meeting was held at the Hall, 170, Buchanan-street, on Tuesday, June 16, Bro. D. Downie, R.W.M., presiding. Bro. J. McGennis, S.W.; T. Stewart, T. Harper, T.; J. Morton, Sec. There were four candidates for initiation, the R.W.M. admitting them in a very impressive manner. A lodge having been raised, a request was forwarded from the Lodge Union, 332, for a certificate of theirs to be passed along with those of the lodge. This was cheerfully granted, the R.W.M. asking the Depute Master of Union to raise the degree. The lodge was subsequently raised to the sublime degree, and Bro. Downie raised four brothers to the dignity of Master.

MUNGO LODGE (No. 27).—A meeting held in St. Mark's Hall on the 18th, Bro. Ald Butler, R.W.M., in the chair. The evening consisted of a passing, and a raising, at the request of the R.W.M., was

admirably performed by Bro. W. B. Pattison, the indefatigable Secretary of the lodge. There was also a variety of formal lodge business transacted, including arrangements for an excursion to the members.

PARTICK.—Lodge St. Mary's (No. 117) held the monthly meeting in their own Hall, on Wednesday, June the 17th. In the absence from town of Bro. A. Wylie, R.W.M., the lodge was opened by Bro. T. Bain, one of the Past Masters, Bros. D. Peacock, S.W.; T. Lennard, acting J.W.; T. Grainger, P.M., acting S.D. There was a good attendance of members, and several visitors, amongst whom we observed Bros. W. Bassett, Curry, Wheeler, from Glasgow, and Provost Caldwell. Bro: Bereland, in a very careful manner, then initiated Messrs. MacGregor and Colquhoun into the Order; Bro. Brunton, I.P.M., then assumed the chair, and some lodge business was transacted, including the ordering of a new silk banner. The lodge was then called to refreshment, and after the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been heartily responded to, the Master expressed the pleasure they felt at seeing once more their old friend Provost Caldwell, who had been so near death's door since he last was amongst them. His health having been enthusiastically drank, Bro. Caldwell said it gave him great pleasure to be once more amongst them, it was about 50 years since he paid his first visit to Partick St. Mary's, and while he was spared, he hoped still occasionally to have the pleasure of coming amongst them. He then in a manner that many a younger brother might envy, contributed to the harmony of the evening by singing an excellent song. We may here say, that Bro. Bryde on the harmonium also did good service. Bro. T. Bain, P.M., proposed the "Last Laid Stones" which was suitably acknowledged. The R.W.M., in a highly eulogistic speech, gave "The Healths of Bros. Bassett and Wheeler" as the representatives of *The Masonic News and Freeman*. Both brethren suitably acknowledged the compliment, and Bro. Wheeler proposed "Prosperity to Lodge Partick St. Mary's." Bro. Brunton, I.P.M., thanked the brother for the flattering way in which he had spoken of the working of the lodge, although outside of the great City of Glasgow, they tried to keep up with their brethren, not only in working, but in those virtues of charity and brotherly love that should distinguish all Masons. The final toast was then given, all departing well pleased with the evening's labours.

Cultum in Parho, or Masonic Notes and Queries.

BRO. WILLIAM PRESTON AND THE "GRAND LODGE OF ALL ENGLAND," HELD AT YORK.

The well known Masonic Historian, Bro. Preston, was a member virtually of the above Grand Lodge, seeing that he accepted office in the "Grand Lodge, south of the Trent" (Lodge of Antiquity and others, at the time of Preston's secession from Grand Lodge with his friends) which was an offspring of the York Masons. Added to which his name occurs in the records as a visitor once, and the main portion in his "Illustrations," which refers to York Masonry, was obtained from the letters sent by the Grand Secretary, (York) to him and others during the secession.

In my "History of Freemasonry at York," (Kingston Masonic Annual), and in "Mackay's National Freemason" Oct. 1872, I have communicated all that has so far been discovered on the subject. Doubtless the investigations of Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, M.A., will still further increase our knowledge, and our able brother has my best wishes that they may so end.

W. J. HUGHAN.

The Lebanon Chapter No. 1326, was consecrated, at the Lion Hotel, Hampton, yesterday, Comp. J. T. Moss, was installed as M.E.Z.; Comp. S. Wickens, H.; and Comp. W. Hammond, J. A report of the proceedings will be given in our next.

Masonic Tidings.

The Prov. Grand Lodge of Cornwall will be held at the Freemasons' Hall, Bodmin, on Tuesday, July 7, 1874, at ten a.m. At twelve o'clock the brethren will walk in procession to the church, where a sermon is to be preached by the Rev. Alfred H. Ferris, Prov. G. C. After the service the procession will be reformed, and return to the Freemasons' Hall, when the Prov. Grand Officers will be appointed, and the remaining business of the Province concluded.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Suffolk will be held at the Town Hall, Lowestoft, on Monday, the 6th day of July. The Provincial Grand Lodge will be opened punctually at 12.30 by the R.W. Bro. the Right Honble. Lord Waveney, P.G.M., assisted by the W. Bro. the Rev. E. I. Lockwood, M.A., D.P. G.M. The Finance Board will meet at the Masonic Hall, Lowestoft, at 10.30. The brethren will attend divine service in St. Margaret's Church at two o'clock. Banquet at 4.30, at the Public Hall, London Road. The Prov. G.S.W. will move that a committee be appointed by Provincial Grand Lodge to carry out a scheme for the better organization of the Masonic Charities of the Province, with a view of securing unity of action in the election of candidates.

The Provincial Grand Lodge for London and the Metropolitan Counties, of the Royal Order of Scotland, will be held at 33 Golden Square, on the 2nd July, when the Knights Companions of the R.S.Y.C.S. meet in council, and several distinguished brethren will be advanced and promoted. The late Dr. Oliver had a great opinion of this order, which he believed to be of undoubted antiquity. The ceremony is very quaint and interesting, and is supposed to be the original of the ancient investiture of the Order of the Thistle.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked at the Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction, held at Approach Tavern, Victoria Park, by Bro. G. W. Verry, P.M. and Preceptor, on Friday, July 3rd, commencing at 7 p.m. punctually.

The Salisbury Lodge of Instruction has adjourned their meetings till the 30th September.

The following circular has been sent to the Stewards of the Anniversary Festival of the Girls' School:—

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"I am, Dear Sir and Brother,
"Yours faithfully and fraternally,
"R. WENTWORTH LITTLE,
"Secretary.

"Tickets for a cold Collation and Tea, 3s. 6d. each, may be obtained from me prior to the 27th inst."

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Our good Bro. Cryptonymus's communication received, with thanks, but we think, hardly suitable for our peaceful pages.

The following stand over—Report of Lodge 439.

TO FOREIGN SUBSCRIBERS.

It is very necessary for our friends to advise us of all money orders they remit, more especially those from the United States of America, otherwise we cannot tell where to credit them. Several remain uncredited at the present time owing to no advice having been received.

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, JUNE 27TH, 1874.

FOREIGN GRAND LODGES.

In the correspondence of some of our foreign Masonic contemporaries, we read from time to time, of the efforts of some brethren in some countries, not only to bring about a more complete agreement, nationally, of conflicting jurisdictions, but even to set up a sort of cosmopolitan Masonic central authority. We do not at all wonder, that, in Germany, for instance, where the jurisdictions are many, and the local arrangements, in consequence, alike perplexing and unsatisfactory, there should be a desire to promote German Masonic unity, and to have, if it be possible, one Germanic Grand Lodge. And though the difficulties in the way of such an arrangement are probably too great to be overcome, at present, if these efforts for unity are *bonâ fide*, we may yet hear of two Grand Lodges for Northern and Southern Germany. We cannot see why a Northern Grand Lodge from Berlin should not control all the lodges in Northern Germany, or why a Grand Lodge from Munich or Stuttgart should not rule over all the lodges in South Germany. That would, at any rate, be far preferable to the present state of Masonic jurisdiction in Germany, and to that overlapping, if we may so say, of territorial Masonic Grand Lodges, of which many of the German Freemasons complain. A good deal of the difficulty now existing has arisen from the fact, that a private lodge of Freemasons in times gone by has termed itself a Grand Lodge, and claimed for itself and officers, the title of a Grand Lodge and of Grand Officers. Now according to our English view of the matter, a Grand Lodge is and must be an aggregate of private lodges. No single lodge can constitute itself a Grand Lodge. And whether that Grand Lodge is formed purely by delegation, as with some, or by "virtute officii," as with us, or partly by nomination as with others, it is and becomes "ex necessitate rei," the representative body of the entire Craft, the supreme court of legislation and appeal for all its affiliated members. But it has so happened, as we have said before, that, in many instances abroad, private lodges have given to themselves the name of Grand Lodges, have issued charters and diplomas, though in no sense whatever a representative, or even legislative body, except in respect of

their own local bye-laws. The first step in any such movement, that, has to be taken in order to act correctly on Masonic principles, is to reject the claims of all so-called Grand Lodges, which are not strictly representative bodies, and to aggregate assemblies of lawfully made Freemasons. All Grand Lodges ought to be formed on one of the principles we have before laid down, namely, by delegation, office, nomination, or by a combination of two of them, or even of all three. In our humble opinion, on the whole, our English Grand Lodge system is the best, and most practical, in that while it has regard to the principle of lodge selection, it makes, as the supreme assembly of legislation and appeal, alone whom the brethren have already honored with their confidence and approval, those who are amongst the working members of the body, thus combines both the lodge system, and the hierarchical character of English Freemasonry. Unlike most other bodies, our English Grand Lodge seeks always to keep the even balance between the authority of the Grand Master and the rights of the Grand Lodge, and has invariably done so, "de facto" and "de jure" with a determination of decision, and an unimpeachable authority of interpretation of the law, within the limits of well known and admitted conditions of "lex scripta and inscripta" of Freemasonry. Some of the American Grand Lodges are formed purely we believe, on the principle of delegation, which may commend itself to some minds, but we who have progressed so safely and so steadily in England, maintaining alike the liberties of the Order and the prerogatives of the Grand Master, we have every reason to be content with the result, which is, there is little doubt, more mainly owing to the wise constitutions of our Masonic forefathers and the peculiar and admirable composition of our English Grand Lodge. But supposing, that all national Grand Lodges became, as we think, properly, Grand Lodges, our true sense of the word, what chance would there be of any central Masonic authority, either possible, or acceptable, or even workable. As far as we can see to-day there is at present none whatever, nor is there in truth likely to be any. For whatever we may say, we must shut our eyes to the fact that many of the proceedings of foreign Grand Lodges are unbecomingly and unmasonic, from our point of view, and can we, old-fashioned Masons as we are, in this country, find any common basis of unity or action, or even principle with them. Their teaching is not our teaching, their practice is not our practice. To say nothing of the great divergencies of ritual, and the multiplicity of countless grades, they profess opinions on the questions of the day, of social, political, religious even, with which we in England have not, and never will have, the slightest sympathy. And we will not condemn the Church of Rome, and not only so, for its intolerant opposition to, and its able persecution of Freemasonry, but we must confess with pain that some of the published manifestoes of Freemasonry often do little credit either to their authors or their forbearance, their charity, or their wisdom. We in England, on the contrary, keep steady in our path, and our

Masonic life and work which have stood the test of time, and which we have not the slightest intention of relaxing or letting go. Though we do not interfere with any religious opinions or controversies, in any shape, and though we carefully eschew all political declarations, yet we openly avow that, as an Order, we are, both in profession and practice, moral and respectable, and that the Law of God, as contained in the Bible, (a book always open in our Lodges), is alike our golden rule of personal duty and active benevolence. This one fact alone would bring us into collision at once with many foreign bodies, which, following in the path of the "Illuminés," would apparently seek to graft by degrees upon the pure and simple teaching of Freemasonry, the dogmas of a sceptical philosophy, and the cold negations of a refined stoicism. So to-day, as we know well the utter hopelessness of all such proposals, from whomsoever they may emanate, we do not in our practical English Freemasonry, give them any heed, content to leave to the future the things of the future, and in the meantime to progress, let us hope, alike, safely and truly in the good old ways of our honest and active English craft. Whatever else may betide, however other Grand Lodges may prosper, or decay, we shall adhere to our ancient landmarks in all of fealty and firmness. We shall march on contentedly under our goodly banner, "a band of brethren," a "phalanx," so to say, of those, who, cemented together in the ever sacred cause of toleration, peacefulness, and brotherly love, are also associated in all of fraternal good-will and sympathy, to aid, support, and relieve those for whom, in our numerous brotherhood to-day, by unavoidable calamity, or helplessness, or decay, our Masonic sympathy is justly claimed, or our kindly assistance is earnestly invoked.

Original Correspondence.

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

MASONS' MARKS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

I had hoped, that, we had heard the last of this remarkable correspondence, and that your many readers had seen the last of my appearance "in this character." But many are the disappointments of life, and something like our good old friend, the clown, in happy pantomime days of yore, one has to say perforce, "Here we are again." For in the meantime Bro. Paton has re-appeared on the scene, with all the "vis" and length of his last "deliverance," and I openly at once profess my deep admiration for the controversial skill, (the snarling critic might say, perhaps, the cool assurance), with which he makes himself out to be right, and everybody else to be in the wrong, and with which, above all, he puts a good face on his own original blunder, and his own want of forbearance and self-restraint.

No one can regret more than I do, on every round, that, any possible exception could be taken to any words of mine, for any personal remarks especially, as I have always eschewed personalities; but, I have yet to learn that the pages of *The Freemason* are not open to free discussion, or that any one is to be debarred from expressing an honest opinion, because it runs counter to some claimant of Masonic infallibility. Now I am not a believer in infallibility in general, or in Masonic infallibility in particular, and certain I am, even from the present discussion, that, were I to seek for a "Ductor Dubi-

tantium," in our Masonic controversies to-day, I should not take Bro. Paton for mine. My great offence, no doubt was, that, in our archaeological discussion I ventured, as an old "Masonic Student," to enter a "caveat" for the benefit of my brethren against that baseless pretension to dogmatic authority, anent Masons' Marks, to which Bro. Paton appeared to me, so rashly and so egotistically to lay claim.

"Hinc illæ lachrymæ."

Let us recall to our minds for a little space, and for my justification, how all this controversy arose, and how above all it took a personal turn, so, that, "culpam qui meruit ferat."

Bro. Paton in the plenitude of his archaeological knowledge of Masons' Marks originally boldly stated, that, the double triangle was not a Mason's Mark, because it had even points. All Marks he said must have an odd number of points.

Startling statement to me, and to others, who thought, that, we had studied the subject carefully, and yet had never heard of such a rule, and knew that as regards the Operative Marks, it was simply nonsense.

In his first precise statement, Bro. Paton never limited the discussion to Speculative Marks, whatsoever he may have intended in his own mind. We had only to deal with his bare and remarkable statement.

It was at this time, that, I ventured to modestly intervene, having carefully and specially studied Masons' Marks, now for over a decade of years, with the remark, that I had never heard of such a rule as regards the Operative Marks, and that the evidence of Laurie and D. M. Lyon's valuable works was fatal to Bro. Paton's sweeping assertions.

I also repeated, that, whether Bro. Paton knew it or not, the double triangle was an Operative Mark.

Bro. Buchan also intervened, if I remember, in the discussion almost simultaneously with myself.

Now this was a purely archaeological question and had to be met archaeologically.

How did Bro. Paton reply?

In a most unfriendly, uncourteous, unmasonic letter.

Put paraphrastically it amounts to this, and if any one doubts it, let them peruse the choice production, for "littera scripta manet," in the pages of *The Freemason* :—

"You neither of you know what you are writing about.

"My remarks apply only to Speculative Marks.

"As for 'Masonic Student,' he has never studied the question, or if he has, his studies have only been utterly profitless to him. For he does not even know the difference between Operative or Speculative Marks, and has evidently never read Laurie, or D. M. Lyon, or Oliver."

Now I say nothing of the gross discourtesy of any brother venturing to make such a reply to Masonic antagonists, and I pass over the personal rudeness of Bro. Paton's answer, ignoring my special reference to Laurie and Lyon, but I do say, that, from Bro. Paton such remarks are simply offensive.

Bro. Buchan replied very quietly that Bro. Paton had nowhere mentioned Speculative Masonry, and my reply was (which is the fact) that Bro. Paton had simply got beyond his depth altogether, and was laying down the law, without any authority whatever, and clearly to my mind, without any original study of the subject. I also recommended him to amend his vocabulary, and to become a little more, a true "magister operis," before he attempted to dogmatize to others, or overbearingly to prevent a fair discussion of the question.

Am I wrong, either in my opinion or my advice?

I think not.

And all that has taken place only confirms my original opinion, how utterly incompetent Bro. Paton is to attempt to set everybody else right on a matter of which he has yet to learn the very first principles.

It may relieve Bro. Paton's mind to know that I am a Mark Mason, and hold my "Mark" from one of the oldest English Mark Lodges. My whole interest in the question is an archæo-

logical one, and as regards the evidence of the speculative regulations, it is to me worse than useless.

All I am anxious to impress upon your readers is, that, Bro. Paton is the original offender, and that his great want of true Masonic courtesy was the cause of any remarks I felt it to be my duty to make.

My one aim ever has been the promulgation of Masonic truth and light, but I could not overlook such a retrograde step as Bro. Paton was taking in our Masonic study of our own archæology and history, when he proposed to substitute for what was indisputable by evidence, the assertion of his own unfounded theory of Masonic Marks.

Yours fraternally,

A MASONIC STUDENT.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In looking over the controversy which has taken place upon this subject in *The Freemason* some may think that as Bro. Paton is dealing with the matter from a Scottish point of view, while "A Masonic Student," Bro. Hughan, &c., are English Masons, that, therefore, it may be possible that both may be right. If that be so, I fear that the idea is wrong, and, looking at the subject from a Scottish point of view myself, having personally received the Mark degree in a Scottish lodge, I feel bound to differ from Bro. Paton in many of his ideas. In the pages of *The Freemason* this question is not to be dealt with either as a Scottish or an English one, but as a historical subject of general interest, to be handled in a truthful manner, the great object of every worker and writer being not to pander to any mere notion of the time for the sake of the temporary popularity it may bring, but to earnestly strive after the elucidation of the truth. It is in such a frame of mind, therefore, that I again touch the shield of Bro. Paton with my lance, and, although a "Brither Scot.," for the sake of truth, I again challenge him to the combat. I did so before at page 250, April 25th, but he declined the encounter. At page 375, June 20th, he, however, repeats the assertion formerly made by him that the Scottish Mark Ritual "has been in use in Scotland for nearly 200 years." Now, as a Scottish Freemason, I take the liberty to deny that, and give it as my opinion that said statement is most decidedly untruthful, the Scottish mark ritual not being concocted until years after the introduction of our system of Speculative Freemasonry into Scotland by Desaguliers in 1721. If I am wrong let Bro. Paton bring forward substantial evidence to prove it, and I shall then be ready to acknowledge that he was right, and also to apologise for what I have said.

Yours fraternally,

W. P. BUCHAN.

[With this letter, the "Masons' Marks" controversy must close in our columns.—Ed.]

MARK MASONS AND THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Thus early I venture to inform the Mark Masons under the English constitution, that on their behalf my services have been accepted by the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England, &c., as Steward at the next Festival in aid of the funds of the Masonic Boys' School. I trust that the support I shall receive from the provincial lodges, private lodges, and individual members will be of such a liberal character as to justify my appeal, and at the same time do credit to the Mark Degree. At the meeting of Grand Lodge, held on the 2nd of June, it was proposed by Bro F. Davison, D.P.G. Mark Master Mason of Middlesex and Surrey, and seconded by Bro. W. E. Gumbleton, P.G. Senior Warden, that the sum of forty-two pounds be placed on my list. The example thus set by the Grand Mark Lodge should, I most fraternally submit, be followed by the Mark Lodges and Mark Masons throughout the country, and the total of my list on the day

of the festival, will I hope, amount at the least, to the sum of five hundred guineas. Permit me to suggest that in each lodge some brother should at once set to work, and endeavour to collect something, say the small sum of five guineas and the collection of such a sum is not a difficult task if an appeal is made to every member to give only a few shillings. This sum could be subscribed in the name of some brother and qualify him as a Life Subscriber. For example, twenty-one members at five shillings, or ten members at ten shillings and sixpence each, would accomplish the task, there are other ways to assist the object in view, but I shall not refer to them on this occasion. With your permission, Mr. Editor, (and I make sure of it by anticipation) I propose once in each month to report the progress I am making, and submit the list of subscribers, to the date through the pages of your useful paper. My first report shall be sent in August, by which month I hope to be able to report the foundation of a large and valuable list. Before closing I may be permitted to say that in May, 1873, my list for the Girls' School was £212, and in January 1874, my list for the Benevolent Institution was £213 13s. I feel that these amounts must be largely exceeded. My appeal this time is on behalf of an institution much in need of funds for its daily support, having no invested capital to fall back upon. The generous manner with which Committee of the Institution have increased the number of boys to be maintained cannot but call forth our warmest sympathies, and is deserving of our practical support.

I am, yours fraternally,

THOS. J. SABINE,

P.M. 22, W.M. 75,

Treasurer 168, P.A.G.D. of C.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Why have you not published a list of contributions of the Girls' School Anniversary? It is a subject of much wonder, and more comment.

I am told that yours is "The Masonic Paper," and yet I fail to find just the information that interests provincial Masons. Please Bro. Editor enlighten,

A FRATERNAL BUT COUNTRY BUMPKIN.

[We have, alas, but one answer, "non possumus."

We cannot give the information we do not receive. If any change can be brought about which would cause us to receive such information, none would more gladly receive it, or more speedily publish it than ourselves, for the information of our country cousins.—ED. FREEMASON.]

A CHALLENGE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As I think the time has come for us as members of the "Society of Free and Accepted Masons" to prefer facts to fiction, and of late many statements have been promulgated which cannot be proved, or which are unequivocally and demonstratively false, and as our silence as a body may be presumed to favour the acceptance of such declarations and be taken as equivalent to acknowledging their truth, I have jotted down the following which I am ready to prove in three communications in *The Freemason*, in answer to anyone who can conscientiously provide either, or the whole of the three, provided nothing but facts are to be considered admissible or as final, and that no personalities are introduced into the discussion.

1. (a) Freemasonry before A.D. 1717, was not wholly operative, (b) but partially speculative, (c) and at the "revival" the changes effected did not differ so radically from early Masonry, as to have obliterated the evidences of the operative origin of the premier Grand Lodge.

2. (a) The references to Masonic degrees (as we understand the term now) never occur in the ancient minutes, (b) no rituals of degrees prior to 1720, are in existence. (c) and whatever esoteric customs may have been communicated to Craftsmen, before the last century, they do not appear to have necessitated the temporary absence of either class of members from the lodge.

3. (a) That the three classes of Masons before the "Revival" of 1717 consisted of Apprentices, Fellow Crafts and Master Masons, and of no others. (b) That the members of each class were permitted to have marks, but no peculiar ceremony attending the selection of such is recorded in ancient minutes, (c) and that all so-called Mark Rituals of about 200 years old, in Scotland or elsewhere, are forgeries, or bear a wrong date, or said to be much older than they really are.

W. J. HUGHAN.

Truro, 23rd June, 1874.

PRESENTATION TO W. BRO. W. J. HUGHAN, P.S.G.D. OF ENGLAND.

On Thursday, 18th inst., the brethren of the Druids Lodge of Love and Liberality, 589, Redruth, presented the Worshipful Brother W. J. Hughan, P.M., and P.P.G. Secretary, with a full dress P.S. Grand Deacon's apron and gauntlets, in recognition of the recent honour conferred on him by the Grand Master of England, and of the many eminent services he has rendered to their lodge.

The Worshipful Master, Bro. E. Milford Cock, on rising, said, "Brethren, the reason of our meeting this evening is so well known to you all that I will not detain you with a lengthy explanation, for as you are aware, we are assembled for the very pleasing duty of presenting Bro. W. J. Hughan with a small token, in testimony of the great esteem we entertain for him. Many of you have known Bro. Hughan longer than myself, and are far more competent than I to discharge the duty, which, in my official capacity, I have undertaken. But during the time I have had the pleasure of his acquaintance I have known him sufficiently well to be convinced that he is a Brother Mason in the truest sense of the word, and I feel that to possess his friendship is an honour. It is impossible for me to mention the many great services Bro. Hughan has rendered to Freemasonry in general. I say without fear of contradiction that I believe no Mason in England has done more, and I believe there is no Mason who is more deservedly esteemed. The manly and upright conduct that has ever characterised his course in life has won for him golden opinions, and that fair fame which ever crowns the worker of good deeds. Right glad am I that the Grand Master of England has lately conferred such a deserved honour on so worthy a recipient; in doing so he has conferred an honour on every member in this province, and I am sure you will one and all, heartily join me in congratulating Bro. Hughan on his high appointment. Equally impossible is it for me to enumerate the many past services Bro. Hughan has rendered this Druids Lodge in particular, to acknowledge one of which is our pleasing duty this evening. Bro. Hughan, on behalf of the members of my Lodge, and in their name, I thank you most sincerely for the great kindness you have shown, and the vast amount of trouble you have taken, in securing the election of an old and worthy Past Master of this lodge, as an annuitant of the Aged Freemasons' Institution; we feel that no one but yourself could or would have achieved such a result for us, and we shall ever be deeply indebted to you. This, and not only this, but your many previous disinterested acts of kindness have called forth our warmest admiration and esteem, and I have the very great pleasure of asking you to accept from us this Past Senior Grand Deacon's apron, with gauntlets, as a small memento of our fraternal regard, and, if you will allow me, I will invest you with them. May your useful life be long to look on this, as a feeble token of the high estimation

formed of you by so many of your friends in the Druids Lodge, and so often as you wear the apron may you be reminded not only of its being the badge of Freemasonry, but also that by the purity of your life and of your actions it is indeed the bond of a true and lasting friendship. And when it shall please the Grand Geometrician of the Universe to remove you from all earthly honours, may you ascend to be a member of the Grand Lodge above, joining the many worthy brethren who have gone before, and there receive your just reward. May this illustrious memento then descend as an heirloom in your family, and stimulate them in the same strict path of virtue that won for you the praise, the esteem, and I may say the affection, too, of all your brethren."

Bro. Hughan on rising received a perfect ovation, and on the outburst of applause subsiding he observed that were he gifted with the wisdom of Solomon (looking around to the W. Bro. Thomas Solomon, ex-Mayor of Truro), or the eloquence of the W. Master of No. 589, who had just spoken, he might then be able to adequately express his feelings on receiving so handsome a present and so very hearty a reception, but as it was he could not do more than thank them most sincerely for their extraordinary manifestation of appreciation of humble efforts which he was glad to see had resulted so satisfactorily and so advantageously for the members of the province with which he had been connected for about ten years. He had always endeavoured to practically illustrate this important fact that Masonically speaking there was North, East, South or West in the province of Cornwall, so far as the interests of the fraternity were concerned, but that all belonged to one happy, united family, and consequently managing the votes for the "Great Masonic Charities," he had adopted candidates from different parts of the province, as circumstances demanded; one time it was a little boy from Falmouth, another time one from Truro, the another time from Scorrier. This last election he had succeeded in returning the oldest Master as an annuitant in London. A son while since a widow from Bodmin was elected. In October he should have a little girl for a daughter into the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls and in May, 1875, he had promised to support the application of Bro. John Ough, an old Master at Liskeard. The success attained proved what may be done by rendering obedience to the Cornish motto "one and all, unity was indeed strength. With reference to what the W.M. had so kindly said about Bro. Hughan observed that if he had to speak about his own deeds, or the fraternal esteem of them by the Craft, he was at once in a culy, which he certainly did not to the extent experience when having to speak upon a general topic, for then it was only for them to say how long their patience would last, and would endeavour not to exceed the limit when it became his duty to refer to his own motion, the high and important office bestowed upon him by the M.W. the Grand Master's splendid gift of the Lodge of Fortitude, a since (which was but one of several from members), and lastly the handsome present which he had just been invested, he felt incapable of saying anything, so the members would excuse him, and rest assured that long as his life was spared he would continue to value their esteem, and gratefully remember their kindness, and as he now felt that he himself respecting the clothing belonging to Truro, and half to Redruth, he would strive his utmost to prove worthy of their respect and friendship, and he could only say in conclusion as he had often told them before, that what he could be of any service at Redruth, or other part of the province, but more especially at Truro and Redruth, with which he was intimately connected since his residence in the province, it would be his delight to be in command with all the promptness and efficiency he could command.

The meeting was very interesting, and several of the Past Masters of the Province were present, the Fortitude gullow, present.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. W.M. MASEFIELD, D. PROV. G. M. WORCESTERSHIRE.

A lodge of emergency was held at the Dudley Arms Hotel, Dudley, on Tuesday evening, for the purpose of presenting the portrait of the Worshipful Brother William Masefield, P.M. and P.Z. 252 and 398, Past Provincial Senior Grand Treasurer, and now Deputy Provincial Master of Worcestershire. The portrait is painted in oil, in full Masonic costume, by Mr H.T. Munns, the distinguished artist, of Birmingham, and is a most excellent likeness. It is to be hung in the lodge room of the Harmonic Lodge, at the Freemasons' Tavern, Dudley.

Amongst those assembled on the occasion were the R.W. Bro. A. H. Royds, Prov. Grand Master; W. Bros. M. Dennison P.M. 252, P. Prov. S.G.W.; Wm. Bristow jun., P.M. 252, P. Prov. S.G.W. and Prov. G. Sec.; M. H. Jones, P.M. 554, P. Prov. J.G.W.; Samuel Smith, P.M. 262, P. Prov. J.G.W.; B. Brooks, P.M. 564, P. Prov. J.G.W.; E. M. Wormington, P.M., 489, P. Prov. G. Registrar; Geo. Baldwin, P.M. 560, P. Prov. G. Registrar; W. M. Westwood, P.M. 252 and 564, P. Prov. S.G.D.; F. Holcroft, P.M. 252, P. Prov. S.G.D.; and Joseph Stokes, W.M. 252.

The lodge having been opened in due form, the Worshipful Master, Bro. Joseph Stokes, rose, and in a feeling and appropriate speech referred to the invaluable services Brother Masefield had rendered to the Craft for 32 years past, and to the fact of his having been the first Senior Grand Warden of the province, and of his having held the responsible position of Provincial Grand Treasurer for 20 years. He congratulated him on his having at length attained to his present high position of Deputy-Provincial Grand Master, his appointment to which office has given universal satisfaction to the brethren of the province, and he hoped he would live many years to enjoy the honours he had so deservedly obtained. He felt it a high privilege to present to him, in the name of the brethren of the Harmonic Lodge, his portrait, and he hoped he would live many years to look upon it and continue to afford instruction and advice to his brethren, and when he (Brother Masefield) should be called from this sublunary abode, he hoped and prayed that he might ascend to that Grand Lodge above, where the World's Great Architect lived and reigned for evermore.

Brother Bristow, Prov. Grand Secretary, said the sentiment expressed by the W.M. would not only be endorsed by the members of the Harmonic Lodge, but by every brother of the province. He had known Brother Masefield for nearly twenty-four years as a Mason, and his association with him, which began in a Masonic Lodge, had ripened into a personal and dear friendship. He was pleased to witness the presentation that day, and he hoped the time was far distant when Bro. Masefield would be called away from them, but in years to come, when those who come after them looked on that picture and asked who was Brother Masefield, those of them who might be there to answer would be able to say, "He was a man; take him all in all, we shall never look upon his like again."

Bro. A. H. Royds, Prov. G. M. of Worcestershire, expressed his satisfaction at being sent to witness the recognition of Brother Masefield's valuable services. The observations he had heard made convinced him that in appointing Brother Masefield his Deputy Provincial Grand Master, he had put the right man in the place.

Bro. Masefield expressed his sense of the remarks which had fallen from the W.M. and brethren, and of the honour which had been done to him in having his portrait painted. He accepted it as an earnest of their fraternal feelings towards him, and requested that the portrait should be hung in the lodge room, and become the property of the Harmonic Lodge, and he trusted that his best services would be at the disposal of the brethren, as they had been in the past.

At the close of the lodge the brethren adjourned to a banquet, provided by Bro. Cleaves, the host of the hotel. The usual toasts were proposed, and in order to mark more fully

that of the Worshipful Deputy Prov. G. Master, the verses at foot, commemorative of the appointment and presentation they had met to celebrate, were sung by the writer at request of the Worshipful Master, and the evening was passed in harmony and brotherly love.

OUR DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

Let us greet our Deputy Grand Master
With hearts all loyal and true,
And in brotherly accord,
On his gaining his reward,
Rejoice that he now has his due;
For long and fully tried,
As a sure and faithful guide
He's ready to respond to duty's call,
He does the best he can,
As a Mason and true man,
For the weal and for the welfare of us all.

CHORUS.

Then honour'd be our Deputy-Grand Master!
All honour to our Deputy Grand Master!
With brotherly good-will, a bumper let us fill
And drink to our Deputy Grand Master!

Highly skilled in the Science and its teachings,
Our Craft he has loved right well,
And of much good work well done,
And a noble course well run

The annals of our Lodges tell—
Ever hearty, ever kind,
Full of zeal in heart and mind,
To observe our Landmarks and our Laws,
He has many laurels gained,
And has every where maintained

The honour of our great and glorious cause,
CHORUS.—Then honour'd be our Deputy Grand Master, &c.

Of a nature modest and retiring,
He is stout and strong of heart,
A helping hand to lend,
Or a brother to defend,
And to act a generous part;
For prompt by word and deed
To aid in time of need,
He is now, as he was in times of yore,
Found ever in the van
To befriend his fellow-man;
So we honour and we love him more and more.

CHORUS.—Then honour'd be our Deputy Grand Master, &c.

Then be sure this "Portrait of our Masefield,"
Which so like life doth seem,
Will now, and e'er proclaim
Good will, and honour'd name,
As a token of true esteem;
And whenever the Lodge shall meet
This shall move all hearts to greet
This "Toast" with fullest honours due,
And best wishes to extend
To the Master, Brother, Friend,
So much valued, so much loved by "252."

SAML. SMITH,
P. Prov. J. G. Warden.

FUNERAL LODGE.

On Tuesday, 16th inst, the Lodge Canongate and Leith, L. and C., No 5, held a Funeral Lodge in memory of the late Brother James Gordon, Past Senior Warden, in their Hall, Constitution Street. Brother Jupp presided at the organ. There were on the platform the Rev. W. H. Grey, D.D., V.W. Grand Chaplain, Past Masters Mathieson and Green, Deputy Master Hudson, Lieut. Maxwell, &c; and brethren from Lodges Canongate Kilwinning, No 2; Journeymen, No 8; St. David's, No 36; Defensive Band, No. 151; Roman Eagle, No. 160; Trafalgar, No. 223; Portobello, No. 226; Rifle, No. 405; Dunblane, No. 9; Montgomerie Kilwinning, No. 103; Dunearn, Burntisland, No. 140. Brother W. M. Bryce, Tyler of the Grand Lodge, was also present, and marshalled the brethren. The R.W. Master, Bro. J. Laurie, having ascended the throne, and the brethren being in their places, with insignia, jewels, and orders draped with crape, the lodge was duly opened and raised, after which prayer was offered

up by the Grand Chaplain, followed by selections on the organ from Mozart's Requiem:—

Most Glorious God, Author of all good, and Giver of all mercy, pour down Thy blessings upon us, and strengthen all our solemn engagements with the ties of fraternal affection. Let this striking instance of mortality remind us of our approaching fate, and so fit and prepare us for that awful period, whenever it may arrive, that after our departure hence, in peace and in Thy favour, we may be received into Thy Everlasting Kingdom.—Amen.

The anthem,
"Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty,
Who was, and is, and is to come."

was then sung to a well composed setting of Bro. Jupp's by the choir (Bros. Sey, Davidson, W. D. Johnson, P.M., James Johnson, and Francis Law), which was rendered with much pathos and devotional feeling. The Right Worshipful Master then proceeded with the service, the brethren responding:—

Master: What man is he that liveth and shall not see death? Shall he deliver his soul from the hand of death?

Brethren: Man walketh in a vain shadow, he heapeth up riches, and cannot tell who shall gather them.

Master: When he dieth, he shall carry nothing away, his glory shall not descend after him.

Brethren: Naked we came into the world, and naked we must return. The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away, Blessed be the Name of the Lord.

The tranquil beauty of the anthem which followed was deliciously brought out by the choir, who kept well together, and were remarkably clear and distinct in enunciation:—

Frail man! how like the meteor's blaze,
How evanescent are thy days:
Protracted to its longest date,
How short the time indulged by fate.
No force death's potent arm can brave;
Nor wisdom's self elude the grave;
Where'er our various journeys tend,
To this we soon or late descend;

Service with responses having been chanted;
O Lord, our Governor, O how excellent is Thy name in all the world.

was gracefully given, the flowing harmony and symmetry of the parts being carefully and touchingly translated.

The R.W. Master then said—We are met this evening, brethren, to perform one of the most solemn services prescribed by the ritual of our Craft—to take, Masonically, a long farewell of a brother who has been summoned suddenly from our midst to appear before the Grand Master Builder above: Death has entered our lodge, and passing by many whose years declared them ripe for eternity, has unexpectedly called away a young brother, whose career appeared only to have begun. But a few evenings past and Bro. James Gordon, in health and strength, sat here in our midst and cheerfully obeyed the stroke of the gavel. This evening the Master has called the lodge together, but the once familiar face appears not—the Craftsman no longer shares our labours—he has laid down the square and compasses on the tracing board for ever, and though young in years, his work is ended, and he has entered into his rest. Bro. James Gordon first saw the "light" of our mystic Craft in the Lodge Kirkliston Maitland, No. 482, in the year 1870, where he was highly esteemed by the brethren as a most promising Member of the Order. On his removal to Leith he became an affiliated member of our lodge, and displayed so much earnestness and enthusiasm in his Masonic duties that he was chosen in 1871 to fill the important office of Senior Warden, which he discharged with great credit to himself and advantage to the lodge down to last December, when his term of office expired. Constant at his post, assiduous in the discharge of his duties and courteous to the brethren, he gained our esteem and affection, and his presence here was ever hailed with pleasure and satisfaction. His decease was very sudden and unexpected—he was present at our monthly meeting in May, but ere the present month's meeting we had stood around his grave—a few short hours between night and morning

was all the notice given him of the approach of death. He came into our midst young and fired with enthusiasm, he entered at once with earnestness upon his labours, he gained for himself respect and esteem, not only within our fraternal circle, but also beyond its borders. He was with us but a few short years, and now he has gone to that great eternity that awaits us all, and having laid his mortal remains to rest in the quiet shades of the cemetery, we meet this evening to give expression to our grief for his departure, our fervent hope in his everlasting weal, and to enter upon our records the fact of his decease. Such is a short notice of our friend and brother. There lies his apron, and beside it the broken rod emblematical of his earthly career having ended. We now say to him—Brother, a last, a long farewell—

“Thou art gone to the grave, but we will not deplore thee,
Though darkness and shadows encompass the tomb;
For thy Saviour has passed through its portals before thee,
And the lamp of his love was thy light through its gloom.”

Long shall thy labours and worth live green in the memory of thy surviving brethren, and we shall look forward hopefully to the hour when the voice of the Archangel and the trump of God shall summon us all to meet in the Grand Lodge above, where partings are unknown. Let us, brethren, who are left behind, ever remember that the mere lapse of years is not life, but that life should be measured by the achievement of high purpose. On the other hand the mere dissolution of the body is not the end of life, but change or transition—

“There is no death, what seems so is transition. This life of mortal breath is but the suburb of the life Elysian,

Whose portals we call death.”
Let us, brethren, so discipline ourselves as good Freemasons, under the divine teachings and guidance of the Great Architect of the Universe, that when this transitory life shall have passed away it shall be found that beneath the rough exterior of our imperfect nature here, our heavenly Father in his infinite mercy will discover the bright polish of a true humanity.

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SO MOTE IT BE.

The elocution of the R.W. Master was most impressive, and the brethren were thrilled by the solemnity and feeling with which he delivered the oration and intoned the services.

The following elegy, by Dr. Calcott, was magnificently rendered by the choir, the last four lines being delivered with exquisite taste:—

Forgive, blest shade, the tributary tear
That mourns thy exit from a world like this;
Forgive the wish that would have kept thee here
And stay'd thy progress to the seats of bliss.
No more confin'd to grov'ling scenes of night,
No more a tenant pent in mortal clay,
Now would we rather hail thy glorious light
And trace thy journey to the realms of day.

The whole of the brethren then united in singing a dirge, composed for the occasion by Bro. Peter Gardner, Poet-Laureate of the Lodge—

We mourn a brother passed away,
In mystic rites with solemn strain;
In compass let our grief have sway,
And square and level measure pain.
For he ascends the Lodge on high,
More Light his ransomed spirit knows,
And flights of angels marshalled nigh,
In signs attest what rapture glows.
Then in our tears let joy have part,
Hope brighter show the shining shore,
Christ and the Craft shrined in each heart,
He is not lost but gone before.

Master: May we be true and faithful; and may we live and die in love.

Brethren: So mote it be.

Master: May we always profess what is good, and may we always act agreeably to our profession.

Brethren: So mote it be.

Master: May the Lord bless us and prosper us; and may all our good intentions be crowned with success.

Brethren: So mote it be.

Master: Glory be to God on high; on earth peace and goodwill towards men.

Brethren: So mote it be; now, from henceforth, and for evermore.—Amen.

The Choir then sang “Vital spark of heavenly flame,” with appropriate tenderness of expression, the clearness and flexibility of the voices, and emotional sweetness of tone, leaving a deep impression. The following prayer was then offered up by the Grand Chaplain:—

Almighty Architect of the Universe, unto the grave has been resigned the body of our loving brother, to remain until the day of general resurrection. We earnestly pray Thee at that great and dreadful day, to extend Thy infinite mercy towards all of us, and to crown our felicity with everlasting bliss in Thy heavenly kingdom.—Amen.

The entire proceedings of the evening were carried out with consummate tact and ability, all acknowledging the many superior attainments and qualifications of the Right Worshipful Master. Votes of thanks having been passed to the several brethren who rendered distinguished service on the occasion, the Right Worshipful Master closed the lodge in due form.

CONSECRATION OF THE ARKWRIGHT LODGE, No. 1495, AT MATLOCK-BATH.

On Wednesday, the 3rd inst., this interesting ceremony was performed by the D.P.G.M. of Derbyshire, Bro. H. C. Okeover, J.G.W. Eng., assisted by the officers and a large number of the craft.

The consecration ceremony took place in the lodge-room at Walker's Hotel, the P.P. Grand Chaplain, Bro. A. A. Bagshawe, P.S.G.W., delivering the oration. Subsequently, Bro. A. P. Arkwright, M.P., was installed as first Master of the new lodge, by Bro. C. Parkin, P.M., in a very able manner.

The brethren afterwards sat down to a splendid banquet, under the presidency of Bro. Arkwright, W.M., and a most enjoyable evening was spent. Amongst the brethren present were Bros. Cox, Crossley, Campion, Bobart, P.P.S.G. Wardens; J. Smith, R. Darwin, P.P.J.G. Wardens; Marsden, P.G. Sec; Wright, P.P.S.G.D.; Ward, Watson, Robinson, Hammond, Iliffe, P.P.G.A.D. of C.; Milligan, T. Roe, Heathcote, Holloway, Biggs, H. J. Bobart, Pipes, Merry, Bennett, Geo. Harper, Cupitt, Huggett, Casson, P.P.G.O., Birch, P.P.G.O., Allen, Statey, Lugg, Pym, and others.

MASONIC PIC-NIC.

By invitation from the Rev. A. A. Bagshawe, I.P.M. of the Phoenix Lodge of St. Ann, Buxton, P.S.G.W., the whole of the brethren, with their Masonic friends, were invited to spend Waterlooday at Wormhill Vicarage. It is needless to add they were entertained in a truly Masonic manner by the host and his amiable lady, who were untiring in their efforts to make each one happy and comfortable.

The brethren, with their friends, left the Midland Station in a large saloon carriage for Miller's Dale. After a pleasant walk to Wormhill, they were regaled with a sumptuous repast. When responding to the toast of his health, the Rev. Brother took advantage of the occasion to say how pleased he was to have the brethren visit him once again, and hoped they would be spared to repeat the visit many times.

After dinner, some amused themselves with croquet and other games, whilst others contented themselves with admiring the beautiful scenery in which the place abounds. After partaking of tea, the brethren took leave of their kind host and hostess, and returned to Buxton, highly pleased and delighted with their outing.

The following visitors and brethren were present: Bros. R. R. Duke, P.M. (1235); Bro. F. Turner, P.M. (1235); Bro. Dr. Cranswick, P.M., &c, P.P.G. Chaplain, East Lancashire; Bro. J. Comyn, P.M., &c. (Abbey Lodge, 45); Bro. J. Barrowby, W.M. (Peveril of the Peak Lodge, 654); Bro. S. W. Ready, P.M. (654); Bro. Josiah Taylor, W.M. of the Phoenix Lodge of St. Ann); Bro. E. C. Milligan, J. W.; Bro. J. H. Lawson, J.D.; Bro. W. Boughton, Secre-

tary; Bro. G. J. Barnard, Treasurer; Bro. Goodwin, S.; Bro. Whalley, Std. B.; Bro. Wilkinson, D. C.; Bro. G. Marsden, On Bro. G. Goodwin, Bro. C. Adams, Bro. S. Taylor, Bro. J. Bradbury, Bro. A. Barnett, Bro. King, Bro. A. Pyle.

NEW MARK LODGE.—A special meeting of the Bedford Mark Masters' Lodge, convened under dispensation from the Grand Mark Lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, Severn Street, Birmingham, to open a new lodge, to be called the Athol Mark Master's Lodge, and install officers. Bro. E. Worrall officiated as W.M. and Bro. H. Sanderson as Installing Master. The Warrant of Constitution having been read, the brethren previously advanced under warrant of the “Athol” were duly advanced under the warrant of the Athol M. M. Lodge, and the W. M. Designate having been installed, and the officers invested, the new lodge closed in the usual fraternal spirit.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, July 3, 1874.

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

Saturday, June 27.

Manchester Lodge of Instruction (179), York Street, 77, London-street, Fitzroy-square, at 8; Bro. H. Preceptor.

Lily Lodge of Instruction (830), Greyhound Hotel, London, Surrey.

Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of G. New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. G. Dilley, Preceptor.

Monday, June 29.

Visit of Inmates of Girls' School to Crystal Palace. Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction (1445), Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland, Bro. T. Austin, Preceptor.

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

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

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

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

British Oak Lodge of Instruction (813), Bank of Friars Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.

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

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

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

Metropolitan Mark Lodge of Instruction, Cow Horse Hotel, 343, Strand, at 8.

Tuesday, June 30.

Lodge 255, Harmony, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond.

Yarborough Lodge of Instruction (554), Green Stepney, at 8; Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.

Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tavern, venor-park, Camberwell, at 8.

Faith Lodge of Instruction (141), Refreshment Rooms, toria-st., (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Preceptor.

Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Hotel, Lord's Cricket Ground, St. John's-wo Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction (860), King Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. Crawley, Preceptor.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction (65), Gladstone Bishops-gate-st., Within, at 7.30; Bro. Bolt 1227, Preceptor.

St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction (1305), Brit Tavern, New-street, St. John's Wood, at 8; A. Adams, Preceptor.

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

Percy Lodge of Instruction, Grapes Tavern, Little mill-street, W.

Southwark Lodge of Instruction, (879), Southwark Tavern, Southwark Park, at 8; Bro. Charles Kent, Preceptor.

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

United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), 20 Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.

Israel Lodge of Instruction, 522, Tottenham, at 7.30. Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, Prince of Wales's-road, at 7; Bro. Stacey, P.M. (180), Preceptor.

Wednesday, July 1.

Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8.
 Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
 Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham, at 8; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor.
 Lodge of Instruction, George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar.
 Lodge of Instruction, Thicket Hotel, Anerley, at 7.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
 Lodge of Instruction (1288), Finsbury Park Tavern, Seven Sisters-road, N., at 8. Bro. P. Dickinson, Acting Preceptor.

Thursday, July 2.

Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall, 822, Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall.
 Excelsior, Sydney Arms, Lewisham-rd., 1360, Royal Arthur, Duke of Edinburgh Hotel, New Wimbledon.

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

Jolly Anglers' Tavern, Bath-street, City-road; Bro. Stean, Preceptor.
 Three Cranes, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
 Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern, Holborn, at 8; Bro. Lewis Alexander, P.M. 188, Preceptor.

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

Lodge of Instruction (1366), Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.

Friday, July 3.

George's Lodge of Instruction (140), Globe Tavern, Royal-hill, Greenwich.
 Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.

Lodge of Instruction (749), Coach and Horses, Strand, at 8; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.
 Lodge of Instruction (730), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 Victoria Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tavern, Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.

Lodge of Instruction (1365), White Hart, Clapton at 7.30; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., Preceptor.
 Standard Lodge of Instruction (1295), the Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. W. F. Rogers, Preceptor.

Chapter of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-road, at 8; Comp. W. West Smith, Preceptor.

Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8.
 Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Antelope Tavern, Lorn-road, Brixton, at 7.

James's Lodge of Instruction, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-road, Bermondsey, at 8; Bro. Howes, P.M., Preceptor.

Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Bro. D. S. Potts, Preceptor.
 Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8.

Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales-road, N.W., at 8; Bro. P. M. Wuest, Preceptor.

Rose Tavern, Fulham-road, S.W.
 Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.

High Cross Lodge of Instruction (754), Coach & Horses, High Road, Tottenham.
 Windsor Castle, Victoria Station at 8 p.m.; H. Ash, P.M., Instructor.

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

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, July 4, 1874.

Monday, June 29.

Lodge 148, Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington, at 6.30.
 Tuesday, June 30.

Lodge 178, Antiquity, Royal Hotel, Wigan, at 6.30.
 1384, Equity, Walker's Commercial Hotel, Widnes, near Warrington, at 6.
 Chap. 721, Grosvenor, Barr's Hotel, Chester, at 6.30.

Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 Wednesday, July 1.

Lodge 673, St. John's, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.30.

738, Ellesmere, Royal Oak Hotel, Chorley.
 Lodge 1913, Royal Victoria, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.

1261, Triumph, Masonic Hall, Lyttram.
 1413, West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk, at 6.

1135, Huntsley, 20, King-street, Wigan.
 1354, Marquis de Lorne, Masonic Hall, Leigh.

Harmonic Lodge of Instruction (216), Mona Hotel, James-street, Liverpool, at 8.
 De Grey and Ripon Lodge of Instruction (1356), 140, North Hill-street, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 7.30.

Thursday, July 2.

Lodge 249, Mariners', Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 1473, Bootle, Molyneux Assembly Rooms, Bootle, at 6.

Chap. 758, Bridgewater, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 6.
 Friday, July 3.

Lodge 1264, Neptune, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 1375, Architect, Didsbury Hotel, Didsbury.
 1387, Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton-cum-Hardy.

Chap. 1086, Walton, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, at 6.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND VICINITY.

For the week ending Saturday, July 4, 1874.

All the Meetings take place at 8 o'clock.

Monday, June 29.

Lodge 103, Union and Crown, 170, Buchanan-st.
 Chap. 122, Theis, 35, James-street.

Tuesday, June 30.

73, Caledonian Unity, 170, Buchanan-street.
 117, Govan, Parkland Hall, Govan.

Wednesday, July 1.

Lodge 4, Kilwinning, 170, Buchanan-street.
 21, Old St. John's, Freemasons' Hall, Lanark.
 128, St. John Shettleston, Freemasons' Hall, Shettleston.

166, St. John, 26, Grange-street, Airdrie.
 354, Caledonian Railway, 213, Buchanan-st.
 Chap. 87, Shamrock and Thistle, 12, Trongate.

Thursday, July 2.

Lodge 465, St. Andrew's, Masons' Hall, Garnagad-road.
 370, Renfrew Kilwinning, Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Paisley.

Friday, July 3.

Lodge 116, Royal Arch, Council Hall, Rutherglen.
 175, St. John, St. John's Hall, Greenock.
 217, Cumberland, Old Town Hall, Port Glasgow.

241, Huston, Cross Keys, Johnston.
 275, Shamrock and Thistle, 22, Struthers-street.
 360, Commercial, 19, Croy-place.

408, Clyde, 170, Buchanan-st.
 459, Shelburne, Cumbræ Hotel, Milport.

Saturday, July 4.

Lodge 458, St. John's, Freemasons' Hall, Busby.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

KENDAL.—*Union Lodge* (No. 129).—The usual monthly meeting of this old lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Monday evening, June 25th. The W.M., Bro. Jas. Bintley, was supported by all his officers and a large number of brethren. One gentleman was initiated and two raised. The W.M. invited Bro. D. W. Finney, P.M., to present the working tools in the second degree. The charge in the first degree was most impressively given by the S.W., Bro. John Talbot. After labour the brethren were invited to refreshment, and a most pleasant evening was spent.

ROCHFORD.—*Lodge of True Friendship* (No. 160).—The installation meeting of this old and flourishing lodge was held on the 24th June, at the Old Ship Inn, Rochford. The W.M., Bro. A. Lucking, P.G.A.D.C., in the chair, assisted by his officers. After the lodge had been opened and the minutes confirmed, the W.M. passed Bro. Thomas A. Boosey, to the second degree. Bro. A. Lucking, then proceeded to instal Bro. J. A. Wardell, S.W., P.M., and Secretary, 100, and P.G.J.D. (who had been unanimously elected at the previous meeting) as the W.M. for the ensuing year, the whole of the ceremony being very ably performed. The W.M. then invested the following as his officers for the ensuing year—Bros. A. Lucking, I.P.M.; J. Reeve, S.W.; H. J. Hatch, J.W. and Chaplain; H. Wood, P.M., P. Prov. G.O., Treas.; G. Burgess, P.M., P. Prov. J.G.D., Secretary; W. Bishop, S.D.; W. Allan, Junior, J.D.; T. Sowen, I.G.; G. Coodman, and G. Josling, stewards; J. Allen, Tyler. It is worthy of note that the Treasurer and Secretary had each served their respective offices nearly 20 years, and they each received the congratulation of the brethren on their re-appointment. The lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous repast, provided by Bro. H. D. Brown, of the Old Ship Inn, and presided over by the W.M., Bro. J. A. Wardell. Amongst the members present, besides those already mentioned, were Bros. W. T. Allen, P.M., P. Prov. A.D.C.; F. Wiseman, P.M.; James Wiseman, P.M., P. Prov. G.S.B.; P. Richmond, P.M.; Luker, A. Harrington, J. C. Underwood, Pettitt, W. Fust, H. D. Brown. Visitors, Nos. J. R. Hammond, W.M. 100; Savage, M. 174; A. P. Wilson, 1230; Barratt, 108; Ackborn, 179. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and heartily responded to, some excellent songs were given by Bros. H. Wood, F. Wiseman, Rev. Hatch, and others, and the brethren separated after spending a very agreeable and enjoyable evening.

LIVERPOOL.—*Merchants' Lodge* (No. 241).—The annual gathering of this, the most influential and distinguished lodge in the province of West Lancashire, which took place on Tuesday, the 2nd ult., was one of the most interesting character, and attended by all the *éclat* which invariably marks this particular meeting of the

"Merchants." Bro. W. M. Chudley was the W.M. elect, and the very numerous as well as most influential assembly of brethren showed how popular was the selection and how famous the lodge, the government of which he was about to assume. The new Masonic Hall, Hope-street, is so nearly completed that it was available both for the interesting ceremony of installation and likewise for the splendid banquet which followed, which was in every respect worthy of the occasion, and the name and fame of the lodge. The hall has been built by Bro. Henshaw, 216, from the designs of Bro. R. Danson, P.M. 1094. We must reserve for a future occasion a detailed description of the building, contenting ourselves at present with the observation that it is in all respects a fitting temple for the Craft, and appears to have very ample, very convenient, and very elegant accommodation for the various lodges and chapters which will be held there. This was certainly the unanimous opinion of the many brethren who assembled there on Tuesday evening, and whose comfort and enjoyment were greatly enhanced by the good accommodation and the general excellence of all the arrangements. The lodge was opened at four o'clock by Bro. J. Halton, W.M., assisted by Bros. Wm. M. Chudley, S.W.; R. Brown, J.W.; S. J. MacGeorge, Treasurer; George Hutchin, Sec.; George Peet, S.D.; B. Ridalgh, J.D.; Thomas Welsh, Organist; James Windsor, I.G.; Peter Ball, Tyler. The minutes of the previous regular meeting (so far as related to the appointment of W. Master and Treasurer), having been unanimously confirmed, Bro. Wm. M. Chudley, the W.M. elect, was presented for installation by Bros. Baker, P.M., and R. Robinson, P.M. After the ancient charges, Bro. J. H. Youngusband, a P.M. of No. 241, ascended the throne, and proceeded with the obligation and installation, the whole ceremony being performed with that impressiveness and completeness for which the celebrant has so long been well known. At the completion of the ceremony, the W.M. appointed the following officers of the lodge for the ensuing year:—Bros. R. Brown, (Vandyke and Brown), S.W.; G. Hutchin, J.W.; Dr. M'George, Treas.; Geo. Broadbridge, P. Prov. G.D.C., D.C.; George Peet, Secretary; James Winsor, S.D.; Capt. T. C. Jones, J.D.; Thomas H. Sheen (Sheen and Broadhurst), I.G.; Peter Ball, was unanimously re-elected and re-invested as Tyler. Shortly after six o'clock, nearly the whole of the brethren present at the installation proceedings sat down to a most sumptuous banquet in the new dining hall, the tables being a perfect model of elegant decoration and refined furnishing. The splendid dinner was served in a style which elicited the highest encomiums from every one who sat down, and reflected the highest credit upon the caterer, Bro. Fisk (Fisk and Fairhurst, Castle-street). The *menu carte* was specially prepared for the occasion, and was one of the most elegant and appropriate we have seen. It was designed and lithographed by Bro. S. Jacobs (Wilson and Jacobs), South Castle-street, and was really a very artistic production, which all the brethren will greatly treasure, for besides being in itself a very neat memento of the occasion, it was surrounded in the borders with beautifully-executed miniature portraits of all the ten new officers of the lodge, specially taken for the purpose by Bros. Vandyke and Brown. Bro. Chudley, the newly chaired W.M. presided at the banquet, and after he had given the usual loyal and patriotic toasts (pointedly given and heartily responded to), Bro. S. Alpass, P.G. Sec. proposed "The Health of the W.M., Bro. Chudley," saying it afforded him very great pleasure to see that they had that day recognised Bro. Chudley's services by electing him to the high and important office of W.M., of their lodge. He had many pleasant recollections of Lodge 241, always known for its excellent work, and always to be depended on when any real work was to be done. Before sitting down Bro. Alpass took occasion to refer to the West Lancashire Masonic Institution for the Education of Children of deceased and distressed Masons, amongst the most liberal supporters of which had been Lodge 241, both as to officers to do the work and friends to subscribe money. He was pleased to be present that evening at a lodge

which had done so much in the cause of Freemasonry, and so much towards the erection of that building. It was the first lodge to hold an installation and to dine in the building, and considering that it was the first gathering of the kind which had been held there, he thought they had every reason to be satisfied. Bro. Chudley responded in appropriate terms, expressing his gratitude for the honour which had been paid him, making an earnest and eloquent appeal on behalf of the West Lancashire Institution, and paying a passing tribute to the memory of Bro. Mott. He concluded by proposing "The Health of Bro. R. Brown, S.W.," the newly-appointed Secretary of the West Lancashire Institution, which was received with the greatest enthusiasm. Bro. Brown appropriately responded, and gave some interesting particulars of the working of the West Lancashire Institution. "The Masonic Hall Committee," "The Worshipful Master," "The Installing Master," "The Visitors," and other toasts followed, a most agreeable evening being spent.

BINGLEY.—*Scientific Lodge* (No. 439).—On Saturday, the 20th ult., the brethren of this lodge, together with their wives and lady friends, held a grand pic-nic at Goitstock, by the kind permission of William Ferrand, Esq., whose beautiful grounds it is a real treat to visit. The occasion was to celebrate the presentation of a couple of jewels to two indefatigable workers in the cause of Freemasonry. After two hours' enjoyable ramble through these delightful groves, sundry views of the waterfall from various positions, and hearty laughs occasionally at the humorous remarks of Bros. Blakey, and Sewell, the party halted for refreshment, which was ready laid out on elevated ground, some 200 yards below the fall and 30 yards from the road. A more suitable place could not possibly have been selected, here all set to work with a hearty goodwill to enjoy the good things before them, and it is needless to say that like the joyous birds sweetly carolling overhead, each one, individually, was equally in tune, especially in the way of appetite, and no wonder that a young urchin, noticing how busily all were engaged, should remark "my word, look at those folks; they might be eating for a wager!" But notwithstanding this uncourteous salute, the good work went on until every one was satisfied. The W.M. of the lodge, Bro. Robinson, then, after giving the usual preliminary toasts, made the first presentation to P.M.M. John C. Taylor, in a few select and choice words. This consisted of a Past Master's jewel, in 18-carat gold, of most beautiful, yet plain design. Bro. P. M. Pearson Clapham, in seconding the presentation, gave a short outline of Bro. Taylor's connection with the Scientific Lodge; he stated that that worthy and veteran brother had been a member for the long period of nearly forty years, during which time he had been an incessant worker, ever ready to forward, and always taking the deepest interest in, the cause of Freemasonry. Many of the brethren were much indebted to him for the assistance he had rendered them, and the lodge had very often benefited by the advice of his long experience. Bro. Taylor, he continued, likewise takes especial delight in transmitting his own Masonic knowledge to young Masons, and nothing affords him greater pleasure than to help and push them forward; whether met in the street or at home, it is alike to him, none can visit him at the wrong time, his desire and aim being to infuse the true and genuine principles in Freemasonry. Bro. Clapham concluded by saying, that there was no better proof required to show the esteem in which Bro. Taylor was held by the brethren of his lodge, than the tangible way in which it had this day been acknowledged. The second presentation was made by Immediate P.M. Hiram Leach to Bro. P.M. Seth S. Blakey. This also consisted of a Past Master's jewel, the only difference being that this was in connection with the Craft, consequently the 47th proposition took the place of the Keystone; in other respects the jewels were alike and exactly the same pattern. Bro. Leach in presenting the jewel did not expatiate long on the many good qualities of Bro. Blakey, but like Hiram of old, he thoroughly meant what he said, and his remarks were much appre-

ciated. He concluded by acknowledging to Bro. Blakey, his (Bro. Leach's) own gratitude for the kind services which had often been rendered to him during his year of office, and hoped that Bro. Blakey would long live to wear the jewel that day presented to him. Bro. P.M. Sewell seconded this presentation, and remarked that no one had reason to thank and esteem Bro. Blakey more than he (Bro. Sewell) himself, and that it gave him the greatest pleasure to advocate the very high opinion he held of that worthy brother. Bro. P.M. Taylor, was then called upon, and rising, said that he begged to thank the brethren for the handsome jewel, of which he was the recipient, and that whatever he had done in the way of promulgating Masonry and its principles, had been considered and looked upon by him as a thorough duty, therefore he thought he had done nothing more than he ought to have done, and in his humble sphere was still anxious to do all he could. Bro. Taylor continued that he thought Bro. P.M. Seth S. Blakey, was more worthy of a presentation than himself, inasmuch as he had so generously come forward to assist him (Bro. Taylor) at a time when his services were indispensable, Bro. Taylor being then unable, through sickness, to visit the lodge at all. The W.M. then called upon Bro. P.M. Blakey, who in very few words expressed his deep gratitude for the manner in which the brethren had acknowledged his humble services, and said he highly appreciated the handsome gift so generously bestowed, and begged to assure the brethren that it would still be his study to advance the noble sentiments of Freemasonry, and render any assistance in his power to the Scientific Lodge. He was glad to say that it was now in a very promising condition, and in little need of help from him, and he trusted the lodge would continue to prosper. The W.M. afterwards called upon Bros. Webster, Hodgson, Murgatroyd, and Leach, each of whom unanimously expressed the pleasure it gave them to participate in such a delightful fresco gathering. The toast of "The Ladies" was then given by Bro. P.M. Sewell, and heartily received, Bro. Dean responding on their behalf. Bro. P.M. Sewell then proposed a vote of thanks to the W.M., Bro. T. Robinson, and his good lady, for the admirable manner in which they had catered for the party, the viands, &c., being of a choice and sumptuous description. Bro. Atherton, in seconding this proposition, remarked that special thanks were due to Bro. and Mrs. Robinson, for the way in which the arrangements in this important department had been carried out, considering that Saturday was the most inconvenient day in the week for Bro. Robinson to leave his business. Bro. Atherton further added that were another squad of rank and file to have put in an appearance, the commissariat department would have been found equal to the occasion. After a brief reply from Bro. Robinson, acknowledging the vote of thanks, the proceedings of this very interesting party were brought to a close by all expressing a hope that it would not be long before the brethren of the Scientific again assembled at Gostock, a place which had proved itself such a favourite resort. In conclusion, it should be mentioned that the jewels were selected from the extensive and well-assorted stock of Bro. George Kenning.

LEICESTER.—*John of Gaunt Lodge* (No. 523).—The annual festival of the John of Gaunt Lodge, No. 523, was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on Wednesday, June 24th, when there were present the R.W. Bro., the Right Hon. Earl Ferrers, Prov. G.M.; W. Bro. Sir Henry St. John Halford, Bart., Deputy Prov. G.M.; R.W. Bro. Wm. Kelly, P.P.G.M.; Bros. F. J. Baines, P.P.G.P., W.M.; S. S. Partridge, Prov. G. Sec., W.M. elect; G. Toller, Prov. S.G.W., P.M.; A. M. Duff, P.M.; W. B. Smith, P.M.; R. Brewin, P.M.; Reverend J. F. Halford, P.M. 1330; A. Palmer, W.M. 279; W. Weare, P.M. 279; C. Stretton, P.M. 279; J. B. Hall, P.M. 1391; J. Halford, P.M. 1391; G. Clifton, W.M. 1391; R. Waite, P.M. 1330; Reverend W. Langley, P.M. 50; J. M. Moore, P.M. 1085; J. S. Kennedy, P.M. 1031; and a very large number of officers and brethren. After the transaction of the formal business, the W.M. elect, Bro. S. S. Partridge,

having given his assent to the ancient charges and regulations, was presented to a Board of Installed Masters, consisting of upwards of twenty, installed in accordance with ancient form, and saluted with the customary honours. The ceremony of installation was performed in a very able manner by the R.W. Prov. G.M., Earl Ferrers; Bro. J. P. Hall, Prov. G.D.C., acting as an efficient Director of Ceremonies. The W.M. then proceeded to invest his officers as follows:—Bros. F. J. Baines, I.P.M.; J. F. Thorp, S.W.; W. T. Rowlett, J.W.; W. B. Smith, P.M., Treasurer; T. A. Wykes, Secretary, A. Ross, S.D.; R. Taylor, J.D.; C. Johnson, P.M., Organist; W. C. Shout, I.G.; A. Sergeant, and J. T. Smith, Stewards; C. Bembridge and T. Dunn, Tylers. A hearty vote of thanks was presented to the R.W. Prov. G.M. for his kindness in visiting on the occasion and performing the duties of Installing Master, to which a suitable response was made. After the lodge was closed the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, under the presidency of the newly installed W.M., who gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts with great ability and good taste. In replying to the toast of his health, Earl Ferrers expressed the pleasure he felt in being present, and regretted he had been unable to attend the lodges in Leicester as often as he could have wished, but he hoped in future to be a more frequent visitor. Bro. Baines, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," who replied in suitable terms. Other toasts followed, and the enjoyment of the evening was enhanced by the vocal and instrumental performance of the musical brethren. Bro. Charlesworth, with his usual good nature, placed the contents of his conservatories at the disposal of the brethren, and the tables were decorated with a choice collection of flowers and plants. The whole of the proceedings passed off in the most successful manner, and the large attendance on the occasion served to show the great respect and esteem with which Bro. Partridge is regarded by the brethren of the province.

LIVERPOOL.—*Downshire Lodge* (No. 594).—The brethren attached to this most prosperous lodge were summoned to attend their Masonic duties at the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, at ten o'clock prompt, on the 25th ult., the reason for this early gathering being, that the installation and pic-nic were fixed to take place on the same day. In conformity with the notice on the circular there was a capital muster of the brethren at the hour named, and under the able presidency of Bro. Wm. D. Rowse, W.M., business was quickly set agoing. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. as the closing act of his year of office, proceeded to initiate three candidates, Messrs Platt, Barnett, and Thomas, into the mysteries of the Order. Bro. Peter M. Larsen, P.M., then took the chair, and proceeded to instal Bro. Henry Hunt as W.M. of the lodge, the presentation being made by Bro. P.M. Harrer and Bro. P. M. Doyle. The following brethren were subsequently invested as officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Thos. Dilcock, S.W.; R. F. France, J.W.; R. Ing, P.M., Treasurer; W. E. Cattell, Sec.; Jas. Lecomber, S.D.; J. H. Martin, J.D.; Thos. Boswell, S.S.; John T. Houghton, J.S.; Henry Worthington, I.G.; W. G. Veale, Org.; W. Crawford, Tyler; and F. Sergeant, P.M., D.C. Previous to the lodge being closed, the I.P.M. (Bro. Rowse), presented the W.M. with the lodge jewel left by the late Bro. Hayes, to be worn by the W.M. during his year of office. A beautiful P.M.'s jewel was also presented to Bro. Rowse in recognition of his valuable services to the lodge, and as a mark of the great esteem of the brethren. The ceremony of installation was most admirably performed by Bro. Larsen, P.M., who justly elicited the admiration of all who were present. At the conclusion of the morning's business, the brethren, after joining the ladies, took their way to the river side, and crossed by the steamer to the Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry, for the purpose of pic-nicking. The "out" was one of the most agreeable nature, and as the arrangements were of the most complete and satisfactory kind, there was nothing to detract from the

pleasure of the day. During the afternoon a very excellent banquet was served, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given by Bro. Immediate Past Master, Rowse, was greeted with the greatest enthusiasm by all who were present, and was administered to by Bro. Hunt, W.M. Ga dancing, and a variety of other amusements formed the staple of a most enjoyable day's ing in Cheshire.

WORKINGTON.—*Sun and Sector Lodge* (No. 962).—The brethren of this lodge held festival of St. John the Baptist, on Tuesday the 23rd ult. At four o'clock Bro. Bro. P.P.G.P., the Worshipful Master, opened lodge in form, at the Assembly Room, Portland square. The minutes of the preceding meeting having been read and confirmed, the lodge raised to the third degree, when Bro. Bro. vacated the chair, which was assumed by W. B. Gibson, P.P.G.S.W. and P.G. Sec. Installing Master of the day. Bro. J. J. Be the Worshipful Master elect, was then presented to Bro. Gibson, and was duly installed into chair of K.S., the impressive ceremony being most correctly and efficiently performed by Installing Master. Afterwards the new Worshipful Master was saluted by the brethren the three degrees, and before the lodge closed his officers were appointed and invested as follows:—Bros. J. Price, jun., S.W. Salkeld, J.W.; C. B. Pitblado, Sec.; G. Archibald, Treasurer; Williams, Organist; J. McHarry, D. of C.; N. Topping, S.D.; Thomas, J.D.; G. B. McMullin, I.G. Johnstone, Steward; R. Scott, Tyler. Subsequently the brethren adjourned to the Dragon Hotel, where Bro. R. Barnes and Barnes had provided a sumptuous banquet. Bro. Gibson, the Installing Master, presided, reported by the retiring and new Masters of lodge, and faced by Bro. Price. After the Chairman proposed "The Health of Majesty the Queen." He said, if any soul could lay claim to loyalty it was the brotherhood of Freemasons. The beautiful incidents of a beloved ruler's life, that were continually coming up, demonstrated beyond all doubt, one touch of nature makes all the world kin. The Chairman next proposed the "Princess and Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family," but he remarked he should amend the toast, by including the names of Duke of Edinburgh and Duke of Connaught. The Prince of Wales and the Duke of Connaught they could speak of as Masons, although their distinguished brother the Duke of Edinburgh had not as yet been initiated into fraternity, he had no doubt that ere long he would become one of the Craft. (Appl.) The Princess of Wales could not be a Mason but she was warm-hearted, and that was one of the attributes of Masonry. The Chairman gave the "Most Worshipful Grand Master of England, the Marquess of Ripon." To the brethren who had read the reports of the proceedings in Grand Lodge, on important occasions when large assemblages of the most distinguished members of the Craft were present they must be satisfied that the Marquess of Ripon is a thorough working Mason. His ship has given every proof of being the man to be at the head of the English Masonic Craft. The toast was drunk with full honours. The Chairman then proposed, "The Worshipful Deputy Grand Master of England, the Earl of Carnarvon, and the rest of the Officers." On a recent occasion he happened to be in London on the business of the School, and quite naturally he went to the Lodge. He there witnessed a noble assemblage of Grand Officers, and he was convinced from the Earl of Carnarvon downwards were a first-rate body of men, who he considered the greatest virtue of the Craft at heart—a charity. The toast was received with full honours. The Chairman then gave the "Earl of Bective, M.P., Provincial Master of Cumberland and Westmorland." Their noble brother had endeared himself to every one under his authority who ever met him, by his courteous manner on

occasion of the provincial festivals. His lordship took a warm and very close interest in Masonry, and was always ready to study the interests and time of his brethren. He (the chairman) had therefore every confidence in proposing the health of a nobleman who had so ably acquitted himself during the seven or eight years he had been Grand Master of the Province. The toast was drunk with every Masonic honour. The Vice-Chairman proposed the health of the "Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Colonel Whitwell, M.P., and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers." The two most worthy and gentlemanly men as Masons he ever met in his life were Bros. Whitwell and W. Romaine Callender. He coupled with the toast the name of their excellent Chairman, the Provincial Grand Secretary. The Chairman, in responding to the toast, said he should take an early opportunity of acquainting Colonel Whitwell with the fact that his health had been drunk with so much cordiality by the Working-ton brethren. With regard to himself, it was difficult to reply to the toast, when he remembered the great talents of his predecessor; but he intended to follow in the footsteps of Bro. Busher, who was a giant in comparison with him, a mere pigmy. He should do his utmost for the province in the office of Grand Secretary. It was a very proud circumstance when recently, he had the opportunity to return above 800 members on the books of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and he had no doubt that before long they would be increased to 1,000. As he before remarked, he had had the pleasure and honour to be present at the last annual festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, as Steward from this province. Some hundreds of Stewards were there like himself, from all parts of England; but it was a proud thing to say that of all that great number only half-a-dozen carried more money for the Girls' School than he did; the Province of Cumberland and Westmorland had always come out strong for their charities, and particularly he complimented West Cumberland. Dr. Dick, Provincial Grand Steward, likewise returned thanks Bro. Brooker proposed the "Newly Installed Master, Bro. Beattie." It was a pleasurable duty to him on two accounts—one was that he was relieved from very arduous duties, and the second was that it was an extreme pleasure to him to have to propose the health of their newly elected Master. He could say without fear of contradiction that Bro. Beattie was one of the hardest workers in the lodge. He had never missed a meeting to his knowledge, and the selection made by the brethren of this lodge, last month, could not have fallen into better hands. Bro. Beattie, in response, remembered being present at a social gathering some seven or eight years since, when the Chairman told the company to prepare for an elegant speech, but they must not expect an elegant speech from him to night. He thought Bro. Brooker had spoken more of him than he deserved, but it was his full intention to strive to do his duty as Master of the lodge. The Vice-Chairman proposed "the Health of the Retiring Master, Bro. Brooker," who, he said, had scarcely been anything but Master of Sun and Sector Lodge for the last three years. Last year he was Master, the year before he did duty for their departed Bro. Brown in his last illness, and the year before that also he was Master. Bro. Brooker replied in suitable terms. The remaining toasts were "The Visiting Brethren," "The Masonic Charities," and the Tyler's toast. The company broke up about eight o'clock.

LIVERPOOL.—Stanley Lodge, (No. 1325).—The annual meeting of the brethren connected with this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool, on the 24th ultimo, the principal business being the installation of Bro. Crosby Leighton, the W.M. elect, and the investiture of officers. The "Stanley's" existence has been somewhat chequered, but under the far-seeing and discreet guidance of Bro. Crosby Leighton, who has acted in a self-sacrificing manner towards its interest, there seems now to be a strong possibility that it will battle bravely, and quickly assume the position to which it is entitled. There was a very large gathering of the brethren on this special occa-

sion. Shortly after three o'clock, Bro. Thomas Leighton, P.M. (in the absence of Bro. J. M. Eccles, W.M.) opened the lodge according to ancient form, assisted by the following officers of the lodge:—Bros. Crosby Leighton, S.W.; Henry Ashmore, J.W.; H. A. Bell, S.D.; D. R. Davies, J.D.; F. Knight, I.G.; John Horbury, P.M., Treas.; J. W. Burgess, S.S.; and Geo. W. Chirnside, S. There was a full attendance of the members of the lodge. The minutes were read and confirmed, after which the chair was taken by Bro. Dr. J. K. Smith, P.M. 249, who proceeded to instal Bro. Crosby Leighton, as W.M., in an exceedingly able and impressive manner, the presentation being made by Bro. P.M. Radcliffe, and Bro. P.M. Thomas Leighton, H. A. Bell, Sec. At the close of the ceremony the following officers were appointed and invested for the ensuing year:—Bros. H. Ashmore, S.W.; F. Knight, J.W.; J. W. Burgess, S.D.; G. Smith, J.D.; and G. W. Chirnside, I.G. Later in the evening the brethren dined together at Milbourn's-rooms, St. Anne-street, where Mr. Milbourn provided a very fair dinner, though the manner in which it was served did not elicit much praise. Bro. Crosby Leighton, W.M., presided, and he was supported by nearly all the brethren who had witnessed his installation. The usual loyal and patriotic toasts were duly honoured, including "The Health of Bro. Albert Edward, P.G.M., Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family," after which the W.M. proposed "The Health of the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, R.W. Prov. G.M. West Lancashire, and the Hon. Frederick Stanley, W.D. Prov. G.M. which was duly honoured. Bro. J. Kellett Smith, P.M. 246 and 1094, then proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master of Stanley Lodge, Bro. Crosby Leighton." He thought they would all agree that so far the career of the lodge had not been very brilliant, but he hoped and trusted it had now taken a favourable turn, and would ere long attain an important position in the province of West Lancashire. At all events, if anyone would be able to bring the Stanley Lodge to the fore, it was the Worshipful Master, whom he had had the pleasure of installing that day. The toast was very cordially received, and Bro. Leighton, in responding, expressed a hope that whatever had been the past of the lodge it still had a bright future before it. "The Health of the Installing Master," "The P.M.'s of Lodge 1325," "The Officers of the Lodge," "The West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution," "The Visiting Brethren," and "Poor and Distressed Brethren," were amongst the other toasts which followed, a most agreeable evening being spent.

LIVERPOOL.—Hamer Lodge (No. 1393).—The installation meeting of this flourishing lodgetook place on Tuesday, the 23rd ult., at the Clarence Hotel, Everton-road, and was most largely and influentially attended, no fewer than 22 P.M.'s gracing the occasion with their presence. The lodge was opened at 2 p.m., by Bro. John Jones, W.M., who was supported by Bros. W. T. May, P.M.; R. H. Evans, J.W.; Charles Friar, Treasurer; E. Wilson, Secretary; H. Jackson, S.D.; John McCarthy, J.D. The members present were Bros. Jas. Hamer, P.P.G. Treasurer; Robert Prince, N. G. Veale, Alfred Henry Brooke, F. Green, F. Brooke, James Harding, George Lunt, John Merrilees, John Bluck, James Tomlin, John Slack, H. Burrows, Jas. A. McCrobie, Benjamin Price, R. W. Rowlands, Thomas Piddington, Joseph Williams, J. J. Griffith, Henry Hindle, Thomas Sammans, Arch. Gilfillan, Robert Leason, Noah Thornthwaite, John Houlding, Thomas Lloyd Jones, Thomas Roberts, John Price, J. Thompson, E. B. Ingham, Crofton J. Davidson, J. F. Jackson. The visitors present were Bros. C. H. Hill, P.G. Reg.; A. V. Speere, P.G. Secretary, Ireland; John Pemberton, 1276, P.M. 1264; Thomas Clark, P.M. 673; John Parsons, P.M. 203; Thomas Ashmore, P.M. 823; J. Hocken, P.M. 673; R. N. Holt, P.M. 1276; J. Holland, P.M. 823; G. H. Wilson, 1013, W.M. 557; W. Sephton, W.M. 1086; N. Boulton, W.M. 823; R. H. Forester, W.M. 371; T. K. Hughes, P.M. 1013; Joseph

Wood, Treasurer 1094; Thomas Shaw, J.W. 823; John Taylor, S.D. 1276; Crosbie Leighton, S.W. 1325; Robert Williams, Secretary 1035; Ockleshaw, S.W. 667; Henry A. Tobias, J.W. 528, U.S.A.; William Hiles, 1299; John C. Caley, 1473; R. R. Forshaw, 1035; N. Brooksbank, 823; Joseph Barlow, 1035; N. H. Lidbetter, George Purves, 823; L. B. Goodman, 594; James Steven, 17, St. Mary, Scotland; S. Hague, 673; Lucius Leman, 1182; J. P. Jennings, 249; H. W. Harris, 1380; P. W. Oglesby, 823; R. M. Slaine, 442; J. F. Norman, 203. Letters of apology were read from Bro. the Rev. H. Carpenter, Henry Nelson, P.M. 673, and others, expressing their regret at not being able to be present, and conveying cordial good wishes for the continued success of the lodge. The chair was taken by Bro. Jas. Hamer, P.P.G. Treasurer, who proceeded to instal the W.M. elect, Bro. R. W. Evans, into the chair of K.S. The manner in which this beautiful ceremony was performed excited the profoundest admiration, and fully justified the cordial vote to the veteran Installing Master. The newly chaired W.M. then invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows:—Bros. Henry Jackson, S.W.; John McCarthy, J.W.; Charles Tzyer, Treasurer; Edward Wilson, Secretary; Charles Dutch, S.D. (by proxy); Thomas Large, J.D. (by proxy); Robert Price, I.G.; Thomas Sammons, M.C.; Robert Leason, S.S.; E. B. Ingham, J.S.; Alfred Brooke, Assistant S.; W. G. Veale, Organist; and Michael Williamson, Tyler. The W.M. then proceeded to initiate Messrs. Lingham and Richardson into the mysteries and privileges of the Order, which he did in a manner that proved him to be possessed of Masonic ability of the highest order, and the lodge is to be congratulated on having elected a W.M. who can perform the duties in such a splendid style. The brethren were then called from labour to refreshment, and subsequently sat down to an excellent banquet, presided over by the newly installed W.M., who gave still further proof of his fitness for the position by the elegant and masterly manner in which he gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts. The "Health of the W.M." was proposed by Bro. John Jones, I.P.M., in well chosen terms, and was received with the greatest enthusiasm. The W.M., in responding, promised the brethren, that during his year of office, it would be his aim to promote the prosperity of the lodge and the happiness of its members, to the utmost of his power, and that he would consider no self-sacrifice too great to bring about those results. The W.M. then proposed the "Health of the Past and Installing Masters," which was responded to by Bro. Jones, I.P.M., and W. T. May, P.M. The W.M. next gave the "Healts of the Newly-Initiated," which was responded to in a most admirable manner by Bro. Lingham. The W.M. next proposed "The Officers of the Hamer Lodge, No. 1393." Bro. Jackson, S.W., in responding, expressed a hope that the W.M. would have no occasion to regret the selection that he had made, and Bro. McCarthy, J.W., said that he would endeavour to perform his duties to the satisfaction of the W.M. and the brethren. The remainder of the officers responded in similar terms. The W.M., in proposing the "West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution," paid a tribute of respect to the memory of the late Bro. Mott, and expressed his opinion that the present Secretary, Bro. Richard Brown, would be found a worthy successor to that much lamented brother, and also made a strong appeal to every member of 1393, to become a subscriber to the funds of the Institution, which he characterised as the most deserving Masonic Institution he was acquainted with. The W.M. next gave the "Visiting Brethren," which was responded to by Bros. Rose, W.M., 249; Shepton, W.M. 1086; J. Hocken, P.M. 673; C. Leighton, W.M. elect; and Ockleshaw, S.W. 667. The pleasures of the evening were greatly enhanced by several glees and solos, most excellently rendered by Bros. Gilfillan, Wilson, Robert, Merriles, Veale, Price, and others. The recitations of Bros. Jackson and McCarthy were also much admired. The Tyler's toast brought to a conclusion one of the pleasantest evenings ever held under the auspices of the Hamer, the proceedings through-

out being marked by the utmost cordiality and good feeling.

ROMFORD.—*Liberty of Havering Lodge* (No. 1437).—The first annual meeting of this lodge took place on Wednesday, the 14th inst., at the White Hart Hotel, Romford. The lodge was opened shortly after three o'clock. Amongst those present we noticed—Bros. P. Matthews, I.P.M., and Prov. G.D.D.; J. J. Wilson, W.M. J. Tydeman, S.W. and W.M. elect; E. West, J.W.; T. Bishop, Treas.; G. W. Patmore, Sec.; G. English, S.D.; B. Brayshaw, J.D.; T. C. Day, I.G.; Steedman, Tyler; Sheldon, D. Wakefield, A. Young, J. L. Young, A. Wackett, and others; also the following visitors: Bros. Burton, P.M. and P.G. Treas.; Rev. Thomas Cochrane, P.M., and Chaplain of the Apollo Lodge, Oxford; Roberts, P.M. 554; C. Lacey, P.M. 1421, and P. Prov. G.J.D. Herts; E. Parker, P.M. 1237, and P. Prov. G.P. Herts.; Young, W.M. 1327; T. Hill, W. Gabb, Walker, Linzell, W.M. 1327; W. Gilbert, J.W. 1327; Jacobs, 1327, Payne, 1076; Malcolm, 1327; Fisher, 1327; Sherwin, Organist 1076, and others. The minutes of previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. the Rev. T. Cochrane took the chair, for the purpose of raising Bro. J. Garnett. The lodge having been opened in the 2nd degree Bro. Garnett was entrusted and retired, when the lodge was opened in the 3rd degree, and being re-admitted Bro. Garnett was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason, the beautiful ceremony being most impressively performed by the Rev. T. Cochrane, P.M. The Worshipful Master, Bro. J. J. Wilson, then took the chair, and resumed the lodge to the first degree. The ballot having proved unanimous for Mr. T. T. Orgathorpe, and Mr. N. Crozier, they were initiated into the secrets and mysteries of the Order. The next business of the lodge was to instal Bro. J. Tydeman, as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The Installing Master, Bro. Wilson, remarked that it was the highest honour that could be conferred upon a Mason. The very effective manner in which the ceremony of installation was performed, as well as the closing charges to the Master, Wardens, and brethren proved Bro. Wilson to be thoroughly Master of his duties. The brethren having saluted the new W.M. in the three degrees, the following officers were invested for the ensuing year—Bros. J. J. Wilson, I.P.M.; E. West, S.W.; B. B. Brayshaw, J.W.; T. Day, S.D.; T. F. Bishop, Treas.; J. Ellias, Sec.; G. W. Patmore, J.D.; A. W. Naylor, I.G.; Steedman Tyler. In investing Bro. Wilson, with the collar and jewel of I.P.M., the W.M., on behalf of the members of the lodge, presented him with a handsome 18-carat gold Past Master's jewel, and in doing so said that he was aware that the esteem in which Bro. Wilson was held and the high position he had held in the Craft had secured him similar presentations on former occasions, but never with a more hearty, sincere, and unanimous feeling of esteem and regard than on the present, but at the same time Bro. Wilson had justly merited that esteem, for never had a Worshipful Master worked harder or done more for the good and prosperity of a lodge than he had done for this during his year of office, thereby gaining for himself the entire approbation of the members. Bro. West, the Senior Warden, also passed some very flattering remarks on Bro. Wilson, and at the same time proposed that an address on vellum be presented to Bro. Wilson, expressive of the thanks and the very great satisfaction the brethren felt for the very able manner in which he had conducted the business of the liberty of Havering Lodge as its first Worshipful Master. This being seconded by the W.M., was carried unanimously, and with applause. Representatives of various other lodges expressed hearty good wishes for the new W.M. Several letters were received from brethren, expressing their regret that they were unable to attend. Several gentlemen having been proposed for initiation at the next meeting, the lodge was closed in due form. Afterwards the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous banquet, presided over by Bro. Tydeman, W.M., who, upon removal of the cloth, proceeded at once to give the usual loyal and Masonic toasts

in the following order:—"Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen," "Bro. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, K.G., M.W.P.G.M.," uniting with it the names of "Bro. His Royal Highness Prince Arthur, and Bro. His Royal Highness Prince Leopold." "The health of the M.W.G. Master, the Marquess of Ripon, K.G., &c.; the M.W.D.G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon, and other officers of the Grand Lodge," "The R.W. the Prov. G.M. of Essex, Bro. Bagshaw," the W.M. remarking that it was with pleasure he proposed this toast, but with regret that he had to announce that illness had prevented Bro. Bagshaw from attending this meeting. "The Prov. G. Officers, past and present," was next given, to which Bro. Burton, Prov. G. Treasurer, replied in suitable terms, commending the lodge for the progress it was making, and the excellent manner in which the ceremonies were conducted. The next toast was "The Immediate Past Master of the Lodge, Bro. Wilson." The W.M., in proposing the toast, said he had another presentation to make the I.P.M., in the form of a gold locket. A Past Master's jewel had been presented to him from the lodge funds, but the brethren, not satisfied with this alone, had voluntarily subscribed together for the purchase of this locket, and (addressing Bro. Wilson) by it they desire to convey to you their more than ordinary appreciation of the very excellent way in which you have conducted the affairs of the lodge during the past twelve months. I am sure you will value it, not so much for its intrinsic worth as for the kind feelings of regard it is intended to express. Bro. Wilson acknowledged the high compliment and the presentation in appropriate terms, expressing much gratitude for the kindness of the brethren. They had really filled him with such feelings by this further demonstration of their kindness that he could not give expression to them now, but if he had taken an interest in the welfare of the lodge in the past, he certainly should for the future. Bro. Wilson next rose to propose the "Health of the W.M.," stating that from the knowledge he had of him, he was confident that Bro. Tydeman would carry out the duties of the high position he was placed in with honour to himself and credit to the lodge. The W.M. in responding thanked the Past Master and brethren. He had entered into the high office in which the brethren had placed him with some little timidity, but that feeling was being overcome by the kindness of all present, and the knowledge that Bro. Wilson would ever be at his assistance, and that the brethren were so unanimous in placing him in the chair of K.S. Nothing in his power should be left undone that might tend to the prosperity of the lodge. He trusted in the excellent staff of officers under him, and felt confident of the future prosperity of the lodge. "The Health of the Visitors" was next proposed and enthusiastically responded to, the W.M. coupling with it the name of Bro. the Rev. Thos. Cochrane, P.M. 214, and Chaplain of the Apollo Lodge, Oxford, (of which H.R.H. the Prince of Wales is the I.P.M., and in which H.R.H. Prince Leopold has recently been initiated). Bro. Cochrane in his reply congratulated the lodge for the prosperity it had made in so short a time, but was not surprised at its success with so good a brother at its head. Bro. Wilson, the retiring Master, had distinguished himself in various ways in the Craft. He wore many honours upon his breast, including the charity jewel (with, he could hardly say how many bars attached), proof of the existence of what really is the leading characteristic of a Freemason's heart, and from what he knew and had seen of Bro. Tydeman, he congratulated the lodge on their choice, for he was already walking in the footsteps of his predecessor. He (Bro. Cochrane) had met him at the last annual festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution where both himself and Bro. Tydeman had acted as Stewards under Lord Waveny. He considered the lodge had made a good selection of a W.M. for the ensuing year. The health of the Initiates was next proposed by the W.M., and responded to both by Bro. Osgathorpe and Bro. Crozier, who replied in terms of satisfaction of what they had thus far seen of Masonry. In proposing "The Health of the Officers"

the W.M. passed some very complimentary remarks upon the abilities of his Wardens and others, stating that he had every confidence they would render him all the assistance in their power. Bro. West, S.W. (a brother held in high estimation by the lodge), responded on behalf of himself and brother officers. The last toast, viz., "The Tyler's," was given by Bro. Steedman. The meeting, which was enlivened by some excellent singing (Bro. Sherwin, Organist of Lodge 1076, presiding at the pianoforte), was brought to a close precisely at ten o'clock, a very enjoyable evening.

Royal Arch.

IPSWICH.—*St. Luke's Chapter* (No. 225).—The annual meeting of this chapter was held at the Coach and Horses Hotel, on Wednesday, 24th June. There were present Comps. C. Tun P.Z., Second Principal H., as Z.; E. Holmes, J.; H. Harris, P.Z., as H.; S. King, P.Z., Scribe E.; George Abbott, Third Principal J., Alexander Chapter; C. Byford and others. Visitor, Comp. G. Cresswell. The chapter having been duly opened and the minutes of last chapter read and confirmed Comp. E. Holmes was regularly installed into the chair of H., as Second Principal, Comp. Byford in that of J., as Third Principal. The ceremony was performed by Comp. S. B. King, in an unusually impressive manner. Bro. Turner having already been installed as First Principal that portion of the ceremonial was omitted. A candidate having been proposed for advancement and other business having been transacted, the companions shared the secrets, and the chapter was closed. A substantial repast was supplied by that excellent host, Comp. Godball, to whom ample justice was done, and on the removal of the cloth, the M.E.Z., briefly proposed "The Queen," the brethren singing the National Anthem, followed by the toast of "The Thirty Grand Principals of England," and was honoured in the way usual amongst Royal Arch Masons. Bro. King then proposed "The Newly Installed Principals" in flattering terms, to which Comp. Emra Holmes responded. In the course of his remarks Comp. Holmes complained of the accountable apathy which seemed to be respecting the Royal Arch Degree, which he attributed to the fact that so few seemed to know anything about it, and many of those who were inclined to take it were debarred by the cost. A man was told he could become a Mason for three, four, or five guineas, as the case might be, yet when he had taken the third he found he had not taken the whole; for there was a portion of a degree, which, however, he could not get under three guineas more. The consequence of this was, that great numbers refused to go any further, as they thought the charge too high. Brethren ought, however, to remember that they could not rightfully call themselves Fellow Crafts till they had taken the Mark Degree, which was the completion of the second degree, nor could they consider that they were truly Master Masons till they had taken the Royal Arch. Brethren forget that all they got in the third degree were certain substantial secrets and the true Masonry was only derived in the Royal Arch degree. He called attention to certain portions of the third degree which it would be imprudent to print, but he showed where the continuity was broken in the third degree, and where it was taken up in the Royal Arch, and he expressed a strong opinion that the charge for the degree should be sufficiently low to admit all Master Masons. Some Chapters have felt that the fee was extravagantly high, remembering that the Constitution consisted of but three degrees at most, including the Holy Royal taught that it was only the portion of a degree, that evaded the regulations which required a fee of at least three guineas for exaltation, by pointing the candidate Janitor for the time and paying him 50s. for his services, thus reducing the fee one half. He did not do this, for the chapter to follow this plan, as he had doubt it would bring a great number of candidates, but he merely stated the fact.

authority, of a very distinguished Mason, who said he believed it was perfectly legal, and Grand Chapter could not interfere with it. There were 73,000 Masons on the roll of the Grand Lodge of England, and only 17,000 Royal Arch Masons. That was a fact for them to consider, and it ought not to be. The fee for exaltation was far too high, and it stopped many good men from becoming Royal Arch Masons. The companions present fully coincided with Comp. Holmes's remarks, especially with respect to the charge for exaltation. The M.E.Z. subsequently proposed "The Health of their Visitor, Bro. Geo. Cresswell, Third Principal of the Alexandra Chapter," who modestly responded, and Comp. King then proposed the M.E.Z., who briefly replied. A very agreeable evening was spent, and the brethren separated at an early hour.

KENDAL.—Kendal Castle Chapter (No. 129).

The regular quarterly convocation of this Chapter was held on June 25th, at the Masonic Hall, at four o'clock in the afternoon. The M.E.Z. Comp. C. G. Thomson, was absent through domestic affliction, and his place was kindly supplied by Bro. John Bowes, P.Z., P. Prov. G.S.B., who was supported by his officers, and a goodly number of companions. Bro. Cranston having been elected at the previous convocation, and being now present, was duly introduced, and exalted in ample form by the acting M.E.Z. There being no further business, the chapter was closed. On the next day the companions of this flourishing chapter held their banquet at the Grange Hotel, Grange. The chair was occupied by Comp. John Holme, P.Z., who was influentially supported.

WEST HARTLEPOOL.—Fawcett Chapter (No. 764).—On Thursday 18th inst. the annual meeting of this Chapter was held at the Freemasons' Hall, West Hartlepool, when there was a numerous attendance of companions, including some from Stockton, Sunderland, and Bernard Castle. Companions R. B. Harpley, S. Gourley, and J. W. Cameron were installed as Principals for the ensuing year by Companion Levy, of Sunderland, assisted by Companion Knowles, Cadle, and Best, of Stockton; after which the usual banquet took place at the Royal Hotel.

Red Cross of Constantine.

PORTSEA.—Naval and Military Conclave (No. 35).—This conclave has left its original place of meeting, viz., the Freemasons' Tavern, Portsea, owing chiefly to the host Sir Knight Howell leaving England, and as the house was in rather an obscure place, it was deemed advisable to remove to a more central position. The result is that on Thursday, the 25th ult., the first meeting was held at Smith's Temperance Hotel, Landport, Portsmouth, and three candidates were balloted for and approved, one (the W.M. elect of Craft Lodge No. 804), being in attendance, was installed a Sir Knight by the M.P.S., Sir Knight J. Clay, who was well supported by three Past Sovereigns, most of the officers, and a large muster of Sir Knights, including one visitor, Sir Knight Groom, of the Premier Conclave.

Scotland.

GLASGOW.—Maryhill Lodge (No. 510).—This lodge met on St. John's day, in their hall, 157, Main-street, Bro. Hugh Niven, R.W.M., in the chair. Bro. B. Mercer, S.W., Bro. Neal acting, J.W.; F. Craigie, Secretary. The lodge having been duly opened, Bro. Ancell brought before it a case of a brother deceased, when the brethren present subscribed a sum sufficient to defray the expenses of the funeral. The lodge having been raised to the second degree, Bros. John Helston, Duncan Shaw and Thomas Wilson, were introduced, and at the request of the R.W.M., they were passed to the Fellow Craft degree by Bro. A. Nevay, the work being admirably performed. There being no further business, the lodge was then closed in due form.

GLASGOW.—St. John's Lodge (No. 3).—The members of this lodge celebrated their annual festival by a trip by rail to Dumfries.

There was a goodly muster of the members and their friends. The beauty of the scenery through which they passed took off the idea of the time consumed, while the fraternal greeting and good cheer that awaited them, contributed to make all things pleasant, and after a happy day spent in a truly Masonic style, all returned well pleased, with the knowledge that brotherly love sweetens all the intercourse between brethren, wherever located, and that the right hand of fellowship is always extended to meet a brother on his travels.

LANARK.—St. John's Lodge.—On the 24th of June, this lodge had the pleasure of meeting and welcoming lodges St. Mary Coltness, No. 31, St. John Carluke, No. 187, and Lockhart St. John Garnworth, No. 248, in the Masonic Hall Lanark. After the fraternal greeting the brethren partook of refreshments together, and then proceeded to Bannington to view the falls of Clyde. The storm of the morning had increased the bulk of the water, and this lent an additional charm to the truly romantic spot. The brethren from a distance were well pleased with their excursion, and also with the fraternal welcome they had received at the hands of the Lanark brethren, considering those reunions one of the best means of cementing these ties of brotherly love that should unite all parties of the Masonic fraternity.

GLASGOW.—Cathedral Chapter (No. 67) held their monthly meeting at 22, Struthers-street, on Tuesday, June 23rd, Comp. J. Duthie, Z., presiding. The names of three candidates for exaltation were read, but they were not present, it was resolved, in honour of St. John's day, to adjourn for refreshment, and the companions spent two hours very happily together.

GLASGOW.—St. Rollox Chapter (No. 144).—held an emergency meeting on Thursday, June 26th, at their Hall, Garngad-road, Comp. R. Bell, Z., presiding, assisted by Comps. G. McCallum, J.; J. McLeish, H.; D. Reid, Scribe E.; J. Booth, N.; W. Armand, T.; G. W. Wheeler, H. 73, acting 1st. S.; F. Halliday, 2nd S.; J. Appleyard, 3rd S. The chapter having been duly opened by R. Bell, and there being three candidates for exaltation, at the request of the Z., Comp. J. Duthie, Z. of 67, opened a lodge of Excellent Masters, when Bros. J. Aikman, Mills, and Smith, were introduced, and duly initiated into that degree. The chapter was then opened, and these three brethren were properly exalted to the Royal Arch degree. Thanks were voted to Comps. Duthie and Wheeler, for their services on the occasion.

GLASGOW.—Royal Ark Mariners (No. 73).—This body met at 170, Buchanan-street, on Tuesday, June the 23rd. In the unavoidable absence of Bro. J. Balfour, the F.N. of the lodge, Bro. G. W. Wheeler was called on to preside, who proceeded to unmoor the ark, with the assistance of Bro. J. A. Park, J.; G. Macdonald, S.; J. Bannerman as Pilot; Boyd and Oliver, assistants. Applications were received from two distressed mariners, Comps. James Gibson, of Chapter 69, and Wm. MacGregor, of Chapter 73. There being no opposition they were received on board and instructed in the mysteries of this ancient degree by the acting Noah, G. W. Wheeler. Some business of a formal character having been transacted, the ark was again moored in safety.

ST. JOHN'S DAY IN GLASGOW.—Wednesday, June the 24th, being St. John's Day Festival, highly revered by all Scotch Masons, Lodges Union and Crown, Nos. 103 and 219, agreed to celebrate it together by an excursion by water to Arran. Accordingly thus united they chartered that fine Clyde steamer, the Hero, and although the morning was a little unfavourable, the brethren mustered in strong force at eight o'clock, accompanied by their wives, daughters, and sweethearts, to the number of nearly 300. Fortunately the weather cleared up as they passed down the Clyde, and Lambash Bay was reached in safety, everyone pleased with the exertions made by Captain MacIntyre and his crew to ensure their comfort. After a short stroll round the bay, they re-assembled to partake of an excellent dinner, provided in his

accustomed style, by Bro. Middleton. Bro. J. Wilson, R.W.M. of 219, presided, and Bro. J. Bain, P.M. of 103, acted as Croupier; the substantial part of the day's enjoyment having been attended to, some set off to examine the romantic beauties of the island, while others tripped it on the light fantastic toe, to the exhilarating strains of the musicians who had accompanied them, till the setting sun warned them it was time to depart towards the east in search of more light, even if it was artificial light. Notwithstanding the thunderstorm that visited different parts of the coast, our excursionists reached home in perfect safety, well pleased with their days' enjoyment.

CONSECRATION OF THE LEBANON CHAPTER, No. 1326.

On Friday, June 26th, at the Red Lion Hotel, Lion Square, Thames-street, Hampton, another chapter was added to the roll of Royal Arch Freemasonry, in the Province of Middlesex. The ceremonies of consecration and installation were performed in a faultless, energetic and painstaking manner by Comp. Robert Wentworth Little, (Secretary of the Girls' School) P.G.S.E., Middlesex, the officer deputed to do the work.

The chapter was opened by Comps. R. W. Wentworth Little, P.Z., as M.E.Z.; Col. F. Burdett, P.G. M.E.Z., Middlesex, P.Z., as H.; H. A. Dubois, as J.; with a numerous attendance of Installed Principals. The companions having been marshalled by the Master of the Ceremonies, the veteran Comp. F. Walters, P.Z., were duly admitted.

Comp. R. Limpus, P. G. Organist Middlesex, presided at the organ, and gave an excellent selection of music during the consecration.

The Founders, Companions F. Walters, H. A. Dubois, H. Cutress, L. Beck, E. Hopwood, H. Potter, R. Hayward, J. W. Baldwin, S. Gibbs, R. Limpus, and H. J. Green, having declared that they approved of the companions named in the warrant to be the Principals, viz., Comps. John Thomas Moss, P.Z., as M.E.Z.; Samuel Wickens, H.; William Hammond, as J.; the chapter was duly consecrated, Comp. Rev. P. M. Holden, officiating as Chaplain.

That interesting ceremony being ended, the installation of the Principals was proceeded with, and carried out in an able manner. Before closing the chapter a large number of joining members and candidates were proposed for exaltation.

Comps. R. W. Little, and Colonel F. Burdett, were elected honorary members, after a vote of thanks had been given them for efficient services rendered to the chapter at the ceremonies gone through.

Comp. Samuel Wickens, the newly installed Haggai, was unanimously elected as the Steward to represent this chapter at the Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, 1875, and the chapter was then duly closed.

Banquet then followed the arduous work of the afternoon. Some agreeable hours having been spent, the companions then separated, well pleased with this addition to the strength of the province in the Royal Arch Degree. There was a numerous list of visitors, too many to be given in detail.

Mr. Thomas Hughes, in presiding at the recent half-yearly meeting of the Crystal Palace shareholders, called attention to the manifold facts showing that the Palace maintained its reputation as a place of high-class public entertainment, adding that last week's Handel Festival had been the most successful of the series.

The funeral of Bro. Ebenezer Lewis, proprietor and editor of the *Brighton and Hove Daily Mail*, who died suddenly in his office on Sunday night, from heart disease, took place to-day at the extramural cemetery. There was a large attendance, including many members of the Masonic body, representatives of the Town Council, and journalistic friends.

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The Freemason,

SATURDAY, JULY 4TH, 1874.

THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

We have received at last the official report of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, which contains the list of the successful candidates at the recent election, which list, as we stated in a previous impression, in which it appeared, we took originally from a paid advertisement in a non-Masonic paper. We are especially struck, however, as we think our readers will be when they read it, with one of the resolutions passed at the general meeting of the Institution, May 15th, our gallant and esteemed Bro. Major Creaton being in the chair. For there we read these, to us striking words, "resolved that the result of the ballot with the names of the successful candidates be advertised in the *Times*, *Telegraph*, *Advertiser*, *Standard*, and *Daily News*, daily papers, and in the *Era*, Sunday paper." So that as late as May 15th, this very year of light, the existence of *The Freemason*, our one Masonic paper, is utterly ignored, and we who are Freemasons, are actually debarred from inserting an advertisement of our own Masonic Institution, and of thus announcing officially the result of the election to our numerous readers. When the poor writer Theret was conveyed to the Bastille, he asked the lieutenant in the morning, "Sir, will you have the goodness to tell me why I am here?" "You have a great deal of curiosity indeed," replied the Lieutenant to the Police, and retired. And certainly our curiosity is very great indeed to ascertain why such a resolution should be passed, and why we are excluded from all recognition and patronage. We have wearied our brains in endeavouring to discover the answer to this official riddle, and last week we have discovered it. It is quite clear to us that the existence of *The Freemason* is still unknown to the excellent official of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Some do no doubt, like Rip Van Winkle, and the sleep awakened, our kind-hearted and energetic Bro. James Terry will realise this most important fact in the natural history of English Freemasonry, and with that activity which ever marks all his actions, will at once proceed to rectify so palpable a mistake.

been suggested to us that this resolution of May 15th, is a remnant of red tape. But we reject the covert insinuation, as that we know has long since been banished from all our Metropolitan Charities. Seriously having called attention to the subject, we do not think it consonant with our own dignity to say anything more, on what almost assumes a personal aspect. We are content to leave the fact itself to the generous and fraternal appreciation of our brethren. From the first establishment of *The Freemason*, our publisher has given the most liberal and zealous aid to the metropolitan charities, in every way, and which still we shall continue to evince and to encourage, as we hope we know our duty to the Craft too well, either to be affected, or deterred by any want of consideration, or by any abstinence of patronage. We shall endeavour in time to come, as on past occasions, even at considerable cost to ourselves, to provide Masonic information to those who honour us with their approbation, and no where will the great charities of our Order find more genuine sympathy and support than in the pages of *The Freemason*.

THE IRISH GRAND LODGE.

Though we are not in possession of any official information relative to the recent meeting and Masonic proceedings of this distinguished body; though to us, alas! no favouring breeze of patronage or approval greets us from across the Irish Channel (to use a purely happy and Hibernian expression), we believe we are not wrong in stating, that, the objectionable regulation 133 has been expunged by a large majority. If then we are warranted in saying so much, and we assert it, in all deference, and with all reserve, "pace" our good Bro. Oldham, we must most sincerely congratulate the whole of the Irish Craft on this great proof of discretion, good sense, and true Masonic spirit. No. 133, in its relation to Craft Masonry, is as objectionable to us as No. 666 would be to many of the most fervent adherents of the Irish Grand Lodge, and anything more retrograde as a proposal, or more utterly unmasonic in its scope, we never have yet perused. It was in fact introducing the principles of the Inquisition, into the honest and free-hearted Irish Craft, whereby a Mason might be condemned unheard and undefended, and might forfeit all those Masonic rights and privileges he held most dear, on the secret and irrevocable decision of some irresponsible High Grade Tribunal. What has Craft Masonry to do with High Grade Bodies, or august Chapters of wonderful nomenclature? Above all why should our honest Craft Masonry be affected or weakened by the customs and arrangements of alien associations? Had the Grand Lodge of Ireland proposed to submit any such sentence to the consideration of any of the stated or special meetings as a Court of Appeal, and to have given the brother inculcated the opportunity of being heard in his own defence, there are grave objections to any such course, though it would, at any rate, have been both understandable and defensible. But to allow an extern body to pass a sentence against a member, and then to

register such a sentence in the books of the Grand Lodge, without question or appeal, was such a backward step in legislation that it could have proceeded from that love of a bull, still prevalent amid the witty denizens of the Emerald Isle, and was, as Sir Boyle Rosch would have said, "a systematic proceeding backwards way."

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The usual monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Masonic Girls' School was held on Thursday week, at Freemasons' Hall Bro. H. Browse, V.P., occupied the chair, and he was supported by Bros. J. A. Rucker, Thomas W. White, Griffiths Smith, T. Q. Peacock, H. A. Dubois, Richard Spencer, Raynham W. Stewart, Jesse Turner, Major John Creaton, Sigismund Rosenthal, H. Guitierrez, J. G. Marsh, and R. Wentworth Little, Secretary. There was not a great deal of business before the Committee, but what transpired was of considerable importance. In the first place there were eight petitions before the brethren, seven of which being in all respects regular, the petitioners were placed on the list of candidates for election in October. This being the last day for admission on to that list, the list was finally settled, and announced to contain twenty-nine candidates. Vacancies for ten children in the school were declared for the next election, but the Committee, considering the vast increase in the Craft and the great extension of support given to the Freemasons' Girls' School, resolved to recommend to the next Quarterly Committee, which will be held on the 11th inst., that five more girls be elected at the same time, making the number altogether fifteen, admissible at the October election. Some brethren gave notice of various motions at the next Quarterly Committee, and the Committee then adjourned.

On Monday, the Girls from the above School, to the number of nearly 150, were entertained at the Crystal Palace, under the care of the indefatigable Secretary, Bro. Robert Wentworth Little, Miss Davis, and other members of the Institution, the cost being defrayed by the Festival Stewards. The weather being fine the Girls appeared thoroughly to enjoy the day's outing, the Palace and grounds being in splendid condition, the happy countenances and comfortable appearance of the Girls eliciting the unqualified approval of the thousands of visitors who were present, among whom we noticed some staunch friends and supporters of the School. Bros. Joshua Nunn, Rev. P. M. Holden, James Stevens, T. Cubitt, W. Winn, T. W. White, George Kenning, Rev. J. R. Simpson, P.G.C., Paas, Colonel Peters, Henry Mugeridge, Marshall, Mortlock, and many others, most of the brethren being accompanied by their ladies.

MASONIC BIBLIOGRAPHY

I picked up the other day a curious book of Robert Fludd's or Robert de Fluctibus, entitled 'de Macrocosmi Historiâ.'

It unfortunately wants the title pages.

There is a companion volume, which I have not got, which contains his treatise on arithmetic, geometry, and other sciences.

Robert Fludd, who also put forth a defence of the "Fraternitatis Rosæ Crucis" is the author "inter alia" of "the Mosaical philosophy" written in Latin and translated by him, which as a MS. note in my book says, "is a very valuable mystical work."

By a curious coincidence, I picked up a little book of Latin poetry, by a Jesuit (Colletius or Collet) but which contains the autograph of William Stonehouse. William Stonehouse was in all probability a northern antiquary, as he is called, who sold his museum of Roman antiquities to the celebrated Thorby.

Can any brother tell us, of what northern town Stonehouse was.

A. F. A. WOODFORD.

Gallum in Parbo, or Masonic Notes and Queries.

THE ROMAN EAGLE LODGE.

Can Bro. D. M. Lyon help me to any clue to the minutes, or ritual, or papers of the Roman Eagle Lodge, and of Bro. Dr. John Brown?

My object in this query is this.

On the principle of cause and effect, I have always felt persuaded that Krause's Latin so-called York constitution had an original somewhere.

But where is it?

"His" formula may be taken from two, or from three.

But it has always struck me as strange, that, it should be in Latin.

Now is it possible, that, Dr. John Brown, who is said to have put the ritual in Latin, may have put the constitution into Latin also, and added to it from several sources?

Is anything known of what became of Bro. John Brown, who is said to have gone to London about the end of last century from Edinburgh?

A MASONIC STUDENT.

BRO. WILLIAM PRESTON.

I have been looking into W. Preston's Bibliography, and have thought well, to call the attention of some of my fellow archaeological students to one or two notes and queries.

First of all where was Preston initiated?

Stephen Jones seems to say on authority, in what was practically an "Antient lodge," and which was afterwards warranted by the Grand Lodge, and was called the "Caledonian Lodge."

Where are the minutes of that lodge?

In a short and well written memoir in the "Bibliographical Magazine," to which my attention has been called by my obliging and able Bro. P.M. Wm. Cowling at York, this fact seems to be doubted, and Edinburgh is suggested as the possible place of his initiation.

Surely at the very outset of one's attempt to put together a reliable and satisfactory biography of the "father of Masonic History," we can ascertain that fact without a doubt, or the shadow of a doubt.

Bro. Stephen Jones seems to speak positively on the subject, but yet when you come to analyze his statements, you see at once, that, he is after all somewhat indistinct.

Where can I see a copy of the pamphlet, privately printed, but not published, in which Preston defends his position in the "Antiquity" controversy?

A. F. A. WOODFORD.

THE OLDEST HALIFAX MASONIC POEM.

Whatever the merits or demerits of the composition may be, it is certainly the first Masonic poem written by a Halifax Mason, and as far as known, it may be the oldest Masonic poem written in North America. I discovered it in a newspaper, and I believe it is unique. It illustrates the fact about the origin of Masonry in Nova Scotia, which I made known in former numbers of your journal. The writer was evidently dazzled with the handiwork of the colonists, when viewing the wooden huts which they raised in so short a time to shelter about five thousand human beings, and we may well pardon his indulging in the imagination, that in the course of a hundred years, Halifax would rival, in grand structures, both Greece and ancient Italy. I shall only add, that the poem is certainly a curiosity, and for this reason alone it deserves reprinting.

JACOB NORTON.

AN ADDRESS TO THE MASONS AT HALIFAX. BY A BROTHER.

When first from Nothing at the Almighty's call, Came this unbounded, this stupendous ALL; And that the Heavens and Earth's Foundation laid,

Were by unerring Wisdom perfect made; Beauty and Strength in due proportion join'd, To harmonize the particles combin'd; In various Life th' unnumbered myriads rise, Peopling the Earth, the Ocean, and the Skies; But man, created last, tho' first in Worth, Was made the Lord and Sovereign o'er the Earth;

After his Maker's Image form'd, his Mind
For more superior Knowledge was design'd;
But Disobedience wrought his hapless Fall,
And sore defac'd the fair Original.
Hence Science as his Progeny arose,
More difficult, the lovely Arts disclose;
And first in Architecture's charms unskill'd,
Taught by Necessity they rudely build,
By slow Degrees, towms in some Order rise,
'Till tow'ring Babel's Builders threat the Skies,
And wrought Confusion by their Vanities.
At length directed by Heaven's Architect,
Great Solomon a Temple doth erect
Surpassing ev'ry Structure fair in Fame,
As its wise Founder, every other Name;
Jehova's self inhabited the shrine,
And marked the consecrated Work Divine.
To raise this Dome, arose from distant Parts
The Emulous, and Excellent in Arts;
But he whose Skill was most superlative,
From whom our sacred Secrets we derive,
The most compleat Mechanick known to fame
Needless, to tell you Brethren his Name,
Engrav'd Life's figuring Imag'ry most true,
Wrought Linnen fine, in purple, scarlet, blue;
Skilful to work in metal, timber, stone,
And made the Circle of the Arts his own.
May his all perfect Precepts which we boast,
Prove efficacious to this Foreign Coast;
Those sacred, solemn Secrets we adore,
Enjoy from sure Traditions of our own,
Inspire us, who the glorious Title bear
Masons, (priviledg'd by the Badge we wear)
With all Mankind upon the Square to live,
And in a level Course of Practice strive
That ev'ry action may be so upright
It wou'd not shame, nor need not shun the
Light;

And may our Halifaz which now appears
To all who view, the Work of many Years,
And from a Chaos may be justly said,
In decent Form to rear its Tow'ring Head;
May it in future Time, in Structure's Vie,
With antient Greece, or famous Italy;
That when our Progeny admiring ask,
Who first design'd, and plann'd this arduous
task?

Which in the Compass of a hundred years,
So Lofty, Beauteous, and Superb appears;
Their Sires may say C—W—S., was the man
Who this extensive City first began;
Be not amaz'd its Progress was so fast,
And grew so great with surprising hast;
What cou'd not be expected he shou'd do,
A G—V—R so just, and M—S—N true.

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C—W—S means Cornwallis, G—V—R
Governor, M—S—N Ma: on.

Ireland.

INSTALLATION OF R. W. LORD VIS- COUNT BERNARD AS PROV. G.M.

The ceremonial of installing Lord Viscount Bernard as P.G.M. took place at the Masonic Hall, Turkey-street, in the presence of a large number of the brethren. The lodge was opened by the Right Worshipful Anderson Cooper, D.P.G.M. of Munster, who officiated in the absence of R.W. Bro. Shekleton, D.G.M. of Ireland, from whom a telegram had been received regretting his inability to be present. The order of the proceedings was then as follows:—The Provincial Grand Secretary, V.W. Bro. R. Walker, having read the circular convening the meeting, read also the Grand Master's patent appointing R. W. Bro. Lord Viscount Bernard, as P.G.M. of the Province of Munster. The popular young nobleman was then received at the porch, and conducted to the pedestal by the Deacons, Bros. James Hackett, and R. W. Doherty, where he was presented as the newly elected P.G.M. to the presiding officer, and then placed in the chair. After the charge came the procession, and such a large number of the brethren attended that only a portion of them were able to take part in it. The following ode was sung, and the musical arrangement had a very fine effect:—

Hail! Masonry divine—
Glory of ages shine!
Long mayest thou reign!
Where'er thy lodges stand,
May they have great command,
And always grace the land—
Thou Art divine!

Great fabrics still arise,
And grace the azure skies—
Great are thy schemes:
Thy noble orders are
Matchless beyond compare,
No art with those can share—
'Thou Art divine!

Hiram, the architect,
Did all the craft direct
How they should build.
Sol'mon, great Israel's king,
Did mighty blessings bring,
And left us cause to sing—
Hail! Royal Art.

The P.G.M. was then proclaimed by the D.P.G.M.M., and grand honours having been given he delivered an appropriate address. The Prov. Grand Sec. next read the patent of appointment of R. W. Bro. A. Cooper as D.P.G.M.M., who was saluted with grand honours. Bro. Cooper addressed the lodge, and the Provincial Grand Lodge of Munster was then closed in ancient form. The Provincial Grand Officers present on the occasion were:—Anderson Cooper, D.P.G.M.M.; Francis Guy, Acting P.S.G.W.; R. Walker, P.G. Sec., Acting P.J.G.W.; J. W. M'Mullen, P.G.T.; Rev. Arundel Hill, P.G., Chaplain; James Hackett, P.G.S.D.; R. W. Doherty, P.G.J.D.; R. St. Leger, Atkins, and G. C. Edwards, P. G., Stewards; Dr. J. C. Marks, P. G. Organist; Henry Drury, P. G. I. G. The musical portion of the ceremonial was directed by Dr. C. Marks, and added largely to their impressive character. Nothing could have surpassed the admirable manner in which the installation was carried out, and the brethren present had reason to be thoroughly delighted. Not a little of the success was due to the fact that Bro. Walker acted as Prov. Grand Director of the Ceremonies. The following brethren were present on the occasion:—J. B. Sandford, Richard Meara, Dr. Richard White, W. M.; George Wills, A. H. Shaw, J. J. Kemp, H. J. Daniels, R. C. Mason, W. S. Campbell, Dr. Luther, Robert Denny, D. De Courcey M'Gillicuddy, W. Carr, Robert Howard, W. H. Daunt, F. J. Byford, John S. Austen, J. Lloyd, Francis Gannon, Dr. E. Appelbe, E. Ollife, Joseph Kildahl, H. L. Tivy, T. Ware, T. H. Jermyn, H. Kingston, F. D. Richards, J. W. C. Barry, H. C. Edwards, Val. Tomkins, G. Simpson, S. Rogers, Dr. Grattan, J. Laffan, W. Spencer, Rev. John H. Cole, Capt. Holroyd, Rev. E. H. Newenham, G. Newenham, J. G. Hare, W. R. Oddie, J. Hampton, W. Beck, J. N. Graves, Holmes K. Crofts, W. H. Newenham, W. Penros, Dr. E. R. Townsend, jun.; Joseph Radcliffe, N. Jackson, John Langlands, P. F. Hunt, Robt. N. O. Harrington, J. R. Gillman, F. Buck, A. Payne, W. E. Gumbleton, Dr. Bricknell, R. B. Evans, J. Chapman, George Babbage, C. M. Munckton, H. H. Townsend, E. C. Dawson, W. H. Smith, W. D. Stephens, O. S. Murray, Francis Campbell, W. G. Lane, J. Bloomer.

In the evening the provincial grand banquet was given at the Protestant Hall, it being the festival of St. John. The hall was appropriately decorated, and there was a large attendance of the brethren. The list of toasts was exceedingly appropriate, and a feature in the proceedings was the institution of responses after each toast, which had each a particular bearing on the subject with which it was connected. These selections were culled from different sources by the talented P. G. Organist, Dr. Marks, and were sung with effect by the assembled company, who were also entertained with solos, duets, and glees, by some well known amateurs. The following was the programme of toasts and music:—

The Queen.
"God save the Queen"

H. R. H. The Prince of Wales,
The Patron of the Order in Ireland.
Response—"Solomon, Great Israel's King."
Song and Chorus—"God bless the Prince
Wales," Richards.

The M. W. the Grand Master (the Duke of
Leinster) of Ireland.

Response—"Worthy Masons all."
Duet—"The Army and Navy," Cooke.
The Grand Masters of England and Scotland
Glee—"Come silent evening," De Call.
R. W. Lord Viscount Bernard, the P.G. Mast
of Munster.

Response—"Prosper the Art."
Song—"Laughing Annabel," Hobson.
R. W. Anderson Cooper, D.P.G.M.,
And Prosperity to the Craft in the Province
Munster.

Song and Chorus—"The good Rhine wine."
All True and Accepted Masons of all Regul
Lodges throughout the Globe.
Glee—"The Chafers," Truhn.
Our Newly Initiated Brethren.

Response—"Join all in harmony."
Song—"Thou art so near," Reichart.
The Masonic Orphan Schools.
Increase to their means, and decrease to the
objects.

Song—"Thou art dreaming," Crilly.
Senior Warden's Toast.

Response—"Prosper the Art."
Serenade—"Should the chances of life."
Junior Warden's Toast.

Song—"A father's love," Macfarren.
The Visiting Brethren.

Response—"Worthy Masons all."
Chorus—"Ye Brethren of the Ancient Craft,
Callcott.

The banquet was supplied by Mr. Phillip
King-street, in his usual excellent style, and the
wines, which were of the finest vintage, were
provided by Mr. John Morgan Smyth.

GRAND LODGE OF NEW YORK.

The Annual Communication of the Grand
Lodge of New York, just closed, was one of
the largest ever held, notwithstanding the de-
crease in the number of Representatives under
the new Constitution. Nearly 700 Lodges were
represented. Bro. Christopher G. Fox, Grand
Master, delivered an able address. The *New
York Dispatch* publishes this address in full.
We give the following, which embodies some
matters of general interest:

"The Constitution and Statutes adopted in
the last Annual Communication have proved
well adapted to the wants of the Fraternity, and
in the main, are satisfactory to the Craft; but
are somewhat defective, and require, to some
extent, careful revision in order to secure the
best effects from their administration.

"The provisions relating to the penalty of
the non-payment of dues, and those in regard
unaffiliation, restoration to membership, and
dismissal, require such modifications as will
result in a consistent course of action in accor-
dance with Masonic usage, and at the same time
protect the interests of the subordinate bodies
the rights of their members, and those
unaffiliated Masons as well.

"The imposition of Lodge dues, admitted
resource of modern times, is nevertheless
necessity that none will question; as, without
the revenues derived therefrom Lodges could
not be properly sustained and their works
charity continued, unless resort was had to the
requirement of excessive fees for initiation, which
in effect would restrict the privileges of
Fraternity to the wealthy alone, or lead to
indiscriminate admission of members on the
payment of a considerable sum, for the sake
of the money thus produced—a result that would
materially weaken the institution, and tend
to destroy its influence, power, and dignity.
Grand Lodges on this continent, with some
exception, permit their subordinates to be
from their members quarterly or annual dues,
and provide a penalty for their non-payment,
but this provision is not uniform as to its
and while the punishment is light in some
jurisdictions, in others the offence involves
the most severe punishment known to Masonry.

"The refusal or neglect to pay dues, when there is ability to discharge the obligation, indicates a want of integrity, and is a clear violation of a solemn compact; and in either case deserves the condemnation of all just men, and ought, in common fairness to the faithful and diligent Craftsmen, to subject the delinquent to a deprivation of certain privileges. My opinion is that the just penalty for the non-payment of lodge dues should be suspension from all the rights and privileges of Masonry, save that of charity (for that right is derived from a higher than the written law, and, in its application, the Masonic teaching recognizes no distinction among Masons). This penalty should only be inflicted in accordance with safeguards established by the Grand Lodge, and should continue until removed by the payment of the amount due at the time of suspension.

"That provision of the Constitution relating to unaffiliated brethren, is too sweeping in its restrictions. Brethren who have been honourably discharged from membership in lodges of our own or other jurisdictions, are justly entitled to the privileges of Masonry, if they desire to accept and discharge the duties which it imposes; and I recommend such a change in our present law as will recognise the claims, under proper restrictive regulations, of such brethren as may be necessarily affiliated for the time being. In regard to the terms of the law regulating dismission, I recommend such a modification of its provisions as will permit a discharge of membership, and the issue of the necessary certificate of the fact, to such brethren as may have removed from the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge; as it is a requirement in almost all other jurisdictions that the certificate of dimitt shall accompany the petition for affiliation. In many instances this regulation, as applied to the restriction relative to granting dimitts contained in the law of this jurisdiction, has occasioned much annoyance and inconvenience.

"The rapid increase of ephemeral societies during the past few years has occasioned a demand in many localities for the use of Masonic apartments for their meetings. During the past year frequent applications were made in behalf of Lodges, for permission to rent their rooms to other associations; and while not refusing permission, except in cases where Lodge rooms had been solemnly dedicated, I could only reply that the Grand Lodge had no regulation on the subject, probably for the reason that it contemplated no such employment for Masonic apartments, and that a Lodge ought to have a sufficient degree of pride in its connection with our ancient and honoured Fraternity to refuse, for the sake of the few dollars it would gain, to allow the use of its rooms for any but Masonic purposes. Much contention and ill feeling has grown out of the practice, and it is recommended that a regulation on the subject be proposed for incorporation in the statutes, so that in the future, Lodges may act and govern themselves accordingly."

Bro. James M. Austin, M.D., Grand Secretary, presented his twenty-first report, from which the following statistics are taken: Receipts of the Grand Lodge for the year ending April 30, 61, 896.54 dols. Lodges granted warrants, 17; dispensations issued for the formation of new Lodges, 15, namely, Allemania, Brooklyn; Social Friendship, New Baltimore, Green county; Star of Cuba, New York; *Moi-Monides*, New York; Pentalpha, New York; Stuyvesant, New York; Fordham, N. York; Sanctorium, Brooklyn; Lincoln, New York; Fellowship, Rensselaer Falls, St. Lawrence County; Shakspeare, New York; La Universal, Brooklyn; Naphthali, New York; Justice, New York; Noar, Knowersville, Albany County. Number of lodges marking returns during the year, 682; number of lodges incorporated under general act during the year, 12; reports received from American Grand Lodges, 45; reports received from foreign Grand Lodges, 13. The following figures give the standing of the order in the State for the year: Initiations, 5,300; affiliations, 1,000; whole number registered, 6,300; dimitted, 1,777; expelled, 49; suspended, 25; stricken from roll for non-payment of dues, 2,840; restored, 352; died, 945; net increase of membership, 1,016; total number of Masons in the

State, 79,849. In closing his report, Bro. Austin referred feelingly to his twenty-one years' service, and gave some interesting facts concerning the standing of the Fraternity now as compared with the time that he first took the office of Secretary.

Bro. James M. Austin, from the Committee on the Hall and Asylum Fund, presented the annual report, as follows: Receipts from all sources, loans, donations, &c., for the year, 273, 396.72 dols. of which sum has been paid out but 1,451.72 dols. The amount expended thus far in the purchase of the property and the construction of the new Temple is 932,757.40 dols. and the indebtedness is 352,710 dols. The subscriptions to the two years' loan amount to 89,990 dols. and to the five years' loan to 4,209 dols. A vote of thanks was tendered by the trustees of the fund, to M. W. Bro. Simons and W. Bro. Barker for services.

Bro. James E. Morrison, the Executive Committee of the late Masonic Fair, held in N. Y. city, presented a supplementary and final report, from which it was shown that the total receipts of the fair were 59,921.45 dols. and the net proceeds 44,793 dols.

The election for Grand Officers resulted as follows:

Bro. Ellwood, E. Thorne, Grand Master; Bro. James W. Austed, Dep. Grand Master; Bro. Jesse B. Anthony, Senior Grand Warden; Bro. Levi M Gano, Junior Grand Warden; Bro. John W. Simons, Grand Treasurer; Bro. James M. Austin, M.D., Grand Secretary.

An amendment to allow no Masonic labour to be done on Sunday, except the burial of a Mason, was adopted; also, an amendment which makes Section 49 of the statutes read thus:

"A lodge shall have the power to enact a by-law which shall provide a penalty for the non-payment of Lodge dues, which penalty shall be unaffiliation; but such penalty shall not be inflicted except for the non-payment of at least two years' dues, nor until the brother shall have been duly summoned thirty days previous, to pay said two years' dues, or show cause why he should not be adjudged an unaffiliate for such non-payment. If within said time he shall show that through indigence he is not able to pay the same and support his family, no penalty shall be inflicted during the continuance of such indigence, unless by a unanimous vote of his Lodge. Any such unaffiliated brother may be restored to membership by a unanimous vote of the members present, and voting at a stated communication, provided he shall pay the amount due at the time of such unaffiliation."

An amendment was also passed allowing unaffiliates to be received without fee; also one providing that "one who shall remain an unaffiliated Mason in this jurisdiction, for one year or more, shall not be allowed to visit a Masonic Lodge, or join in a Masonic procession, nor be entitled to receive Masonic relief or burial."

A petition was presented against the use of certain sectarianism expressions in the ritual. Resolutions upon this subject have been presented year after year for several years, without effect. The petition was referred to the committee on work and Lectures.

The Committee on work and lectures, to whom was referred the petition referred to, reported in favour of striking out the sectarian expressions in the ritual. The report was laid on the table.

After the installation of Bro. Ellwood E. Thorne as Grand Master of Masons of New York the Grand Lodge closed in ample form.

FREEMASONRY IN NEW ZEALAND.

The installation of officers of the Pacific Lodge No. 1229, E.C., was held at the Masonic Hall, Revell-street, Hokitika, New Zealand, on Tuesday evening, February 3rd.

The following brethren were duly installed, viz—Bros. F. Eisfelder, W.M.; J. Branwell, S.W.; W. Ramsay, J.W.; C. E. Linneman, Treasurer (re-elected); W. D. Banks, Secretary; C. Hill, S.D.; M. Pollock, J.D.; G. Benning, I.G.; G. Epping, Tyler.

After the minutes had been confirmed, the Treasurer's balance-sheet was read and adopted, showing a credit balance of over £400, besides assets valued at £250.

The installation ceremonies were conducted in a most eloquent and impressive manner by the R.W.D.G.M., Bro. Lazar, who, notwithstanding his advancing years, seemed to have increased his powers of rendering still more effective the beautiful charges of this truly elaborate ceremony, whilst at the same time thoroughly impressing his hearers with the importance of attaching themselves more zealously than ever to their noble work. The R.W.D.G. Master also complimented the members upon the flourishing condition of the lodge; stating his belief that there were but few lodges even in England, that were either worked in a more able manner or maintained such a position, or had proved themselves more worthy of a conspicuous place in the records of the Craft than the Pacific Lodge, Hokitika, and more particularly so when the large amount of money spent during the past twelve months, in that most laudable of all Masonic purposes, charity, was taken into consideration, for he was pleased to notice that that great virtue had been exercised even beyond the Craft, viz., in giving subscriptions to the hospitals, and other cases of public distress.

After the lodge was closed, the brethren adjourned to the Empire Hotel, and partook of a sumptuous banquet; about 60 brethren sat down to table. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, many excellent speeches relating to the advancement of the time honoured Craft were made, and occasion was taken by Bro. P.M. Bevan, and Bro. J. P. Klem to refer to the very fraternal reception recently accorded them by the Masons of Nelson whilst on a visit there, and when the toast was given "Success to the Southern Star Lodge of Nelson," it was received in a most enthusiastic manner, and drank in bumpers.

After the last and sacred toast was given, the brethren separated, feeling that they had once more strengthened that fraternal bond of union which is at once the glory and cape stone of that ancient and honourable institution—Freemasonry.

It is a pleasant fact to have to record that, notwithstanding the very praiseworthy example recently set by the Great City Lodge of London, respecting banquets, the Pacific Lodge adopted many years ago the plan of not allowing the lodge funds to be used for convivial purposes, as it was then, and is still, considered totally at variance with the intent and teachings of the sacred cause of Masonry. The result has in every way proved a success, for the brethren are no less warm in their fraternal greetings, nor is the lodge less well attended, but otherwise; and last, though not least, its best desires never languish for want of funds when the practical test is required to be applied.

FREEMASONRY IN SOUTH AFRICA.

CARE OF GOOD HOPE.—The installation of the recently elected W.M., and the investiture of the officers of the Lodge of Good Hope, No. 833, took place at the lodge. There was a large attendance of brethren upon the occasion, and everything passed off very satisfactorily. Bro. C. T. Wheelwright, I.P.M., was the Installing Master, and performed the interesting ceremony in a highly creditable manner. He was assisted by Bro. S. Bain, P.M., and Bro. J. Bell, W.M., and there were also present during the evening P.M. Bros. J. C. Kemsley, E. Tonks, and Nettleton. The following now constitute the officials of the lodge—Bro. E. R. Smyth, W.M., Secretary; Bro. G. Madge, S.W.; S. Alabaster, J.W.; Bro. W. Phillips, Treasurer; Bro. C. R. Whinfield, Secretary; Bro. Miller, S.D.; Bro. Proctor, J.D.; Bros. Holmes and Probert, Stewards; Bro. Jas. Grubb, I.G.; Bro. Morley, O.G. Due honours having been paid to the newly-installed Master, and the lodge closed, the brethren adjourned to the banquetting room, where an excellent repast had been most tastefully laid out by Mr. Fox, of the Club. To this full justice was done. The usual loyal and

Masonic toasts were then given, immediately following, which Bro. Wheelwright proposed, the health of the newly-installed W.M. In doing so he spoke in highly eulogistic terms of the enthusiasm which Bro. Smyth had always displayed in regard to Freemasonry, and referred to the many services he had rendered to the Craft. The toast was well received, and neatly responded to. Other complimentary toasts followed, which being interspersed with songs, a very enjoyable evening was spent by all present, and throughout the greatest harmony characterised the proceedings.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WORCESTERSHIRE.

The annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of Freemasons for the Province of Worcestershire was held on the 23rd ult., in the Corn Exchange, Stourbridge, and a very numerous gathering of brethren took place. A Master Masons' Lodge was opened by Bro. R. Broomhall, W.M., Lodge Stability, 564, and shortly afterwards the Provincial Grand Master, the Right Worshipful Bro. Albert Hudson Royds, and the officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge entered the lodge room in procession. The P.G.M. having taken the chair was greeted with the usual honours, and then proceeded to open the Provincial Grand Lodge in due form.

The minutes of the Prov. Grand Lodge, held at Kidderminster, on Tuesday, the 24th of June, and of the special meeting at Worcester, on Wednesday, the 8th of April, were respectively read and confirmed.

The Prov. Grand Secretary next called the muster roll, when it was found that every lodge in the province was represented except the St. Michael's Lodge, 1097.

The Prov. Grand Treasurer's accounts having been duly audited, the balance declared was ordered to be recorded on the minutes.

Wor. Bro. Masefield, Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and Bro. Richard Smith, P.P.S.G.W., then moved that Bro. C. C. Whitney Griffiths, P.M. of the Worcester Lodge, 280, and P.P.S.G.W., be re-elected Prov. Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year. The motion was carried unanimously.

The P.G.M. then appointed his officers for the ensuing year as follows:—

- J. Rutland Prov. G.S.W.
- W. H. Westwood Prov. G.J.W.
- Rev. W. R. Cosens Prov. G. Chaplain.
- H. G. Goldingham Prov. G. Registrar.
- C. C. Whitney Griffiths ... Prov. G. Treas.
- W. Bristow Prov. G. Sec.
- G. Grosvenor Prov. G. S.D.
- E. T. Wright Prov. G. J.D.
- R. Broomhall Prov. G. S. of W.
- J. Stokes Prov. G. Dir. of C.
- A. A. Sylvester Prov. G. A.D.C.
- G. T. Bloomer Prov. G. S.B.
- T. Troman Prov. G. Organist.
- E. A. Broome Prov. G. Purst.
- C. Williams, T. Fisher, J. Foley, J. T. Thompson, C. Blunsome, and F. Perks ... Prov. G. Stwds.
- J. Stanley Prov. G. Tyler.

At this stage of the proceedings Bro. Goldingham, by desire of the Prov. Grand Master, advanced to the dais, and the P.G.M., in complimentary terms, referred to the handsome and hospitable reception and entertainment accorded to the Freemasons of the Province by Bro. Goldingham, as Mayor of Worcester, on the occasion of the re-opening of Worcester Cathedral in April last. The P.G.M. expressed the great pleasure he felt in appointing Bro. Goldingham to the office of Prov. Grand Registrar, and at the same time of presenting him with a Grand Registrar's gold jewel, in recognition of his Masonic spirit as displayed on the occasion referred to. The jewel bore the following inscription:—"Presented on the 23rd June, 1874, by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Worcestershire to Bro. Goldingham as a souvenir of the 8th April, 1864, when, as Mayor of the 'Faithful City,' he kindly entertained the Provincial Grand Lodge on the re-opening of Worcester Cathedral."

The presentation of the jewel gave marked satisfaction to all present, and Bro. Goldingham suitably acknowledged the receipt of it.

The Prov. Grand Master intimated that since the meeting at Worcester, in April, he had thought proper to order a brass plate referring to the Masonic window in the north transept of the Worcester Cathedral, and this plate had, with the concurrence of the Dean, been placed on the wall in a suitable position below the Masonic window. It bore an inscription which recorded the circumstances connected with the presentation of the window.

Bro. Johnson, W.M. 259, then on behalf of his lodge extended an invitation to the Prov. Grand Lodge to hold their next meeting, in June, 1875, at Worcester. The invitation was accepted.

With respect to the handsome collection made at the church, one moiety of the sum was voted to the St. Thomas's National Schools, and the other moiety to the Old Swinford Church Schools.

The Prov. Grand Lodge was then closed in due form, and according to immemorial custom.

On leaving the Grand Lodge the brethren formed in procession, and went to the parish church of St. Thomas, where a sermon of striking ability, power, and appropriateness was preached by the Rev. Dr. Cosens, Vicar of Dudley, the Prov. Grand Chaplain, from 1st Gen. Ep. of John, iv. 21—"And this commandment have we from Him that he who loveth God loves his brother also."

The brethren, on leaving the church, repaired to the Talbot Hotel, where a banquet was admirably served, over which the Prov. Grand Master presided, the vice-chairs being filled by Bros. Rutland and Westwood.

The Prov. Grand Master, after the banquet, gave the following toasts:—"The Queen and the Craft;" "The Prince and Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family;" "The Most Honourable the Marquess of Ripon, Worshipful Grand Master of England;" "The Right Honourable the Earl of Carnarvon, Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master of England, and the Officers of Grand Lodge, present and past."

Bro. C. C. Whitney Griffiths gave "The Right Worshipful Bro. Albert Hudson Royds, Provincial Grand Master of Worcestershire," whose zeal he fittingly eulogised.

The P.G.M. appropriately responded.

The remaining toasts were—"The Worshipful Bro. William Masefield, Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Worcestershire, and the other Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge, present and past;" "The Worshipful Masters of the Lodges in the Province;" "The Visitors;" "The Provincial Grand Stewards;" and "The Tyler's Toast."

During the evening admirable songs were sung by Bros. J. Gutteridge, G. P. Priddy and others, who were accompanied on the pianoforte by Bro. Troman with consummate skill.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

BOLTON.—St. Peter's Chapter Rose Croix.—The annual meeting of this young and flourishing chapter was held on Saturday, 20th June, at Freemasons' Hall, Bolton. The chapter was opened by S. P. Entwisle, M.W.S., assisted by his officers. After the minutes were read and confirmed, and the ballot taken for several candidates, the M.W.S. announced the next business was the installation of the M.W.S. elect, Ill. Bro. C. E. Matier, 30°, for which purpose he requested Ill. Bro. C. J. Barnsted, 33°, to take the chair. That Ill. brother, who is now Deputy Inspector for the Northern Counties, having been saluted in due form, then assumed the throne, and Ill. Bro. Matier was presented by Ill. Bro. G. P. Brockbank, 31°, and Thos. Entwisle, 18°, Past M.W.S. Ill. Bro. Bannister, 33°, with all the customary solemnity, then installed Bro. Matier in the supreme chair of the chapter, and in a most impressive manner delivered the charges to the newly installed Sovereign, and the brethren. Bro. Matier appointed the following as his officers for the ensuing year: Dr. J. D. Moore, 31°, First Gen.; Robert Harwood, 18°, Second Gen.; Rev. E. J. Rollag, 30°, Pre-

late; Rev. Philip Hains, 18°, Asst. Prelate; J. Martin Rutter, 18°, Grand Marshal; J. Taylor, 18°, Raphael; Thos. Morris, 18°, Recorder; G. B. Brockbank, 31°, Treasurer; Reginald Young, 18°, Herald; J. E. Hall, 18°, C. of G.; T. Wilson, 18°, D.C.; and Walker, serving Bro., Equerry. Bro. Matier then presented to Bro. Entwisle the very handsome jewel which had been unanimously voted for his services as M.W.S., and thanked him for his great services to the chapter, whose prospects had been greatly owing to Bro. Entwisle.

Past M.W.S. thanked the brethren for their honour of the jewel, and assured them that whether in or out of office he would always esteem it a high privilege to be able to assist the M.W.S. in the discharge of his high and important trust. A unanimous vote of thanks was tendered to Ill. Bro. C. J. Bannister, 33°, for his kindness in undertaking a long journey purposely to instal the M.W.S. There being no further business before the meeting, the chapter was closed in ancient form with solemn prayer. The brethren then adjourned to the refectory, where a sumptuous banquet awaited them, to which ample justice was done. After the cloth was drawn, the customary toasts were proposed by Bro. Matier, who presided, and a special honour was paid to the 33°, and the representative Bro. Bannister, Deputy Ins. Gen. The next toast was "The Health of the M.W.S. Bro. Matier" and was proposed most eloquently by Illus. Bro. Bannister, who congratulated the chapter on having obtained the services of a zealous and accomplished a Mason, who was eminently distinguished for his thorough knowledge of ceremonial and ritual, and who had been rewarded by high honours in other degrees in which he took an interest. On rising to respond Bro. Matier was received with cordial warmth and applause by the brethren. He said, let me thank you sincerely, illustrious and excellent brethren, for that continued kindness on your part, which to night has reached its culmination point, in placing me in the chair of Most Wise Sovereign, and let me ask you to extend to me during my year of office, that same indulgence and support that my illustrious predecessors in the chair have received from your hands. There is but one way by which we can ensure the prosperity of the chapter, and that is by unity of thought and purpose, and I am perfectly certain that with the assistance and advice of our Past Sovereign, and that support which I now beg to speak from you individually and collectively I shall at the termination of my period of office be able to hand over the warrant to my successor with no decrease of that splendour in our processes. By the earnest attention of my officers to our beautiful ritual, we shall be able to retain in our chapter that proud distinction it already bears, of being second to none in the northern counties of England, and I can assure you, on my own part, nothing shall be left undone promoting the harmony and prosperity of the chapter. I thank you all, and especially a good Bro. Bannister, who in this Order fills the place of Provincial Grand Master, and I travelled some distance to install me, for which kindness I am not ungrateful. Brethren, I beg you to drink to "the continued success of the chapter." "The Health of the Past M. Sov." was then enthusiastically received, and responded to by Bro. Thomas Entwisle. Other toasts followed, and the brethren separated at an early hour. Besides those brethren already mentioned we observed S. P. Clarke, Shop W. C. Gilles, Longman, Phillips, Chapl. Lancaster; Wood, Liverpool; and many others.

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Masonic Tidings.

The Quarterly Convocation of the Metropolitan College of the Rosicrucian Society will be held at the Royal Masonic Hall, 68, Regent-street, on Thursday, 9th inst., at 5.30. A paper on Rosicrucian Vitality will be read by Frater Kenneth R. H. Mackenzie.

French Freemasonry has lost one of its most active members in the person of A. Perriot, for 32 years Master and member of the Lodge of Sincerity, Perfect Union, and Constant Friendship, Orient de Besançon, His funeral was largely attended by his brethren and fellow citizens.

The Earl of Dalhousie, M.W.P.G. Master for Scotland, is reported to be seriously ill. Shortly after returning to Brechin Castle from the Bridge of Dun, where he had been to see the Queen, on her way south, his lordship was seized with a bilious attack of a nature from which his lordship had never previously suffered. The symptoms, having lasted over Wednesday and Thursday, grew so alarming on Friday that Dr. Watson was telegraphed for from Edinburgh, and he arrived on Saturday.

Original Correspondence.

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

BRO. HUGHAN'S CHALLENGE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am highly pleased to see that the brethren who have recently, in *The Freemason*, (and in Masonic papers abroad) made statements respecting the existence of degrees beyond the "third" and of rituals of the Craft, prior to the last century, are now challenged by so competent a brother as your correspondent, William James Hughan, to prove their assertions, and I hope that after the friendly discussion, your able contributors, Bros. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, M.A., J. Findel, D. Murray, Lyon, Dr. Albert B. Mackay, S. Hertzfeld, Clifford, McCallor, Jacob Norton, W. E. Buchan, Charles E. Meyer, and other Masonic Students will give their opinions on the points in dispute, so that the readers of *The Freemason* may be informed as to the general views held at the present time by well informed Masons, and as in duty bound the writer will ever pray, &c.

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METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, July 10, 1874.

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

Saturday, July 4.

- General Committee Boys' School, at 4.
- Knight Templar Preceptory 127, Broad of Avon, Hampton Court.
- Manchester Lodge of Instruction (179), Yorkshire Grey, 77, London-street, Fitzroy-square, at 8; Bro. H. Ash, Preceptor.
- Lily Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, Surrey.
- Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. G. Dilley, Preceptor.

Monday, July 6.

- Lodge 16, Royal Alpha, Willis's Room, St. James's.
- " 1319, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 1412, La Iberia, Hill-rd., St. John's-wood.
- Chap. 28, Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall.
- Mark Lodge 139, Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
- Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction (1445), Lord Stanley Tavern, Saundringham-road, Kingsland, at 7; Bro. T. Austin, Preceptor.
- Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.
- Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.
- Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern, Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
- Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gotthilf, Preceptor.
- British Oak Lodge of Instruction (813), Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.
- St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street (opposite the Pantheon), Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.

- Wellington Lodge of Instruction, White Swan Tavern Deptford, at 8; Bro. C. G. Dilley, P.M. 1155, Preceptor.
- West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
- Metropolitan Mark Lodge of Instruction, Coach and Horses Hotel, 323, Strand, at 8.

Tuesday, July 7.

- Colonial Board at 3.
- Lodge 171, Amity, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
- " 1257, Grosvenor, Caledonian Hotel, Adelphi.
- " 1259, Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tavern, Commercial-rd.
- " 1310, Harrow, Railway Tavern, Harrow.
- " 1397, Anerley, Thicket Hotel, Anerley.
- Chap. 169, Temperance, White Swan Tavern, Deptford.
- Lodge 255, Harmony, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond.
- Yarborough Lodge of Instruction (554), Green Dragon Stepney, at 8; Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.
- Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tavern, Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 8.
- Faith Lodge of Instruction (141), Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st., (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Preceptor.
- Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Lord's Hotel, Lord's Cricket Ground, St. John's-wood, at 8; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.
- Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction (860), King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. Crawley, Preceptor.
- Prosperity Lodge of Instruction (65), Gladstone Tavern, Bishy-gate-st., Within, at 7.30; Bro. Bolton, W.M. 1227, Preceptor.
- St. Mary's Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, New-street, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
- Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (55), Wheatshed Hotel, Houd-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey (P.M. 180), Preceptor.
- Percy Lodge of Instruction, Grapes Tavern, Little Windmill-street, W.
- Southwark Lodge of Instruction, (879), Southwark Park Tavern, Southwark Park, at 8; Bro. Charles William Kent, Preceptor.
- Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor.
- United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
- Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30.
- Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Bro. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.

Wednesday, July 8.

- Summer Fete and Distribution of Prizes at the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, Wood-green.—(See advertisement).
- Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at 3.
- Lodge 15, Kent, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 120, Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond.
- " 1228, Beacontree, Private Rooms, Leytonstone.
- " 1306, St. John of Wapping, Gun Tavern, High-st., Deptford.
- New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8.
- Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
- Confidence Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
- Peckham Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham, at 8; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor.
- Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar.
- Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, Thicket Hotel, Anerley, at 7.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
- Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction (1288), Finsbury Park Tavern, Seven Sisters-road, N., at 8. Bro. F. Dickinson, Acting Preceptor.

Thursday, July 9.

- Lodge 1288, Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tavern, Seven Sisters-rd.
- " 1321, Emblematic, Tulse hill Hotel, Tulse-hill.
- Chap. 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
- Quarterly Convocation of the Rosicrucian Society, 68, Regent-st., at 5.30.
- Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham Court-road, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
- Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Anglers Tavern, Bath-street, City-road; Bro. Stean, Preceptor.
- United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
- Whittington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern, Holborn, at 8; Bro. Lewis Alexander, P.M. 188, Preceptor.
- Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
- Ebury Lodge of Instruction, Bro. Palmer's, 12, Pensonally-st., Millbank.
- Highgate Lodge of Instruction (1366), Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.

Friday, July 10.

- Lodge 1420, Earl Spencer, Freemasons' Hotel, New Wandsworth.
- Chap. 33, Britannic, Freemasons' Hall.
- Rose Croix Chapter, Mount Calvary, Freemasons' Tavern.
- St. George's Lodge of Instruction (140), Globe Tavern, Royal-hill, Greenwich.

- Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
- Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, (749), Coach and Horses, Strand, at 8; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.
- Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.
- Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s Freemasons' Hall, a 7.
- Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tavern, Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.
- Clapton Lodge of Instruction (1365), White Hart, Clapton at 7.30; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., Preceptor.
- Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1298), the Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. W. F. Rogers, Precept.
- Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-road, at 8; Comp. W. West Smith, Preceptor.
- Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (733), Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8.
- United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Antelope Tavern, Lorn-road, Brixton, at 7.
- St. James's Lodge of Instruction, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-road, Bermondsey, at 8; Bro. Howes, P.M., Preceptor.
- Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Bro. D. S. Potts, Preceptor.
- Doric Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8.
- Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8; Bro. P. M. Wuest, Preceptor.
- St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Rose Tavern, Fulham-road, S.W.
- Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.
- High Cross Lodge of Instruction (754), Coach & Horses, High Road, Tottenham.
- Union Club of Instruction, Windsor Castle, Victoria Station at 8 p.m.; H. Ash, P.M., Instructor.
- Burdett Courts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park, at 8; Bro. Geo. W. Verry, Preceptor.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, July 11, 1874.

Monday, July 6.

- Lodge 113, Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Assembly Rooms, Preston.
- " 1051, Rowley, Masonic Rooms, Lancaster.
- " 1380, Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, near Liverpool, at 6.
- Chap. 605, De Tabley, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, at 6.
- Mark Lodge, No. 65, West Lancashire, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
- Everton Lodge of Instruction (823), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 7.30.

Tuesday, July 7.

- Lodge 178, Antiquity, Royal Hotel, Wigan, at 6.30.
- " 995, Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverstone.
- " 1384, Equity, Walker's Commercial Hotel, Widnes, near Warrington, at 6.
- " 1476, Blackpool, Clifton Arms Hotel, Blackpool.
- Chap. 203, St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
- Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.

Wednesday, July 8.

- Lodge 281, Fortitude, Atheneum, Lancaster.
- " 1052, Callender, Public Hall, Rusholme.
- " 1094, Temple, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
- " 1356, De Grey and Ripon, 140, North Hill-street, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 6.
- Chap. 673, St. John's, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.30.
- St. John's Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 8.
- Neptune Lodge of Instruction (1264), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 7.

Thursday, July 9.

- Lodge 216, Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, at 5.
- " 333, Royal Preston, Victoria Garrison Hotel, Fulwood, near Preston.
- " 1035, Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, at 6.
- " 1213, Bridgewater, Cross Keys Hotel, Patricroft, near Manchester.
- Chap. 220, Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, near Liverpool, at 5.
- Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction (1182), 150, Park-lane, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 7.

Friday, July 10.

- Chap. 249, Mariners', Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND VICINITY.

For the week ending Saturday, July 11, 1874.

All the Meetings take place at 8 o'clock.

Monday, July 6.

- Lodge 129, St. Mirren, St. Mirren's Hall, Paisley.
- " 332, Union, 175, Buchanan-street.
- Chap. 119, Rosslyn, Freemasons' Hall, 25, Robertson-street.

Tuesday, July 7.

Lodge 34, St. John, St. John's Hall, Buchanan-st.
 " 73, Thistle and Rose, 170 Buchanan-st.
 " 87, Thistle, 12, Trongate.
 " 437, Govandale, Portland Hall, Govan.
 " 68, Doric, 44, Church-street, Port Glasgow.
 " 177, St. James, Masons' Hall, Coatbridge.
 " 233, Hamilton, Spalding's Hotel, Hamilton.
 " 406, St. John, Masonic Hall, Motherwell.
 " 426, Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Renfrew.

Wednesday, July 8.

Lodge 178, Scotia, 170, Buchanan-st.
 " 510, Maryhill, 175, Main-street, Maryhill.
 Chap. 113, Partick, St. Mary's Hall, Partick.

Thursday, July 9.

Lodge 88, New Monkland, Town Hall, Airdrie.
 " 109, St. Marnock's, Crown Hall, Kilmarnock.
 Conclave Red Cross of Constantine, 213, Buchanan-street
 Chap. 50, Glasgow, 213, Buchanan-street.

Friday, July 10.

Lodge 18, Kilwinning, Mission Hall, Dumbarton.
 " 170, Leven St. John's, Public Hall, Alexandria.
 " 427, St. Clair, Masonic Hall, Cambusnethan.
 Chap. 144, St. Rollox, Freemasons' Hall, Garnagad-road.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

STONEHOUSE.—Lodge Sincerity (No. 189).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 2nd ult., at the Masonic Rooms, St. George's Hall, Stonehouse; and Bro. J. E. Curteis, the W.M. elect, was duly installed in ancient form. Sincerity Lodge is one of the most prominent and popular lodges of the Order in the Province. This, combined with the circumstance that the brother about to be installed was widely known, and much respected in the Masonic world outside his own lodge, caused a very large gathering of the brethren. The number of officers present also largely exceeded that of those present at any previous meeting of a private lodge in the Province, except on very rare occasions. The installation was conducted by V.W. Bro. R. R. Rodd, P.P.G. Regis., P.G.S.W., assisted by V.W. Bros. J. Sadler, P.P.G.S.B.; and R. H. Rae, P.P.G.S.D.; and supported by a numerous board of Installed Masters. At the close of the installation, the W.M. appointed the following brethren his officers:—I.P.M., I. Latimer; S.W., A. Latimer; J.W., W. Howe; Chap., the Rev. W. A. Sales; Treas., T. S. Bayly; Sec. R. H. Rae; D., J. E. Moon; J.D., the Rev. T. W. Lemon. G., W. Tester; D.C. Jno. Sadler, P.G.S.B.; T. W. Hussey, J. Fouracre, and Croydton, Stewards. The W.M., in thanking the brethren for the honour they had done him, said he had reason to feel very proud with so many officers of the Grand Lodge of England, and forty P.M.'s present at his installation. No similar circumstance had occurred in that lodge since the installation of the Earl of Mount Edgecumbe, several years ago, into the chair which he now had the honour to fill. After the close of the meeting, the brethren adjourned to refreshment, sat down to an excellent collation, provided in the adjoining room. In the speeches that followed afterwards given, the D.P.G.M. announced that the P.G.M., the Rev. J. Huyshe, with his ardent zeal for Masonry, had gone to London, despite medical admonition, in order to assist in arranging for the coming visit of the P.G.M., his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, to the district. The D.P.G.M. also made an eloquent appeal on behalf of the fund now raising for the Royal British Female Asylum at Stoke. It was, he said, to assist in adding accommodation for 100 more brethren to that excellent institution. That extension would be a benefit to many hundreds of brethren long after he was dead and forgotten; and he felt the importance of such a charity, and would urge its claims with all his powers of persuasion. England, without her navy, must become a prey to other nations; and from the ablest capitalist to the most wealthy peasant all owed a debt of gratitude for the protection of their property to their soldiers and sailors. The orphans of their protectors had a pressing claim upon their benevolence. He had much pleasure in stating that the

newly-installed W.M. had made himself a life Governor of the Orphan Asylum by contributing ten guineas.

WORCESTER.—Worcester Lodge (No. 280).—It has for many years been customary for the members of the Worcester Lodge, 280, and their guests to celebrate the Festival of St. John the Baptist at their lodge in the city, but last year the then Worshipful Master introduced an agreeable change, and the celebration took place at Holt. This year the present W.M. having had the Moss Green Shrubbery at Pall Court, placed at his disposal, summoned his brethren to meet in lodge at the Bell Hotel on Tuesday, and to proceed thence in the steamer Perseverance to Pull Court. A very numerous party responded. The brethren assembled in lodge at 11 o'clock, when it was announced that communications had been received from the Provincial Grand Master (the Right Wor. Bro. Albert Hudson Roysds), the Deputy P.G.M. (Wor. Bro. Masefield), the P.G. Sec. (Wor. Bro. W. Bristow), Bro. W. E. Dowdeswell, P.M., Bro. Sir. Edmund Lechmere, Bart., the W.Ms. of the Stourbridge and Kidderminster Lodges, and from Bro. Dr. Roden (Mayor of Droitwich), and others, who had striven to be present, but were prevented from attending. The regular business of the Lodge having been transacted, Wor. Bro. A. A. Sylvester, the W.M., on behalf of the Lodge, presented to Bro. Goldingham, J.G. Registrar of the Province, a copy of a resolution (illuminated on vellum and mounted in a gilt Oxford frame) setting forth the appreciation entertained by his brethren of the great hospitality displayed by him on the occasion of the re-opening of the Worcester Cathedral, when, as Mayor of the city, he entertained upwards of 250 Freemasons, having liberally issued invitations to the whole of the brethren resident in the Province of Worcestershire. The W.M. referred to the Masonic spirit thus displayed towards the members of the Craft, and congratulated Bro. Goldingham on the feeling entertained towards him, as evinced in the resolution which was presented as a memento of his liberality, and as illustrated also in a still higher degree by his recent elevation to a distinguished position in the Provincial Grand Lodge. Bro. Goldingham, in accepting the resolution, appropriately acknowledged the fraternal sentiments which had been expressed. The brethren then repaired to the steamer Perseverance, which left the Worcester Bridge shortly before twelve o'clock. After a most delightful trip down the river, Pull Court was reached at half-past two o'clock, and the party proceeded to the Moss Green Shrubbery, where, through the enterprise of Mr. W. E. Webb, of the Bell Hotel, a superb banquet awaited them. Mr. Webb had signified a desire that, as this would probably be the last banquet he should serve prior to his quitting the Bell Hotel, it should represent his intention to do honour to the lodge, and everyone present has reason to be satisfied that this determination was most admirably fulfilled. At the close of refection, the W.M. gave in succession "The Queen, their Royal Highnesses the Prince of Wales, Prince Alfred, and Prince Leopold;" "The Grand Lodge of England, its M.W. Grand Master and Officers; the Grand Lodge of Worcester; the R.W. Grand Master, Bro. A. H. Roysds, and officers;" all of which toasts were received with enthusiasm, and the last was responded to by P.P.S.G. Warden, Bro. Richard Smith. The next toast, that of "The W.M.," Bro. A. A. Sylvester, was proposed by the I.P.M., Bro. Griffiths, who spoke of the efforts of the W.M. in extending the *clat* of the Worcester Lodge; and incidentally expressed thanks to Mr. Dowdeswell for having given the Lodge and their friends the privilege of enjoying that delightful retreat, surrounded by so much that was "ever charming, ever new," and in sight of one of those grand creations of our forefathers (the Abbey, at Tewkesbury), who were members doubtless of one of those ancient guilds we perpetuate. The W.M. responded, and proposed "The Visitors," which was duly acknowledged. The toast of "The Past Masters," "Treasurer and Secretary," "The Working Officers," and "The health of Mr. W. Dowdeswell, and Bro. W. E. Dowdeswell, M.P.,"

brought the list to its close; the pleasure of the evening being enlivened by the musical performances of the Organist, Bro. Randal Buck, and the songs of some of the brethren. After a brief ramble in the grounds, the brethren were recalled to the steamer, in which they returned to the "Faithful City" about ten o'clock, after a most enjoyable day.

LIVERPOOL.—Mariners' Lodge (No. 249).—The annual installation meeting of this numerous and influential lodge was held at the New Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on Thursday, the 2nd inst., and was very largely attended. The lodge was opened at three o'clock by Bro. J. J. Rose, W.M., and amongst the principals of the lodge present were Bros. James Hamer, P.P. G. Treas., P.M.; W. Crane, P.M.; H. Pearson, P.M.; J. Hayes, J.W.; J. Kellett Smith, P.M.; Treas.; H. P. Price, S.D.; W. Hamilton, J.D., H. W. Nicholas, I.G.; W. G. Veale, Org.; W. Foster, S.; J. Gordon, S.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. After the lodge had been opened, the minutes of the previous regular meeting and "emergency" were read and confirmed, when the ballot was taken for four gentlemen proposed for initiation, and the result showed that they were duly elected. The ballot was also taken for Bro. E. J. Coe, of Scotia Lodge, No. 340, Barbadoes, as a joining member, which also proved unanimous. Bro. James Hamer, P.P.G. Treas., and P.M. of the "Mariners," then took the chair, and proceeded to instal Bro. John Hayes, as the W.M. of the lodge, the presentation being made by Bros. Dr. J. K. Smith, P.M., Treas.; and Bro. H. Pearson, P.M. After the charges had been given the brethren retired. A P.M.'s lodge was constituted, and on the re-admission of the brethren the newly-chaired W.M. was saluted in the usual way, the addresses in the subsequent part of the ceremony being given by Bro. Hamer, assisted by Bro. D. Smith. The W.M. appointed the following as his officers:—Bros. H. H. P. Price, S.W.; R. R. Martin, J. W.; Rev. P. Hains, Chaplain; J. J. Rose, I.P.M.; Dr. J. Kellett Smith, P.M.; Treas.; Collins (re-appointed), Sec.; W. Hamilton, S.D.; W. Foster, J.D.; W. G. Veale, Org.; J. C. Robinson, I.G.; H. Pearson, P.M., M.C.; W. Garlick, S.S.; J. Wood, J.S.; and W. H. Ball, (re-elected) Tyler; Messrs. Harold, Jones, Wainwright and Williams being in attendance, were initiated by the newly installed W.M. in a most impressive and effective manner. It was resolved to have the usual annual picnic, and a committee was appointed to carry out the arrangements. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren, numbering upwards of 100, proceeded to the dining hall, where an excellent banquet was served, under the presidency of Bro. Hayes, W.M. The great bulk of the usual toasts were given by the W.M., and the principal respondees were Bros. Skeaf, Doyle, Smith, Hains, &c. Excellent songs were given by Bros. Nicholas, Coe, Washington, Dawson, A. Ellis, H. Ashmore, and Veale, the last named presiding at the harmonium.

BRADFORD.—Lodge of Hope (No. 302).—The ordinary monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Godwin-street, on Monday, the 29th ult. There was little business to transact beyond an application for assistance from an old and respected brother, who had been visited by sad affliction. His circumstances being made known, in his absence, the brethren at once unanimously directed everything to be done that might be found necessary. The W.M., Bro. B. Broughton, on the close of lodge business invited all the brethren to the banquetting room, where a sumptuous repast was prepared for them. The W.M., presiding, was supported on his right by Bros. M. Rogerson, P.M., P. Prov. G.W.; W. Mawson, P.M., P. Prov. G.S. of W.; W. Ibbotson, P.M., P. Prov. G.S. of W.; A. M. Matthews, P.M.; C. Pratt, P.M., P. Prov. G.S. of W.; J. D. Sugden, P.M., P. Prov. G. Forst; W. W. Barlow, P.M.; W. Bealand, P.M.; and on his left by Bros. Rev. J. Vaile, Chaplain, M. Rhodes, P.M., P. Prov. G.W. (Mayor of Bradford); Thomas Hill, P.M., P. Prov. G.W.; J. J. Schaepp, P.M., P. Prov. G.D.; C. H. Taylor, P.M., P. Prov. G.D.; H. O. Mawson, P.M.; George Richardson, P.M.; J. C. Taylor, P.M. Scientific, 439;

Thomas Rousby, Kingston, 311; H. Farrar, S.W.; M. S. Rhodes, J.W.; J. Clark, Treas.; C. Gott, Sec.; T. G. Andrews, Ast. Sec.; James Ambler, S.D.; A. Robertshaw, J.D.; T. Pettinger, J.G.; George Beanland, O.G. The W.M. proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were duly honoured, after which Bro. Broughton, W.M., rose and said—We now proceed to the performance of the pleasing duty of doing honour to our old and esteemed Bro. P. M. Rogerson, by the presentation of the testimonial which has been subscribed for by brethren of the Craft, irrespective of the lodges to which they belong, as a token of the regard in which he is held. I have personally known Bro. Rogerson many years, though not so long as some of you, and perhaps many of you, but I am able to say that he is a good and worthy Mason in the truest sense of the word, and that by his honourable and upright conduct through life he has gained for himself what is of more value than silver and gold, namely, a good name and the respect and esteem of not only his brother Masons, but also of his fellow citizens generally, and of all with whom he has been brought in contact in the intercourse of daily life. As I am not about to take upon myself as the W.M. of this lodge, the pleasing duty of making the presentation, it may be proper that I should say a few words in explanation why such is not the case. When it was proposed that I should undertake this duty, I suggested that as the subscribers to the testimonial were not exclusively members of the lodge of Hope, but included also brethren of other lodges in the town, it might be more acceptable to them, as well as to Bro. Rogerson, that the presentation should be made by the hands of one who is perhaps his oldest personal friend, who is also an old P.M., and of the highest rank as a Provincial Officer of West Yorkshire, and although the testimonial is one of a purely Masonic character, the fact of the gentleman referred to being also the chief magistrate of the town, would not, I thought, lessen the importance and the interest of the presentation. For these reasons the duty has been delegated to our worthy Bro. P.M. Manoh Rhodes, and I have now the pleasure of calling upon him to offer, in the name of the subscribers, for Bro. Rogerson's acceptance, the beautiful testimonial now standing before me. The piece of plate consisted of a splendid solid silver salver, selected from the stock of Messrs. Rhodes & Sons, silversmiths, Bradford, at a cost of £90, and bore the following inscription:—
 Presented to Bro. Michael Rogerson, P.M. 302, Bradford, and P. Prov. S.G.D., of West Yorkshire, as an expression of the respect and esteem of the members of The Antient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of England, on the occasion of his leaving Bradford, and as a recognition of his valuable services as a member of the Craft, during a period of thirty years. Bradford, 29th June, 1874." The address was most beautifully and artistically illuminated by Messrs. Armitage, and Ibbetson, lithographers, Bradford, and elegantly framed by Mr. J. Harland of Bradford, and was as follows:—
 "To Bro. Michael Rogerson, P.M. 302 Bradford, and P. Prov. S.G.D. of West Yorkshire—We, the undersigned members of the Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of England, having learned with feelings of regret of your intended removal from Bradford, and being desirous of expressing our sense of your worth as a man and a Mason, have much pleasure in requesting your acceptance of this testimonial and accompanying piece of plate, as a token of our fraternal regard, and of the sincere respect and esteem in which you are held by the members of the Craft, and also a recognition of the valuable services you have rendered in the cause of Freemasonry during the thirty years of your association with the fraternity. Be assured that you carry with you to your new home our united best wishes for your welfare, and that of your family; and that we earnestly pray that the Great Architect of the Universe may bless you with a continuance of peace, happiness, and prosperity.—Yours faithfully and fraternally." Here follow the signatures of 18 Provincial and P.P. Grand Officers, 16 W.

Ms. and P.Ms. and 39 other Brethren. Bro. M. Rhodes, P.M., P.P.G.W. (Mayor of Bradford), being called upon by the W.M., said: "Worshipful Sir, Officers, and Brethren, I could wish to imitate another brother, and excuse myself from attempting a speech, but I cannot hesitate to comply with your wishes. It was decided at a meeting of subscribers that I should be requested to make the presentation this evening to Bro. Rogerson, P.M., and it affords me much pleasure to do so. I am one of his oldest friends, it being some 40 years that we have had the advantage of each other's friendship. I have known him in boyhood, and now in declining years, and although we are getting into the sere and yellow leaf, neither of us is so far gone but we know how to appreciate your kindness, and I trust to act the part of brethren and Freemasons. One reason probably which influenced you in selecting me was from my holding the high and honourable position of Chief Magistrate of this Borough, and if I, as Mayor, can do anything to assist in giving éclat to the presentation, I feel that I am not stepping out of my proper course in doing it. Bro. Rogerson is a man all respect, honourable, just, and straightforward in all his dealings, and in this way has he come to be respected by all who know him. This presentation we are making him, however, is strictly confined to the Craft, and notwithstanding my position as Mayor, I am addressing you as a Mason. You have seen how he has acted in the lodge during his long membership, always aiding by his fatherly advice when called upon, and whenever needed, endeavouring to throw oil on the troubled waters, and to bring about that feeling of brotherly love and affection which should ever characterise the proceedings of a Freemason's lodge. Now he is intending to take matters a little easier, I believe partly on account of his wife, and I commend him for it. There is nothing a man can do better than endeavour to increase the happiness of her who has shared his cares and joys through life. I am sure, Bro. Rogerson, you will highly value this beautifully illuminated address, and this splendid piece of plate, and that your family also will greatly prize them. I have very great pleasure, on behalf of the subscribers, to request your acceptance of them, and to express the hope that you will long live to have the satisfaction of looking on them, with every wish of the brethren for a long life, and that your dear wife may be preserved to you, that you may both survive to a good old age, and that in the eventide of life these beautiful emblems of the love and esteem of your brethren towards you may prove some solace. Bro. F. C. Atkinson, Mus. Bac. Cantab., here played on the grand piano that most thrilling and favourite air "Auld Lang Syne." Bro. M. Rogerson, P.M., P.P.G.W., on rising to respond, said Bro. W.M., P.Ms., officers and brethren, I beg you to accept my most heartfelt acknowledgments for the way in which Bro. Rhodes, P.M., has proposed, and you, brethren, have responded to the toast. The presentation you have made this evening I receive with feelings more easily imagined than expressed. It has been said that "out of the fulness of the heart the mouth speaketh," but I never felt more than now the want of command of speech; and yet my heart is full enough. I feel much having to change my residence, but, unfortunately, it has been caused by the failing health of my dear wife. Many good friends I have had, and shall regret parting with them, and none more than my Masonic friends. Bro. C. H. Taylor, P.M., has long been the medical adviser of my family, and he recommended a residence in the country. He was good enough to go with me in search of a suitable house, and we found one at Boston Spa; to my surprise its appellation was "Hope Villa." Now, I have thought, in years gone by, that if I did leave and go into the country, I should name my residence "Darley Villa." It is a favourite name; my grandmother was a Darley, but Darley-street, for forty years, my place of business, is not named after my ancestors, but after Darley in Lancashire, one of the seats of my respected landlord, the late Benjamin Rawson, Esq., Lord of the Manor of Bradford. My good old house, has comfortably

sheltered my family for 22 years, and I had a death in it, and naturally I much attached to it and all its surroundings the view across the valley to Airedale Peel Park, &c. Indeed the neighbourhood prospect was very good. Certainly there has been considerable alterations during the years, and recently they have built a new school on the old site, but I liked the old best; and speaking of scenery, I can say that of all I have seen nothing equals that of Darley-street. Where I have removed to a lovely country, which I intend to call on my pony. The other day I went to Walton, a very antique village, whose houses remind me of the picture given in the *Illustrated London News* of Coomassie. I trust to this, and to revert to, what should be uppermost in my thoughts, your goodness and generosity, which almost overcame me. I had not the slightest idea of the so beautifully expressed, tastefully illuminated and handsomely framed; it will be more by me than any picture I possess. The piece of plate is magnificent, the only drawback my safe is two inches too small to hold it. I feel quite at a loss to adequately thank you for these splendid gifts at least I feel that I have endeavoured to fulfil my duty as a Freemason, and I accept these noble presents at your hands, as a proof of your goodness and opinions you have entertained of my exertions for the advancement of the welfare of our good old Lodge of Hope, and fraternal towards me, and so long as I live the recollection of your kindness and regard towards me will ever most lively. It has been my privilege the last 30 years to belong to this lodge, and I trust that peace, prosperity and harmony will ever attend it. I am perhaps the oldest member, and no one can have a greater love for it. I again thank you for these tokens of your friendship towards me, with fraternal regard for this and all kindnesses shown to me, I wish to drink to the health, happiness and prosperity of every member of Bro. Rogerson, resumed his seat amid long continued applause. Bro. Dr. Taylor, P.P.G.D., rose and said: W.M., Officers, and brethren, I feel very much obliged to you, W. Sir, for giving me an opportunity of taking some little part in the proceedings of this evening. The pleasing duty you have allotted to me is to propose "The health and happiness of Bro. Rogerson, his Wife and Family." The knowledge that this is not a farewell leave taking adds to our pleasure. Although Bro. Rogerson is retiring from business to leave, and I trust, enjoy him in his beautiful country house, yet he will be found amongst his own friends in Bradford; as well know his love and attachment to his old Lodge of Hope, I feel sure I shall see him as often as he can make it convenient. Bro. Taylor, P.M. after some further remarks and allusions to Mrs. Rogerson and called upon the Brethren to drink to the health of Bro. Rogerson, P.M., in response to the toast, said he did not intend having to rise again, but he must thank Dr. Taylor, P.M., for his kindness and wishes towards his wife and family, and much reason to thank God he had a great measure of good health, and he trusted the brethren for their reception of it and he did this most cordially and heartily in his retirement should ever entertain a lively recollection of them. Before he resumed his seat, he would take the liberty of saying to them the health of Bro. Broughton, who I am sure will govern this lodge in the same harmonious manner as it has been for years preceding. I have done what I can to assist him, and cannot sufficiently express my kind feelings towards him, but call on him heartily to his good health. Bro. Taylor, W.M., on rising to respond, said: "I am gratified that we should not follow the routine of toasts this evening, it is an honour to be called upon to thank you for the hearty reception of this toast, and I compliment the greater by it proposed by Bro. P. M. M."

ou that it has always been my desire to see the greatest harmony and union prevail in the lodge, and whilst I endeavour to conduct its business with the firmness necessary for the maintenance of proper discipline, I hope that by a courteous demeanour towards all my brethren, I shall always have their support and good opinion; and trust that when I retire from this chair, I shall be able to hand down the badge of my office as tarnished as I received it from my predecessor. I will not now trespass further upon your time, but may say that there is one other toast which should wish to propose, or some brother to propose for me, but before doing so I will call upon Bro. P. M. Robt. Richardson for a little harmony. Bro. Richardson having favoured the brethren with a song, rendered with that ability and good taste for which he is proverbial, Bro. W.M. again rose and said, the toast to which alluded is one which is always received in this and other lodges, with the greatest cordiality and welcome—I mean "The Visiting Brethren," although it is a toast usually given from the air, I trust that in placing it in the hands of the whose voice we are always glad to hear, the visiting brethren will feel that we are not guilty of any disrespect, but will accept it as coming from the chair. The brother I shall call upon to propose this toast is, Bro. McGowen, Town Clerk, and we will fancy for the moment that he is occupying the position of W.M. of the Lodge of Hope. Bro. McGowen, on rising and saying, W.M., you are a most skilful president, I know how, when you call on a man to do it for you, to make him shake in his boots, and by way of encouragement, lead everybody to expect more than he can possibly perform. However we must all obey you as best we can. I was very much struck indeed by the genealogical description of Bro. Rogerson, P.M., when he said he was a descendant of the Darleys, on the other side, and entered so fully into the merits of that distinguished race. Now I am a descendant of a more eminent and widely spread family, and I claim allies in nearly every household. The first recollection I have of anything that of being called by the name of "Darling!" I doubt not this was an old family name. Many brothers present may have noticed how extensively the name is used, especially on the paternal side; the name was never disagreeable, indeed, there was a period of my life when it was very pleasant—when it was uttered by a young and charming friend in muslin. There is scarcely a brother here this evening who has not heard himself similarly addressed, in some green lane, or shady nook, with a fond maiden clinging on his arm. I feel justified, then, in saying, that however ancient and honourable the family of the Darleys may be, they are fairly eclipsed by the genealogical connections to which we can all refer. The allusion of Bro. Rogerson, to the inadequacy of his safe for holding the presentation plate was very distressing. He reminded me of the picture of the Vicar of Wakefield, very beautiful but too large to get it of the room door. We may however offer Bro. Rogerson comfort, from the chalk writing on the street walls, "Who is Griffiths," and he reply that "The only safe man is Griffiths." Let us take it to heart that, suppose he is the only safe man, the plate may yet be secure. There was one other remark of Bro. Rogerson's which touched me much, and that was the statement that his love for his dear wife was greater than ever, that the silken bonds had grown so strong that he would forsake friends, money, business, everything, aye Darley-street, so, for that dear lady. Well, it is pleasant, seriously speaking, to find that at last there has come a day when an active industrious man like Bro. Rogerson can retire from the cares of business. But you will say what has all this to do with the toast I have proposed. It has a great deal to do with it, for I am sure the visiting brethren will have been delighted to hear such interesting particulars respecting the genealogical descent and domestic relations of their friends. May they attain similar relations, and therefore call upon you to drink the healths of Bro. J. C. Taylor, P.M. Scientific, 439; Thos. Senior, P.M., P.P.G.R., Pentalfa, 974; S. P. Firth, and J. Rousby. We have heard to-night of a brother shedding tears, but we are going to

do just the reverse. We are delighted to see our visiting brethren, and I ask you to join me in conveying that feeling to them in the most hearty manner, accompanied with the hope that we shall often see them here again. Bro. J. C. Taylor, P.M., in response, said; "W.M., officers, and brethren, it gives me great pleasure in being present to see those handsome presents made to Bro. Rogerson, P.M., and I trust you may long live to see prosperity, harmony, and brotherly love, prevail in the Lodge of Hope." Bro. Thos. Senior P.M., P.P.G.W., said; "W.M., officers, and brethren, I scarcely feel to be a visitor or a stranger. I unfortunately resigned my membership of the lodge a few months ago, and almost regret it when I meet you on such a festive occasion. I thank you very much for the very kind way in which you have received the visitors, and shall always have pleasure in meeting you. Bro. Rousby, for the brethren from a distance, thanked the members of the Hope for their hearty reception, and said he was delighted with the evening's proceedings. Bro. S. P. Firth Pentalfa, 974, said; Wors'hipful Sir, I thought I was out of your sight, and that I should not have been called upon. It is very little use me talking at this time, so much talent has gone before, but I wish to thank you very much for your kind reception. "The Tyler's Toast" brought this very interesting entertainment to a close, one which we are sure will long be remembered by all present. It would be remiss in us not to allude to the excellent harmony discoursed during the evening, not only by those brethren already mentioned, but also by Bros. J. Rhodes, P.M., P. Prov. G.D.C.; M. Rogerson, P.M., P. Prov. G.W.; and J. Brigg.

LIVERPOOL.—St. John's Lodge (No. 673).—The brethren attached to this lodge celebrated their annual festival on Wednesday, the 1st. instant, when the programme not only comprised the installation ceremony, but also a picnic in the charming vicinity of Rufford. The "St. John's" is undoubtedly one of the strongest in the province, and its popularity and stability were clearly shown by a very numerous and influential gathering, even at the early morning meeting, as well as at a most distinguished attendance at the run into the country during the after part of the day. The wisdom of the selection of Bro. Martin Corless, the W.M. elect, was also clearly evinced by the turn out. The lodge was opened by Bro. W. Kyle, W.M., shortly after eight o'clock, supported by the following officers:—Bros. T. Callow, P.M.; H. Nelson, P.M.; J. Thornton, P.M.; J. Hocken, P.M.; S. Johnson, P.M., Secretary; M. Corless, S.W.; J. K. Digges, J.W.; T. Roberts, S.D.; J. Meador, J.D.; D. Jackson, S.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. Amongst the visitors were Bros. W. Doyle, P.G.J.D.; P. M. Larsen, P.M. 594; W. Pugh, P.M. 1182; J. Edington, S.W. 1182; E. Rothwell, S.W. 1356; R. Danson, P.M. 1094; W. H. Hignet, 1356; J. Williams, 1182; and numerous members of the lodge. After the minutes had been read and confirmed, Bro. T. Clark, P.M., proceeded to instal Bro. M. Corless into the chair of W.M. of the lodge, and in doing so he evinced the greatest amount of Masonic zeal and capability. The W.M. subsequently invested the following as his officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. J. K. Digges, S.W.; T. Roberts, J.W.; J. Meador, S.D.; H. Burrows, J.D.; R. Pearson, P.M., Treasurer; S. Johnson, P.M., Secretary; D. Jackson, I.G.; J. Seddon, S.S.; T. Falshaw, J.S.; T. Clark, P.M., D.C.; R. Hulme, Org. Bro. Crawford was re-elected Tyler. Before the closing of the lodge, a very handsome P.M.'s jewel was presented to Bro. W. Kyle, I.P.M., as a token of respect and esteem, and in recognition of his past services. After the lodge had been duly closed, the majority of the brethren, as well as others who had not been present at the early morning's business, and a large number of the fair sex, made tracks for Tithebarn-street, with the view of proceeding to Rufford for picnic purposes. The railway arrangements of the Lancashire and Yorkshire were simply disgraceful, not the slightest concession being made to the party of 150 and more, who proceeded from the station at Liverpool. The train

did not start until after considerable delay, and then it proceeded at snail's pace to Rufford, after amusing the general company by about ten minutes shunting at Ormskirk; the destination, about 17 miles distant, being reached in the incredibly short time of one hour and a half! Verily the ways of railways are delightful. The arrangements for the "outers" made by the Lodge Committee were very complete, and, although rain fell during the early part of the day, there was scarcely any hitch in the continuous enjoyment. Dinner was served in the schoolroom of Rufford, under the presidency of Bro. M. Corless, W.M., who proposed the usual toasts in pointed terms, and afterwards the company wandered through the splendid gardens and walks of Rufford Park, where there were many points of beauty which attracted the numerous visitors. Dancing and a variety of games constituted the pleasant afternoon's amusements, and the ladies and brethren of "St. John's" returned to town at an early hour, highly delighted with the picnic.

LIVERPOOL.—Prince of Wales Lodge (No. 1035).—Amongst the numerous pleasant summer excursions of Liverpool Lodges, all the more pleasant and enjoyable, because ladies for once are allowed to join in the Masonic festivities, none have been so delightful as that which the brethren of the Prince of Wales Lodge made on Thursday, the 2nd inst., when about 140 brethren and ladies started from the Central Station, Ranelagh-street, by the Midland Railway, for Buxton and Chatsworth. Those places at once gave promise of some of our most charming bits of English landscape, recalling recollections of Peveril of the Peak, exciting anticipations of a visit to Haddon Hall, with its many interesting relics of one of the most eventful periods of our national history, and then of Chatsworth, the princely mansion of his Grace the Duke of Devonshire—a wonderful storehouse of almost matchless treasures, gems of the painter and the sculptor, which might well excite the envy of the proudest monarch. Then there are the magnificent gardens and grounds surrounding his Grace's residence, with the enormous conservatories, built under the direction of Sir. Joseph Paxton ere he designed that first Crystal Palace, which in 1851 excited the admiration of the world, as perhaps the most astonishing feature of our first Great Exhibition; the numberless and priceless treasures of the botanist and florist, the rarest and finest of trees and plants of every part of the known world. The very fine "artificial" waterfall, the powerful fountains, the parterres of flowers, all add greatly to the attractions of the place; and as the Duke very generously throws them open to all comers, it is no wonder that the visitors are very numerous, and that all who visit the place are both astonished and delighted. These, with the magnificent drive from Buxton, were the substantial pleasures offered for the long summer day's "out," and the fact that nearly all the places seen and all the pleasures realised showed that the arrangements were very complete and satisfactory. The party left the Central Station at 7.45 a.m., being about 240 in number, and all, not only on the best of terms with themselves but with each other. The arrangements of the Midland Railway Company were in every respect most excellent, and at all points and in every way manifested the greatest possible desire to contribute to the comfort of the travellers. Saloon carriages were placed at the disposal of the party, and every possible attention was paid to them in the course of the journey. A three hours' pleasant ride brought the party to Buxton, and even at this early stage it seemed as if there had been a full day's enjoyment, for the party had travelled through charming country districts, they had slightly "refreshed the inner man" on the way, and they had been accompanied by a band which had unceasingly discoursed most excellent music. But there was much, very much, more in store for them. Carriages—the cozy old stage coach, omnibus, wagonettes, and drags—were in attendance; and mounting these they were whisked off for a drive of some fifteen miles through the open country, the bright sunshine on the hills, the beautiful green foliage of the trees and fields

as they spanked along by hill and dale over the white turnpike road, the bright colour of the ladies' dresses, the lively music of the band, and the cheerful good humour which pervaded all, contributing to the general gratification, and astonishing not a little the inhabitants of the clean and pleasant little villages through which they passed, accustomed though they must be to excursion parties. On arriving at Buxton, the telegraph to Baslow, on the confines of Chatsworth, was immediately set to work announcing the "outers" as *en route*, and on reaching the Devonshire Arms, Mrs. White, the hostess, had prepared an excellent dinner, which was disposed of without extra ceremony, all toast drinking being rigorously abolished for the nonce. As soon as dinner was over, those who had not previously visited Chatsworth House proceeded to do so; but the previously talked-of run to Haddon Hall was found to be quite out of the question. Indeed, there were many who gave up the idea of even going upon this occasion to Chatsworth, very well content with the enjoyment they had already had. As the band remained at the hotel, dancing on the green was soon commenced, and so the time was pleasantly whiled away until half-past four, when the company sat down to a good substantial "knife and fork" tea, so that it will readily be seen that the creature comforts were by no means neglected. A hurried tea, and a rush for the different vehicles, nine in number, which crowded the little village of Baslow, and then the whole of the party, as jolly as "sand-boys," were quickly *en route* for Buxton. Jokes, songs, and little adventures with milk carts, which would get into the procession of vehicles, were the chief features of a July evening return to Buxton. This pleasant little town was crowded with excursionists from Liverpool, Manchester, Derby, Leeds, Birmingham, Nottingham, Sheffield, and neighbouring places, all come to witness the annual floral holiday, on the occasion of the "well dressing." After some delay, the whole party at last got on board, and the train proceeded for Liverpool, the journey being agreeably lightened by songs, and other pleasant features. The whole day's out was was one of the most pleasant and agreeable, and the fact that the arrangements were carried out without the slightest hitch, was due in a large measure to the excellent generalship of Bro. Fozzard, P.M., D.C., who was assisted by Bros. Sculthorp, P.M. (acting as W.M. in the absence of Bro. M'Nab, who is at present in Egypt), R. W. Crosby, S.W.; J. Salmon, J.W.; J. B. Bunting, P.M., Treasurer; R. Williams, Secretary; L. Peak, I.G.; and S. Gardham, S.S. Amongst the visitors were Bros. R. Brown, S.W. 241, Secretary of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution; E. O. Rothwell, W.M. elect, of De Grey and Ripon Lodge; J. Vaughan, S.D. 86, &c. On the return journey, Bro. Cook proposed a vote of thanks to Bros. Sculthorp and Fozzard, highly complimenting them for the completeness and excellence of the arrangements of the day's proceedings, and congratulating the company upon the great amount of enjoyment which had been provided for them. The compliment was duly acknowledged, and Bro. Fozzard proposed a vote of thanks to the visitors, which was acknowledged by Bro. R. Brown (241), and the representatives of the Press, which was responded to by Bros. J. Vaughan (86), and J. B. Mackenzie, 349, 1782, &c. Ranelagh-street Station was reached about half-past eleven o'clock, and by the aid of a good supply of cabs the party was soon on their way to their respective homes.

FOREMONT.—*Kenlis Lodge* (No. 1267).—The brethren of the Kenlis Lodge having determined to mark their appreciation of the very efficient manner in which Bro. James Muncaster had discharged the duties of Worshipful Master of that lodge during the past year by re-electing him as W.M. for the ensuing twelve months, met together on Wednesday, 1st inst., for the purpose of giving formal expression to the compliment which they were thus desirous of paying him. Notwithstanding the inclement state of the weather, there was a large attendance of members, who assembled in the lodge-room at five o'clock, when the lodge was formally opened by

the W.M. The newly re-elected W.M. invested his officers as follows:—Bros. R. Baxter, S.W.; J. B. Mossop, J.W.; E. Chapman, Treasurer; W. L. Towerson, Secretary; E. Clarke, S.D.; G. Douglas, J.D.; E. Satterthwaite, I.G.; W. Selkirk, Tyler. The Lodge having been formally closed, the brethren were entertained at the Wheatsheaf Hotel to a substantial repast; the excellence of which, and the style in which it was served, did great credit to the resources of that establishment. During the evening the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured, those of "Her Majesty the Queen, the Prince and Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family," and "The Marquess of Ripon, the Grand Master of England, and the rest of the Grand Officers," being proposed by the Chairman; that of "The D.G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon," by Bro. Morton, P.M. 1267 and 872, and P.P.G.S.W.; that of "The P.G.M., the Earl of Bective," by the S.W.; that of "The D.P.G.M., Bro. Whitwell, P.M., and the rest of the Provincial Officers," by Bro. Mossop; and that of "The newly re-elected W.M. of Kenlis Lodge" (the host of the evening, Bro. James Muncaster), by Bro. Horsman, the W.M. responding in suitable terms. Bro. Matthews accompanied upon the pianoforte several of the brethren who were kind enough to sing songs, and other brethren, including Bro. M'Cauley, of Cleator, and Bro. Edward Tyson, of Whitehaven, contributed to the entertainment of the company by giving recitations. It will be interesting to the brethren throughout the province to know that the Kenlis Lodge is in a prosperous position, not only numerically, but financially, and that the sacred principles of Freemasonry are being satisfactorily promulgated. This result is mainly owing to the indefatigable exertions of the respected W.M., Bro. James Muncaster—a fact which, we doubt not, will afford no inconsiderable gratification to Freemasons generally, and especially to the P.G.M., the Earl of Bective, from whom Lodge 1267 derives its name.

ATHENÆUM LODGE (No. 1491).—The first regular meeting of this infant lodge was held on Wednesday evening, the 1st inst., at the lodge-room, Camden-road, N., Bro. Samuel Poynter, W.M., in the chair. The business consisted of initiations and the election and reception of joining members, of whom twelve were affiliated to the lodge. Bro. Poynter initiated into the Craft, Messrs. Shirley, Walsham and Summers, and when the brethren had adjourned from labour to refreshment, in proposing "The Health of the newly-made Masons" congratulated the lodge upon the quality of the material with which they were privileged to build up this the most recent structure in Masonry. The initiates each returned thanks. The W.M. in proposing "The Health of the Visitors," Bro. E. Foster Green, 475, remarked that in this instance this toast might almost be regarded as superfluous, as Bro. Green was very nearly one of themselves already, for he, the W.M., had the happiness to be able to recall their attention to the announcement made in lodge an hour before of Bro. Green's desire to become a joining member. Bro. Green briefly replied, and after the various toasts had been done due honour to—an honour in the case of the officers eminently deserved for their exceptional ability in conducting the work, an ability highly eulogised and gratefully acknowledged by the W.M.—the proceedings of an agreeable evening were closed by the outer guard Bro. Grant, who, by command of the W.M., gave the usual "Tyler's Toast." We are requested to announce that the next meeting of this lodge will be held (emergencies excepted) on Wednesday, 5th August.

ACACIA LODGE (No. 1309).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, June 27th, at the Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court; Bro. R. W. Little, P.G., Sec., Middlesex, P.M., opened the lodge. The business to be done was rapidly disposed of, it being to receive the report of the committee, as to where the future meetings of the lodge were to be held. All were unanimous in agreeing that the future meetings be held at the Prince Alfred Hotel, Southall, the place recommended by the Committee. The lodge was then closed. Banquet and dessert followed.

Bro. R. Limpus, W.M., elect, presiding, usual toasts were given and responded to. R. P. Tibb made himself Life Governor of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, in conjunction with Bro. J. H. Butten, Middlesex, to act as steward of that institution at the festival, in May, 1875. For the publicly it was announced that the Cluff, of London, had left, by his munificent sum of £3,500 to the Royal Institution for Girls, and £3,500 to the Masonic Institution for Boys, subject to certain restrictions, all admirable in themselves. The announcement produced quite a *furor*, the body seemed delighted to know that legacies (by far the largest ever given) had been left by a gentleman who had never been into Freemasonry. Excellent music accompanied the meeting. This being the musical lodge of the province, fulfilled its reputation. The brethren spent time to catch the last train from London, so many hailed from. Amongst the number present besides those named, were Bro. E. Sillifant, P.P.G.D., Middlesex, Treas.; F. Walters, P.P.G. Steward; Sec.; C. A. Ferris, S.D.; C. H. Russell, J.D.; J. H. Webster, I.G.; G. J. Selkirk, J. H. Butten, P.G.A.D. Cer., P.M. Tebb, J. W. George, Budgett, Upstone, Murray, Collins, C. Horsley, Reg., Middlesex, P.M.; and others. Lists of visitors comprised Bros. J. H. P.G.S. P.M. 8; J. Constable, W.M., Hammond, P.N., 201, W.M., 1326; R. 192; Wells, McDavett, Hubbard, Jordan.

WIDNES.—*Lodge of Equity* (No. 1267). The brethren of this lodge and their friends, a most delightful pic-nic in Knowsley Park, Thursday, the 2nd inst. Bros. Simpson, J. W. R. Fowler, A.P.M., J. W. J., P.M.; J. T. Hall (86), Oppenheim, and others, took an active part in promoting the general interest of the party, and their efforts were successful.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The usual summer fete and distribution of prizes at the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, was held on Wednesday last, at the School, Wood-green. Lieutenant Col. Burdett, Prov. Grand Master of the Institution, presided, and was supported by Bros. H. Symonds, Raynham W. Stewart, Rosen, Dubosc, H. C. Levander, Edward Cox, Dosell, W. Roebuck, W. Paas, Captain Lock, Haigh, C. Lacey, T. Cubitt, T. worth, Magnus Ohren, S. Rawson, W. P.M. 73; Collard Moutrie, R. W. Little, Secretary of the Girls' School.

The distribution of prizes took place in the gymnasium, which was utilised for the purpose at the last moment, on account of the demand for tickets. The gymnasium was decorated with flags and evergreens. Prizes were placed in the centre, and the ladies' seats to the right and left. The proceedings commenced immediately after 3 o'clock, by which time the building was full, indeed so large a number of friends and supporters of the school has never been gathered together on a similar occasion, not even at the opening of the building years ago. The recitations were well given by the pupils, and it was stated on the programme that they were the result of a month's instruction. This of course, is one of the new regime under the Rev. O. Peck, Head Master. They were interspersed with musical pieces by the pupils and Madam deus Well.

The singing of the pupils was very good indeed and was much superior to the recitations. The proceedings were very successful, success was in no small measure contributed by the artistic singing of Madam deus Wells.

The following are

branches of education for which they were awarded, and the names of the pupils who obtained them, as awarded on report by Rev. John Bell, Examiner appointed by the Syndicate of the University of Cambridge:—

FIRST CLASS.—First Prize, Value 21s. each:—Classics, G. Shaw; Mathematics, L. Smith; Modern Languages, E. P. Bowles; English, J. Andrews; Scripture, H. H. Nicholson. Second Prize, Value 15s. each:—Classics, J. Axon; Mathematics, M. R. Warner; English, E. P. Bowles.

SECOND CLASS.—Value 10s. 6d. each:—Classics, F. Harvey; Mathematics, A. F. Watkins; Modern Languages, R. Bryant, W. R. Parker; English, E. G. L. Sweet.

THIRD CLASS.—Value 10s. 6d. each:—Classics, W. A. Haskins; Arithmetic, R. Bryant; English, G. E. Croydon.

FOURTH CLASS.—Value 7s. 6d. each:—Arithmetic, J. E. Coulthurst; English, A. E. G. Hibberd; Latin, W. A. Davenport.

FIFTH CLASS.—Value 5s.:—General Proficiency, 1, F. C. Gates; General Proficiency, 2, A. E. Rowstone.

Good Conduct Silver Medal, Presented at the Festival, March, 1874, H. H. Nicholson.

Efficiency as Monitor—Value 21s., H. H. Nicholson.

SPECIAL PRIZES: PRESENTED BY PRIVATE DONORS.

By Bro. Edward Cox, V.P., Canonbury Gold Medal, £4 4s. Presented at the Festival, March, 1874, E. P. Bowles.

By Mr. H. C. Sylvester, Drawing, (value 10s. 6d. each): Freehand, W. R. Parker; Painting, L. Smith; Shading, J. Axon; Architecture, A. A. Nash; Mechanical Drawing, G. Shaw; Model, J. A. M. Barnes.

By Bro. Capt. Wordsworth, Value 42s., Elocution, awarded to Roberts.

By the Secretary (value 10s. 6d. each), for personal cleanliness:—Christmas, 1873, M. Birks; Midsummer, 1874, A. A. Nash.

By Miss Hall, Matron, for general utility, J. Andrews, W. Fabian.

Presented by the House Committee, (First Prize, value 21s. each, Second Prize, value 10s. 6d. each): Writing, J. A. M. Barnes, A. A. Nash; Dictation, G. Shaw, E. P. Bowles; History, J. Andrews, W. Beaumont; Special Prize given by Mr. Lees (2nd Master) E. Wallbridge; Geography and Mapping, J. A. M. Barnes, J. Andrews; General attention to Studies, E. Varden, W. R. Parker; Mental Arithmetic, L. Smith, E. P. Bowles; Proficiency in Drill, N. Carter, E. P. Bowles.

Bro. F. Binckes, Secretary, at the commencement of the proceedings, after referring to the many previous annual presentations, stated to the chairman that for the progress, not only of the prize-winners, but the other pupils, had made in their studies, it appeared to him there was a bright prospect in store for them. Annually, he and other friends of the Institution hailed this semblance with a very large amount of satisfaction, and always with pleasure, as nothing was more agreeable than to distribute rewards for good work well done.

Colonel Burdett, as he presented the different prizes, accompanied the presentations with any kindly observations, remarking on the energy which was displayed by the pupils in the pursuit of their studies, as evinced by the amount of education in which each had excelled. The ceremony lasted a little over two hours, but at its conclusion a vote of thanks to Colonel Burdett was moved by Bro. B. Head, who said it was a peculiar pleasure to him to have to perform that duty as he had had the privilege of owing Col. Burdett for some years.

Bro. J. J. Chancellor, in seconding the proposition, added that the Chairman was at all times ready to render any service in his power to his as well as to other Masonic Institutions. The motion having been carried with much cheering, Colonel Burdett said I assure you I am very much pleased with what I have seen to-day, but must first of all thank you for the kind manner in which you have carried the vote of thanks to myself. At the same I thank you for the forance with which you have witnessed my

shortcomings, which I am afraid have been very considerable. You may say I have not had much experience in this branch of business, but I hold that when any one feels an interest in what he undertakes, it gives him some little title to the kind consideration of his friends. I am greatly pleased that what I have done has been satisfactory to those who have witnessed our proceedings. With the general arrangements of the school I have to express the greatest gratification. The boys are a credit to every one who is placed in authority here, not only for the progress they have shewn that they have made in their education, but from their healthy, cleanly, and manly appearance.

A vote of thanks was passed to Madame Thaddeus Wells, on the motion of Bro. Rosenthal, seconded by Bro W. Pass.

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart proposed a vote of thanks to the Head Master which was also seconded and carried unanimously.

The Rev. Perrott, in returning thanks, said that a principle on which he held tuition should be conducted was that the tutor should win the hearts of his pupils and generally speaking, education conducted on that principle was the most successful. He then referred to the very short time that the pupils had had to prepare for the exhibition of that day, and congratulated them on having achieved such success. The company then adjourned to cold collation in the dining hall, and afterwards engaged in the out door sports which were on the programme, winding up with the usual ball inside the building.

The party separated about eleven o'clock thoroughly satisfied with the entertainment.

The following is the programme of songs, recitations, &c. —

Song, "Blue Bells of Scotland," Pupils.
Scene, "Merchant of Venice," Duke, Warner; Shylock, Barnes; Portia, Bowles; Antonio, Smith; Bassanio, Hawes, F.; Gratiano, Ladd; Nerissa, Jones, J. M.

Song, Partant pour la Syrie, Pupils.
Recitation, English, Home, Nicholson,
Recitation, French, Le Misanthrope, Smith and Axon.

Song, Madame Thaddeus Wells.
German War Song, Die Wacht am Rhein, Pupils.

Recitation, German, Das Lied von der Glocke, Bowles, Warner, Barnes.
Song, Latin, Dulce Domum (Winchester Song), Pupils.

Recitation, Latin, Pro Lege Manilia, Varden.
Recitation, English, Henry VIII., Act I., Sc. 2, Wolsey's Fall, Jones, J. M.

Glee, March of the Men of Harlech, Pupils.
Recitation, English, Adam's Morning Hymn, Parker.

Song, The Hardy Norseman, Pupils.
Recitation, English, The Little Philosopher, Roberts.

Song, Madame Thaddeus Wells.
Recitation, English, Little Jim, Whalley and Hodge.

Recitation English, Home for the Holidays, Davenport, W.

Anthem, God save the Queen, Organ and Pupils.

THE MARCHIONESS OF RIPON'S FANCY DRESS BALL.

—On Monday the Marchioness of Ripon gave a costume ball at the family mansion in Carlton-gardens, when a brilliant and distinguished company graced her ladyship's salons. The principal apartments were thrown open on the occasion; the saloon, lighted by three crystal chandeliers and girandoles, being selected for the ball-room. The boudoir adjoining the ball-room was appropriated for light refreshments, and with the ball-room communicated with the conservatory, which formed a pleasant retreat from the ball-room. An adjoining drawing-room, where the fancy quadrilles assembled in the early part of the ball, was also arranged for dancing.

THE FAITHFUL BREAST.

BY HARRY C. BLOUNT.

The world around, where'er we turn,
Presents so much to view
Of true and false, 'tis hard to discern
That which is false from true;
In man so intermix'd we find
These adverse qualities,
Some faithful test should mark the line
Where the distinction lies.

Have you a friend? To him be true—
True to yourself, beside—
In all that he may trust to you,
Should he in you confide.
Have you a brother! Faithful be—
Think of the mystic tie
That binds the heart in Masonry —
Think of Fidelity.

No one can prize as Masons do
The man of merit, worth;
The man that's faithful and that's true,
The proudest boast of earth;
For in the temple's sacred walls
The heart is taught to dare,
An answer faithfully the call;
That test all one can bear.

But we look about us, see
So much that's empty show,
We might, perhaps, too thoughtlessly
Declare that all is so;
But true men, jewels hid from eyes,
Deep down in treasured mine,
When brought to light, we recognize
How faultlessly they shine.

The greatest monuments of yore
Have bowed their heads to time,
Their places now know them no more
Or but exist in rhyme;
But Masonry, we may proclaim,
Has borne severest test,
And yet preserves her wealth the same,
Secure in faithful breast.

No wonder, then, we so much prize
The man possess'd of worth,
And will his merit recognize,
Though humble be his birth,
For 'tis with such we must commit
These riches more than gold,
For worth alone can make one fit,
Her mystic treasures hold.

You say unworthy men have crept
E'en to our temple's shrine?
'Tis true; but such have never kept
Masonic lore. Incline.
Your ear, and let me whisper you:
When such an one you see,
Know that he is no Mason true,
Nor one, at all, can be.

The Master has prescribed for all
His righteous law—His will—
And we must answer at His call,
Our destiny fulfil;
And when we're called upon to show,
E'en by severest test,
We've kept the word,—the sign we know,
That proves a faithful breast.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

Our readers will be glad to learn that some very charming photos of groups at the summer fete of this institution, on Wednesday, at Wood Green, where taken by Bro. Haigh (Herbert, Watkins and Haigh, of Regent-street), and will shortly be published.

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The Freemason SATURDAY, JULY 11TH, 1874.

DEATH OF EARL DALHOUSIE

We regret to announce to the Craft the death of our lamented and distinguished brother, the Earl of Dalhousie, better known perhaps, as Lord Panmure. As Grand Master of Scotland, and as Deputy Grand Master of England, he has rendered great services to our Fraternity in both countries, and his decease will be a subject of much regret to many old friends and associates, as well as to the Craft at large. We hope in our next issue to give a short sketch of his life and distinguished career.

The following has appeared in a modern contemporary:—

"The announcements which have appeared day to day respecting the illness of the Earl of Dalhousie, will in some degree have prepared the public for the intelligence of his death, which, we regret to say, took place at Brechin Castle at ten minutes past eleven o'clock, on Tuesday night. The deceased peer, who was Lord-Lieutenant of Forfarshire, was born April 22nd, 1801, and succeeded his father as Baron Panmure in 1831, and his cousin as Earl of Dalhousie in 1839. He entered the 79th Highlanders, 1839; served in Canada, and retired as captain, 1839. He was M.P. for Perthshire, 1835-7; for the Burghs, 1838-41; and for Perth, 1841-2. Under Secretary for the Home Department, 1835-41; Vice-President of the Board of Trade, 1841; Secretary at War, 1846-51. He was President of the Board of Control, 1852-53, and appointed Keeper of the Privy Seal of Scotland in 1853; elected Lord Rector of Glasgow University, 1843, and was a Governor of Charterhouse; married (1831) the Hon. Lady Abercromby, eldest daughter of the second Baron Abercromby (this lady was the ship's cousin, George Ramsay, M.P., son of the Hon. John Ramsay.

"Lady Christian Maule received a telegraphic letter and a telegram from her husband, expressing the regret with which he heard of the serious illness and death of the Earl of Dalhousie. It is expected that the funeral of the late Earl will take place on Tuesday, in the churchyard of Forfarshire.

THE PROSPECTS OF MASONIC LITERATURE.

Summer is upon us all, and another half year of Masonic literary work, has been reached and passed by. It seems to us a good opportunity then to review the past, and discount the future. And though the progress we have made be somewhat like that of the march of the tortoise, it is nevertheless progress, and if slow, let us hope sure. We have to thank an increased number of readers for kindly support to *The Freemason*, and we are glad to hear the same, and to be able to report the same, of our monthly contemporary, *The Masonic Magazine*. It would indeed have been a grave reflection on English Freemasons, and English Freemasonry, if these, our only two Masonic periodicals, should have failed for want of Masonic aid, or English fraternal sympathy. Now we want to put the matter as simply and as concisely as we can before the common sense, and calm appreciation of our readers. Many of our good brethren talk and act as if Masonic publications were the most lucrative investment in the world, and Masonic journalism required no aid. But the truth is, Masonic literary efforts have never yet succeeded, from a purely financial point of view. They would not be regarded a favourable investment in the City, and all Masonic publishers have had to cater for a very limited circle of readers. Either our brethren have no time, or they cannot devote sufficient attention to Masonic literature, for until Bro. Kenning took up the literary contest so to say, in the name of the entire Order, the competitors in the arena were few, and universally unsuccessful. And therefore with another half year, we think it well to ask our friends to help us by extending the circulation of *The Freemason*, amidst the lodges first of all, and then amidst the brethren. If every English lodge took a copy weekly, that would form a good basis for the subscribers' list, and it would be an encouragement and inducement to our enterprising publisher to make still other efforts in the good cause of literary improvement, and Masonic light. Having said this, we again thank our many readers for their kind and cheering support, and we trust that our continuous efforts will prove that we are alike grateful for the past, and hopeful for the future.

MASONIC ARCHÆOLOGY.

Bro. Geo. Bake, Deputy Controller in the War Department, has shown us very kindly a most interesting Chinese image, in yellow jade which, in his opinion, may perhaps represent Confucius, and which bears on it a long apron in red, tied round the waist by golden cords and tassels, and on which are clearly to be seen the Masonic square, and what is evidently intended for the double triangle. The square separates the two triangles. On this apron, painted in red, the square being in jade, and the triangles gilt, are also to be seen seven stars, and what have the appearance at the bottom of two pillars. There are also some

Chinese Marks gilt on the apron. One great peculiarity of this statuette is, that, images in yellow jade are very scarce indeed, and date from a long antiquity. The green jade has not been worked for some centuries into images, and the yellow jade was given up long anterior to the time when the working in green jade began. This fact gives to the statuette a hoary antiquity, and renders it of the greatest interest and value to all Masonic students. It was taken, with other statuettes, by a French officer on the Staff of General Count Palikao from the Summer Palace of the Emperor, when the allied armies entered Peking. These statuettes were sold in Dublin to a friend of Bro. Bake, who discovered the Masonic emblems on this statuette alone. The person represented by the statuette must evidently have been a high personage, as he bears under his right arm the stone of honour, which is only presented by the Emperor of China to persons of great celebrity.

We believe that Bro. Bake would kindly allow the statuette to be seen by Masonic students at 198, Fleet-street. Brethren wishing to see it, had better, however, communicate with the Editor, who will make an arrangement with Bro. Bake.

THE TRUE MISSION OF FREEMASONRY.

There have been, there still are, many opinions now among Masons, as to what is the true mission of Freemasonry. Probably we shall not be doing any wrong if we reduce them to-day, for the purpose of our present argument to two principal ones, which may not unfairly be termed the Foreign view and the English view. We pass over necessarily in saying this, and laying down such a basis for our present consideration, many of those fancy views, if we may so call them, which have from time to time either startled society or amused mankind. Freemasonry, like anything else that is not clearly understood of men, has had its dogmatic professors, its "veiled prophets," and its calumnious critics. But it also generally happens, however, much its dogmatic professors, to use an old and a vile joke, have "barked," their "outcome," has been rather the yelping of curs than of thorough-bred Freemasons; they have often been ignorant of the first principles of the great science they professed so carefully to unfold, they have not added one iota of knowledge, or lent one gleam of light to the order, and they have for the most part left the subject, by their very treatment of it, darker and more mysterious than it was before! We have had—we are not without still some "veiled prophets," not of "Khorassan" but of Freemasonry; who, by the use of a few pet phrases of recondite verbiage, and a jargon which is a compound of mysticism and credulity, explain what needs no explanation, and leave an utter enigma what is, in truth, susceptible of an easy and simple explanation. While our calumnious critics, many of old, as now, complacently affect to treat a subject of which they are utterly ignorant, and as they are ignorant of what they profess to open out clearly to all men, they are

very often abusive, and, being both ignorant and abusive, they, one and all, end, as some of us will remember, in mendacious calumny! Well, we leave out to-day all these professors, and mystics, and calumniators, and we look at the two great views, divergent and antagonistic, though they necessarily be, of Freemasonry. Let us take the Foreign view first. Without troubling ourselves with possible modifications or variations, let us assume this to be, as no doubt it is, the popular view of many foreign Masonic writers. Masonry to them, wheresoever it has sprung from, whence it is derived, is a great eclectic system, which, rejecting all other known religious and denominational views, is the one great school of illuminating philosophy and of moral elevation, and psychological training for man. With such it admits a belief in God and the immortality of the soul, (though this even is denied by some,) but beyond this it does not profess to go, and hence, as a natural consequence, where such views prevail the use and value of the bible in the lodges are often seriously questioned. To this view is superadded the expansive idea of a community or brotherhood in Masonry, which is to absorb all others, to extend universally and to educate and elevate the human race. Thus with such exalted notions of what Freemasonry is, and what it is meant to be, many writers have gone so far as to term Freemasonry the "true philosophy," the "great brotherhood," the "moral elevator," the "spiritual teacher and guide of man." We are, in this country, very practical, as a general rule, and we have sometimes to come down from the lofty summits of foreign teaching on this and kindred subjects, to our own humbler level of common sense and reality. We think that in advancing such a view of Freemasonry as we have laid before our readers, those good brethren, who so write and think are losing themselves in what is ideal and purely theoretical, instead of dealing with what is actual and evidential. We confess we have always been of opinion, and advancing years have only served to strengthen our original conviction, that, it is unwise, on well known principles of thought and action ever to attempt to claim too widely or to prove too much. Our English view is we think a far safer view, and more defensible by us to-day. We look upon Freemasonry as a great world-wide Order, of ancient date and peculiar organization. It extends all over the world, and we all rejoice to be considered brethren of the same one great family. It is founded, we believe, on that great principle which pervades the most divine of all prayers, namely the recognition of the Universal Father, and it excludes none from its lodges, except the actual unbeliever or the openly immoral. Thus Christians, Hebrews, Hindoos, Mahomedans, Parsees, are all, and can be Freemasons, and no religious views "par excellence" bar any from joining Freemasonry. But beyond this Freemasonry does not profess to go. It inculcates no dogmas, and it lays down no canons. It places before us the Bible, the inspired word of God, as the rule of our life, and the test of our practice, and it enjoins us to conform our outward steps, and our daily course, to the divine precepts the Best of Books contains. But Freemasonry with us has neither philosophical

aspirations, or mystical illumination. It indeed supplies us with touching ceremonies, and a moralizing comment on sign and symbol, and would lead us, ever, to bear in mind, that we are all brethren, all mortal, and all members one of another. The earnest student, and the loving child of Masonry, may indeed find food, for much of philosophical contemplation, and elevating tendency, in every formula, and every adage of our ancient lore, in that ritual which is dear to us all, in those symbolical ornaments which grace our lodges, and in those lectures which our forefathers have bequeathed to us. But though Freemasonry to us is thus in one respect alike religious in its bearing, and philosophical in its scope, it is to us so personally and individually, rather than as members of a cosmopolitan order with great aims and lofty aspirations. This may be a defect in our English Freemasonry, this may make it appear dwarfed in design, and common-place in object, but we on the contrary, deem it to be both the excellency and the safeguard of our English Craft, in that it has preserved it alike from extravagance of profession and rhapsody of language, and has happily so far kept us free from some of those errors and complications, into which portions of foreign Freemasonry have fallen, and into which some writers have, as it appears to us, gone astray. But we will recur to the subject in our next impression.

MR. CLUFF'S BEQUEST TO THE MASONIC SCHOOLS.

The following are the terms of this bequest, which the Committee of the Masonic Schools have not yet determined on accepting, as it may bring them within the control of the Charity Commissioners. The testator, whose will was proved on the 18th of June, was a silk manufacturer, of 24, Spital-square, Shoreditch, and Walthamstow:—

"I bequeath to the trustees of the Freemasons' Charity Boys' School the sum of £3500 Metropolitan Board of Works Three-and-a-Half per Cent. Consolidated Stock, and I desire that every year out of the dividends and income thereof the sum of £100 may be awarded, subject to the conditions hereinafter mentioned, to the boy who shall be adjudged the most deserving boy in the schools, as a reward for good conduct and proficiency in his studies, but to be payable only if and when such boy shall attain the age of 25 years. I desire that such gift shall be called 'William Cluff's Gift,' and that every boy gaining it may have a certificate on parchment given to him stating the fact. From and after the award being made in favour of any boy I request and empower the last-mentioned trustees from time to time to retain the £100 so awarded and invest the same, and pay the dividends from time to time to arise from such investment to or for the benefit of such boy until he shall attain the age of 25 years or die under that age, and upon his attaining the age of 25 years, to pay the said sum of £100 to him, together with all accumulations (if any) of interest thereon; but if he shall die under that age, then to apply the said sum of £100 and all accumulations (if any) for the general purposes and benefit of the said schools in such manner as the trustees shall think fit. I desire that the balance of the dividends and income of the said sum of £3500 Metropolitan Board of Works Three-and-a-Half per Cent. Consolidated Stock, after deducting the said yearly sum of £100, be applied for the benefit of poor Freemasons, at the direction of the said last-mentioned trustees. No boy shall be entitled to have the said gift awarded to him more than once."

The bequest to the Girls' School is, *mutatis*

mutandis, the same, except that the gift is to be payable to the girls at 21 years of age, to be for their sole and separate use, and free from the control and engagements of their husband. Both bequests are duty free.

Autum in Parbo, or Masonic Notes and Queries.

THE SO-CALLED "LOCKE MS."

I am induced to call attention to this question for one or two reasons.

There are some facts connected with this document which are very singular, and unprecedented in the history of similar documents.

It originally came before the world, and even our order, in the pages of the *Gentlemen's Magazine*. It was printed in a London newspaper, it was reproduced by Hutchinson and Preston, without a word of doubt, or a note of caution.

They evidently treated it as genuine. It has since then, been quoted in all Masonic works, "usque ad nauseam," and the great name of Mr. Locke has been added, to strengthen its claims to genuineness and authenticity.

It originally professed to have been translated from the German at Frankfort-on-the-Maine, said to have been found "on the writing table of a deceased brother." It purported to have been written by Henry VI., and to have been copied by Leland for his "Highness," but where was this MS.?

Unless the above sentence be an anachronism, Leland, who beheld the dissolution of the Monasteries, and was said to have found it there, transcribed it either for Henry VIII. or Cromwell.

Though published in German, it had originally come from England, and must be somewhere, if extant at all.

Mr. Halliwell searched for it in the Bodleian; others have looked for it in the British Museum, but no trace of any such original MS. was found.

But yet it is not correct to say that no MS. of it exists. A MS. of it does exist among the "Additional MS. British Museum." There, among the "Essex MS.," as they are sometimes called, written probably by the hand of Essex himself, an able architect, who died in 1784, may be found "certayne questions and answers," &c., &c. As I said before, the MS. is also apparently written by Essex, and may be, therefore, put down about 1770 or 1775, "the close," as Mr. Sims says, "of the 18th century."

Now, the question naturally arises, from what did Essex copy this manuscript? As a general rule men do not copy from printed documents, especially a document which was then in so many books, but we cannot lay down any such rule in Freemasonry. There is, for instance, among the "additional MS.," a transcript of "The Life of Coustos," evidently copied from either a French edition or our English edition. Still it is a matter of some little interest to know that there is a MS. version of this debateable document—of this, I confess, as it appears to me a suspicious document—and I will endeavour to collate the printed and the MS. versions, and ascertain if there are any differences. For, though we can hardly accept the document, both from internal and external evidence, as of the date of Henry VI., it may have some foundation in some old Masonic MS., which ignorance has perverted or credulity has appropriated.

It may be a "fraus pia" altogether, of some mistaken Freemason, though, *prima facie*, I do not see the object of such a proceeding. So far its manuscript date is not earlier, apparently than 1770.

A MASONIC STUDENT.

ALEXANDRA PALACE.—The directors have announced that not only will the new season tickets admit to the Park until the palace is re-opened to the public, and be available for all shows, concerts, festivals, fêtes, and other entertainments, but that the holders will be entitled to participate in the annual distribution of the Alexandra Palace Art Union. The arrangement is that two-hundred-pounds-worth is to be apportioned to every thousand tickets.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The General Committee of this Institution met on Saturday last, in the Board-room, Freemasons Hall. Bro. Henry Browne, V.P., presided, and there was a large attendance of brethren to support him.

The minutes having been read by Bro. Binckes, the Secretary, Bro. Jesse Turner moved that a vote, expressing the loss all Masons had sustained by the death of Bro. Henry Empson, recorded on the minutes, and that a letter of condolence be written to Mrs. Empson. He felt that it was due to the memory of Bro. Empson that at the first meeting of this committee after his death, such a recognition of the valuable services he had rendered the Institution should be made. He had always been zealous, honest, and straightforward, in the cause of Freemasonry and of the institutions connected with it, and the general welfare of those institutions was always near his heart.

Bro. J. W. Dosell seconded the motion and begged to add his assent to all that had fallen from Bro. Turner.

Bro. John Symonds said he should not like an opportunity like this to pass without saying a word or two as to their deceased brother, and the value he was to Masonry. When he (Bro. Symonds) was Master of the Ionic Lodge, Bro. Empson was introduced to Masonry, and initiated him. From that time he proved himself a thoroughly worthy member of the Craft, and when he got further in Masonry he took deep interest in the charities, and soon became known to the Fraternity by the very active, kind, and efficient services he rendered at the election. To him was due the organization of the present system of scrutiny, by which the result of elections was declared almost immediately after the close of the poll. He was a man whom it was impossible to speak too highly of, and with regard to cases for the elections which he took up, his inquiry into the merits of the cases was so well known to every one that it was only necessary for his name to be attached to a case to secure the general support of the brethren. Every case that came under notice was thoroughly inquired into, and the result was that he invariably carried it in.

The Chairman said he himself had met Bro. Empson from his earliest days in Freemasonry and had always found him a most worthy brother. Of the way in which he conducted the scrutiny at the elections it was impossible to overrate the value, and the brethren, for many years to come would be indebted to Bro. Empson for the saving of much time and labour. He felt his loss very much indeed, and it would be long before the void caused by his death would be filled up.

The motion was then put, and carried unanimously.

Bro. Binckes then read a letter he had received from the Prov. Grand Secretary of Lancashire, informing him that he would lay G. P. Brockbank's scheme for benefiting charities before the Provincial Grand Master.

Bro. Binckes then read the following extract from the will of the late Mr. William C. silk manufacturer, of 24 Spital-square, Shoreditch, and Walthamstow, which was proved in London on the 18th ult., by W. G. Cluff Stevens, and Eliza Spalding:—"I bequeath to the Trustees of the Freemasons' Charity Schools the sum of £3500 Metropolitan Board of Works 3½ per cent. Consolidated Stock, and I desire that every year out of the dividends and income thereof the sum of £100 may be awarded, subject to the conditions hereinafter mentioned, to the boy who shall be adjudged the most deserving boy in the schools as a reward for good conduct and proficiency in his studies, but to be payable only if and when such boy shall attain the age of 25 years. I desire that such gift be called 'William C. Cluff's Gift,' and that every boy gaining it may have a certificate on parchment given to him, stating the fact. From and after the award being made in favour of any boy, I request and empower the last-mentioned trustees from time to time to retain the £100 so awarded, and invest the same, and pay the dividends from time to time to arise from such investment to or for the benefit of such boy until he shall attain the age of 25 years or die under that age, and upon his attaining the age of 25 years, to pay the said sum of £100 to him, together with all accumulations (if any) of interest thereon; but if he shall die under that age, then to apply the said sum of £100 and all accumulations (if any) for the general purposes and benefit of the said schools in such manner as the trustees shall think fit. I desire that the balance of the dividends and income of the said sum of £3500 Metropolitan Board of Works Three-and-a-Half per Cent. Consolidated Stock, after deducting the said yearly sum of £100, be applied for the benefit of poor Freemasons, at the direction of the said last-mentioned trustees. No boy shall be entitled to have the said gift awarded to him more than once."

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Bro. Binckes said that fearing the acceptance of this bequest might bring the school within the control of the Charity Commissioners, he submitted the above extract to the Institution's solicitors, Messrs. Hopwood and Sons, 47, Chancery-lane, from whom he received a reply, stating that under the 62nd clause of the Charitable Trusts' Act such would be the effect of the acceptance of the bequest.

After some discussion it was resolved to communicate the matter to the Grand Master, as President of the Institution, and if deemed necessary, to take the opinion of counsel, and to communicate with the general committee of the Girls' School, to which a similar bequest was made. The further consideration of the matter to stand over till a future meeting of the committee.

Bro. Binckes then brought forward the subject of the alteration of the date of the Annual Festival of the Boys' School from the second Wednesday in March to the last Wednesday in June, and submitted the following among other strong reasons for the alteration:—1st. The accounts for the year close on the 31st of December, and have to be prepared for the audit on the last Saturday but one in January: these, with all the varied statistical information now required, have to be put in print, and made ready for the annual festival, as also has the report of the committee. 2nd. The list of candidates for election in April closes on the first Saturday in January, immediately after which date preparations of the voting papers for the election must be commenced, the number to be issued approximating 5000. 3rd. The festival, as now fixed, takes place on the second Wednesday in March, and simultaneously with the heavy work as stated above there is the labour incident to the arrangements for the festival, and the correspondence with 160 or 180 stewards, to say nothing of the meetings of the Board of Stewards, which commence at the end of January. 4th. The very day after the festival must be commenced preparations for the issue of a second batch of voting papers for the April election, in virtue of the money contributed at the festival. (This does not occur in connection with either of the other institutions.) 5th. The festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was formerly triennial; it is now annual; and the sequence of the Masonic festivals is as follows:—Royal Benevolent, last Wednesday in January; Boys' School, second Wednesday in March; Grand Festival, Wednesday after 23rd. of April; Girls' School, second Wednesday in May. The etiquette, generally observed, hitherto has been for the official of one institution to defer the issue of his circulars to lodges appealing for stewards and support, until after the first meeting of the Board of Stewards for the earlier fixed festival. This operates most injuriously to the Boys' School, e.g., the first meeting of Benevolent Stewards would be held, say, early in December. Many London lodges do not meet either in December or January, and consequently the circulars sent from the Boys' School do not reach them until February, a date too near that of the festival to afford a steward a fair chance of success, and, therefore, the service is declined altogether. This has been proved by experience. 6th. The month of March, as now fixed for the festival, precludes all chance of a successful

gathering of Stewards and friends at Wood-green. The beneficial results of such a gathering previous to the annual festival, may be estimated by those who have attended at Wandsworth in the more genial month of May. With the suggested change, a similar successful meeting would be held at Wood-green, and, as is believed, the interests of this institution considerably benefited. There are other considerations incident to, or arising out of, the reasons above detailed, which will readily occur to those experienced in the affairs of our several institutions, but it is assumed that what has been stated may fairly be taken as a justification for representing to the proper authority the policy of an alteration in the date of the festival, from the second Wednesday in March to the last Wednesday in June, or the first Wednesday in July. At all events, these memoranda are submitted to the House Committee for their opinion thereon.

Bro. Symonds said that a great many brethren, both clergy and laymen, objected to any festival being held in the season of Lent. He remembered occasions when it happened on Ash Wednesday, and the Grand Master had changed the day, and without expressing any opinion of his own on this religious question, he still thought that if it was at all prejudicial to the interests of the school, or at all offensive to the feelings of a section of the brethren that the festival should be held in Lent, another and more convenient period should be chosen. To hold the festival in June would offend no one's principles or prejudices, and he should have much pleasure in moving that the recommendation of the House Committee that the alteration should be made, be approved, and submitted to the Grand Master for his sanction.

Carried unanimously.

Fourteen petitions were thereafter considered. One was deferred, the other thirteen passed, and the candidates were placed on the list for election in October, and thirteen vacancies were declared in the school at that date.

Bro. Symonds then gave notice of the following motion for the quarterly court of next Monday:—

"That Rule 37 be amended by omitting all after the words 'Shall be made at the General Committee in April,' and adding the following: 'When, if more than twelve be nominated, a chairman, and two or more scrutineers shall be appointed by the members of the committee present, to conduct the election, which shall take place by ballot on the day of meeting of the General Committee in May, the poll to commence at three, and close at 5 o'clock p.m. Official balloting papers shall be provided, on which the names of the candidates shall be printed in alphabetical order. After the close of the poll, the result shall be reported to the General Committee then sitting, and at this meeting the result of the election (whether by poll or otherwise) shall be declared.'"

To add to rule 8:

"A lady contributing fifty guineas, in one or more payments of not less than five guineas each, shall be a Vice-Patron, with thirty votes at each election of girls."

He did this because Bro. Parkinson had given notice of such a motion for the Girls' Quarterly Court of to-day, and it was necessary to make the rules of both institutions correspond.

The Committee then adjourned, after sitting two hours. The proceedings closed with a cordial vote of thanks to the Chairman.

BRO. CONSTABLE'S "DRAWING."

PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT.

The "drawing" for Bro. Constable's next lottery, which is to be devoted to the Girls' School, is to take place on 28th April, 1875, at the White Hart Tavern, Abchurch Lane, E.C.

We understand that 3000 tickets are now being printed, at one shilling each, and another batch will be forthcoming if the response is so hearty and general as many are in hopes it will be.

We are disappointed in the small average paid by the 698 subscribers (the total being £100) for we had hoped the sum would not have been less than 5s. per member. There were 2000

tickets sold, which produced £100, the main portion of which, if not all, would never have been contributed to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, London.

The system started by Bro. Constable achieves in a public way what the Charitable Associations are doing well locally, and the plan offers every inducement to brethren to subscribe who cannot afford a guinea, and if they do not draw a "Life Governorship," they, at all events, have the satisfaction of knowing that the whole of their contribution goes to the charity in question.

There is a large field yet to be cultivated in this country, and we shall be much disappointed if Bro. Constable's able services do not supply the requisite means of cultivation. We refer to the "shillings," "the half-crowns," and "crowns," which many never think of giving, because the sum would confer no votes, but, if solicited, they would gladly embrace the opportunity of purchasing a few of Bro. Constable's tickets. We know of a case only recently where a 5s. piece was refused for the R. Mas. Inst. for Girls, and two half-guineas, simply because the brother who was Steward would not accept less than the customary guinea. The remarks of the M.W.G.M. are much to the point, as delivered by his lordship at the last festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, as follows:—

"I am very well aware that there are many men in the Craft who, with the best intentions, have not the means of subscribing; but I am very well aware that there are very many men who might subscribe and who do not. What I want to impress upon you to night is this that it is far better that these institutions should be supported by small subscriptions from large numbers, than that they should be supported by large subscriptions from a few. You who do not subscribe and cannot, have no right to say that the Boys' School is a credit to Freemasonry; it is a credit to its members; it is no credit, but a discredit to those who do not subscribe, and I earnestly beg you to think these things are, doubtless, truly the proofs which are held up, and which we may hold up to our fellow countrymen of the advantages of the spirit by which the Craft in this country is animated; but they are only proof in that degree in which they are supported throughout the length and breadth of the Craft, by every one who can give any support at all. Do not let any brother be ashamed to give a small subscription. A great many small subscriptions will, in the end, come, as you well know, to a great deal more than a few large ones; and what you want is, that these institutions should rest upon the widest possible basis that they should be truly representatives of the spirit of this ancient fraternity."

We again commend Bro. Constable's "drawing" to the fraternity, and wish him and his tickets all the success they deserve.

CONSECRATION OF THE WYCOMBE LODGE No. 1501.

The consecration of the above lodge took place at the Town Hall, at High Wycombe, on Wednesday, the 1st July, 1874, under the most favourable circumstances, and which will augur well for the prosperity of the commencement of the sixteenth century of lodges at present flourishing under the Grand Lodge of England. The ceremonies of consecration and installation were taken by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of the Province of Berks and Bucks, the Rev. and V. W. Bro. J. Studholme Brownrigg, in a manner which elicited the warmest praise of the brethren, who were fortunate enough to be present.

The brethren assembled in ante-room of the Town Hall, and walked in procession to the lodge room. The presiding officer took the chair, and appointed his Wardens pro. tem. viz.—Bros. Terry, S.W.; and Warner, J.W.; Bro. Grishook I.P.M. 771, acting as Director of Ceremonies. The lodge was then opened in the three degrees, and the presiding officer addressed the brethren on the nature of the meeting, when Bro. Strange, the acting Secretary, addressed the V.W. the D.P.G.M., as follows—"A number of brethren here assembled have requested me to inform you

that the M.W.G.M. has been pleased to grant them a charter, bearing the date 3rd day, of June, 1874, authorizing them to open a lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, at the Town Hall of High Wycombe, in the county of Bucks, under the title of the Wycombe Lodge, and they are anxious that their lodge should be consecrated and their officers installed and invested according to ancient custom, for which purpose, they are now met, and await your pleasure.

The Consecrating Master made a snitable reply and directed that the W.M. and officers designate should present themselves at the pedestal in the following order, viz.:—Bros. Jessie Owens, W.M. designate; John Palmer, S.W.; William Cantrell, J.W.; — Penny, S.D.; Leopold M. Nixon, J.D.; — Seward, Secretary; — Huckville, I.G.; — Nowell, Tyler. The petition and warrant were then read, and the officers approved of in Masonic form. The Consecrating Master, the Rev. S. Brownrigg, then gave an oration on the nature and principles of the Order in a manner truly worthy of his position in the province and the dignity of the task he was called upon to perform.

Then followed an anthem—"Behold how pleasant and how good," composed by Bro. S. Tolley, P.M., 771, who directed the musical ceremonial, assisted by members of St. George's Chapel, Windsor—the dedication prayer, and reading from the volume of the sacred law was followed by the dedication of the lodge, and the anthem—"Not unto us, O Lord." The sacred portion of the dedication prayer was then given, and the presiding officer constituted the lodge. The anthem—"God be merciful unto us, and bless us," terminated the ceremony of consecration.

The V.W. the D. Prov. G.M. then installed the W.M., Bro. Jessie Owens, who appointed his officers as stated above.

There were present the V.W. the D. Prov. G.M. of Berks and Bucks, the Rev. J. Studholm Brownrigg, Jessie Owens, W.M. 1508; Bros. Warner, P.M. 23; F. Harrison, 27; Bingham, W.M. 771; Dixon, W.M. 209; Bryatt, P.M. 834 and 209; Grisbrook, 771; Tolley, P.M. 771; E. J. Scott, P.M. 749; Stacey, 209; Longhurst, P.M. 780; Swallow, P.M. 302; Hodges, P.M. 795; Strange, P.M. 209; Palmer, 771; Terry, F.M. 228, P.G.D.C. Herts; Bros. Nixon, 771; Marriot, 771; Briggs, 771; Welham Clarke, 771.

The united hearty good wishes for the Wycombe Lodge was given by the visiting brethren, and numerous propositions for joinings and initiations were received.

Ireland.

OPENING OF A NEW LODGE AT WATERFORD.

On Wednesday, 17th ult., the very interesting ceremony took place at the Lodge-rooms of No. 5, the Mall, of the inauguration of Lodge 217.

Brethren present (No. 5 Lodge)—T. Hill Curtis, W.M.; Cherry, P.M.; C. Galway, S.W.; W. G. D. Goff, J.W.; Dr. Fletcher, S.D.; E. H. Dart, J.D.; W. Price, I.G.; T. Sleanor, Secretary; Rev. J. DeRenzy, Chaplain; H. R. Sargent, Prince Mason; W. Murray.

No. 32 Lodge—H. Waugh, W.M., R.A.; A. Nelson, R.A., Treas.; S. Perry, R.A., Sec. H. Palmer, P.M., R.A.; T. Andrews, R.A.; J. Sunderland, R.A.; W. L. Pearn, P.M., H.K.T.; W. Arrowsmith, R. Whalley, jun., P.M., H.K.T.

No. 642 Lodge (Kilkenny)—J. Hearne, W.M. The business of Lodge 5 having concluded, the W.M. called upon Bro. Sleanor to read the warrant for Lodge 397. He having done so, and read the list of members, Bro. Thomas Sleanor was duly installed the first W.M. thereof; Bros. W. L. Pearn, S.W.; W. Behm, J.W., Secretary and Treasurer.

The several officers having been conducted to their chairs were saluted according to ancient custom, and Lodge 297 was declared formally opened, agreeable to the constitution of Ireland.

Obituary.

BRO. ALDERMAN YATES.

The funeral of Alderman Yates took place on the 4th ult., at the General Cemetery, Birmingham. The funeral cortege left the late Alderman's residence, Norfolk-road, Edgbaston, about half-past eleven o'clock, and arrived at the cemetery about twelve o'clock. There were six morning coaches, four of which preceded the hearse. The other two, containing the mourners, came immediately after the hearse, and were followed by fifteen private carriages. The principal mourners were Messrs. James Yates, Thomas Yates, J. W. Yates, Robert Yates, S. Cardell, H. Yates, C. Yates, and W. Yates. A considerable number of the members of the Masonic Body attended to pay honour to the deceased, who was a prominent Mason. Several members of the Town Council, and a number of deceased's workpeople were also present. The body of the deceased was enclosed in a metallic case, within an ornamental oak coffin, which was covered with a splendid pall, upon which was placed five beautiful wreaths of flowers. The coffin was placed in a new bricked grave; the burial service being performed by the Rev. J. C. Blissard. Messrs. Holliday, of New street, were the undertakers.

Masonic Tidings.

The Grand Masters' Lodge, No. 1, under the direction of the W.M., Bro. Colls, ably assisted by Bros. P.M. Case and Rawson, gave a jubilee entertainment, at the Star and Garter Hotel, Richmond, on Monday last, in honour of Bro. Giraud; the banquet was held in the new Pavilion, the tables being tastefully laid out with fruit and flowers. The dinner, served under the supervision of Mr. George Hunt, the newly appointed manager, gave perfect satisfaction to the assembled guests; and we trust the ladies, who honoured the brethren with their company, thereby adding a charm to a very pleasant evening, will have many a happy reminiscence of the grand jubilee.

We have great pleasure in announcing that "Memorials of the Masonic Union of 1873," will be ready in a few months, or less, and be limited to 100 copies, at half-a-guinea each. Names of intending subscribers should be at once forwarded to me, at Truro, Cornwall, for if the number is completed a list will be published with the work "Memorials" will contain an introduction by me, list of lodge at and before the Union, numbers, places of meeting, &c. Articles of union, and other official documents, and Dr. Dassigny's "Enquiry of 1744," also a Frontispiece. 100 copies will be issued simultaneously in the United States. The work is dedicated by permission to the M.W. the Grand Master of England.—W. J. HUGHAN.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, July 16, 1874.

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

Saturday, July 11.

Quarterly General Court, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12.

Lodge 1328, Granite, Freemasons' Hall,

" 1361, United Service, Greyhound, Richmond.

Manchester Lodge of Instruction (179), Yorkshire Grey, 77, London-street, Fitzroy-square, at 8; Bro. H. Ash, Preceptor.

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

Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. G. Dilley, Preceptor.

Monday, July 13.

Quarterly General Court, Boys' School, at 12.

Lodge 1366, Highgate, Gatehouse Hotel, Highgate.

Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction (1445), Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland, at 7; Bro. T. Austin, Preceptor.

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

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

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

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

British Oak Lodge of Instruction (813), Bank of Friends Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.

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

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

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

Metropolitan Mark Lodge of Instruction, Coach Horses Hotel, 343, Strand, at 8.

Tuesday, July 14.

Lodge 167, St. John's, Holly Bush Tavern, Hampstead

" 548, Wellington, White Swan Tavern, Deptford

" 1269, Stanhope, Thicket Hotel, Anerley.

Supreme Grand Council 33^d, 33, Golden-square.

Yarborough Lodge of Instruction (554), Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8; Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.

Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tavern, Green-park, Camberwell, at 8.

Faith Lodge of Instruction (141), Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st., (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at Bro. C. A. Cotebrune, Preceptor.

Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Lord Hotel, Lord's Cricket Ground, St. John's-wood, at Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction (860), King Edward's, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. Crawley, Preceptor.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction (63), Gladstone Tavern, Bishopton-gate-st., Within, at 7.30; Bro. Bolton, W. 1217, Preceptor.

St. Mary's Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Star Tavern, New-street, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. A. Adams, Preceptor.

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

Percy Lodge of Instruction, Grapes Tavern, Little Windmill-street, W.

Southwark Lodge of Instruction, (879), Southwark Park Tavern, Southwark Park, at 8; Bro. Charles Willis Kent, Preceptor.

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

United Strength Lodge of Instruction (128), the Grange Arms, Prince of Wales-road, Kenish-town, at Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.

Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30.

Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet street, at 7; Bro. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.

Wednesday, July 15.

General Committee Grand Chapter, at 3.

Lodge 174, Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street

" 619, Beadon, Greyhound Hotel, Dulwich.

" 1044, Wandsworth, Spread Eagle Hotel, Wandsworth.

" 1320, Blackheath, Crown Hotel, Blackheath.

" 1382, Corinthian, George Inn, Cubitt Town.

Grand Mark Lodge, Benevolent Fund Annual Festival, Red Lion-square.

Supreme Grand Council 33^d, 33, Golden-square.

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

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

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Tavern, church-lace, at 7.30.

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

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

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

Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction (1288), First Park Tavern, Seven Sisters-road, N., at 8. Bro. Dickinson, Acting Preceptor.

Thursday, July 16.

Lodge 1227, Upton, Spotted Dog Tavern, Upton,

" 1278, Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Approach road, Victoria Park.

" 1365, Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton.

Chap. 742, Crystal Palace, Clarendon Hotel, Anerley

Mark Lodge 7, Carnarvon, Mitre Tavern, Hampton Court

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

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

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

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

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

Ebury Lodge of Instruction, Bro. Palmist, 10, Ebury-st., Millbank.

Highgate Lodge of Instruction (1366), Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.

Friday, July 17.

- K. T. Preceptory 48, Kemeys Tynte, 33, Golden-square.
- St. George's Lodge of Instruction (140), Globe Tavern, Royal-hill, Greenwich.
- Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
- Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, (749), Coach and Horses, Strand, at 8; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.
- Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.
- Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s Freemasons' Hall, a 7.
- Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tavern, Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.
- Clapton Lodge of Instruction (1365), White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., Preceptor.
- Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1293), the Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. W. F. Rogers, Preceptor.
- Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-road, at 8; Comp. W. West Smith, Preceptor.
- Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (733), Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8.
- United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Antelope Tavern, Lorn-road, Brixton, at 7.
- St. James's Lodge of Instruction, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-road, Bermondsey, at 8; Bro. Howes, P.M., Preceptor.
- Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Bro. D. S. Potts, Preceptor.
- Doric Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8.
- Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8; Bro. P. M. Wuest, Preceptor.
- St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Rose Tavern, Fulham-road, S.W.
- Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.
- High Cross Lodge of Instruction (754), Coach & Horses, High Road, Tottenham.
- Union Club of Instruction, Windsor Castle, Victoria Station at 8 p.m.; H. Ash, P.M., Instructor.
- Burdett Courts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park, at 8; Bro. Geo. W. Verry, Preceptor.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE,

For the Week ending Saturday, July 18, 1874.

Monday, July 13.

- Lodge 314, Peace and Unity, Militia Mess Room, Preston.
- " 721, Independence, Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row, North Chester, at 5.
- " 1021, Hartington, Masonic Hall, Barrow-in-Furness.
- " 1398, Baldwin, Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.
- Chap. 148, Elias Ashmole, Chapter Rooms, Warrington, at 3.30.
- Tuesday, July 14.
- Lodge 241, Merchants', Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 5.
- " 1250, Gilbert Greenall, Masonic Rooms, Warrington.
- Wednesday, July 15.
- Lodge 823, Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
- " 1086, Walton, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, at 6.
- " 1182, Duke of Edinburgh, Coffee House, Wavertree, at 3.
- " 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys Hotel, Eccles.
- " 1353, Duke of Lancaster, Athenaeum, Lancaster.
- Chap. 580, Unity, Wheatheat Inn, Ormskirk, at 4.
- Harmonic Lodge of Instruction (216), Mona Hotel, James-street, Liverpool, at 8.

Thursday, July 16.

- Lodge 203, Ancient Union, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
- " 343, Concord, Queen's Arms Hotel, Church-street, Preston.
- " 425, Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester, at 4.
- " 605, Combermere, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, at 6.
- " 1299, Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, at 5.

Friday, July 17.

- Lodge 1350, Ferrier-Hesketh, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
- Red Cross Conclave, 55, Liverpool, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, at 6.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND VICINITY.

For the week ending Saturday, July 18, 1874.

All the Meetings take place at 8 o'clock.

Monday, July 13.

- Lodge 102, St. Mark, 213, Buchanan-st.
- " 179, St. Mungo, London Hotel, Mauchline.
- " 205, St. Winnoch, Eagle Inn, Lochwinnoch.
- " 219, Star, 12, Tron-gate.
- " 307, Union and Crown, Freemasons' Hall, Barrhead.

- Lodge 362, St. Clair, 25, Robertson-st.
- " 503, St. George, Odd Fellows' Hall, Helensburgh.
- " 541, Marie Stuart, Wilson's Academy, Langside-road, Crosshill.

Tuesday, July 14.

- Lodge 413, Athole, 213, Buchanan-st.
- " 419, Neptune, 35, St. James-st.
- " 441, Glasgow, 22, Struthers-street.
- Chap. 69, St. Andrew, 170, Buchanan-st.

Wednesday, July 15.

- Lodge 117, St. Mary, Freemasons' Hall, Partick.

Thursday, July 16.

- Lodge 27, St. Mungo, 213, Buchanan-street.

Friday, July 17.

- Lodge 12, Kilwinning, Town-Hall, Greenock.
- " 471, St. John, Stane Inn, Shotts.

Saturday, July 18.

- " 305, St. John Woodhall, Masons' Hall, Holytown.

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COLCHESTER.—*Angel Lodge* (No. 51).—The annual festival of this lodge was celebrated on Wednesday, 24th inst. The lodge was opened at about half-past three, and after the transaction of the usual business, the Installation of Bro. Chas. Cobb as W.M. for the ensuing year was proceeded with, the ceremony being most admirably and impressively performed by his brother, Bro. Alfred Cobb, P.M. 51, and P.G. S.W. Essex. The new W.M. then appointed and invested his officers as follows:—Bro. F. A. Cole, I.P.M.; A. Welch, S.W.; G. Gard Pye, J.W.; Rev. C. L. Acland, Chaplain; W. Slaney, Treasurer; T. J. Ralling, Secretary; S. W. Crookes, S.D.; Capt. Tyssen Holroyd, J.D.; C. O. G. Becker, D.C.; I. Harris, I.G.; J. Hanly and C. E. Denton, Stewards; and C. Gunner, Tyler. Letters of apology for non-attendance were received from the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master for Essex (Bro. R. J. Bagshaw); the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master for Suffolk, Bro. Lord Waveney; Bro. Sir. Edwd. Greathed, K.C.B. Commanding Eastern District; Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Recorder of Colchester, P.M. 21, Past Junior Grand Warden England; and many other distinguished brethren. A cordial vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Alfred Cobb for the very excellent manner in which he had performed the ceremony of the day; and to the I.P.M., Bro. F. A. Cole, for the assiduity and zeal with which he had fulfilled the duties of W.M. during the past twelve months. Bro. Richard Bolton Barton, L.L.D., Past Provincial Grand Master for Western India, stated that the R.W.P.G.M. had desired him to express his great regret that recent illness prevented his attendance, and wishing the new W.M. every prosperity during his year of office. Forty-three brethren subsequently sat down to banquet in the Assembly-Room, Three Cups Hotel, under the presidency of the W.M. The repast was served *à la Russe*, and Bro. Besford's excellent catering elicited the warmest commendation from the brethren. During the evening the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and in returning thanks for the toast of his health, the I.P.M. reported the gratifying fact that the lodge was a Vice President of the three Masonic charities, two of which had been completed during his term of office. He also stated that the lodge numbered more than 100 members, and was in a flourishing financial condition. The pleasures of the meeting were greatly enhanced by the very fine vocal renderings of Bros. E. Ransford, Donald King, and F. G. Cozens. Among the brethren present, either at the lodge or banquet, were—The Right Worshipful Bro. R. Bolton Barton, L.L.D., P.P.G.M. Western India; Bro. John Wright Carr, Prov. Grand Secretary Essex; Bros. H. F. Hills, P.M., P.G. J.W. Suffolk; G. H. Grimwood, Secretary, and Fred. Wheeler, S.W., of No. 1224; A. Gammon, P.M. No. 376; J. E. Wiseman, P.M. and Secretary No. 433; the Rev. Eustace H. Crate, W.M., T. Eustace, I.P.M., T. Rix, Secretary, W. H. Bateman, and R. Hunt, No. 607; A. R. Clench, S.W. No. 1312; and the following brethren of No.

51:—Bros. C. Cobb, W.M., A. Cobb, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., F. A. Cole, I.P.M., P.G.R., Samuel Chaplin, P.M., P.G.S.W.; Henry Samuel, P.M.; T. R. Quilter, P.M.; C. G. G. Becker, P.M.; W. Shury, P.M.; W. Slaney, P.M.; G. Allen, E. Clarkson, S. Cousens, S. W. Crookes, W. W. Daniell, C. E. Denton, L. W. Ford, C. Gunner, J. Hanly, I. Harris, T. S. Holyrod, D. Kerry, T. Mothersole, J. F. P. Osborne, G. G. Pye, T. R. Quilter, J. J. Ralling, H. Sandford, G. Simmons, W. S. Sprent, E. Strong, J. W. Thompson, A. Welch, and Thos. Williams.

PRESCOT.—*Lodge of Loyalty* (No. 86).—The brethren of this ancient lodge held their annual summer festival on Wednesday, the 8th inst., the scene of the day's "out" being the charming neighbourhood of Chester. The party numbered about 50, and started from Lime-street Station, Liverpool, by two saloon carriages, shortly after eleven o'clock, under direction of Bro. Shaw, the local superintendent of the line. On arriving at Chester, the pleasure-seekers at once betook themselves to the Groves, where most of them were soon comfortably seated in a large pleasure barge, to be rowed up to the Dee by four stout and experienced boatmen. Others preferring the exercise of rowing themselves, had a smaller boat, while others drove to Eaton Hall by road. The river was as smooth as it was possible for it to be, and with a clear blue sky and bright sunshine, nothing could be more delightful than that run of seven miles over a charmingly picturesque portion of the Dee. The rich foliage of the woods which skirt the ever-winding margin of the river seemed never to have been so green or so full; and never were so many little pleasure boats of every description gliding up and down as there were on Wednesday. Indeed it was evident that there were many more pleasure seekers visiting Chester, and enjoying a row up the Dee, than were included in the Lodge of Loyalty party. The lady rowers were unusually numerous too, adding very much to the picturesqueness of the scene. Shortly after three o'clock the party sat down to an excellent dinner, supplied by Mr. Bolland, of Chester. Bro. Scott, W.M., occupied the chair, Bro. J. W. R. Fowler, I.P.M., the vice-chair; and amongst other brethren present were Bros. J. W. J. Fowler, P.M.; J. T. Hall, P.M.; S. Morris, P.M.; W. Tyrer, J.W.; J. Vaughan, S.D.; H. Vaughan, I.G.; Beesley, Shaw, Fogg, Simpson, W.M. No. 1284, Kitchen, Holmes, &c. A formal toast list was dispensed with, but the health of the W.M. was cordially drunk, as was also that of Bro. Shaw. Bro. J. W. J. Fowler, sen., with thanks to him for his personal superintendence of the excellent arrangements, Bro. Bolland, with an acknowledgement of his excellent catering; the ladies and other visitors, &c. After dinner most of the party strolled through the lovely grounds of Eaton-hall, the seat of the Duke of Westminster, and about six o'clock the select party returned to Chester, where a capital knife-and fork tea was provided by Bro. Bolland. The train started for Liverpool about a quarter past ten, the arrival taking place about half-past eleven o'clock.

ROCHFORD.—*Lodge of True Friendship* (No. 160).—The installation meeting of this old and flourishing Lodge was held on the 24th June, at the Old Ship Inn, Rochford, when Bro. G. Lucking, P.G.A.D.C., installed Bro. J. H. Wardell, S.W., P.M., and Secretary 1000, and P.J. G.D., as the W.M. for the ensuing year, the whole of the ceremony being very ably performed. The W.M. then invested the following as his officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. A. Lucking, I.P.M.; J. Reeve, S.W.; the Rev. H. J. Hatch, J.W. and Chaplain; H. Wood, P.M., P.P.G.O., Treasurer; G. Burgess, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., Secretary; W. Bishop, S.D.; W. Allen, jun., J.D.; Thomas Gower, I.G.; G. Goodman, and H. Josling, Stewards; J. Allen, Tyler. It is worthy of note that the Treasurer and Secretary have each served their respective offices nearly twenty years, and that each received the congratulations of the brethren on their re-appointment. The brethren afterwards adjourned to a sumptuous repast, provided by Bro. H. D. Brown, of the Old Ship Inn, and presided over by the W.M., Bro. J. A. Wardell. Among the mem-

bers present, besides those already mentioned, were—Bros. W. S. Allen, P.M., P.P.G.A.D.C., F. Wiseman, P.M.; James Wiseman, P.M.; P.P.G.S.B.; P. Richmond, P.M.; H. Luker, A. Harrington, J. C. Underwood, Z. Pettitt, W. Frost, H. D. Brown. Visitors—Bros. Willson, 1230, Barrett, 1000, Blackburne, 179. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and heartily responded to, some excellent songs were given by Bros. H. Wood, F. Wiseman, J. Wiseman, the Reysds, H. J. Hatch, J. J. R. Hemmann, and others, and the brethren separated, after spending a very agreeable and enjoyable evening.

BERWICK-UPON-TWEED.—*Lodge St. David* (No. 393).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held within the new Masonic Hall, Parade, Berwick-upon-Tweed, on Tuesday evening, 7th July, 1874. Bro. A. B. Visick, W.M., occupied the chair, and was supported by no less than seven Past Masters; Bros. Chalmers I. Paton, Winlaw, Wood, Gibson, Macgregor, Moore, Hopper, and an excellent attendance of members. The lodge having been opened with prayer, the minutes of previous meetings read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for admission of a gentleman, and declared unanimous, a gentleman who had been previously balloted for was initiated into the mysteries. The notice of motion by Bro. Winlaw to invite the Provincial Grand Lodge to a "Kettle" was unanimously agreed to; and the motions of Bro. J. S. Macgregor, P.M., occupied a good deal of discussion, and having been decided against him, he gave notice of appeal to the Provincial Grand Lodge. An oration was given by Bro. Chalmers I. Paton, Past Master, and listened to with great attention by the whole of the brethren, and so pleased were they, that a request was made by the Worshipful Master that it should be sent to *The Freemason*, that when it appeared in print the members would have an opportunity of getting it. There being no further business the lodge was closed in ample form, the brethren joining hands and singing a song, "Weel may we all be, until we meet again," when all parted to meet again on another night.

SUTTON.—*Frederick Lodge of Unity* (No. 452).—The ordinary July meeting of this lodge was held on the 7th inst., at the Station Hotel, Sutton, Bro. A. J. Dickison, W.M. Bro. Manning was passed to the 2nd degree by the W.M., after which, Bro. Magnus Ohren, P.M., took the chair, and introduced his son, Mr. Charles Magnus Ohren, accountant, and Mr. Samuel Henry Christmas, warehouseman, into Freemasonry. The ceremony was of course ably performed in the hands of such a distinguished Mason. The following motions, notices of which had previously been given, by Bro. Magnus Ohren, were carried.—"That bye-law No. 17 be altered as follows—'Each subscribing member at the lodge meeting in May, in each year, shall pay for the current year's subscription the sum of £3 3s. or the sum of 10s. 6d., on the following conditions, viz:—'The £3 3s. subscription shall entitle the member to all the lodge privileges of a full subscribing member, but he shall in addition to the subscription of 10s. 6d. pay the sum of 15s. for each banquet he partakes of. Any 10s. 6d. subscribing member may change to the £3 3s. subscription by paying that amount to the Treasurer at the May meeting in any year, and any £3 3s. subscribing member may change to the 10s. 6d. subscription on giving notice at the May meeting in any year, and paying that amount to the Treasurer—provided always that all arrears be paid at the time of giving notice.' "That bye-law No. 3, be altered as follows—'That from and after the present year the meetings will be held on the third Tuesday in each month, instead of the first Tuesday as at present.' The Treasurer's report showed a balance in hand at the end of June of £49 15s. Stewards' names were afterwards given to represent this lodge in the three festivals of next year, and were as follows:—For the Royal Masonic Institution for Aged Freemasons, and Widows of Freemasons, Bro. Manning; for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, the W.M.; for The Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, Bro. George

Wright, S.D. Mr. George Christie of Perry Hill, Sydenham, was then proposed for initiation, and the brethren then adjourned to an excellent banquet.

MALDON.—*Lodge of St. Peter* (No. 1023).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, High Street, Maldon, on Thursday afternoon. After the business was completed, an adjournment was made to the Blue Boar Hotel, where an unusually excellent repast awaited them. The tables were tastefully decorated, and the hostess, Mrs. Hickford, well deserved the expressions of satisfaction she received. The new W.M., Bro. W. W. Moffatt, occupied the chair, and there were also present Bros. W. Humphreys, G. P. Jay, T. Aldham, and J. W. Quihampton, P.M.'s; the Rev. E. R. Harwood, P.M., P.P.G.C.; S. Ratcliff, W. F. Francis, W. C. Bell, W. Wright, C. Clarke, F. Freeman, and R. Nightingale; A. C. Veley, Thomas Smeed, J. Nicholls, and T. Wood, P.M.'s, and F. Whitmore, 276; the Rev. E. H. Crute, W.M. 697, P.P.G.C.; Thomas Eustace, P.M. 697, and John Wright Carr, Provincial Grand Secretary, P.M. 160, &c., &c. Owing in great measure to the holding of meetings on the previous day at Colchester, Grays, and Rochford, the muster was not large, but a very pleasant evening was spent.

HAMPTON.—*Lebanon Lodge* (No. 1326).—An emergency meeting of this prosperous lodge was held on Thursday, July 2nd, at the Red Lion Hotel, Hampton. Brother W. Hammond, W.M., presided. The lodge was opened at half-past three. Messrs. C. Horne, J. Worster, J. Brogden, and C. W. Baker were initiated. Bros. D. D. Weinhausen, 1423; M. Underwood, 1423; and M. Munday, 142 were passed; and Bros. H. Faija, 1423, and T. W. Stone were raised. All the work was performed by the W.M. in an admirable manner. There were present during the afternoon and evening Bros. Walters, P.G. Steward; Middlesex, P.M., Sec.; H. Potter, P.M., W.S.; E. Gilbert, S.D.; R. W. Williams, Organist; J. J. Marsh; W. Y. Laing, P.M.; H. Jones, and many others. The visitors were Bros. D. R. Raw, P.M., 969; Burhitt, 933; W. Lane, S.W., 28; W. Munday, 1423; H. Faija, 1413; D. D. Weinhausen, 1423; M. Underwood, 1423; and others. A cold collation followed the work. The usual toasts were given and responded to.

ALDERSHOT.—*Aldershot Camp Lodge* (No. 1331).—The regular monthly meeting of this flourishing lodge was held on the 2nd inst., when the W.M., Bro. McKenzie, with the following officers, and a good attendance of the brethren, were present, viz:—Bros. Captain Richardson, P.M. and Treasurer; Smith, S.W.; Bennett, J.W.; Lucas, Secretary; Anderson, S.D.; J. Walton Mayer, J.D.; Griffiths, I.G.; Burns, Tyler. The lodge having been opened in the first degree, the minutes of the previous regular meeting were read and confirmed. Ballots were taken separately for two brethren as joining members, which were in each case unanimous. Bros. Kitson, Edmonds, and Rowsell, were interrogated to ascertain their proficiency in the first degree, which proving satisfactory, they were each entrusted with a test of merit, and retired. The lodge was then opened in the second degree, those brethren were admitted, and duly proposed as F.C.'s the explanation of the Tracing Board being given by Bro. Captain Richardson. Bros. Knight, and Hopkins having proved themselves proficient in the second degree were entrusted, and retired. The lodge was opened in the third degree, and those brethren raised to the sublime degree of M.M. The lodge was resumed to the first degree, and the W.M. notified that the R.W. P. Grand Master had intimated his intention of holding the annual meeting of the P.G. Lodge of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, at Aldershot, on the 24th inst. After several propositions for candidates for initiation had been made and seconded, Bro. P.M. Richardson, in appropriate terms, proposed and Bro. Bennett, J.W., seconded, and the brethren resolved unanimously, that a vote of condolence with the relatives of the late lamented Bro. J. Rankin Stebbing, D.G.M. of the Province, and P.G.D. of England, be

recorded in the lodge minutes, and that a copy of the resolution be prepared and forwarded to his next of kin, through the P.G. Secretary. The lodge was then closed with solemn prayer about half-past nine o'clock, and adjourned until the first Thursday evening in August.

LANCASTER.—*Duke of Lancaster Lodge* (No. 1353).—The annual festival and installation of this young and flourishing lodge, took place on Wednesday, July 1st, at the Masonic Hall, Lancaster, when there were present—J. Bell, W.M.; W. Heald, S.W.; W. S. Carr, Acting J.W.; J. Acton, Hon. Sec.; J. Ellersbaw, Acting S.D.; R. Wolfenden, J.D.; R. Parkinson, S.S.; J. Taylor, Organist; J. Watson, Tyler, Bros. E. Terry, W. Dixon, T. Longmire, H. Coates, J. Kent, Wm. Harrison, J. Bannister, F. G. Dale, D. Pattison, W. Jackson, Visitors, J. Hatch, P.M. and Treas. 281; E. Simpson, P.M. and Hon. Sec. 281; T. Dodgson, P.M. 995, W.M. 1390; J. Case, P.M. 995; E. J. Wilson, 950; J. Lowett, J.S. 281; E. Airey, W.M. 281; W. Stewartson, S.D. 950; H. Eankrozer, P.M. 61. At two o'clock the W.M. opened the lodge in regular form. The minutes of the preceding meetings were read and confirmed; the lodge was opened in the second degree, when Bro. J. Bell, W.M., vacated the chair, which was taken by the Installing Master of the day, Bro. Thomas Dodgson, P.M., Z. 995, and W.M. 1390. Bro. W. Heald, the W.M. Elect, was then presented by Bros. Bell, W.M., and Barrow, P.M. The usual questions were read and assented to, and the lodge was opened in the third degree, when the W.M. elect was presented to a Board of Installed Masters, and was then installed into the chair of K.S., by the Installing Master, in his usual able and impressive manner. The New Worshipful Master was saluted in the three degrees by the brethren, who then invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year, viz:—Bros. J. Bell, I.P.M.; J. Acton, S.W.; W. S. Carr, J.W.; J. Ellersbaw, Treas.; J. Conlon, Sec.; R. Wolfenden, S.D.; J. Bannister, J.D.; E. Ferry, I.G.; J. Taylor, Organist; R. Parkinson, S.S.; Longman, J.S.; and J. Watson, Tyler. A beautiful P.M. jewel was then presented by the newly installed Master to Bro. J. Bell, the retiring P.M., by the members of the Duke of Lancaster Lodge, as a token of their esteem, July 1st. 1804. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to Bro. Longmire's, West View Hotel, Morecambe, where the banquet was held. The new W.M., Bro. Heald, presided, supported on his right by Bro. Dodgson, the Installing Master, Lieut. Airey, 24th L.A.V., W.M. 281; Simpson, P.M. and Hon. Sec. 281; B. Hutch, P.M. and Treas. 281; while on his left were B. Bell, I.P.M.; Rev. E. Chadwick, B. Barrow, P.M.; and others. The W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were received with great applause. F. M. Bell, in eulogistic terms, proposed "The Health of the W.M.," which was drunk with the utmost enthusiasm, demonstrating that Bro. Heald, the W.M., was held in the highest esteem by every member of the lodge. The W.M., in responding, thanked the brethren for the very high honour it was their pleasure to bestow upon him so unanimously, and he promised to them that during his term of office, it would be his bounden duty to have the landmarks of the constitutions most rigidly carried out, for by so doing the lodge he was then Master of would be respected, and he trusted that his officers would render him every assistance in their power, and would feel grateful for their constant attendance at the lodge meetings, so that the working of Masonry might be carried out in the "Duke" with satisfaction to the brethren. The W.M. then gave "The Health of Bro. Bell, I.P.M.," who in responding, thanked the brethren for the kind presentation he had received from them that day (a Past Master's jewel) which it would be the pride of his life to wear on all Masonic occasions, and after his days had closed, would hand it down to his offspring, as a family heirloom. "The Health of the Wardens," was given by Bro. F. G. Dale, which was drunk most enthusiastically, and briefly responded to by Bro. Acton, S.W., and Bro. W. S. Carr, J.W. Bro. Barrow,

P.M., proposed "The Health of the Inst. Officer, Bro. S. Dodgson, P.M. and Z. 295, W.M. 1390, and in doing so dwelt largely on Bro. Dodgson's very able and impressive manner, which was a treat to such of the brethren who had listened to it. Bro. Dodgson, in responding, was received with the utmost enthusiasm, over and over again. He said it gave him great pleasure to attend at any time when in his power to do anything for Masonry, as his feeble efforts could advance it. He expressed his great interest in the Duke of Lancaster Lodge, and was proud to see it advanced in the manner it was doing, and was glad that the working was done with so much perfection, he exhorted every brother to the utmost vigilance on behalf of Masonry, and ought to be the aim of every brother to endeavour to attain to that high position, they expressed their pleasure that day of placing their W.M. in the chair, and sincerely thanked them for their kind invitation that day, and hoped that the G.A.O.T.U. would spare him for many years to come to see the efforts of W.M.'s installed into the chair in the Duke of Lancaster Lodge. The minutes of Bro. J. Case, P.M. 995, were then read and received most enthusiastically by the brethren. He thanked them for his kind expression, and was very happy at all times his best to advance the cause of Masonry. P.M. Hartly, in rising to propose the next toast, said he felt great pleasure in doing so, and doubt when they heard what it was it would be received with the utmost enthusiasm; "Prosperity to The Lancaster Lodge, Fortitude, the Rowley, and the Duke of Lancaster." It gave him great satisfaction to be called on to give the toast—he named his Mother Lodge (The Fortitude), and he coupled with the toast, Lieut. Airey, 281; P.M. and Hon. Sec. Simpson, 281; P.M. and Treas. Hatch, 281. W.M. Airey, in responding, stated that it gave him great pleasure to be amongst the brethren of the Duke of Lancaster Lodge that day, and hoped that unanimity might long prevail among the brethren forming the Lancaster Lodge, that nothing but a kindred spirit of rivalry would exist to stimulate them in their work of Masonry, and invited the brethren of the other lodges to the meetings of the other two lodges, a spirit of emulation might exist in their midst, for there was always something to be learned. He thanked them most sincerely for the toast, and enthusiastic manner they had received. P.M. Simpson in responding, said that the able remarks of W.M. Airey were nothing for him to add, but he might say that he attended the meetings of the Duke, and was glad to see the lodge so prosperous, and hoped that nothing but amity and good feeling would always exist among Masons, no matter what lodge they belonged to. P.M. Hatch in responding, was received with great enthusiasm, and he knew very well they would require something from him, and stated this was not the first time he was received at their hospitable table, he was present at the consecration and installation of the lodge. He then went on to give good practical advice to the brethren, and stated that that day would be a red-letter day in his life, for he never witnessed an installation ceremony was delivered with so much animation, and he was sorry that Bro. Dodgson left before he had the opportunity and satisfaction of personally thanking him for his able assistance in considering the number of installations he witnessed, never in his life did he listen to a beautiful ceremony before. The minutes of the Sec. were read and were briefly responded to by Treas. Ellersbaw and Sec. Conlon. The junior officers were then given. Bro. W. S. D., responded on their behalf. "The Health of the Brethren" were given. Bro. Stewartson, 950, responded, and thanked the W.M. for his kind invitation, and stated the happy memory of that day would be long imprinted on his memory. Bro. Eankrozer, P.M. 61, responded, and said it gave him great pleasure to be among them that day, as he was delighted, and would wish to his life to inform his brethren in Yorkshire with open friendship he was received by the cashre brethren. The W.M. next proposed

asonic Charities." Bro. Bell, I.P.M. responded, and urged the brethren to subscribe liberally to such institutions, as they were doing immense good. He himself had been made a life Governor of the West-Lancashire province during his year of office, by a vote of the members of the lodge, and further intimated that he would be satisfied until the W.M. of the lodge would be a life governor of all the charities. (Applause.) Several other toasts followed, including "The Host and Hostess," when "The Tyler's Toast" brought the banquet to an end, every brother appearing delighted. It may be marked that great praise was given to Bro. Congreave for his catering. The banquet was lived during the day with the singing of Mrs. Wood, Crane, and Parkinson.

LIVERPOOL.—*De Grey and Ripon Lodge*, No. 1356.—No lodge in the province of West Lancashire has made greater progress in respect of numbers, or more maintained its influence and position with respect to the quality of its members, than the De Grey and Ripon Lodge, No. 1356; and, therefore, the proceedings in connection with the annual gathering of its members on Wednesday week, the 8th inst., were marked by the greatest success and satisfaction. As an introduction to a long day of business and pleasure, the brethren were summoned to meet in the lodge room, No. 80, North Hill-street, Westeth-park, at eight o'clock in the morning, when and where the ceremony of installing Bro. Edward O. C. Rothwell, W.M.-elect, was fixed to take place. Even with this early hour for attendance on Masonic duties, there was a very large and most influential gathering of the brethren, who thereby evinced their great interest in the interesting day's proceedings. Bro. Thomas Evans, W.M., opened the lodge in simple and solemn form, supported by Bros. B. Marson, P.M.; S. E. Ibbs, P.M.; A. Vinkup, P.M.; E. O. C. Rothwell, S.W.; J. Dell, J.W.; J. Ireland, Treas.; J. Jones, Sec.; T. Horne, S.D.; T. Nickson, J.D.; C. Costigan, S.; R. Roberts, S.; and W. G. Veale, W.M., and a full attendance of members of the lodge. After the minutes of the previous lodge meeting had been duly read and confirmed, the installing W.M., Bro. Evans, proceeded to install his successor, Bro. Edward O. C. Rothwell, as the W.M. of the lodge for the ensuing year. The whole of the ceremony was performed by Bro. Evans in a most masterly and effective manner, thus closing a year's office in a style which reflected the highest credit upon him as a W.M. of the Order. The W.M. subsequently vested the following as his officers:—Bros. J. Dell, S. W.; T. Horne, J. W.; J. Ireland, Treasurer (re-elected); J. Jones, Secretary (re-appointed); W. G. Veale, Org.; T. Nickson, D.; Williams, J. D. (by proxy); C. Costigan, S.; Bros. Roberts and Woolbridge, Stewards; and Bro. P. M. Larsen, P.M., 594, was elected Master of the lodge. The business afterwards comprised the voting of a jewel to Bro. Veale for his invaluable services as Organist, to the lodge, and after this had been appropriately acknowledged, the lodge was closed in harmony. Over the brethren of the lodge, with a numerous body of visitors, proceeded to the West-street station of the London and North-Western Railway, where they joined a very large and elegant conveyance of ladies. Getting on board a special carriage, the jolly party, numbering about 250 persons, started shortly after seven o'clock for the lovely and picturesque region of the Overton-hills. The railway arrangements were of a very satisfactory kind, and were so arranged as they were by Bro. Shaw, and a very large party arrived at Frodsham shortly after midday. "Tracks" were at once made on the top of the hill, where a very excellent dinner was provided by Mr. Rigby, the dining arrangements being all the more creditable to the lodge from the fact that only about half the number of those who were actually present was ranted. As it was, the arrangements of the day and pleasant summer day's out were of the most satisfactory kind, and every one could but have been highly delighted with the excursion. There was much jollity over the summit of the hill, after the party had arrived at the station, and when the summit

was reached there was a sufficiency of interesting sights to satisfy the most exacting. The views from the tops of the Overton Hills are unequalled in this neighbourhood, and therefore the curious at once rushed to each point of the extensive range to gaze upon a picture of the most captivating character; but, in the midst of this sight-seeing, the party did not forget the all-important dinner, which had been liberally provided by Mr. Rigby. Dinner over, the ladies and brethren were subsequently invited to witness the presentation of a P.M.'s jewel to Bro. T. Evans, I.P.M., made by the W.M. (Bro. Rothwell), which formed one of the choicest features of an excellent programme, inasmuch as it was made the means of recognising the valuable services rendered by Bro. Evans to the lodge. The "Health of the W.M.," which caused the greatest enthusiasm was given by Bro. Evans, I.P.M., who spoke very highly of the choice made by the brethren, and wished he might have as comfortable, happy, and prosperous a year of office as he (Bro. Evans) had enjoyed. Bro. E. O. C. Rothwell, W.M., in returning thanks, assured the brethren that he would spare no efforts in his endeavour to fulfil the duties of the chair to the entire satisfaction of the brethren. The W.M. then said he had now the most pleasing duty to perform of proposing the health of, and presenting a P.M.'s jewel to, Bro. Thomas Evans, I.P.M. He thought himself right in saying that a more worthy Master he could not mention, and therefore, he had all the greater pleasure in presenting him with the jewel as a token of the esteem in which he was held by all the brethren. (Hear, hear). He wished Bro. Evans long life to wear it, and trusted it would be looked upon by his children as a token of the high place he held in the affections of the brethren of the De Grey and Ripon Lodge. Bro. Evans very feelingly acknowledged the presentation, and hoped he would have some one to whom he could hand down the jewel as the gift of a goodly number of good men. (Loud cheers). "The Press," given by the W.M., was acknowledged by Bro. MacKenzie. "The Ladies," happily proposed by Bro. Ibbs, P.M., was most felicitously acknowledged by Bro. A. Winkup, F.M. What with dancing, croquet, roaming through the woods, and other kindred amusements, the afternoon passed most pleasantly; and, as a very valuable commemoration of the day's out, Bro. Burrows, the clever photographer, took a capital group of the general company, which will doubtless be treasured as a memento of the pleasant day's out by those who were photographed. Tea was served during the afternoon, and about nine o'clock the party made their way to the station at Frodsham, where a special train was provided, and arrived safely in Liverpool at eleven o'clock; very much delighted with their day's out at the Overton Hills. Excellent music was provided by a detachment of the band of the 80th L.R.V. (Press' Guard), under the conductorship of Bro. Veale, the band master of the corps.

Scotland.

GLASGOW.—*St. Mungo Encampment* met at St. Mark's Hall, on Monday, June 29th, when a Priory of Knights of Malta was opened, Sir Knight Robert Bell, Prior; G. W. Wheeler, Recorder, acting Prelate; F. Halliday, Aide de Camp, when the following Knights of the Temple were elected Knights of Malta, and entrusted with the secrets of this degree, namely, Sir Knights James Loutitt, and Wm. H. Ellis. The meeting was then made special for the consideration of the pecuniary position of the encampment.

GLASGOW.—*Caledonian Unity Chapter* (No. 73) met at 170, Buchanan-street, on Tuesday, 29th June. G. McDonald, Z.; G. Wheeler, H.; J. Tweed, J. Visitors J. Duthie, Z. of 67; and Comp. Britchan, 33, from Richmond, Virginia, U.S., who expressed his pleasure at being able to see the working of a Scotch Chapter, though it was only opened in the Mark Degree, as there was an application from the lodge for the use of the Hall.

GLASGOW.—*Thistle and Rose Lodge* (No. 73) held an emergency meeting on Tuesday, June 29th, in their hall, Buchanan-street. G. McDonald, I.P.M., in the chair, J. Bannerman, S.W.; Wm. MacGregor, J.W.; G. Wheeler, Chaplain; A. McThaie, Sec.; visitors J. Butchan, 33, of Virginia, U.S.; J. Duthie, P.M., 219; J. Balfour, P.M., 332; and J. Tweed, No. 9, Mother Kilwinning. All three degrees were worked, the first by Bro. Balfour, of 332, the second by Bro. J. Duthie, of 219, and the third by the acting R.W.M., all the ceremonies being most efficiently rendered.

GLASGOW.—*Lodge Kilwinning* (No. 4) held their monthly meeting in their own hall, on Wednesday, July 1st. The R.W.M., Bro. Thornborn, was early at his post, but the candidate being unable to attend, the only business done was the raising a relief fund for the assistance of a worthy distressed brother.

GLASGOW.—*Lodge Caledonian Railway* (No. 354) held their monthly meeting in St. Marks' Hall, July 1st. Bro. James Shaw, R.W.M., presiding, assisted by Bros. J. Stratford, S.W.; J. Dolman, acting J.W.; J. Dunn, Sec.; and A. A. Smith, P.M. There was one candidate for initiation, and the new R.W.M., by the careful way in which he performed the ceremony, is evidently determined that the ancient prestige of the lodge shall not suffer at his hands. The brethren were all highly gratified with the working of the Master.

GLASGOW.—*Clyde Lodge* (No. 408).—This lodge met on Friday, July 3, at 170, Buchanan-street. Bro. D. Downie, R.W.M., presiding, assisted by Bros. J. McGinnis, S.W., and Edward Acking, J.W. The work, which was excellently rendered, consisted of an initiation by the R.W.M., and a passing and raising, which ceremonies were performed by R. Mitchell, Depute Master and P.M. of 332. The lodge subsequently, after considerable discussion, agreed to raise the annual subscription of the lodge, so as to form a fund to increase that already set apart for benevolence.

GLASGOW.—*Glasgow Chapter* (No. 50) held their monthly meeting at 213, Buchanan-street, on Thursday, July 9th. Comps. John Miller Z.; T. Brownlie, H.; Wm. Bell, J.; James Leuttitt, Scribe E.; J. Duthie, Z. 67, acting 1st S. A lodge of Mark Masters was opened, when one brother was advanced to that degree by the R.W.M.M. A lodge of Excellent Masters, and subsequently, a Royal Arch Chapter, were opened, when Comp. James Crabb, P.Z. of 50, conferred both those degrees on three of the Mark Masters present, Comp. Duthie acting as P.S.

GLASGOW.—*St. Rollox Chapter* (No. 144) held its monthly meeting on Friday, the 10th inst. A lodge of Mark Masters was opened with R. Bell, Z., as W.M.M., J. McLeish, S.W., and T. Annand as J.W. Visitor Bro. Shield, of Boston, U. S. Subsequently the chapter was opened, and Comp. Shaw was unanimously elected Scribe E., in the place of Comp. Reid, who, since he has been called to the chair of St. Andrew, could not find the time to devote to this office. Comp. Shields was then unanimously elected an honorary member of the Chapter, and imparted considerable instruction to the Comps. by showing them the way a chapter was opened in America. Comp. Wheeler expressed his regret that there had not been a conference called of the English speaking Masons and Royal Arch Comps. so as to assimilate the working, as England, Ireland, Scotland, and America each having at present their own peculiarities, and each differing from all the others. Comp. Shield and Comp. Bell, Z., fully endorsed these views; Comp. Shield arguing that no one should be allowed to fill the chair, either of a lodge or chapter, till he was conversant with the different modes of working, as long as they were allowed to exist, so that visitors from a foreign jurisdiction might find no difficulty in gaining admission to any properly constituted body, if he gave the correct replies, according to the ritual he had been made under.

GLASGOW.—*Star Lodge* (No. 219) met in their own hall, 12, Tron-gate, on the 6th instant. Bro. J. Wilson, R.W.M., in the chair; J. Duthie, S.W.; J. Horn, J.W. The work consisted of

one passing and two raisings, which were admirably rendered by Bro. J. Bain.

GLASGOW.—*St. John's Lodge* (No. 3 $\frac{1}{2}$) met in their own hall, Buchanan-street, on Tuesday, the 7th instant. The R.W.M., Bro. T. Fletcher, presiding, assisted by nearly all the office bearers of the lodge. There was one gentleman for initiation, who was introduced into the Order by Bro. Wm. Bell, the Deputy Master, in a faultless style.

GLASGOW.—*Thistle and Rose Lodge* (No. 73). This lodge met, on the 7th instant, at 170, Buchanan-street. G. Weston, R.W.M. in the chair; A. McLeod, acting S.W.; Wm. McGregor, J.W.; G. McDonald, I.P.M.; R. Richards, Sec. At the conclusion of the lodge business the R.W.M. announced the death of the Earl of Dalhousie, and paid a well-merited compliment to his memory. Bro. G. McDonald, I.P.M., spoke of the truly Masonic qualities that had always characterised the noble Earl when he sat on the Masonic throne at Edinburgh, and while officiating at the laying of several foundation stones at which he had been present.

GLASGOW.—*Scotia Lodge* (No. 148) held their monthly meeting on the 8th instant, at which there was a full attendance of members. Bro. John Miller, R.W.M., in the chair, who was assisted by Bros. J. Gardner, S.W.; J. Nott, J.W.; James Singleton, P.M.; John Matthison, I.P.M.; G. H. McNaught, R.W.M. 275; G. Thallon, P.M. 362. One brother was passed to the second degree by P.M. Singleton. The lodge having been raised to the third degree, Bro. Thallon, on behalf of the St. Clair Lodge, requested that a brother of theirs, who was going abroad, might be raised along with the four for the Scotia. I.P.M. Mathison then, at the request of the R.W.M., conferred the sublime degree on five brethren in a style which showed that his late severe illness had not materially weakened either his bodily or mental powers.

GLASGOW.—*St. Andrew's Lodge* (No. 465) held an emergency meeting at 3 o'clock on Saturday, the 11th instant, to confer the degrees on some brethren who were going to India. The R.W.M., Bro. David Read, was punctually at his post, and was well supported by office bearers, J. M. Leish, D.M.; J. Clark, S.W.; A. Youlle, J.W. The three degrees were all wrought, and then the lodge was closed in harmony, with kind wishes for the brethren who were going abroad.

LEITH.—*Lodge Canongate and Leith* (No. 5).—On Thursday evening, the 7th inst., the usual monthly meeting of the above lodge was held in their lodge room, Constitution-street, Leith. There was a large number of brethren present, and after the business more immediately connected with the lodge had been transacted, several eminent members of the Craft were proposed by the Right Worshipful Master, Bro. John Laurie, Grand Secretary, G.L. Scot., for affiliation, which was unanimously and most heartily agreed to. Deputations from various lodges having been received, the Right Worshipful Master proceeded with the work of affiliation. The following brethren were affiliated and duly enrolled members of the ancient and most honourable lodge, viz:—Chevalier Thevenot, of the Grand Orient of France; the Hon. Joseph King Wattly, Chief Justice, Pro. Grand Master, West India Islands, Tobago; Captain Charles Hunter, of Glencarss, P.G.M. of Aberdeenshire, East; Rev. Dr. Gray, Grand Chaplain; Edward Pike Albert, Esq., London; D. Swanston, R.W.M. Lodge Caledonia, Edinburgh, No. 392; P. Nevin, Esq., Lodge No. 8, Edinburgh; John Hervey, Esq., Grand Secretary, G.L. of England; James Smith, Esq., Roman Eagle, No. 160; Charles Sey, Esq., No. 36; and George M. Davidson, Esq., Lodge No. 405. The R.W.M. having gone through the ritual, the several brethren present in turn advanced to the throne, and in expressive and appropriate terms replied to the Right Worshipful Master's oration. The R.W.M. thereafter called the lodge to refreshment, and gave the usual loyal and patriotic toasts, and in proposing the Grand Lodge of Scotland, alluded in feeling and graceful terms to the loss the brethren had

sustained through the death of two of its most esteemed and honoured members, Lord Dalhousie, P.G.M., and Lord James Murray, D.G.M. The next monthly meeting will be almost exclusively a musical reunion, when it is expected that several brethren of talent not unknown to fame will honour the lodge with their presence.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SUFFOLK.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Freemasons for Suffolk was held on Monday, the 6th inst., at Lowestoft, under the presidency of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Lord Waveney.

Lowestoft is the only town in the province, except Ipswich, which has more than one lodge of Freemasons, and, singularly enough, it contains both the oldest, Lodge Unity, No. 71, and the youngest, Lodge St. Margaret, No. 1452, the last named having been consecrated by Lord Waveney about six months ago.

The two lodges entered most heartily into the pleasurable work of receiving the Provincial Grand Lodge, and the arrangements made were most excellent. The streets were gay with flags and festoons, particularly in the neighbourhood of the Masonic Hall and the Town Hall, where the meetings were held. The Finance Board met in the morning at the Masonic Hall, and Grand Lodge was held at the Town Hall.

All the lodges in the province were represented, and the muster was one of the largest for many years, about 140 being present. Among the brethren present were V.W. Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C. of England; the Rev. E. I. Lockwood, Deputy Provincial Grand Master; Bro. W. Boby, P.G.S.W.; Bro. J. F. Hills, P.J.G.W.; Bro. S. Freeman, P.G. Treasurer; Bro. W. H. Lucia, P.G. Secretary; Bro. A. Barber, P.G.O.; Bro. W. E. Bailey, P.G.A., Secretary; Bro. Emra Holmes, P.G.R., Bro. A. Gamman, P.G.S.B.; Bro. Newton Garrett, P.P.G.R., Bro. F. B. Strathern, P.P.S.G.W.; Bro. W. O. Chambers, P.P.G.S. of W.; Bro. N. Tracey, P.P.J.G.W.; Bro. C. S. Pedgrift, P.P.G.R.; Bro. S. B. King, P.P.S.J.D.; Bro. J. S. Gissing, P.P.J.G.W.; Bro. S. H. Wright, P.P.G.R.; Bro. Hayward, P.P.G.D.C.; Bro. F. B. Burtall, P.P.G.P.; Bro. T. Williams, W.M. 71; Bro. Major Allez, W.M. 1452; Bro. Benjamin Head, P.G.D. of England; Bro. the Rev. T. G. Beaumont, P.G. Chaplain, and a few distinguished visiting brethren from other provinces.

Ten guineas were voted for the Masonic Girls' School, and the same sum for the Boys' School, and £5 each to the Royal Benevolent Institution for aged Freemasons, and for the widows of Freemasons. There were also three grants made of £5 each to the widows of three old Masons in this Province.

The R.W. Prov. G.M. appointed and invested the following brethren as officers for the next two years.—P.G.J.W., Bros. W. O. Chambers, 1452, Lowestoft; Captain C. J. T. Oakes, P.G. Reg., 1008, Bury St. Edmunds; Thomas Marks, P.G.A.D.C., 71, Lowestoft; Smith 516, Stowmarket; T. F. Lucis, Bury St. Edmunds, and H. Sidney, Ipswich, P.G. Stwds. Bro. S. Freeman, was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Syer, as Tyler. Bro. the Rev. A. Moore was then appointed and invested as Chaplain.

The R.W.P.G.M. congratulated the province of Suffolk on the large amount sent up for the aged Freemasons on the occasion when he presided, the subscription on that occasion being, he remarked, the largest ever obtained, except on one occasion, when the Prince of Wales presided. His lordship also congratulated Provincial Grand Lodge on the steady growth Freemasonry continues to make in the province. The Provincial Grand Lodge, his lordship announced, will be held next year at Ipswich.

The brethren formed in procession, under the superintendence of Bro. Emra Holmes, Prov. G. Reg., and P. Prov. G.A.D.C., who at the special request of the Prov. Grand Master, acted as Grand Director of Ceremonies, in the absence

of Bro. C. Long, and who was ably assisted in his arduous duties by Bros. N. Tracey, and S. B. King, P. Prov. G.S.D., and preceded by their respective banners, and headed by an excellent band of the East Norfolk Militia, marched to St. Margaret's Church, where an excellent sermon was preached, by the Rev. T. G. Beaumont, the P.G. Chaplain for the past two years. The service was full choral, and was very effectively sung by the choir, which is one of the best in Suffolk, and numbers about 40 members, Bro. Mann, the talented organist of the church, accompanied, and Bro. A. J. Barber played the voluntaries. The collection amounted to about £13 4s., and was devoted to the Lowestoft Hospital, and the Infirmary. After service the brethren again formed in procession, and went back to the Town Hall, to finish the business of the Grand Lodge, which was then formally closed.

We ought not to omit to notice that prior to closing, Bro. Boby brought forward an admirable scheme for concentrating the energies and votes of the province in aid of the various charities. Bro. Garret supported the scheme, and did also Bro. C. J. Martyn. It was however strongly opposed by Bro. Strathern, and on the motion to carry it into effect being put from the chair, it was rejected by a narrow majority, a feeling seeming to prevail amongst the brethren that Ipswich, with its four lodges, would acquire a paramount influence over the other lodges in the province. The Acting Director of Ceremonies suggested that the Grand Master's sword was non est inventus and the P. G. Secretary was directed to enquire into its loss, and purchase a fresh one if necessary. It was a subject of remark, that whilst the meeting had been freely advertised in the local papers, *The Freemason*, the only organ of the Fraternity, was not included. Hence no doubt the paucity of visitors from other provinces.

The brethren, to the number of about 120 afterwards sat down to the capital banquet, most liberally supplied by Bro. Clark, of the Suffolk Hotel. The menu was such as must have gratified the most fastidious, the dessert was profusely abundant, and the wines were of the finest vintages.

After the usual loyal toasts, Lord Waveney gave "The health of the G.M. of England (the Marquess of Ripon) and the Grand Officers, for which the Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G. Chaplain responded.

The D.P.G.M. Bro. the Rev. E. I. Lockwood then proposed "The health of the D.G.M. Lord Waveney," which was enthusiastically drunk.

Lord Waveney, in responding, expressed a deep sense of the courtesy and good feeling invariably shown towards him by the brethren, and said it would be an encouragement for him to persevere in the course he marked out for himself when he first took the office. His Lordship then proposed "The health of the Provincial Grand Officers," for whom the Rev. E. I. Lockwood responded.

The "Visiting Brethren from other provinces" was then given from the chair, and was responded to by Bro. Carr, P.P.G. Secretary of Essex.

The P.G.M. gave "Success to the Lodges of the Province," with special thanks to the Lowestoft lodges for their magnificent hospitality.

Major Allez and Bro. Williams, the Master of the Lowestoft lodges, suitably responded.

The toast of "The Masonic Charities" was next given from the chair, and responded to by Bro. Head.

The P.G.M. then expressed his acknowledgments to the P.G. Secretary, and the other P. Officers, for their valuable assistance; and afterwards left to take the special train, which had been kindly provided by the Great Eastern Company, but which, unfortunately, though it left Lowestoft at half-past seven, did not arrive at Ipswich till after midnight.

The chair for the remainder of the evening was taken by the Rev. C. J. Martyn, who proposed in very eulogistic terms "The health of the P.G. Secretary, Bro. W. H. Lucia," who in responding, urged the claims of the Masonic charities, and congratulated the lodge for having given to those institutions

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years, besides having spent a good deal in leaving widows of deceased members, and in addition to the large amount which had been taken up from private lodges and individual members.

The Chairman then gave "The health of Bro. Athearn," who responded. This was followed by the toast of "The Press," acknowledged by J. F. Lucia, of the *Bury Free Press*; "The Health of the Organist, Bro. Mann," who briefly acknowledged it, and to whose great professional merit Bro. Fearnside bore testimony; and the Ladies" responded to by Bro. Bowler, Major Allez.

During the evening some capital songs were sung, and everything passed off most pleasantly.

GRAND MARK LODGE.

The annual summer festival of Mark Grand Lodge, in aid of the Benevolent Fund attached to it, was held on Wednesday last, at the Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, Sir Edmund H. Bouverie formerly a Deputy Grand Master of the Order presided; about 70 brethren and ladies attended him. Among the brethren were Bros. Burdett, H. C. Levander, Rev. D. Shaboe, Charles Horsley, Charles Lacey, D. M. Dewar, J. Wynne, W. Roebuck, S. Rosenthal, E. M. G. F. Richardson, Clement Stretton, E. J. Stidolph, W. C. Gilles, W. Hudson, J. F. Basnett, George Page, L. J. V. G. F. Binckes (Grand Secretary), and H. Binckes, (Assistant Secretary).

The banquet was admirably served by Bro. Burdett, the proprietor of the Greyhound, and in the cloth was removed, the chairman proposed the Mark Masonic toasts.

In proposing the first toast "The Queen, and Mark Masonry," he said that usually in our lodges the speeches were a great deal longer, which was a Masonic secret he was afraid of imparting, but he was sure that the brethren and ladies present would give the hearty appreciation and enthusiasm to the toast of "The Queen and Mark Masonry," as he had always done. The many revolutionary changes which had taken place in the last 50 years had made no alteration in this respect.

The toast having been cordially greeted, the Chairman next proposed "The Grand Mark Mason, the Right Hon. Earl Percy," and in doing so said the company would sympathise with his lordship in lately losing a distinguished member of his family as the Earl of Northumberland-house. His absence from that meeting was produced due to his having to superintend his residence at Lion House. All Mark Masons owed a deep debt of gratitude for the way in which he presided over the Order, and wished his health would enable him to come more frequently than he did among them. Such an assiduous Mason as he was would always be an immense service to the different branches of Masonry.

The Chairman then, in appropriate terms, proposed "The Past Grand Masters, Lord John, the Earl of Carnarvon, Viscount Holdernesse, M.P.; W. W. Beach, M.P., and the Earl of G. R. Portal, M.A." He remarked that this was a long and distinguished list of noble gentlemen for Mark Masonry to preside over, since it was established as a Grand Body in this country; and Mark Masons ought well to be proud in having secured such eminent men as their rulers. He was happy to say that on the first occasion of this Benevolent Fund Festival being held the then Grand Master, Bro. Burdett, presided over the company. They met at the Mitre, Hampton Court, and had a very successful meeting.

The Chairman next proposed "The Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Limerick, and the Grand Officers, present and past." The Earl of Limerick he said, was a most energetic Mason, both in the Grand Lodge and Mark, and had always given great assistance to the various degrees of Masonry. The Grand Officers had won for themselves a title to the respect of their brethren, and zealously promoted the extension of the

degree, and the cause of the Benevolent Fund.

Colonel Burdett responded, and took the opportunity, he said, although he was called upon unexpectedly to inform the chairman and brethren that he was ready at all times to be of whatever service he could to Freemasonry. (Hear, hear).

The Chairman then gave "Prosperity to the Mark Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund, and the Masonic Institutions." The company had met for the double purpose of mutual enjoyment and promoting the interests of the Benevolent Fund. It was exceedingly pleasing to him to see ladies assembled to take part in the enjoyment of the evening. It was well-known that they always took a leading part in the cause of charity, and they had been of great assistance to this fund. It had been with much satisfaction that he had visited the Masonic institutions, which were a memento of what the Order had done in a good cause. With Freemasons charity was a goodly principle, but it was also a principle with them to do a great deal of good without making a show of it. Of this Benevolent Fund, this was peculiarly the character; and yet was established to do a vast amount of good. With this toast he should couple the name of Bro. Binckes, (cheers) who was the Grand Secretary of the degree, and was also Secretary to the Boy's School, and who in both capacities had been an indefatigable worker in the cause of Masonry. He, the chairman, remembered as an old Mason, the school under both Bro. Binckes's and his predecessor, and he had watched the progress it had made. It was exceedingly gratifying to him to have seen its progress, and all the whole body of Freemasons were under great obligations and a deep debt of gratitude to Bro. Binckes, for the efforts he had made in bringing the school to its present state of perfection. The toast was one which would be acceptable to the whole of the company, and it was one which he had great pleasure in proposing.

The toast was drunk with great enthusiasm.

Bro. Binckes thanked the chairman for his kind expressions, and the brethren for the heartiness with which they had received them. With respect to the Masonic institutions he had certainly done his best for many years to advance their prosperity, and it was as much pleasure to him as it was to the chairman to see the Boys' School, the Girls' School and the Benevolent Institution so rapidly increasing. The number of boys in the school had extended in a few years from 70 to 178, the girls from 90 to 146, and the Benevolent Institution's pensioners were over 200. £25,000 were annually collected on behalf of these institutions by the liberality of the brethren, and he need hardly ask the company whether a better proof was required of the good which was being effected by this great Order. They might depend upon it that their generosity was not, and would not be thrown away. More or less their good deeds had followed them, and he hoped that any brother who had not yet visited the Institutions would do so, and see the practical effect of what they were doing. The Boys' School at Wood-green, the Girls' School at Battersea Rise, the Benevolent Institution at Croydon were always open to inspection, and an inspection could only lead to their still further support. Unless the brethren and ladies did go and see them they could have no idea of the amount of good that was being done. He could assure them they were deserving of all the assistance that could be bestowed on them. Speaking then of the Mark Benevolent Fund he gave a history of its formation, and said it was intended to assist poor Mark Masons, their widows and children. Happily up to the present time there had been no large demands upon it, and they had already had six anniversary festivals on its behalf, including the present. It had contributed to the Masonic Institutions; but about £200 would cover all the gifts it had had to make to poor Mark Masters. The fund now amounted to £400, which was well invested. But he was sorry to tell them there had just occurred two deaths which would necessitate an appeal to this fund. Bro. Binckes then mentioned the names of the deceased brethren, for neither of whom might they have expected an

appeal to the charity of Freemasons would be made. He afterwards read the lists of donations brought in by the Stewards, amounting to some £200 (cheers), and thanked the brethren and ladies heartily for what they had done.

Col. Burdett proposed "The Health of the Chairman," who responded, and proposed "The Ladies," for whom Colonel Wigginton replied. Bro. C. Levander acknowledged "the Health of the Stewards," and the party shortly afterwards returned to town, having spent a most agreeable day.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Madame Thaddeus Wells, who was assisted by Miss Lucy Franklin, and Bros. George Buckland and Frank Elmore.

ROSICRUCIAN SOCIETY.

METROPOLITAN COLLEGE.

The quarterly convocation of this society was held at the Royal Masonic Hall, Regent-street on Thursday, 9th July.

The M***** C***** was opened in the usual manner by the Supreme Magus, Frater R. Wentworth Little, and after the confirmation of the minutes, read by Frater William Robert Woodman, Secretary General, a communication from the High Council of the Order was then made. The accounts of the society, duly audited, were approved.

There were five candidates for the grade of Zelator, several of whom had been balloted for at former meetings of the college.

The usual arrangements having been completed, the following brethren, being Master Masons and of good repute, were then, in ancient form, admitted to the degree of Zelator:

Bro. Frederick Binckes, P.M., Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys; Bros. Eugene Thiellay, Devey Fearon Ranking, B.A.; Thomas Massa, Frederick Keily.

These gentlemen having been duly admonished, retired, and on their re-admission, received the rite of perfection at the hands of Frater C. F. Matier, Chief Adept of the Manchester College, assisted as Chaplain by Frater Kenneth R. H. Mackenzie, (known as Cryptonymus). It was proposed and carried by acclamation that a letter, couched in proper terms, should be sent to the widow of Frater William Carpenter.

Frater Captain Hunter, representative at the Metropolitan College of the Eastern Division of Scotland, moved a resolution of fraternity and good will from that college.

Frater Matier moved a similar resolution on behalf of the College of Manchester and East Lancashire, which was received in a thoroughly fraternal spirit. It was also moved from the east that a jewel be presented to Bro. Robert Wentworth Little, for his services to the Society.

Frater Kenneth R. H. Mackenzie then read a paper on "Rosicrucian Vitality," which was kindly received by the Frateres.

Among the Frateres present not specified above, we observed Frateres Hyde Pullen, the Rev. P.M. Holden, Captain George Lambert, James Willing, Jun.; George Kenning, T. Cubitt, Boyd, Foulger, Sigismund Rosenthal, Still, and others.

The college then adjourned its meeting until the month of October, and partook of a slight refectation, under the admirable management of Mr. Nichols, the entrepreneur of the Café Royale.

At a Masonic Lodge held sometime since in Bombay, India, there were present nine native brethren, three of whom were followers of Zoroaster, two of Confucius, and four of Mahomet, assembled together around one common altar, and engaged in the worship of one common God. What an illustration of the universality and unsectarian character of Freemasonry.

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SATURDAY, JULY 18TH, 1874.

THE TRUE MISSION OF FREEMASONRY.

Though we had purposely limited, some of that expansive range of vision and of that which has marked for some time some of the continental writers on Freemasonry, in our article, we by no means intend, nor do we profess to take at all a narrow view of the mission of Freemasonry. We hold strongly and tenaciously, that Freemasonry is a mission, and a very good one in the world among our fellow men, but we honestly confess we cannot and do not accept what we may term, the rhapsodical view of Freemasonry. In the first place Freemasonry affords us a happy meeting-ground amid the warfare of the world and the division of thought and belief, where we can all lay aside the conventional "Shibboleth" of earnest but antagonistic denominations, the war cries of party are stilled in time, and where the petty animosities and quarrels of social life do not intrude. Freemasonry has, no doubt, in its very profession, something which runs counter to every zealous doctrinalist. Some persons do not profess to understand, and instantly condemn our actions; that while we are an eclectic society, we are also a handmaid to religion. Unless the principles and teaching of the body to which we belong are accepted, though the dogma of interdict and excommunication, "major et minor," let us fervently hope, are over, they are very much inclined to question the propriety and benefit of a society which takes no heed of them; we have always contended, and contend that the basis of our society, being the same of all who bonâ fide believe, in The Father of the Human Race, The Great Architect of the World, The Great Creator of Man. Whether our position be sound or unsound, whether our views be acceptable or unacceptable, such they are, and we are not ashamed to avow them. For if so our views are too expansive, if they are still not expansive enough, in this as in other matters Masonic super vias antiquas." We are friendly to all religious bodies, we are hostile to none, we are most willing to associate with them, and to help them in all works which tend to

lightenment and education and elevation of humanity, and to promote the temporal well-being, or the medical relief of the suffering or afflicted of our fellow-creatures. Now abroad very often you hear of professions of Masonic dogmas and opinions which seem to claim for Freemasonry a coequal power of moral teaching, and of educational effect, with some long constituted religious body. Hence the antagonism which so often exists between religious communities and our Masonic brethren abroad. Were our continental brethren content, as we are, simply to avow themselves a purely unpolitical body, without any ulterior aims, except those of general philanthropy, toleration, and fraternal love, the unfortunate and regrettable antagonism, which at present exists in many foreign countries, might at any rate be materially lessened, if not altogether removed. But so long as Freemasonry, being a secret society, bounded by inner and mysterious ties of association and recognition, continues to avow the remarkably extended views in all points, political, philosophical, and psychological, which it does in many continental countries to-day, so long is it certain to perpetuate this present unsatisfactory and untoward position of affairs. Were our good brethren in Italy for instance, to give up attacking continually "Pio Nono" and the "Negri," and to devote themselves to the development of Masonic charity, or the erection of orphanages for the poor children of deceased brethren, and for the relief of pressing indigence, and to the granting of annuities to "aged and decayed Freemasons," Freemasonry in Italy would receive an impulse which nothing could check. For there is something in Freemasonry which specially commends itself to the quick apprehension of the tolerant Italian mind. Long ages of mistaken teaching have not deprived Italians of sympathy for their fellow men, and of love of each other. Hence a society which, though eclectic, is still religious in all its tendencies and teachings, and has nothing to do with politics or polemics, as with us, whose great axiom is brotherly love, and whose outward practical manifestation is genuine sympathy to all, and kindly aid to its own members, is certain to be both appreciated and approved of by the Italy of Dante and Manzoni. Were, too, our good German brethren, instead of constant censure of the Pope, and the ultramontanes, and priestly power, and the Jesuits (for whom nobody has a good word, today, though we should never forget that in darker days, they led the van in the great cause of general, moral, and scientific education), were those earnest German brethren of ours, we repeat, to devote themselves to the unification and consolidation of German Freemasonry, they would, we feel sure, greatly strengthen their own rightful position and their own good cause. We think, too, with due submission to them, and to their numerous lodges, that they might do a little more for general Masonic benevolence, than they are doing. We are quite aware that many of their old and famous private lodges are most truly to be commended for their laudable efforts in the cause of orphan education and Masonic benevolence. And when we remember, to day, what Masonic literature owes to German writers, when

we recall gratefully the honoured names, of Krause and Kloss, Gädicke and Lenning, Rebold, and Mossdorf, Schletter and Findel, and many more, we must ever entertain the warmest admiration for German Freemasons, and feel the deepest regret, if anything should impede their onward course, or mar their high prestige. These two illustrations will suffice to day "to point our moral," and we conclude with the re-assertion of our belief, that Freemasonry has a true mission, and a great mission, in the world, to day. Here is a society, however some may criticize, and others may condemn, whose unchanging precepts are toleration, sympathy and good-will to all men. Here is a brotherhood which, leaving to the world the politics of the world, and to men the controversies of men, is only intent on propounding and propagating the kindly teaching of peace and mercy, and of unfolding to its members its own true religious views and words, based evermore and alone on the authority of the great moral law, by which we are taught to love one another, to be true and steadfast, decorous and honest, just and forbearing, pitiful and forgiving, loyal citizens, good subjects, and to fulfil with freedom, fervency, and zeal, the requirements of every path of duty and of every social vocation in life. We will close these little discussions and lucubrations in our next impression, with a statement of the practical manifestation and development of its true Mission, which Freemasonry can and does display, in active works of beneficence and love.

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We trust sincerely, that, under the new Head Master, the school may go on and prosper, and reach its true position among the educational institutions of our country.

We have always agreed with Bro. Binckes, in the view he has more than once expressed, that there is no reason why our Masonic Boys' School should not be our great Masonic public school, just as much as Winchester, Eton, Harrow, and Westminster, and others of great value, are looked upon with confidence by parents, and admiration by those who claim them as their "Alma Mater."

Happily the days are over, when it is supposed and contended, that, we can educate too much.

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We wish the new Head Master Bro. Perrot, and our Masonic Boys all possible happiness and progress, and success.

OUR LATE BRO. LORD DALHOUSIE.

The Earl of Dalhousie, so long known as Mr. Fox Maule, and afterwards as Lord Panmure, whose death we recorded last week, was born seventy-three years ago. He was the son of the Hon. W. Maule, second son of the ninth Earl of Dalhousie. He was educated at the Charterhouse, but he did not matriculate at any University. In 1852 he was called to the Upper House by the somewhat unexpected death of his father, who, in 1831, had been created Lord Panmure, and, in 1860, he succeeded to the Earldom of Dalhousie on the death of his cousin (first Marquis and tenth Earl), the distinguished statesman and Governor-General of India. After this he resumed his family name of Ramsay. His titles descend to Vice-Admiral George Ramsay, C.B., who was born in 1806, and who married in 1845 Sarah Frances, only daughter of the late Mr. William Robertson, of Logan House, by whom he has surviving issue two sons—John William, born 29th June, 1847, and Charles Maule, born 29th January, 1859.

Lord Dalhousie was a prominent member of the Free Kirk of Scotland, and was, as some of us will remember, Minister of War, during the last period of the Crimean War.

As a Freemason, he was distinguished by his clearness of expression, and his attachment to the true principles of Freemasonry.

Some of his speeches were very effective. He was made a Mason, we believe, in Canada, but subsequently became Grand Master of Scotland and Deputy Grand Master of England.

Though latterly he has not appeared often in Grand Lodge, yet alike by Grand Lodge, and the English and Scottish Craft, his loss will be sincerely regretted.

When his great relative Lord Dalhousie, afterwards Governor General of India, was addressing some Scottish electors, he told them "ye'll be daft to refuse the Laird o' Cockpen," and if the late Lord Dalhousie succeeded to that title, among others he inherited from the great Governor General, we think that he was indeed a true representative of that worthy and genial personage immortalized in Scottish poetry.

With Lord Dalhousie passes away another representative of our older statesmen, and of these brethren of our order, who once were grouped, a goodly band, around the Duke of Sussex and Lord Zetland.

The following notice appeared in a Scottish contemporary:—

A notable feature of his Lordship's public life was his connection with Freemasonry—a connection which may be called hereditary, seeing that his father, grandfather, uncles, and other members of his family had been prominent members of the Craft. Having been initiated in a Canadian lodge in 1824, he was, on his return to this country, affiliated to various lodges both in England and Scotland. Amid the labours and responsibilities of statesmanship, he somehow contrived to find leisure for Masonic engagements, and accordingly rose to high office in the fraternity. For some years, ending with 1860, he acted as Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England, which body he long represented in the Grand Lodge of Scotland. He was also for some time Provincial Grand Master of Elgin and Moray, and in 1852 succeeded his father as Provincial Grand Master of Forfarshire, which office he had held ever since. On the elevation of Bro. Whyte Melville to the Masonic throne of Scotland, his Lordship was appointed Depute Grand Master; and while occupying this position he was also chosen in July, 1867, to preside at the great funeral lodge held in Glasgow in honour of the late Sir Archibald Alison. In November of the same year, Lord Dalhousie was unanimously elected Grand Master Mason of Scotland, being the 68th in succession. This high office he held for three years, in the course of which period he laid the foundation-stone of the Glasgow Industrial Schools at Mossbank, of the Free Library and Museum at Paisley, of the Albert Bridge, Glasgow, and of the new hall built by Lodge Journeyman of Edinburgh in 1870. To his Lordship's influence the Scottish Order are largely indebted for the patronage of the Prince of Wales, who, it will be remembered, was installed at Freemason's Hall in October 1870, and on the following day laid the foundation-stone of the New Royal Infirmary. As an acknowledgment of Lord Dalhousie's Masonic services, a subscription was set on foot at the time of his demission of office for the purpose of presenting him with a suitable testimonial. This took the form of a fine marble bust, by John Hutchinson, R.S.A., which is now in the Masonic Hall, Edinburgh, the balance of the subscription being, at his Lordship's request, set apart as a fund for pensioning aged Freemasons or their widows.

Original Correspondence.

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

BRO. HUGHAN'S CHALLENGE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In common with your correspondent "Reviresco," p. 405, I was very much pleased at reading the challenge thrown out by our highly esteemed and talented Bro. Hughan at page 388, June 27th, and I trust that some of those who hold views opposed to his will have the courage and manliness to come forward and say what they can in support of them. In regard to "Reviresco" himself, however, I would beg to call his attention to his own words at page 405, and point out to him where he seems not to have properly taken Bro. Hughan up. "Reviresco" says, "respecting the existence of degrees beyond the third, and of rituals of the Craft prior to the last century." Now under his and head, Bro. Hughan, not only calls in question or denies "the existence of degrees beyond the third," before the last century, but he denies the existence of even the "third" itself, before about A.D. 1717. Nay, more, he also denies the existence of the second before then, or even of any degrees at all, his words being, "and whatever esoteric customs may have been communicated to Craftsmen, before the last century, they do not appear to have necessitated the temporary absence of either class of members from the lodge." In connection therefore with a truthful history of Freemasonry, it is surely a most important point to settle whether or not our three degrees existed before A.D. 1717. The majority of Freemasons, I fear, consider that our three degrees have existed since Solomon's time, or for nearly 3000 years. Until I began to study the subject personally, I believed so myself, but now I am with Bro. Hughan, in asserting that they are only about a century and a half old. In short I am as one with Bro. Hughan, upon his second and third heads. In regard to his first head, however, I cannot so unequivocally subscribe to my acceptance of it without a word of explanation. I admit that the "(a) Freemasonry before A.D. 1717, was not wholly operative, (b) but partially speculative," in the sense that the Masonic societies which existed before 1717, admitted men who were not operatives, but the in that sense, pre-1717, "Speculative" Masons no more became acquainted with our system of Speculative Freemasonry thereby, than did the Right Hon. Benjamin Disraeli the other day, when he was made a Speculative Tailor.

What the "Masons' Word" was in A.D. 1700 I do not know, nor do I remember of ever coming across anyone who did, neither do I know that said word in 1700 would be the same both in Edinburgh and in London. I remember Bro. Lyon stating that the old Scottish Masons' word was a monosyllable. One brother lately told me that when he was made a Mason amongst the operatives about thirty years ago, the word he got was "Bye and Bye," while the "word" in some of the other Crafts, was a verse from the New Testament, all being different from our post-1717 system.

Under clause (c) of Bro. Hughan's first head the placing of the word "Revival" between inverted commas tends to do away with such objections as I might otherwise have had at its use there, the year 1717, in my opinion, not being the era of the "revival" of our system of Freemasonry but of its institution; Desaguliers and his confreres simply making use of the "Masons' of their time to carry out their intentions and inaugurate their new system.

I am, yours fraternally,

W. P. BUCHAN.

The three ceremonies will be worked at the Confidence Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, E.C., on Wednesday evening next, the 22nd instant, at 7.30. Bro. John Constable, W.M.

The members of the Tranquility and Confidence Masonic Charitable Association are informed that the 22nd inst. will be subscription night.

Batum in Varbo, or Masonic Notes and Queries.

WILLIAM PRESTON.

As a most interesting note, and for the information of the Masonic students like myself, I beg to communicate the following extract from a letter of my worthy and expert Bro. P.M., Wm. Cowling, of York, of date July 9th:

"I have looked over our old records to find any trace of Wm. Preston. A "William Preston" was proposed in the Grand Lodge of York, April 27, 1761. He was initiated and passed, May 25, 1761. I can find no description either of his residence or business. He never took M.M., and there is no mention of him after May 25, either visiting the lodge or in any other way. Could this be the William Preston? It would be about the time he came to England, and York being at that time rather famous for its printers; did he stay here on his way to London? 1774, January 31, present at the lodge as a visitor, Bro. Preston, and at this lodge he was proposed to become a member pro. tempore, and was balloted for and admitted. He attended the lodge, February 28, and March 28. No Christian name is given, and he is not entered in the list of members. There is nothing in the minutes to show who he was, or why he was admitted in such an extraordinary manner. In the correspondence that took place between the G.L. of York, and the Lodge of Antiquity, with respect to the formation of the G.L. south of the Trent, Bro. Preston is spoken of two or three times in a manner that shows that the members of the G.L. of York were acquainted with him. 1778, Aug. 29. The Secretary of the G.L. of York, Bro. Bussey, writing to Benjamin Bradling, J.W. of the Lodge of Antiquity, says, 'my best respects attend Bro. Preston, whom I expect you will make acquainted with the purport of this letter, and that it will be agreeable to him.' 1778, September 22nd, Bradling writing to Bussey, says, 'Bro. Preston joins with me in a sincere wish for the prosperity of Bro. Bussey, and all the other members of the G. L. of York.' I should say that Bussey was in London early in 1778, and indeed seems to have gone there pretty often. One of the lodges formed by the G.L. South of Trent was the Lodge of Perseverance and Triumph, at the Queens' Head Tavern, Holborn, and William Preston, P.M. was the first R.W.M.; it was opened August 9, 1779. A John Preston was one of the seven brethren to whom the warrant of the Union Lodge (now the York Lodge) was granted, and was the third W.M. in 1779. He was a musical-instrument maker, and took his degrees in the Apollo Lodge, York."

I think the above note most interesting and important, and am myself, unless the minutes of the Caledonian Lodge can be produced to verify Bro. Stephen Jones's statement, inclined to believe that the great historian was after all initiated and passed at York, and raised possibly in London, in the Caledonian Lodge. It now becomes a matter of deep interest to ascertain the real truth of the case, and if any brother can give me any clue to the minutes of the Caledonian Lodge, he will confer a great obligation on all Masonic students.

What does our able Bro. W. J. Hughan know about the Caledonian Lodge?

A. F. A. WOODFORD.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Rheumatism and Neuralgia.—It is sometimes difficult to determine which of these diseases is afflicting the sufferer, but this ignorance will not matter if Holloway's remedies be used. They alleviate all muscular and nervous pains. In hereditary rheumatism, after bathing the affected parts with warm salt water, Holloway's Ointment should be well rubbed on the spot, that it may penetrate and exert its soothing renovating properties on the deeper vessels and nerves, which are unduly excited, and cause both the pain and swelling. Holloway's treatment has the merit of removing the disease, without debilitating the constitution, which was the inevitable result of the bleeding, mercury, and colchicum practice, formerly adopted in these complaints.—ADVT.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CORNWALL.

The annual Provincial Grand Lodge of the Freemasons of Cornwall was held on the 7th inst. at Bodmin, and was very largely attended, there being about three hundred brethren present, drawn together for the most part, probably, by the announcement that the new Masonic lodge "One and All" would be dedicated by the Provincial Grand Master, the Earl of Mount Edgumbe.

The inhabitants did their best to give the brethren a hearty welcome, and the town presented a very lively appearance by a large display of bunting in the principal thoroughfares. All the arrangements were of the most complete and satisfactory character, and every facility was afforded to distant brethren by Bro. Sandoe, of the Royal Hotel, who sent several conveyances to meet the up and down trains to Bodmin Station, single fares only being charged. Members met at the Shire Hall at ten o'clock the morning, and having clothed they formed procession, and at once marched to the Manic Hall, where the business of the Grand Lodge was transacted.

The members of "One and All" can boast of having as handsome a lodge as is to be found in the whole province. It is most tastefully decorated, the entire work having been entrusted to the master hand of Bro. Solomon, Truro. On one side of the building there are five fine stained windows, the centre one being a memorial window, the gift of the widow of the late Sir Hugh Molesworth, Bart., P.M. The window on the higher side has been subscribed for by the Past Masters of the Lodge, whilst the others and other members of the lodge have each contributed one. All three of them are exceedingly handsome, and Bro. Foursacre, of Stonehouse, who supplied them, is deserving of all praise for having produced such excellent works of art. A fourth (transparent) window overlooking the street, was given by the Hon. F. L. Ver, the much respected member for the county.

It was in the New Masonic Hall that the Grand Lodge was held, the Right Worshipful Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgumbe, Provincial Grand Master, presiding. The brethren present included Bros. L. P. Metham, P.G.D. of Cornwall, and D.P.G.M. of Devonshire, the Rev. Grand Chaplain of England, and William Hughan, Past S.G.D. of England, and Sir G. H. Colvill, W.M. 330, P. Prov. G.W.; and a number of other distinguished Masons.

The Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened in due form by the R. W. Brother, the Earl of Mount Edgumbe, Prov. Grand Master of Cornwall, Bro. Johns, Prov. G. Secretary, read the minutes of the last P.G. Lodge meeting, held at Truro in 1873, and they were confirmed. In the absence of Bro. Tweedy, P.G. Treasurer, the annual accounts were read by Bro. F. W. Ver, auditor. These accounts showed that the credit for the year had been £151 13s. 7d., and the receipts £168 17s. 4d. Added to this sum there was a credit balance brought forward from the last account, amounting to £9s. 5d., and this is now increased to £135 2s. 2d.

Bro. Johns read the report of the Provincial Secretary, which stated the number of brethren in the province was twenty-four. The number of initiations during the year was 176; and the number of members, 929; total number of members 36; members, 801; and the number of initiations during the previous year the initiations numbered 130, showing an increase of 46; the joining brethren were 37; decrease 1; members, 801; and the number of initiations during the previous year of 173. The committee were of opinion that the returns had been much more regular than heretofore, and consequently the Provincial directory so kindly and so efficiently compiled by W. Bro. J. Hughan, was issued in due time.

Hughan next read the report relating to the Provincial Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund, showing that the present entire capital of the fund amounted to £2,049 15s. 3d. Bro. Grand Master remarked that this was one of the principal features of the year, and to see that it was carried out in so

satisfactory a manner must be very pleasing to all of them.

The report of the "Committee of Relief" was read by Bro. Jenkins.

Bro. Hughan reported that as Steward of the Province of Cornwall for the Masonic Charities, London, for 1873-4, he obtained over £170 for the "Royal Masonic Institution for Girls," which is the largest sum raised for any Masonic charity in Cornwall, for one of the annual festivals. The sum, however, would have been much larger, if the brethren in several lodges which contributed nothing, had thoroughly considered the claims of the Institution. He commenced the election in October 1873 in debt, but paid off all the votes owing, and not having any candidates he lent their votes as a Province to Octavia Helen Wheeler, Province of Worcester, and Ethel Seaton, Province of Yorkshire, both of whom were successful. In April last they had no candidate for Cornwall, but having Bro. Edward Penman, P.M., 589, Redruth, as a candidate in the following month for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, he again lent their votes, one portion being given to Cornelia Mary Allison (London); another portion to Wm. Lea (West Lancashire), both being elected; and the remainder of the votes were lent to the Province of Oxfordshire for Percy Edward Howard, who was unsuccessful. In May the votes were repaid in proxies for "Aged Freemasons," and (with those he borrowed and obtained from the Province of Cornwall, and elsewhere) he polled 794 for Bro. Edward Penman, and returned him fourth on the list out of the twenty who were elected. The "widows," votes he exchanged for "old men's," in favour of Judith Baker, of Bristol, who was elected, so that out of the six candidates he supported on behalf of the Prov. of Cornwall five were elected, and their friends repaid him the votes they borrowed, by which he secured the election of Bro. Penman for £36 per annum for life. Had the votes not been so collected and thus dealt with, Bro. Penman would not have been elected, neither would the little boy, Sparke, have been previously elected. In October of this year he should secure the election, all being well, of Emily Snowden Treleaven, for the Province of Cornwall, and in May, 1875, he hoped to return a Cornish brother, as a London annuitant, after which he should have to rest a bit, pay off all the debts, and then commence afresh. To do this he would require the earnest support of the Province, and if they followed the example set them by the Prov. G.M., the Earl of Mount Edgumbe, and the D.P.G.M., Sir F. M. Williams, he did not despair of fulfilling the programme to the very letter.

The whole of the reports were adopted.

On the motion of Bro. Carlyon, seconded by Bro. J. Paull, the sum of £25 was voted to the Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund, and on the motion of Bro. Dabb, seconded by Bro. R. Rich, £20 was voted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, London.

Bro. Metham, D.P.G. Master of Devonshire, introduced by the Prov. G.M., made an earnest and eloquent appeal to the Prov. Grand Lodge, on behalf of the Female Orphan Asylum at Stoke. He remarked that although the Asylum was situated on the other side of the Tamar, it had no local preferences of any kind whatever, children being elected from all parts of the country, they being the destitute female orphans of our soldiers, sailors, and marines, their only credentials being a record of their father's services. Although the charity had existed for a very considerable number of years, he had never yet made any appeal to the Prov. Grand Lodge of Devonshire, or to its lodges, until the present moment, but a claim had now come upon the committee of the institution to consider, either to enlarge the building so as to increase the number of its inmates, or to shut the doors against a very large number who were crowding upon them for admission. That decision was left to him individually, and when he remembered that during thirty-five years more than a thousand children had been admitted into the asylum, every one of whom he had known personally, and who, but for the shelter thus afforded them, would have been inmates of our hospitals and

unions, he could not take upon himself the responsibility of saying "No," for he could not shut out from his mind how dismal and dark must be the future of those unfortunate children who would be shut out from the comforts of the asylum. Therefore he came to them as fearlessly as he went to Devonshire, or London, or any other place, and he came to them all the more readily because he felt that he had a special claim upon them from the fact that, leaving the three towns out of the question, Cornwall had as many children in the asylum as Devonshire, there being eleven or twelve Cornish girls within the institution; besides which, at the election which took place last week, out of the eight candidates who succeeded two of them were from Cornwall. The asylum having already done so much, the committee were now placed in the position of having to say whether its operations should be enlarged or not, but if they could not succeed in raising the £4,000 which was necessary for the purpose they would have to close their doors for years to come in the faces of the 125 children whom they were obliged to reject last week. He appealed to them as Cornishmen, as Englishmen, and as Masons, and he felt sure that he should not appeal to them in vain. (Applause.)

Bro. Carlyon then moved, and Bro. Grach seconded, that the sum of ten guineas be voted to the Asylum.

This was carried unanimously; several brethren also promised subscriptions in the room, and it was understood that the W.M.'s would bring the claims of the Institution before their various lodges.

The Prov. Grand Master mentioned that the memorial stone of the new wing of the building would be laid during the coming month by H. R. Highness the Duke of Edinburgh, and it was proposed that on that occasion there should be a Masonic purse filled with subscriptions from all Masonic sources. (Hear, hear.) He should be very glad to add twenty guineas to the ten guineas already voted by the lodge. (Applause.)

The Treasurer, Secretary, and two Auditors for the Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund, appointed last year, were re-elected.

At this stage of the proceedings business was temporarily suspended, and the brethren marched in procession to the parish church, where an excellent sermon was preached by the Rev. H. Ferris, P.G.A. Chaplain. The usual collection was afterwards made, and it amounted to £13 15s.

On resuming business, the Prov. Grand Master at once proceeded to dedicate the hall of "One and All," Lodge, 330, to Masonic purposes. Captain Colville, as the W.M. of the lodge formally invited his lordship to perform the ceremony. He remarked that for many years the brethren were unable to obtain a building in which they could properly perform the ceremonies of the Craft, and it had been a matter of great regret to them that they had been obliged for so long a time to meet in undesirable places. But now they had a hall of which they might be proud, and the beauty of its decorations reflected high credit upon Bro. Solomon, in whose hands the work had been placed. (Applause.)

The interesting and impressive ceremony of dedication was then performed by the Prov. Grand Master with great solemnity, the use of the corn, the wine, the oil, and the salt, being observed according to ancient custom. There were also choral responses, the musical arrangements being under the efficient direction of Bro. J. Hele, Mus. Bac., P.P.G. Organist. His lordship was well assisted in the ceremony by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Devon, Bro. Metham; the acting S.G.W., Bro. Solomon; and the J.G.W., Bro. Worth, and during its performance the choir sang the anthems "Hail! Universal Lord," "Behold, how good and joyful a thing it is for brethren to dwell together in unity," and "Great and Marvellous are Thy works."

The dedicatory ceremony over the Prov. G.M. appointed the following as his officers for the year ensuing:—
Sir F. M. Williams, Bart., M.P. D. Prov. G.M.
Capt. Colville..... Prov. G.S.W.

Dr. A. A. Davis	Prov. G. J. W.
Rev. A. H. Ferris	Prov. G. Chaplain
Rev. A. H. Cummings	Prov. J. G. Chaplain
E. Commins	Prov. G. Registrar.
E. T. Carlyon	Prov. G. Sec.
W. Wright	Prov. G. S. D.
J. Hocking, junr.	Prov. J. G. D.
G. Roseveare	Prov. G. S.'of W.
R. A. Courtney	Prov. G. D. C.
C. Trevithick	Prov. G. A. D. C.
J. B. Kerswell	Prov. G. S. B.
N. B. Bullen	Prov. G. Org.
E. Poor	Prov. G. Purst.
Rooks	Prov. G. A. Purst.
J. Dennis	Prov. G. Stwd.
W. N. Abbot	Prov. G. Stwd.
S. Mitchell	Prov. G. Stwd.
H. Cockrane	Prov. G. Stwd.
J. Cardew	Prov. G. Stwd.
M. Cock	Prov. G. Stwd.
Lean	Prov. G. Tyler.

The Auditors, Bros. Dabb and Johns, were re-elected for the ensuing year, as also were the Relief Committee, consisting of Bros. Reginald Rogers, W. Tweedy, E. T. Carlyon, W. H. Jenkins, and W. J. Hughan, P.S.G.D.

It was resolved that the collection at the Church should be divided in the usual way, one-fifth for the Vicar of the parish, two-fifths to the Masonic Annuity Fund, and the remainder to the East Cornwall Hospital.

On the motion of Bro. Hughan, seconded by Bro. Captain Colvill, it was unanimously resolved "That the sum of £100 or less be taken from the Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund, to be dealt with by the subscribers at the next Provincial Grand Lodge; that a vacancy be declared in the Annuity Fund, and that any grants considered desirable, and in form, be forwarded to the Secretary at Truro, in order that all subscribers may be informed thereof."

Before the business of the lodge was brought to a close the Provincial Grand Master called the attention of the brethren present to the coming visit of the Prince of Wales to Plymouth, on the occasion of the opening of the new Guildhall buildings, and he made an appeal to the W.M.'s of lodges to make their arrangements as speedily and as complete as possible. He said there was a strongly expressed desire that the two provinces of Devon and Cornwall should work together in the most perfect harmony on that occasion, and he would do all in his power to promote that end.

It was resolved that Bros. Sir F. M. Williams, Bart., M.P., P. G. W. England, W. J. Hughan P.S.G.D. England; E. T. Carlyon, Prov. Grand Secretary; and R. Iden, P. Prov. D.C., be the Committee to make the necessary arrangements.

The lodge was then closed in due form.

The annual banquet was provided by Bro. Sandoe, of the Royal Hotel, at the Town Hall, and was partaken of by a very large number of brethren. The Prov. Grand Master presided, and after dinner his lordship proposed the loyal and Masonic toasts usual on these occasions. At intervals, some excellent vocal and instrumental music was provided by Bros. Hele, Bodmin; Goodall, Devonport; Clemons, Plymouth; Rowe, Bodmin; Rice, Torquay; and Heath, Redruth. The health of the Provincial Grand Master, proposed by Bro. Captain Colvill, P.G.S.W., was drunk with great enthusiasm, and his Lordship, in returning thanks, spoke of the excellent arrangements which Captain Colvill and his officers made for the convenience, comfort, and accommodation of Grand Lodge. Nothing could have been better, and they were deserving of the highest praise.

DEATH OF AN OLD MASON.—There expired on the 22nd May, one of the oldest Masons in Canada, Chas. Clark, of Thorold, who was made a Mason 67 years ago in Ireland. At the opening of Mountain Lodge, Thorold, some five years ago, he wore the same Masonic clothing he had 62 years before. He resided for many years in Grantham, below the mountain, and some years ago he went to his son's, in Pennsylvania, whence he was removed on a mattress two weeks previous to his death, to his son-in-law, Geo. McArthur, in Thorold, to die and be buried beside his wife. He had reached the patriarchal age of 87 years.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The quarterly court of subscribers to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held on Saturday last, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Major John Creaton, V.P., President; there were also present Bros. John Symonds, H. Browse, Captain Wordsworth, Thomas W. White, W. Watson, Jesse Turner, Frederick Binckes, H. Massey (representing *The Freemason*), H. Muggeridge, and R. Wentworth Little, Secretary.

After the reading of the minutes, which were confirmed, it was resolved to admit into the school five girls beyond the number which it at present boards, clothes, and educates. Bro. John Symonds, in Bro. J. C. Parkinson's absence, brought forward the motion of which that brother had given notice, and which has appeared in our advertising columns. Bro. Symonds argued in favour of the alteration proposed, but on the motion being put for a seconder, none was found, and it therefore dropped. Bro. Symonds then moved, in place of Bro. Parkinson, the second alteration of which notice was given, and which also appeared in our advertising columns. This motion proposed to give to ladies who would become subscribers additional qualifications. The motion was seconded by Bro. Thomas W. White, and was carried unanimously.

Bro. H. A. Dubois was not present to bring forward his motion, and it consequently fell through. Bro. William Cluff's bequest of £3500 to the Girls' School, the terms of which were set out in our last impression, was then considered, and the letter of Bro. Hopwood and Sons, to Bro. Binckes, with respect to the effect of a similar bequest to the Boys' School, was read by Bro. Little. Bro. Binckes, at the request of the Chairman, stated what course the Boys' School General Committee had taken, for which we refer our readers to the full report of the proceedings of that Committee in our last number, and it was resolved that joint action should be taken by the two Institutions in the matter. Bro. H. Browse had first moved that the bequest be altogether refused, which motion, however, was not seconded. Bro. Peacock said he did not see that there would be much difficulty in carrying out the trusts of the will, and thought that under the Trustee Relief Act the Institution should pay the money into the Court of Chancery. He was in favour of the Boys' and Girls' Schools acting in harmony, and submitting the extract from the will to the Grand Master, who was President of both Institutions, to take the opinion of the Grand Registrar, Bro. McIntyre, Q.C. This being generally concurred in, was adopted, and a vote of thanks to the Chairman brought the proceedings of the quarterly court to a close.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The Quarterly Court of the subscribers to this school was held on Monday at Freemasons Hall. Bro. Henry Browse, V.P., occupied the chair. The other brethren present were Bros. Major Creaton, John Symonds, R. Wentworth Little, Capt. Wordsworth, James Perry, H. Massey (*Freemason*), and F. Binckes, Secretary. The list of candidates for election in October, was settled, and 43 boys were ordered to be placed on it. Vacancies in the school at that election for 13 boys were also declared. Mr. W. Cluff's bequest of £3500, having been considered and referred by the General Committee to the Grand Master, was not further debated. Bro. Symonds proposed the addition to rule 8, also proposed by him at the Quarterly Court of the Girls' School, on Saturday last, which in being seconded by Major Creaton, was carried. No other business being before the meeting a vote of thanks was passed to the chairman, and the proceedings closed.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.
For the Week ending Friday, July 23, 1874.

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

- Saturday, July 18.
Lodge 1185, Lewis's, King's Arms, Wood Green,
" 1327, Lebanon, Red Lion, Hampton.
Manchester Lodge of Instruction (179), Yorkshire Grey
77, London-street, Fitzroy-square, at 8; Bro. H. Ash
Preceptor.
Lily Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound Hotel, Rich-
mond, Surrey.
Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby
New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. G. Dille, Preceptor.

- Monday, July 20.
Lodge 1159, Marquess of Dalhousie, Freemason's Hall.
Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction (1445), Lo-
Stanley Tavern, Saundringham-road, Kingsland, at 8;
Bro. T. Austin, Preceptor.
Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Old Jerusalem
Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 8; Bro.
Beckett, Preceptor.
Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern,
Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.
Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern,
Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, M-
end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gotheil, Preceptor.
British Oak Lodge of Instruction (813), Bank of Friends
Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.
St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Home
Groom Tavern, Winsley-street (opposite the Panthe-
on), Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.
Wellington Lodge of Instruction, White Swan Tav-
ern, Deptford, at 8; Bro. C. G. Dille, P.M. 11.
Preceptor.
West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Saviour's
College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H.
Lindus, Preceptor.
Metropolitan Mark Lodge of Instruction, Coach
Horses Hotel, 323, Strand, at 8.

- Tuesday, July 21.
Board of General Purposes, at 3.
Lodge 30, United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern.
" 704, Camden, Bull and Gate, Kentish Town.
" 857, St. Mark's, Duke of Edinburgh Tavern, Ed-
Chapter 186, Industry, Freemasons' Hall.
Yarborough Lodge of Instruction (554), Green Dr-
Stepney, at 8; Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.
Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tavern,
Penton-park, Camberwell, at 8.
Faith Lodge of Instruction (141), Refreshment Rooms
toria-st., (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel),
Bro. C. A. Cottelone, Preceptor.
Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), L-
Hotel, Lord's Cricket Ground, St. John's-wood,
Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.
Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction (860), King Ed-
Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. Crawley, Pre-
Prosperity Lodge of Instruction (65), Gladstone Ta-
Bishopsgate-st., Within, at 7.30; Bro. Bolton,
1247, Preceptor.
St. Marybone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British
Tavern, Ne-v-street, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro.
A. Adams, Preceptor.
Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (55), Whea-
Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R.
(P.M. 180), Preceptor.
Percy Lodge of Instruction, Grapes Tavern, Little
mill-street, W.
Southwark Lodge of Instruction, (879), Southwark
Tavern, Southwark Park, at 8; Bro. Charles W.
Kent, Preceptor.
Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of O-
Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor.
United Strength Lodge of Instruction (238), the C-
Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town,
Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Glob-
at 7.30.
Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, Portugal Hotel,
street, at 7; Bro. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.

- Wednesday, July 22.
Lodge of Benevolence, at 6.
Lodge 507, United Pilgrims, Horns Tavern, Ken-
" 753, Prince Frederick William, Knights of S-
Hotel, St. John's Wood.
" 754, High Cross, Seven Sisters Tavern, Page-
Tottenham.
New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary
Tavern, Hoxton, at 8.
Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and
Tavern, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8; Bro.
Adams, Preceptor.
Confidence Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Tavern
church-lane, at 7.30.
Peckham Lodge of Instruction, Malsmore Arms, Pa-
Peckham, at 8; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor.
Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, Geo-
Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar.
Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, Thicket Hotel, Ane-
7.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction (288), F-
Park Tavern, Seven Sisters-road, N., at 8.
Dickinson, Acting Preceptor.

Thursday, July 23.

House Committee, Girls' School, at 4.
 Lodge 871, Royal Oak, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.
 Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham Court-road, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
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 United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
 Whitington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern Holborn, at 8; Bro. Lewis Alexander, P.M. 188, Preceptor.
 Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
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 Highgate Lodge of Instruction (1366), Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.

Friday, July 24.

House Committee, Boys' School, at 4.
 Lodge 780, Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.
 St. George's Lodge of Instruction (140), Globe Tavern, Royal-hill, Greenwich.
 Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
 Belgrave Lodge of Instruction (749), Coach and Horses, Strand, at 8; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.
 Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.
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 Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tavern, Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.
 Clapton Lodge of Instruction (1365), White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., Preceptor.
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 Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.
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MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE,

For the Week ending Saturday, July 25, 1874.

Monday, July 20.

Chap. 995, Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverstone.
 Erenton Lodge of Instruction (823), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 7.30.

Tuesday, July 21.

Lodge 667, Alliance, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 1225, Hindpool, Hartington Hotel, Barrow-in-Furness.
 " 1276, Warren, Stanley Arms Hotel, Seacombe, at 6.
 Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.

Wednesday, July 22.

Lodge 220, Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, near Liverpool, at 3.
 " 724, Derby, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 1325, Stanley, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool, at 6.
 Chapter 1052, Callender, Public Hall, Rusholme.
 Neptune Lodge of Instruction (1264), Masonic Temple Liverpool, at 7.
 De Grey and Ripon Lodge of Instruction (1356), 80, North Hill-street, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 7.30.

Thursday, July 23.

Lodge 594, Downshire, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 950, Hesketh, Royal Hotel, Dock-street, Fleetwood.
 " 1032, Townley Parker, Howard's Arms, Whittle-le-Springs.
 " 1070, Starkie, Black Horse Hotel, Kirkham.
 Chap. 292, Liverpool, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 1086, Walton, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, at 6.
 Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction (1182), 150, Park-lane, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 7.

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For the week ending Saturday, July 25, 1874.

All the Meetings take place at 8 o'clock.
 Glasgow Fair takes place this week, consequently no lodges meet in the City.

Wednesday, July 22.

Lodge 187, St. John's, Black Bull Inn, Carlisle.
 " 505, Burns, St. Mary, Harlow.

Thursday, July 23.

" 510, Maryhill, 157, Main-street, Maryhill.
 Lodge 22, St. John, George Hotel, Kilmarnock.

Friday, July 24.

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GIBRALTAR.—St. John's Lodge (No. 115).—A solid and flourishing lodge held its monthly meeting on the 16th June, 1874, in the lodgings, Bell Lane, Gibraltar. The lodge was led by the W.M., Bro. J. Hayes, assisted by his officers, who after some work, informed the brethren of the principal work of the evening, which was the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. Ashton, and the appointment of his officers. Bro. Morgan, the Installing Master, then proceeded with the installation ceremony, which was done with great solemnity, and with his usual earnestness. W.M. Ashton then proceeded to appoint his officers in the following order:—Bros. John H. Haynes, S.W.; L. Es, J.W.; E. Valarino, Treas.; J. Balensi, Sec.; E. Cortis, J.D.; Adolfo Aparicio, Sec.; Mellano, I.G.; Sanez, Tyler. The lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the dining-room, and sat down to an excellent repast, and where a most pleasant evening was spent by the brethren. This lodge celebrated its centenary on the 4th January last, it has been in uninterrupted existence for 100 years.

CARNARVON.—Carnarvon Lodge (No. 804).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on the 17th inst. It being the installation of the W.M. for the ensuing year, the brethren met at 4.15 p.m. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. F. Francis, assisted by the following officers:—Bros. J. Harrison, J.W. M. Elect; J. Leutitt, J.W.; J. Weeks, Treas.; H. R. Trigg, P.M.; Sec.; H. F. D.; G. E. Parnell, J.D.; J. Clay, as I.G.; W. Tyler. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, the roll was then sent round for the election of gentlemen as candidates for initiation, and cases proved unanimous. Bro. Jones was examined by the W.M. as to his proficiency in the first degree; he was then entrusted with the second degree. Bro. Jones was then duly passed to the degree of a Craft, the working tools being presented to him. The bye-laws having been read, the ceremony of installation was commenced by Bro. Francis, as Installing Master. The lodge was then opened up to the third degree, and all below the rank of an Installed Master requested to stand. A board of Installed Masters was then present, Bro. John being duly installed in the chair of the officers appointed by the W.M. for the ensuing year are as follows—Bros. Francis J. Lintoll, S.W.; H. F. Cox, J.W.; J. P.M. Treas.; H. R. Trigg, P.M. Sec.; J. Parnell, P.M. M.C.; G. E. Parnell, J.D. M.; J. D.; G. Carton, I.G.; Dance, and Edward. The following visitors were present:—Bros. Mark, E. Frost, Prov. G. Treas.; J. T. Craven, W.M. Maltby, W.M. 437, P. Prov. G.S.B.; W.M. 903, P. Prov. G. Purst.; Morin, J. C. Bretton, Wm. Bull, Chinnerey, &c. The lodge being closed the brethren adjourned to the Dolphin Hotel, where a well catered in his usual style. The usual Masonic toasts were drunk and

responded to, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

LIVERPOOL.—Everton Lodge (No. 823).—This very strong and most prosperous lodge held its installation gathering at the New Masonic Hall, Liverpool, on Wednesday, the 15th inst., when there was the largest muster of the "Free and Accepted" ever seen in connection with any private lodge. The influence and standing of the Everton have long been acknowledged, and this high position was clearly shown on the occasion by the influential attendance of W.M.'s and P.M.'s, all anxious to do honour to the W.M. The lodge was duly opened by Bro. W. Boulton, W.M., who was supported by the following officers:—Bros. J. Holland, I.P.M.; W. J. Lunt, P.M., Treasurer; T. Ashmore, P.M.; W. Cottrell, S.W.; T. Shaw, J.W.; W. Wilson, Secretary; J. Houlding, S.D.; H. Ashmore, J.D.; W. G. Veale, Organist; J. Goodman, I.G.; S. Millikin, S.S.; J. S. Cuthbert, J.S.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. The members of the lodge present were Bros. J. Hamer, P.P.G. Treasurer; T. Bloomfield, P. W. Oglesby, J. Hunter, E. G. Benedict, J. Salisbury, P. Warriner, F. Tuft, G. Purves, J. Brooksbank, C. T. Chester, W. Brassey, J. Lawrence, J. Roxburgh, G. Graham, E. Morgan, J. W. Cave-Browne-Cave, E. Kelly, W. Jones, C. E. Kidd, W. Waddell, W. Maddocks, E. C. McGuire, George Farmer, W. Atherton, Robert H. Webster, Charles W. Truton, W. Boyler, T. Carlyle, W. C. Smallwood, J. C. Smallwood, A. Aitkin, C. Smallwood, J. H. Parker, E. Vite, G. Beesly, W. Garratt, J. Marsh, Luke Bagnall, J. Marshall, T. H. Campbell, R. Kimpton, G. Holden, T. Cunningham, S. Campbell, R. Casson, T. Churton, A. Prunell, J. Bishop, C. J. Cud-dick, W. Gilchrist, W. Davies, L. W. Line, H. Hall, C. Birchall, W. Ashmore, J. Robinson, R. Ceason, C. Tyrer. Amongst the visitors were Bros. J. K. Smith, P.M. 249; J. Jones, P.M. 1393; J. T. Lea, W.M. 605; T. H. Ward, W.M. 1276; P. B. Gee, P.M. 1264; J. Hayes, W.M. 249; C. H. Hill, P.G. Reg.; C. Leedham, P.M. 220; J. W. Ballard, S.W. 724; J. Parsons, P.M. 203; T. Chesworth, P.M. 722; W. Shortis, P.M. 724; A. Davies, I.P.M. 1264; H. Burrows, J.D. 673; W. H. Thompson, 594; R. R. Martin, P.M. 1094; R. H. Evans, W.M. 1393; W. T. May, P.M. 673 and 1393; J. Barlow, 1035; G. Lunt, 1393; E. O. C. Rothwell, W.M. 1356; T. Leighton, P.M. 1326; C. Leighton, W.M. 1325; J. J. Rose, P.M. 249; H. Jackson, S.W. 1393; J. Burgess, 1356; G. Morgan, P.M. 1035; J. Wood, Treas. 1094, &c. The formal business of the lodge having been concluded, Bro. W. Boulton concluded his year of office in a remarkably effective and creditable manner by installing his successor, Bro. William Cottrell, in the position of W.M. of the Everton Lodge. The whole of the ceremony was performed by Bro. Boulton in a manner which elicited the admiration and approval of the many eminent students of Freemasonry who were present. Bro. W. Cottrell, the newly-installed W.M., subsequently invested the following as his officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. W. Boulton, I.P.M.; Thomas Shaw, S.W.; W. Wilson, J.W.; W. J. Lunt, P.M., Treasurer (re-elected and re-invested for the seventh time); J. Houlding, Sec.; H. Ashmore, S.D.; J. Goodman, J.D.; S. Millikin, I.G.; T. Ashmore, P.M., M.C.; J. S. Cuthbert, S.S.; T. Bloomfield, J.S.; R. Warriner, Assist. S.; P. G. Oglesby, Assist. S.; and A. Muir, Organist. Bro. W. H. Ball was unanimously re-elected Tyler of the lodge, and invested by the W.M. with the collar, jewel, and sword of his office. Before the lodge was closed the W.M. presented Bro. W. Boulton, I.P.M., with a very chaste P.M.'s jewel, in the name of the lodge, as a mark of esteem for his valuable services; and after the gift had been suitably acknowledged, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room for refreshment. During the evening, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given by the W.M., amongst which were "The West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution," acknowledged by Bro. P.M. Holland; "The P.M.'s," responded to by Bro. P.M. George Turner and I.P.M. Boulton; and "The visiting Brethren," acknowledged by Bro. W. T. May, P.M. 673, and Bro. E. O. C. Rothwell, W.M. 1356, both of whom made excellent speeches.

In continuation of the annual festival in connection with the lodge, about 280 ladies and brethren started shortly before ten o'clock on Thursday morning from the George's Landing stage for Gresford, where the picnic was fixed to take place. The weather was of the most delightful description, and, as the arrangements were of a very satisfactory kind, there was not a single hitch in the whole of the long day's pleasant proceedings. The company was bent upon making the best of the day's "out," and as a result the general satisfaction was expressed at the close of the enjoyable excursion. On arriving at Gresford, the party, as usual, repaired to the fine parish church, where "Old Hundred" was sung, and shortly afterwards the company set about seeking enjoyment in various ways. An excellent dinner was provided in a large tent at the top of the hill, and the afternoon was spent pleasantly in dancing, games, and sports of various kinds. Several groups were taken by Bro. Burrows, J.D. 673, the well-known photographer. Races amongst the school children of the village formed not the least pleasing feature of the day's proceedings, and several of the "oldest inhabitants" of the village were as usual regaled in a very hearty manner. Starting for Liverpool shortly after eight, the party arrived safely about ten o'clock, highly delighted with the day's excursion. Excellent music was provided by Mr. Martin's quadrille band.

WOODSTOCK.—Marlborough Lodge (No. 1399).—The anniversary meeting was held on the 6th inst. Among the brethren present (including visitors from the "Alfred" and other lodges) were:—Bros. Thomas Blakeman Brown, P. Prov. G. Sup. of Works., W.M.; T. W. Goldsborough, P. Prov. G.S.W., North Wales; Hobbs, P.M., P. Prov. G. Sec., Oxon; John Meeers, Treas. 1399; Mark Prior, P. Prov. A.G. Pur. Oxon, J.W.; W. H. Horne, S.D.; Dixon, P.M. No. 340; Robert Pratt, J.D.; W. Scroggs, Alfred Holliday, William Seeley, Henry Williams, W. A. Reynolds, M. F. Brashour, Crane, Thomson, Carter, Prescott, Eldridge, Tibbets, Aldred, Long, Bayliss, and other brethren, to the number of thirty. The lodge was opened in the first degree, and a highly satisfactory report of the Audit Committee was read, showing a very considerable balance in the hands of the Treasurer. The lodge was opened in the second degree, and a candidate present having proved himself qualified, was, in due course, raised to the degree of M.M., the ceremony of which being performed by Bro. Brown, in so impressive and solemn a manner, as to invoke the marked admiration of the brethren present. It being the installation meeting, a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Mark Prior, J.W., having been presented as the Master Elect, was duly installed, by Bro. Blakeman Brown, as the Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, and was proclaimed and saluted according to ancient custom. Bro. Prior appointed the following as officers:—Bros. Horne, Senior Warden, Pratt, Junior Warden; Brown, I.P.M., Sec.; Meeers, Treas.; Williams, S. Deacon; Reynolds, Junior Deacon; Brashour, I.G.; Bayliss, Tyler. After the investment of the officers, Bro. Brown, delivered the several addresses to the newly-installed Master and Wardens, and to the brethren of the lodge, at the conclusion of each of which, he was warmly applauded. A brother stated he had the permission of the W.M. to say a few words to the brethren, and he should use the privilege accorded him to express the very great gratification it had been to him as an old Past Master, to have been present to witness the perfect and admirable way in which the ceremonies had been performed by the immediate Past Master of the lodge, Bro. Brown; and he congratulated the lodge in having had the advantage of so able and experienced a guide and instructor during the first two years of its being. The Deacons having discharged their duty on behalf of the poor and distressed, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment, the pleasure being greatly enhanced by the singing of Bro. Alfred Hall, who also joined with the other brethren in several favourite trios. The usual toasts were given, and loyally honoured. Bro. Hobbs, P.P.G. Sec., returned thanks for the Prov.

Grand Officers. In proposing the health of the New Master, the immediate Past Master said, "his good qualities you all know as well as I do. He felt diffident in taking office as W.M., it having been thrust upon him by necessity, as circumstances did not allow of another member being appointed. I am quite sure in his accepting that office, as good Masons we shall look over any little shortcomings (should there be any). I am very pleased he has accepted the office, and I shall be only too glad to render him any assistance. I have attended every meeting of the lodge during the past two years, and shall attend just as regularly during the present year. Bro. Prior, W.M., in returning thanks, expressed the regret he felt that Bro. Stockwell did not take the chair, but that he would try to the utmost to give satisfaction to the lodge. Bros. Dixon, Pratt, Alfred, and Carter, replied to the toast of "The Visitors." The toast of the "Masonic Charities" was responded to by Bro. Long, who represents the lodge as a Steward. The "Sister Lodges" of the province was associated with the name of the W.M. of the Alfred Lodge, Bro. Thompson.

Royal Arch.

WINDSOR.—*Windsor Castle Chapter* (No. 771).—This chapter met at the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 16th inst., when there were present, Excellent Companions James Stevens, P.Z., M.E.Z.; Joseph Devereux, P.Z., as H.; H. W. Hodges, J.; Companions J. S. Jolly, Scribe E.; E. Grisbrook, Scribe N.; F. Fleck, P.S.; Powell First A.S.; Strange, Second A.S.; Norvill Janitor; and Companions North, Ritherdon, S. Muggleton, G. H. Dixon, W. S. Cantrell, P. Watson, J. A. Graham, and others. After confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting, ballots were taken for Comps. W. Webster, and Captain J. H. S. Reid, of the 1st Life Guards, as joining members, which resulted unanimously in their election. The candidates for exaltation on this occasion being unable to attend, the chapter at once proceeded to the business of election of officers for the ensuing year. Letters from Ex. Companion J. Fuller, H.; expressing his great regret that he was compelled, under medical advice, to forego the further continuance of official duty in the chapter, were read, and his resignation of office was accepted. At the earnest solicitation of the members of the chapter that he would continue his present position of M.E.Z., Companion James Stevens, although expressing his strong desire to retire, after two years service, ultimately consented to occupy the exalted position for a third year, and was unanimously re-elected on ballot, the result being received with expressions of warm satisfaction, and promises of strong support. Companion Devereux, P.Z., in announcing the result of the ballot, took occasion to offer the thanks of the chapter to Comp. Stevens, for the attention he had given during the first two years to his duties, and to the interests of the chapter, and to express his conviction that the ensuing year would perfect the work of resuscitation, to which he had devoted himself. The ballot for the remaining offices resulted unanimously in each case as follows, viz:—Ex Comps. H. W. Hodges, H.; J. S. Tolley, J.; E. Grisbrook, E.; Peter Watson, N.; F. Fleck, P.S.; G. H. Powell, Senior A.S.; J. Strange, Junior A.S.; and C. Nowell, Janitor. The remaining business had reference to the perfecting of the minutes of the chapter, the election of an Audit Committee, and receipt of propositions. The chapter having been closed according to ancient custom, the companions adjourned to the Castle Tavern, and partook of a cold collation, separating at an early hour for their respective residences.

HAMPTON.—*Lebanon Chapter* (No. 1326).—At the Red Lion Hotel, Hampton, the regular meeting was held on Saturday, July 11th. The chapter was opened by Comps. F. Walters, P.Z., as M.E.Z.; S. Hill, P.Z., as H.; W. Hammond, J. The companions were then admitted. Ballots, taken separately, proved unanimous in favour of the companions for joining and the candidates for exaltation. Bro. John Hammond, P.M., 201,

being in attendance was duly exalted into Royal Arch Freemasonry. The ceremony was beautifully rendered, the Chaplain, Comp. Rev. P.M. Holden, giving great assistance and help, by the excellent manner he did all the work allotted to him, and was praised for his working. The by-laws were made. Some propositions for joining were made, and the chapter was closed. There was a good number present. Comp. E. Hopwood, as S.W., did good suit and service by his correct and admirable working. Banquet followed.

Mark Masonry.

DEVIZES.—*Consecration of the Wiltshire Keystone Lodge* (No. 178).—The first meeting of this lodge was held at the Town Hall, Devizes, on Wednesday, July 15th. The lodge was opened by the Consecrating officer, Bro. Captain Irwin, D.P.G. Mark Master of Somersetshire, assisted by Bro. G. F. Tuckey, W.M. 119, G.S.; P.P.G.S.W. Somerset, as S.W., and Bro. Wm. Munro, P.G. Secretary Somerset, as J.W. The Acting Secretary having read the warrant constituting the lodge, and naming Bro. Wm. Nott as W.M.; Bro. the Rev. T. F. T. Ravenshaw, P.G. Chaplain, as S.W.; and Bro. the Rev. H. Richardson, as J.W., and the brethren having given their approval to such nominations, the W.M. pro. tem. proceeded formally to consecrate the lodge. This ceremony having been concluded, the W.M. designate Bro. Nott, was duly installed by Bro. R. de M. Lawson, P.M.M. 99, P.G.S.O., and afterwards invested the officers of the lodge for the ensuing year, and advanced five candidates to the degree of M.M.M. Amongst the visitors, in addition to the brethren named, were Bro. W. Thompson, W.M. Royal Cumberland, and P.G.S. Somerset; Lieutenant-General Doherty, S.W. 177, P.G.S.O. Somerset; Benjamin Gay, 119, P.G.O.G. Somerset; G. C. Mann, Royal Cumberland, P.G.D.C. Somerset; T. P. Saunders, J.O. 155; G. Tonkin, S.D. 119, P.G.A. Secretary; M. Ansalvo 119, &c. After the lodge was closed, the brethren adjourned to a banquet at the Crown Hotel.

LEEDS.—*Copley Lodge* (No. 111).—At the annual meeting of the brethren of this lodge, held at the Alfred rooms, Albion-street, Leeds, Bro. Dr. Crossby, P.G.S.B., was duly installed as W.M., for the ensuing year. The ceremony was impressively performed by Bro. Capt. Wordsworth, D.P.G.M., assisted by Bros. Schofield, G.S.W., Allison, P.G.W., and Burgess, W.M. (of Huddersfield). After the brethren had saluted the W.M. according to ancient custom, the following brethren were invested officers:—J. Beedle, S.W.; S. E. Seanor, J.W.; S. Stead, M.O.; J. W. Swann, S.O.; Alfred Britton, J.O.; Thomas Schofield, P.M., Treasurer; J. Cuttle, Secretary; J. C. Malcolm, Registrar; Eli Pullan, S.D.; E. W. Barker, J.D.; J. B. Sparke, I.G.; J. C. Eddison, Organist; Tyers and Hunt, Stewards; J. L. Oates, Tyler. After the lodge was closed the brethren adjourned to the banquet room and celebrated the Festival of St. John, under the presidency of the W.M., supported by the D.P. G.M. and other brethren. An apology was read from Bro. Copley (the founder), who was prevented from attending on account of serious illness.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

SOUTHAMPTON.—*Canute Chapter of Sovereign Princes Rose Croix of H.R.D.M.*—A meeting of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Southampton, on Monday evening, 6th instant, when W. Bro. Charles Henry Phillips, of the Island of Trinidad, West Indies, government officer, and the worthy W.M. of Royal Philanthropic Lodge, No. 405, Bro. Charles Cox, of Southampton, journalist, J. D. Southampton Lodge, No. 394, and Bro. James Henry Wolf, of Southampton, merchant, Organist Royal Gloucester Lodge, No. 130, were candidates for perfection. The intermediate degrees having been conferred on the candidates, they were formally received to the degree of perfection

(180). The ceremonies were performed by Ill. P.M.W.S. Bro. Hyde Pullen 33, and Ill. M.W.S. Bro. W. Hickman 31, Rev. W. Witherforce, and others. A banquet the usual toasts were proposed by W. Hickman, who occupied the chair, and responded to by the following brethren: Pullen, Le Feuvre, Phillips, Cox, D. Bull, and Lemon.

Red Cross of Constantinople.

COCKERMOUTH.—*Dykes Conclave*.—The annual assembly for enthronement of the Sovereign, in connection with Dykes of the Knights of Rome and of the Knights of Constantine, was held on Wednesday, 15th inst., at the Skiddaw Lodge, Market-place Cocker-mouth. The Sir Knights a great many of whom were from Whitehaven, Keswick, Wigton, Carlisle, &c., mustered shortly after twelve o'clock, and the Sovereign, Em. Sir Knight R. Robinson, took his seat upon the throne, assisted by the following officers:—Em. Sir Knight J. Eusebius, P.S.; Em. Sir W. Taylor, General, P.S.; Em. Sir Knight J. Taylor, Junior General, P.S.; Em. Sir Knight Taylor, Recorder, P.S.; Em. Sir Knight Dodgson, Treasurer, P.S.; Em. Sir Knight Porter, Herald, P.S.; Em. Sir Knight Wood, Standard Bearer, P.S.; Em. Sir W. Jones, Organist, P.S.; Sir Knight Shilton, Director of Ceremonies; W. F. Steward; R. Bailey, Almoner; W. F. Orator; W. Potts, Sentinel. The following Sir Knights also answered to their names:—Em. Sir Knight J. Carlisle, P.S.; Dr. Ablett, W. Lamson, P.S.; Thomas Moore, Thomas Manbanks, H. Braithwaite, John Musgrave, D. Bell, J. Pearson, (Lorton), D. T. H. Moncrieff, Jos. Abbot, T. Alton, Moore, W. Beeby. The conclave having opened a member of the Craft was duly elected a Knight of the Order, the imposing ceremony being most efficiently worked by the Sir Knights. Then Sir Knight G. Tickle, of Maryport, who had been elected Sovereign for the ensuing twelve months, last quarterly assembly, as also Sir Knight Ablett, Viceroy Eusebius elect, received superior grades appertaining to their respective seats of honour by Sir Knight R. Robinson. The officers for the ensuing year were finally appointed as follows:—Sir Knight W. F. Steward, Senior General; E. Tyson, Junior General; Rev. W. Beeby, Prelate; Q. Moore, T. Mandle, Treasurer; T. Moore, P. R. Banks, Junior Prefect; D. Bell, F. Shilton, Director of Ceremonies; Dr. Standard Bearer; W. H. Tickle, Dr. Henry, Orator; Dr. Jones, Orator; Titterton, Steward; J. Abbott, W. Potts, Sentinel. The permanent was also appointed, and, in addition, *ex-officio* members, were placed the Sir Knights W. Armstrong, J. Laws, H. Tickle. The conclave was then adjourned to the Old Hall, where Sir Knight Stephen had prepared a splendid repast. The following Sir Knights were present:—Em. Sir Knight George M. Tickle, M.D., who, however, had to leave his place was taken by the Senior General following was the toast list:—"The Chairman"—"The Prince and Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family"—"The Grand Sovereign"—"Sir F. Martin Williams," the Chairman—"Grand Viceroy, Sir Francis Burdett, of the Grand Imperial Council, Senate," Sir Knight W. H. Tickle, Intendant General for Cumberland and Westmorland, Colonel Whitwell, M.P."—"W. F. Lamonby."—"The New Sovereign of Dykes Conclave," Em. R. Robinson.—"Success to Dykes"—"Em. Sir Knight J. Fredale."—"The Sovereign," Em. Sir Knight J. Pear"—"Em. Sir Knight Eusebius, Dr. Ablett."

night J. Porter.—“The Newly-invested officers,” Em. Sir Knight Dr. Dodgson; “The retiring Officers of the Conclave,” Em. Sir Knight J. Iredale. In the course of the afternoon a choice selection of music was sung, Dr. Mes, the Organist, presiding at the harmonium. The company broke up about six p.m. after a very enjoyable entertainment; and the proceedings of the day go far to prove that Dykes Conclave is one of the most flourishing organisations in England.

BRISTOL.—Irwin Conclave (No 17).—The progress of the Red Cross degree and appendant ceremony has been so rapid in this province that it became necessary to hold an emergency of the same. De Irwin Conclave, for the purpose of installing those brethren who were unable to attend the previous meeting. The Sir Knights were summoned for April 27th. The Conclave being opened by the M.P.S., Sir Knight F. Tuckey, assisted by Sir Knight W. Edges, V.E., and the office bearers, the following brethren were duly installed and promoted Sir Knights of the Order, viz: Bros. B. J. Sharp, J. Knill, T. Gclliver, F. W. ner, W. Richards, and W. Kirbey. Amongst visitors present were the M.P.S., W.A. Scott, t. Plant, V.E.; and Capt. Trick, S.G., of the Abce Conclave; also W. H. Bowden, H.P.S. No. 2 A. The ceremony of installation concluded the conclave was closed, when all Sir Knights not being R.A. Masons were requested to retire, after which the Mount Tabor sanctuary (H.S.), and commandery of St. John the Evangelist, was opened by M.E.C., G. F. Key, assisted by W. Hodges, and W. H. den, and those degrees conferred on the wing candidates:—I. T. Hollman, B. Gay, banner, T. Brook, J. Sharpe, A. G. Williams, ansalda, E. E. Honey, W. Kirbey, G. Ton and W. Munro. The beauty and solemnity of the ceremony was admired by the whole of the brethren present, and we infer a success to those degrees equal to that of the Red Cross in this province. Too much praise cannot be paid to Sir Knight G. F. Tuckey, for his untiring exertions in establishing these ancient Orders of Freemasonry in the province of Bristol; it is entirely owing to his zeal and of Freemasonry, that the brethren have been enabled to participate in those degrees, which are becoming so popular in other provinces, and are well certain, from the success which has attended this, the first sanctuary and commandery in the province will not be the only one. Subsequently a Council of Knights of Constantinople was held, and that degree conferred on the above brethren, also Sir Knights Bowden and

the four brethren. The lodge was then raised to the second degree, and Bro. Phillips passed several brethren to that degree.

GLASGOW.—St. Mungo Lodge (No. 27).—This old and well-conducted lodge met on the 10th, Bro. D. Butler, R.W.M., presiding. Bro. Bain, P.M. 103, acting S.W.; Bro. J. Morrison, J.W. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Shields, of Boston, U.S. f33; J. Duthie, P.M. 275; J. Coulter, 275; J. Bannerman, S.W. 73. The R.W.M. said in consequence of the Glasgow Fair holidays they had been disappointed of the candidates, and that therefore they would devote a little time to refreshment. After the usual loyal and Masonic sentiments had been duly given from the chair, and honoured, the S.W. gave “Freemasonry all over the World.” Bro. Shields, 33, in reply, gave a graphic account of the progress of the Order in America. He had also just been making a tour through a great part of the Continent of Europe, and was pleased in visiting this, his native City, to find that Masonry was occupying so proud a position. The next sentiment was the “Masonic Press.” The R.W.M. spoke of the great advantages the fraternity had derived from the spread of Masonic literature, and called on Bros. Wheeler and Basset, to respond on behalf of *The Freemason* and *Masonic News*, which they did in suitable terms. The final toast was then given, and the lodge having been again called to labour, was thereafter closed in harmony.

GLASGOW.—St. Andrew's Chapter (No. 69) held their monthly meeting at 170, Buchanan-street, Comp. T. D. Humphreys, D.P.Z., presiding, assisted by Comp. G. W. Wheeler, H.; J. Heron, J.; J. Phillips, Scribe E.; William Thomas, T.; J. Blackwood, T. Fish, and J. Neville, as Sojourners. A proposition was made for removing the chapter to more central premises—consideration deferred till the next meeting. The Z. paid a high tribute to the memory of Earl Dalhousie, P.G.Z. Comp. Wheeler also bore testimony to the Masonic qualities of the late Earl, and a vote of condolence was ordered to be sent to the relations. The 2nd Principal having left for Tasmania, Comp. Heron, J., was elected to fill his place as H, and Comp. J. Blackwood was elected as J. Both Comps. were then installed in their respective offices by Comp. Wheeler.

GLASGOW.—Thetis Chapter (No. 122).—An emergency meeting of this chapter was held at their hall, St. James-street, on July 17th. A Lodge of Mark Masters was opened, J. O. Park, Z., as Mark Master; G. W. Wheeler, H. 73, as S.W.; J. Duthie, Z. 67, as J.W.; when two brethren were duly advanced to that degree. A Lodge of Most Excellent Masters then opened, J. Duthie, Acting Master, and Bros. Wheeler and Whiteman as Wardens, when the same two gentlemen received that degree. They were afterwards exalted into the Royal Arch, which was officered by Comps. J. O. Park, Z.; J. Duthie, H.; J. Wightman, J.; J. Johnston, S.E.; J. Rabb, N.; W. Green, T.; G. W. Wheeler, 1st S.; J. Ross, D. McGregor, A.S.

CONSECRATION OF A NEW LODGE AT EASTWOOD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

The consecration of the Robin Hood Lodge, No. 1493, took place on Tuesday, 30th ult., at the Mechanics' Institute, Eastwood. The brethren of the surrounding Provinces assembled in strong force to meet the Installing Master, Bro. Edmund Percy, P.D.P.G.M. of Notts, who was assisted by Bro. the Hon. C. J. Willoughby, Chaplain, and Bro. Thomas Danks, P.G.T., P.P.G.S.W., &c. The ceremonies of constitution and dedication were most impressively conducted, after which Bro. W. W. Booth was duly installed W.M. for the ensuing year, amidst the hearty congratulations of the brethren assembled. Judging from the enthusiasm evinced by the promoters of this, the youngest addition to our Masonic Lodges, we are convinced that a prosperous career awaits the Robin Hood. At the inauguration banquet, which took place at the Sun Inn, upwards of eighty sat down, and in the course of the evening, in reply to various toasts, some very pertinent remarks were made by Brother Edmund Percy and others.

A GERMAN CRITICISM ON LYON'S HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY.

We have been favoured with a copy of the *Bauhütte* of the 16th May, 1874, published at Leipzig, containing a criticism of Bro. D. Murray Lyon's great Masonic work, of which the following is a literal translation:

“Another time we shall speak more fully of this interesting, important, and handsome work. To day we shall only notice in a general way the worth and contents of this book, of which some chapters have already been made known by a translation by Bro. Merzdorf, and which we have announced.

“The author is already known to our readers as an honourable, meritorious, Mason-writer. He has presented to us the oldest documents (protocols) of the oldest Lodge in Scotland—St. Mary's Lodge; and has written a special history of the Mother Lodge of Kilwinning, and others—a better than which can scarcely be found. Getting above the narrow circle of single Lodges, he also gives us a picture of the birth and growth of Freemasonry, in Scotland especially. He does so by giving us such a fulness of ancient materials, that the History of Freemasonry in Scotland, by Laurie, is not only confirmed in the more important points, but is extended. What German diligence of inquiry and acute combination has been able laboriously to discover out of scanty material, and was only able to indicate uncertainly, in this book receives full confirmation, and stands out in clear light, so that we can not only understand the historic progress of Freemasonry in Scotland, but are led throughout, always directly and conclusively, yet by good inference, to understand the Freemasonry of England better.

“The results and facts which the history reveals are altogether astonishing and of eminent significance; and the thanks of the brotherhood are due to the author.

“But, what is worth more, the author has been able to dig up the rich treasures of the past, and to present them in a clear picture, and to present them to the reader in a most agreeable form. He has also brought out the most important points; and he writes his work with the love of truth, critical spirit, and enlarged mind of the German men of science, which we have not before been accustomed to in English brethren. We hope to show our opinion of the great merit of this work of our friend Lyon in the best way by giving extracts in the *Bauhütte* and thus to show his labourious diligence, and what he has achieved. We shall long learn from him, and often quote him.

“The important sources of information which he has been allowed to disclose will hand down his name to the latest generations.”—*Keystone*.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MONMOUTHSHIRE.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Monmouthshire was held at Newport, on Thursday, 25th ult. The proceedings commenced with a Provincial Grand Lodge meeting at the Masonic Hall, Dock-street, where the business was transacted. It was held under the banner of the Isca Lodge, 683, and Bro. Capt. Pearson, as W.M., had the honour of opening the conclave, when the P.G.L., headed by the P.G.M. (Bro. Col. Lyne); his Deputy Bro. George Homrny Bro. J. C. Parkinson, the D.P.G.M. of Middlesex, and J.G.D. of England, the P.G.M. of the Western Division of South Wales, (Bro. J. A. Lloyd Phillips) and followed by a large gathering of those who donned the purple, entered into due form.

The business was of the ordinary nature, that possessing most interest to the outer world being the appointment of officers for the ensuing year as follows:—

- R. B. Evans Prov. G.S.W.
J. R. Pearson Prov. G.J.W.
James Phillips Prov. G.S.D.
J. S. Adam Prov. J.G.D.
Rev. A. L. Willett Prov. G. Chaplain.
H. J. Groves Prov. G. Org.
Wm. Pickford Prov. G. Treas.
Ed. Wells Prov. G. Sec.

Scotland.

GLASGOW.—Star Lodge (No. 219).—The meeting of this lodge was well attended, being eighty members present. There were a great number of visitors, among whom were Bros. D. Butler, R.W.M. 27; Basset, J. Bain, P.M. 103; J. Muir, S.W. 103; Thomas, J.W. 103; J. Cameron, T. 103; Basset, R.W.M. 87; J. Love, T. 87; T. M. Muir, P.M. 408; J. McGinnis, S.W. 408; Phillips, R.W.M. 556; J. McNaught, D.M. The chair was taken by Bro. Wilson, R.W.M., assisted by Bros. W. W.; and Chapman, J.W. There were candidates for initiation. The S.W. of the lodge asked permission for three candidates to be made, which request was complied with, and, at the request of the S.W., Bro. Phillips, R.W.M. 556, P.P.G. installed the five gentlemen. At the conclusion of the ceremony it was proposed and carried that in consideration of the valuable services rendered to Lodge Star at their St. Andrew's Day trip, Bros. J. Muir, S.W.; W. Muir, J.W.; and J. Cameron, T.; all of 103, be affiliated as honorary members of the R.W.M. proposed, and the S.W. installed that Bro. Miller, R.W.M. 87, be also an honorary member. Bro. J. O. Park, then administered the obligation to

W. H. Lloyd	Prov. G. Reg.
Wm. Randall	Prov. G. S. of W.
Wm. Parfitt	Prov. G.D.C.
H. Hyam	Prov. G.A.D.C.
J. W. Price	Prov. G. Pars.
C. R. Lyne	Prov. G.S.B.
Wm. Watkins.....	Prov. G. Stwd.
Geo. Hoskins	Prov. G. Stwd.
Walter West	Prov. G. Stwd.
O. D. Thomas.....	Prov. G. Stwd.
Thomas H. Hyam	Prov. G. Stwd.
Thomas Harry	Prov. G. Stwd.
E. Eames.....	Prov. G. Stwd.
T. L. Preece.....	Prov. G. Tyler.

At two o'clock a procession was formed, headed by the band of the 1st Monmouthshire Artillery Volunteers, and proceeded from the lodge room along Dock-street, Commercial-street and Stow Hill, to St. Woollos Church.

Arrived at the door of St. Woollos Church, the procession halted, the brethren opening to the right and left and facing inwards, so as to leave room for the Provincial Grand Master to pass up the centre, he being preceded by his Standard and Sword Bearers, the Provincial Grand Officers and brethren following in succession from the rear so as to invert the Order of procession.

Bro. H. J. Groves, pealed forth the music of Hymn No. 385 as the brethren passed into the Church, the choir singing the words.

The prayers were read by Bro. the Rev. J. W. Osman, choir responses Tallis, Psalms for 25th day; Chants, *Alcock*, in A; *Kelway*, in D. Magnificat, Bro. H. J. Groves, in G.. Nunc Dimittis, Rimbault in F. Anthem, "Plead thou my cause," *Mozart*, The soloists were Miss Julia Jones, Miss Edith Taylor. R.A.M., Mr. E. W. Willey, and Bro. W. Hitchcox.

The Provincial G. Chaplain (Bro. A. L. Willett) preached an impressive sermon. He took his text from 3rd chapter of St Paul's Epistle to the Philippians 13th verse.—"Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended; but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark."

Once more, brethren, do we find ourselves assembled together, according to annual custom, from the various parts of our province. It has always been thought good—and good surely it is—that at such a time we should not fail to attend Divine service; that when we meet to take "council together" we should go up also to the House of God. I said surely it is good we should do this—good I mean, not more in the sense of being proper or fitting than in that of being beneficial to each one of us. For what individual can have been present here to-day without reaping benefit from having done so? Who can have knelt within the walls of this time-honoured edifice, dedicated of old to the service of the Almighty, without feeling a pious inclination to serve God more for the future? Who can have joined in the sweet strains of praise which have been sounded forth here this day without feeling his heart grow warm in response to the service of the lip? Yes, brethren, it is indeed, to use the words of St. Peter, "good for us to be here." But it is my duty, as I esteem in my great privilege, to address you this day. May the opportunity not be altogether a fruitless one. May the great God bless this occasion to us all—to you who hear, and to me who have to speak. The voice said "Cry!" and I said what shall I cry? What, then, should occupy our thoughts this day? Naturally we look back and think of our last great gathering a twelvemonth ago. And the first thought that should arise is that of the mercy of God in having spared us for another year also. Now many have been called from God's work here to His more glorious, more perfect, more finished work above? Yes, how many have been summoned from the antechamber of the Almighty's presence on earth onward and forward into His actual presence in heaven. Then why if this is so glorious—the change from earth to heaven—why is it the mercy of God that has spared us and left us here! Because we might not have been ready for the call. The state of man is, or should be, a state of progress. From the cradle to the

grave there is no staying. It is a passing on from knowledge to knowledge, a pressing forward from one degree to another. So much so, that "live and learn" has become a trite saying. You, brethren, know this well; you can realise it yourselves each one of you. St. Paul knew it too. He felt it an incumbent duty to go earnestly forward in all that might fit him for the change from faith to sight, from imperfection to perfection. "Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended (that is, I presume to have attained the reward), but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." This was what he, one of the wisest men who have ever lived, did; one of the most intimately conversant with our spiritual needs and necessities—he was not satisfied to rest tamely in one state, but kept progressing forward towards the great reward. And what induced him to do this? Why his belief, his trust, his faith? He was content to pass trustingly forward from darkness towards light, ever onwards from glory to glory, ever to something brighter, ever to a higher degree of perfection, from what he calls mortality to life. He says, "For we that are in this tabernacle (this earthly state he means) do groan, being burdened; not for that we would be unclothed but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life." Again he says, "Wherefore we labour that whether present or absent we may be accepted of Him"—of the Lord. And the root of all was his faith. But it has always been "faith." Faith for success, the want of it for failure. Take the Old Testament. Read the life of Abraham, called in scripture the Father of the Faithful. Read of his journeyings, undertaken at the command of God. There was a promise of blessing given him if he obeyed, and he believed the promise. There is faith again. And the comment of the New Testament upon his conduct is this—"By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed, and he went out, not knowing whither he went. By faith he sojourned in the land of promise as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Issac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise; for he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God." Or read of Joseph and of his trust in God's promise to bring up the children of Israel out of Egypt; so sincere a trust that at his death he took an oath of them, saying, "God will surely visit you, and ye will carry up my bones from hence." Of this again the New Testament says—"By faith Joseph, when he died, made mention of the departing of the children of Israel, and gave commandment concerning his bones." And as I have given examples of Old Testament faith and its success, so let me give an example of want of faith, and consequent failure. When the Israelites approached the promised land for the first time, and heard of the might of its possessors (the giants that dwelt in the land), they refused to enter it, doubting God's power to give it them. As a punishment that generation died in the wilderness; and, says the New Testament, of these very men, "To whom sware He that they should not enter into His rest, but to them that believed not? So we see (continues the writer) they could not enter in because of unbelief." Thus, then, we may learn how powerful faith is. Powerful enough to bring about the state of things behind, and pressing earnestly forward. We see it exerting itself in the same way with all the ancient worthies. Whether with Abraham journeying from place to place, or Israel toiling through the parching wilderness, or years after Nehemiah and his workmen rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem, when for fear of attack "everyone with one of his hands wrought in the work, and with the other hand held a weapon," or with St. Paul in latter times, suffering everything in his anxiety for the spread of the truth, or with the Martyrs, enduring the flames rather than renounce their religion. With all these it was "the forgetting those things which are past and behind, and the reaching forth unto those things which are before"—and all brought about by Faith. Brethren, what is our state? Let each

one reflect for himself. Are we like those good examples we have been considering: we resemble the timorous, the doubtful, or the disbelieving? Are we so far from forgetting those things which are behind and pressing forward that we even cling to the things of looking back like Lot's wife of old? One year has passed, the sand-glass of life has once more emptied. It behoves us to take thought. We ought to be thoughtful any men are. Not all Masons are good. That is not the fault of Masonry. Alas! Christians even are good; that is not the fault of Christianity. None in the world are perfect as they should be. Even St. Paul was constrained to say "I count not myself to have apprehended," (and again), "Not as though I were already perfect." We, like the rest, can say this too, each one of us, every Christian. But can we go further? Can we say with "This one thing, I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize, even for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." "The fruit known by its fruits." Our spirit of charity to be tested this day. The collection is divided according to our custom between local charities, and our own Masonic Charities. Of the latter, the Masonic, I feel sure I say nothing, as they are near the hearts of you. With regard to the former, I would remind you that in a town like this, rapidly increasing in importance, rapidly spreading in extent and population, such charities as exist here are most acceptable, most useful, most needed. If we think of the Infirmary and Dispensary, which occur at once to us that in all building indeed in massive constructions of ever increasing size such as is being carried forward to a great extent here, accidents and injuries cannot even be very great care be altogether avoided, seems surprising how few do occur. The sick, the infirm, the aged, the destitute, the communications with the world be liable to of this. Then take destitution; in a rapidly increasing centre there is always great liability to this, from the ebbing and flowing, as it were, which must accompany a varying demand for labour, the supply sometimes being insufficient, and then, as a consequence there being a famine even to overflowing, I say a want of element must, under such circumstances, recur at intervals. It cannot be avoided or staved off any way by forethought, or any agency. But, in the way of allaying the suffering and want; and destitute with the ever attendant consequences, much may be done. When you have all this, you will give liberally, I feel sure. "He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth to the Lord, and look what he layeth out it paid him again." Yes Brethren, money given, but lent merely, lent upon the most interesting security, lent, too, at a marvellous interest. Ye shall be rewarded an hundred fold. "Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of the least of these, ye did it unto me," says Christ in future Judge. And, as on this day you are sure, endeavour to abound in charity on other occasions, as the opportunity may offer, endeavour to abound in other Christian duties. Seek every help, avoid what is evil, and do that which is good. At a time like this, think over and obtain pardon for the sins and sins of the past, and supplicate the Almighty for grace for the future. Of our work we can do no good thing. The will must come from above. At the same time seek to work with the Spirit of God. Use every opportunity of assistance. Use Masonry as a help to you forward, for a great help it is. Yet of putting it before your Christianity. You have a Saviour, a Redeemer, a Mediator, saved by faith. I feel, myself, that the this, our Craft, in its plan, its precepts, its progress, an excellency which commend themselves strongly to one's mind as to give it a powerful influence. It draws one on so gently, so enticingly. It draws one on for its own sake, it does so by tending strongly to the good qualities a man may have, and to drive out the bad. It runs so straight, and so true, that it is the path of Christianity, that they should

now not when nor where, like the waters of the rivers. Oh, remember, then, "Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid. Let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon. Hold fast to the one great headstone of the corner. This shall never fail you, whatever may happen. Like that of the wise man in the parable, your building shall stand through trial and storm, because founded on a rock, even the rock of salvation—our Saviour. Oh, love not the world, then, and the things of the world overmuch, but forgetting these things that are behind, and reaching forth to those things that are before, press forward restly and steadily toward the mark for the sake of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. When a Masonic Hymn was sung, whilst a collection was made on behalf of the Masonic charities.

The congregation then left the church, and procession was reformed, and proceeded to Masonic Hall, where the lodge having assembled,

The Provincial Grand Secretary announced the sum of £17 5s. 6d. had been collected at the church after the sermon.

Thanks were then accorded to the Provincial Grand Chaplain, to the Provincial Organist, and to the choir.

The Provincial Grand Master moved a vote of thanks to the visitors, coupling therewith the thanks of the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master for the Western Division of the Province of South Wales, and also that of the Provincial Grand Master for Middlesex. The vote was acknowledged by the former.

A sum of £10 was voted to the Monmouth Infirmary, and thanks were given to the churchwardens for granting the use of the church.

The rites of closing were solemnly gone through, after which the brethren adjourned to quiet, which was held at the Victoria-hall, the evening being Mr. Gretton, of the King's Hotel. The chair was taken by the Colonel Lyne, who was supported by a distinguished company of the Craft, numbering 50.

Having been said, the Chairman gave "The Queen and the

National Anthem was sung by the

Chairman then proposed "The M.W. Grand Master of England, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and the Royal Family." He said that the popular Prince of Wales was not only an ornamental member of the Craft, but also the gatherings of the Order and disinterested interest in the proceedings. H.R.H. had also been instrumental in introducing his brothers, the Duke of Edinburgh, the Duke of Connaught.

The Chairman, in proposing the health of the Grand Master of England, said he knew of no man who desired to do his duty to a greater extent than their M.W.G.M., the Marquess of Salisbury. The nearer they were brought to the Grand Master, the more sure they would say they could not possibly have a better Grand Master who represented them. Great and noble as the duties were in the various vocations which he was called, no day passed without considering what he could do for the best interests of their Order. He was to be found at his post, and they were to be found in having an illustrious nobleman as their Grand Master, and might the Great Architect of the Universe long preserve his life and health.

Shadwell Clerke proposed "The Right Worshipful the D.G.M., and Officers of the Lodge of England," and he thought would agree with him that the toast that stood upon its own merits, and a few words of introduction from him. Sir Walter Scott, who, whether looked at from a Masonic position or in the position of a nobleman, had appointed him, was regarded as an Englishman with esteem. He occupied their time in dilating upon the services of the officers of lodges. They were applying to merit. They had there a

brilliant example of what he had just said. They had a brother highly distinguished in all branches of Freemasonry, who held the office of D.G.M., of one of the most important provinces. Many of them knew him well, having met him there so often, and to know him was to esteem him—he alluded to the Worshipful Bro. Parkinson, Grand Deacon of the Order.

Bro. Parkinson said he was most profoundly grateful, as all the officers were, for the distinction conferred upon them, and the satisfaction was materially heightened by the expressions of approval of those appointments. To be selected by the highest constituted authority of the Craft for signal marks of favour, and to have the selection endorsed by the popular body from whom they sprung, and with whom they were connected by the closest ties of affectionate regard, was a combination of favourable circumstances which more than satisfied the loftiest Masonic ambition. He reminded them that few had to be chosen out of a great many, and that all of them would be glad to serve, but were prevented by the inexorable law of numbers. They endeavoured to discharge the duties of their office according to their lights, and when the day came for them to put off their armour, they would be satisfied if they said "They have done what they could." He thanked them heartily for proposing the toast.

Bro. Augustus Homfray said he had permission to propose the next toast, and was sorry no one else had been appointed to do so. He proposed "The Health of the R.W. the Provincial Grand Master." It was a toast which they could always drink with the greatest cordiality. At the head of their Province they had a most worthy Mason who was most anxious to do everything he could to further the interests of the Craft. He congratulated the P.G.M., on the large attendance that day for a small province like Monmouthshire, which contained only seven lodges and little more than 400 brethren. There were no less than 170 brethren and 50 P.G. officers present at the lodge. He spoke in high terms of the P.G.M., and congratulated him upon the appointment of officers, making special allusion to the appointment of his son, Brother C. R. Lyne, as Sword Bearer.

The Chairman responded in a lengthy speech, observing that the P.G.M. had to undergo great difficulty in the performance of his duties: but he would be ungrateful indeed if he did not feel the honour that had been conferred upon him. He also referred to the handsome subscription (£200) which he was enabled to take to London from his Province, and said if ever he felt proud it was on that occasion when he was told that Monmouthshire stood third on the list. That subscription was for poor broken down Freemasons or their widows, and the entire sum amounted to £7000. He denied the truth of what was said outside that Freemasons banded themselves together for the purpose of enjoyment, and went on to observe that out of the offertory of £18 collected at Church that afternoon, they had voted £10 10s. to the Newport Infirmary.

Bro. Major Phillips responded.

The Chairman then proposed the health of the D.P.G.M. and the P.G. Officers, remarking that they were worthy of the offices they held.

Bro. George Homfray responded, and said he was very much obliged to them for the way in which they had drunk his health. In making his appointments it was impossible for the P.G.M. to please all; he endeavoured to select for office well-skilled Masons, and those who did their work and endeavoured to get on in the province. Those who had not been chosen would not be forgotten by him (the speaker) so long as he held the position he did.

Bro. Parkinson then proposed, "The Masonic Charities," and also expressed his pleasure at seeing ladies present.

Bro. Captain Pearson, P.G.J.W. proposed "The Visitors."

Major-General Doherty, C.B., briefly returned thanks.

The other toasts were "The W.M. of the Isca Lodge, Newport," "The Lodges of the Province," and "To all poor and distressed Masons."

LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The lodge of Benevolence met on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. John M. Clabon, President, Bro. Joshua Nunn, Senior Vice President; and Bro. James Brett, Junior Vice President: Bros. E. J. M'Intyre, Q.C.; John Hervey, Grand Sec.; C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; Joseph Smith, P.G.P.; and John Savage, Past Grand Deacon, and several other brethren were present. The sum of £448 in all was granted, after which the lodge was closed.

FREEMASONRY IN BRAZIL.

We have received from Bro. Dr. Alexandrino Feire do Amaral, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Brazil, the following official list of the Grand Officers for 1874, which we are glad to publish, sympathising as we do with the worthy Brazilian Freemasons in their unjust persecution by some hot-headed and intolerant prelates of the Romish Church:—Grand Master, Joaquim Saldanha Marinho; Assistant Grand Master, Antonio Felix Martins; Senior Grand Warden, Francisco Pinheiro Guimares; Junior Grand Warden, Antonio Gomes de Mattos; Grand Orator, Jose Liberato Barroso; Assistant Grand Orator, Luiz Alvares de Azevedo Macedo; Grand Secretary, Alexandrino Freire do Amaral; Assistant Grand Secretary, Joao Pizarro Gabizo; Grand Treasurer, Antonio Teixeira de Oliveira; Assistant Grand Treasurer, Jose Joaquim Ferreira Margarido; Senior Grand Deacon, Jose Alves da Graca Bastos; Junior Grand Deacon, Joao Machado Vieira do Amaral; First Grand Master of Ceremonies, Antonio Joaquim Pereira da Silva; Second Grand Master of Ceremonies, Francisco Xavier Nunes Pinto; Grand Chancellor, Jose Luis de Almeida Martins; Grand Hospitaller, Jose Luiz Fernandes Villela; Grand Tyler, Francisco Marques da Silva Paranhos.

BRO. VIGNE AND THE A. AND A. RITE.

[In publishing this letter we beg to offer our tribute of recognition of Bro. Vignes' long and invaluable services to the A. and A. Rite, and to say that in retiring he carries with him the love and affection of the whole of the members of that body.—ED.]

Westfield House, near Bath.
13th July, 1874.

Dear Sir and Brother,—
I have to announce to you, and through you, to the members of your chapter, that the following change has occurred in the Supreme Grand Council of the Antient and Accepted Rite for England and Wales, and the Colonies.

I have resigned the Command of the Order, and the Right Honourable the Earl of Carnarvon, Deputy Grand Master of England, being my successor, I do not fear that under so eminent a Mason, the Antient and Accepted Rite will flourish to the extent that all its well-wishers must desire.

I avail myself of this opportunity to thank you all, individually and collectively, for the uniform kindness and respect which has ever been shown me, and with the firm conviction, that in future you will always receive me in the same fraternal manner as Past Most Puissant Sovereign Grand Commander, as you have done for the last five years and a half as the immediate head of the Order.

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,
Yours most truly and fraternally,
CHARLES JOHN VIGNE, 330.
Past M.P. S., G.C.

Masonic lodges, chartered by English Grand Lodge, were ordered to be closed in Russia by the Czar of all the Russias in 1821.

Sir Walter Scott was made a Mason in the Lodge of St. David, Edinburgh, March 2nd, 1801, and the corner-stone to his monument was laid with Masonic ceremonies, August, 15th, 1804.

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The Freemason,

SATURDAY, JULY 25TH, 1874.

THE TRUE MISSION OF FREEMASONRY.

It is very remarkable, how of late years, the popular estimation of Freemasonry has been clearly rising in the great open market of English thought and opinion. As long as our useful and excellent order took the form to a great extent of a secret and social assembly, as long as it bore among men in general the reputation of a harmless, but mainly convivial fraternity, so long, for the most part, with the exception of those who had the courage to lift the veil of our Masonic Isis, the greater part of society took the easy but general explanation of what it was, and what it professed both to be and to do. In short, they accepted our own valuation of ourselves. But when, gradually, Freemasonry, so to say, detached itself from its social character, the merely convivial aspect, (though sociality must always be a great characteristic of our Order, and, we will add, innocent conviviality), from the hour that Freemasonry exhibited clearly to the world, that, its profession and practice went hand in hand, immediately, many saw good in Freemasonry who had never seen it before, and the world, which is generally guided, as is society, to a great extent, by the opinions of the many, rather than the few, chimed in at once with expressions of admiration and of praise. And hence, as we are inclined to think that the world is sometimes right—that is, it is not always wrong,—in the views it entertains of things, and persons, and events, we wish to impress upon our readers, that, this active manifestation of our great principles, which has so struck men and society, is, after all, the true mission of Freemasonry. We have nothing to do with politics; that is quite clear. We have no concern with the polemics of denominationalism, or that "odium theologicum," which, some writers, tell us, is the bitterest of all hatreds. We have little interest in the passing frivolities of the hour and less in the outward exhibitions of folly or fashion. But, as Freemasons, we profess to be tolerant and kindly, large-hearted and fraternal, looking beyond the narrow limits of local, or national, or sectarian divisions, and regarding with sympathy and interest, every "brother of the dust." Yet as we also know that true cha-

city begins at home, we equally believe, is falsely called true charity, which, indeed, is high-flown sentimentality or unreal and neglects those who have the first claim on its heart and means, and leaves them to their privation, while it relieves with an over-zeal those who are far away, and who fairly look to their own friends for such support. So Freemasonry, first of all, her own. And we, in England, have years shown how fully we value the privileges of Freemasonry and enter into the teaching, as loyal members of our Order, that we have munificently every form of Masonic benevolence and which seemed to have a fair claim on our liberality, to call for our ready assistance and invoke our cheerful support. Thus both in the metropolis, and by our grants, by large sums from our benevolence by constant donations from our lodge alike assisted increasing indigence or suffering, relieved the widow and the orphan and educated with an unsparring liberality orphan daughters and sons of our distressed and less prosperous brethren. Whatever some may still entertain of Freemasonry, some foolish prejudices may still linger, unfounded impressions may still survive, ever the mistaken views of earnest reformers may question the propriety of our benevolence, or the expansiveness of our teaching, none will venture to assert that works of charity and utility are not alike and labours of mercy and love, and the din of human controversy, and strife of tongues surmounting the difficulties of wildly struggles and confusion rises, so to say, as once again and sweetly singing, "Glory to God in heaven, and on earth, peace, good-will towards all." This is ever the true motto of Freemasonry, relieving distress, in succouring old and young, providing for weakness, in mitigating suffering, in training up the young orphan child to brotherhood, and fitting them as well for the sterner battle of life, we are in the end, in teaching that we love our neighbours as that we are alive to the true mission of Freemasonry, that we are intent on unchanging precepts, and that we have realized how true it is, that "Christ, the divine sister Mercy is twice blessed, who blesses him who gives, as well as he who receives." How beautiful is the picture presented to the mind's eye of the reflection of mason. Freemasonry is endeared to us by warm and active memories of the past, calls happy hours and faithful friends, summons up even now, amid prevailing depression, a vision of "careless days of yore, when we found in the bosom of a genial friendship, many a refreshing season, amid the trying call of the continuous exertion of business. But beyond this, and above this, we have invested for us with even still more of beauty and of grace, when it is clothed in the garb of charity. How great and good a thing Freemasonry is, how admirable the Institution!

aims, how noble its end. Thus raised above the passing interests of the day, we see at once how real, after all, is the true mission of Freemasonry, and in what it indeed consists. Not in angry strife or uncharitable debate, not in the prolix utterances, or mournful "outcome," of censoriousness or detraction, not in the perpetuation of angry feelings or hostile camps, but in the peaceful avowal of a universal sympathy, and the glad belief of a universal brotherhood. Here then, we venture to think, is the true mission of Freemasonry, and those who, like us, thus make Freemasonry mean the both practical development of charity and mercy and sympathy, who believe that otherwise Freemasonry sinks into an aggregation of useless ornamentation, or parish show, they will ever hail that happy and onward movement in our honoured English Craft, which has of late years placed Freemasonry in its true position before our fellow citizens, has promoted so greatly the true cause of Masonic liberality and benevolence, has conferred countless blessings on young and old, the happy recipients of the generous and sympathetic alms of our fraternity, and is a lasting proof, if proof be needed, that we in England, at any rate, as faithful brethren of our good old Order, thoroughly understand, and practically carry out the true mission of Freemasonry in the world.

MR. CLUFF'S LEGACY.

A Mr. Cluff, who was not, we believe, a member of our Order, has in his will, left the sum of £3,500 to the Boys' School, and a similar sum to the Girls' School, in all £7,000, for the purposes of what appear to be a perpetual scholarship or scholarships. We say appear to be for we confess, that, though we have read over the terms of the bequest more than once, there seems to us alike a little ambiguity to the real meaning of the testator, and some little difficulty, too, as regards a literal compliance with the terms of the bequest. We quite agree with those brethren, who have referred the matter to the Grand Master, and to the opinion of the Grand Registrar, and we are inclined to think, that as Bro. Peacock suggests, under the provisions of the "Trustee Relief Act," will be the best solution of the whole question, as well as of the legal and technical difficulty. Some brethren seem to be afraid, that, by the mere acceptance of the bequest, the schools become once amenable to the interference of the Charity Commission. But such an objection would apply to any endowment at all, and if it is good as regards our schools, "ceteris paribus," it would hold good of all other schools in the country which have any funded capital. It is true, though it may be said, that the funded capital of the Girls' School, for instance, is but the saving of annual expenditure, yet both our schools have had legacies left them from time to time, and though too it may be alleged, that they are not foundation schools, yet the argument would not be pushed too far, and we are inclined to think, that whatever may be the position of our schools, especially the Girls' School, in the respect of funded capital, if before Mr. Cluff's legacy, they were not brought under the operation of the Charity Commission, they are not now. With-

out the Act before us, we cannot of course lay down, what exemptions are allowed, and under which head our Masonic Schools may range themselves, but our impression is, we confess, though we may be mistaken, that all institutions in this country, which have been founded, with the charitable design of educating others whom poverty or misfortune has afflicted or reduced, and those above all which have received legacies for the purpose, and have the benefit of a funded capital, are brought within the scope of the act. We have heard it said, that, there is a limit as regards the amount of capital, but that we believe to be an entire misconception of the Act. But even should this be so, should the legacy of well-meaning Mr. Cluff bring our two schools under the notice of the Charity Commission, either as eleemosynary or educational institutions, we do not see that much harm will be done. Sure we are of this, that no institutions will stand a severer scrutiny, or bear a more searching examination. They are admirably conducted, and as the Charity Commission has nothing to do with the appropriation of the yearly subscriptions, but at the most could only take cognizance of the appropriation of the funded capital, the amount of possible interference is reduced to a minimum, and need not at all alarm worthy brethren like Bro. Browne, or the many friends of both institutions, who may not have any desire to see the present excellent management and arrangement of our schools in any way interfered with. We hope, that, some means will be discovered, under the able advice of our Grand Registrar, by which the Boys' School and the Girls' School may avail themselves of the charitable bequest of Mr. Cluff.

Quantum in Parbo, or Masonic Notes and Queries.

BRO. HUGHAN'S CHALLENGE.

Did I understand my able Bro. Hughan to have laid down the proposition, as regards the three degrees, as broadly as my Bro. Buchan states, in his last interesting letter, I should be compelled, out of pure consistency, and in what I deem the cause of Masonic truth and historical accuracy, respectfully to controvert some of my Bro. Buchan's statements. But as I read Bro. Hughan's challenge, it by no means goes so far as Bro. Buchan seems to believe.

I do not at all understand that Bro. Hughan anywhere contends, that, the three degrees did not exist before 1717, but only, that there is, so far, no ritual evidence of their existence before 1720. But I do not think such a proposition need be understood as asserting, that, they did not exist, but only, that, so far, we have no ritual evidence of their distinct existence, as now. There may be other evidence of their existence though not actually ritual, and this Bro. Hughan's argument does not exclude.

If Dermott can be relied on, Dermott indeed settles the question, as an almost contemporary witness, by stating unequivocally, that, before 1717, the "master's part" did exist, though he contended the "antients" had it, and the "moderns" had not.

The evidence, both of minute books and of rituals, may however, be looked upon from more than one point of view. In minute books, such as the Scotch minute books, Bro. Hughan, and Bro. Lyon, and Bro. Buchan may fairly say, we have evidence that in Scotland all the three classes met on one common basis, and were present at all receptions.

Now my explanation of the Scottish system is this, "quantum valeat."

We have evidence that the apprentices were

made often out of the lodge by the Master, and then "bukit in the lodge records."

We have also evidence that the word "passing" was familiar to the Scotch minute books and Freemasonry, and therefore, it is just possible that, the line of demarcation being very narrow between the degrees, they were admitted to the higher degrees on the same occasion.

It has also struck me that the old Scottish operative lodges retained a special form of making those admitted "free of the guild."

But though I admit all this may be fairly said, I do not think, that, because we have no mention made in the minute books, therefore, we are to assume that such degrees did not exist at all. The Scotch lodges had an open court for their members, but that does not preclude the possibility, as our Bro. Hughan sees, with his customary clearness and accuracy, of the existence of other secrets and separate degrees.

No one contends, I least of any, that the degrees existed exactly as we have them to-day, but that they did exist in some way all our documentary evidence proves, or else it proves nothing at all.

I am not one of those who set a great deal of store by ritual evidence, still it has its place in such a discussion as this.

I have seen a ritual which professes to date from before the separation between the "antients and the moderns," and there is no question in it of the existence of the three degrees.

And though there may be no known ritual in existence (though I should not at all be surprised if this discussion brings out some older ritual than we at present dream of) before 1720, as Bro. Hughan puts it. Yet it appears to me, that as these rituals must be antedated to the legal memory as they could not be all "pious frauds" or pure invention for the first time, in the face of the Sloane MSS. 3329, we I think shall see, that we cannot well limit the archaeological question to 1720 or 1717.

My own humble opinion is, we are still a little premature in coming to a conclusion on the question, as the Scottish system may be peculiar to itself, and the English system prior to 1700 has yet to be unearthed.

I say nothing to day of much other evidence which might be adduced in favour of the three degrees.

A. F. A. WOODFORD.

BRO. THE REV. A. F. A. WOODFORD, M.A., P.G.C., v. BRO. WM. PRESTON.

In a few weeks I hope to look again into the Masonic career of Bro. Preston, and will then make known the result in the columns of *The Freemason*. The valuable letter from our esteemed Bro. Cawling (kindly published by Bro. Woodford) is an evidence of the mine of wealth still left to be explored by Masonic students, and proves what may be done by a number of earnest enquirers, determined to do their best to discover old records of lodges, and other Masonic MSS., hitherto unknown to the fraternity of to-day.

W. J. HUGHAN.

REVIRESCO v. BRO. BUCHAN.

Bro. Buchan, I plainly see, is not quite sure of me yet, but likely enough, in the long run, if we cannot sail in the same boat, we shall spin along "side by side." But when? The answer shall be given as soon as possible. Meanwhile let us all do our best to appreciate and estimate the value of the important additions made to our rapidly accumulating stock of Masonic MSS., and lodge records. Such students of our ancient history as Bros. Woodford, Hughan, and Lyon, deserve the warm support and sympathy of the Craft, for to them we are mainly indebted for the important discoveries of late. I am not disposed at present to discuss the points in dispute, being anxious to see Bro. Hughan's challenge accepted by any competent brother who has been in the habit of stating to the contrary, in order that the truth may be elucidated. Bro. Buchan has done well to call attention to the matter, and I hope his remarks will bear fruit. Let us, however, be careful, and not require more evidence in support of our statements than the subject warrants.

REVIRESCO.

BRO. HUGHAN'S CHALLENGE AND BRO. W. P. BUCHAN.

I am much obliged to Bro. Buchan for his friendly remarks, respecting my views as to the origin and character of Freemasonry in early days.

I do not, however, quite agree with Bro. Buchan in his references to Freemasonry prior to the "Revival." Of course, the gentlemen who were admitted as members of Masonic lodges in the seventeenth century were not able in consequence to be employed as operative Masons. All we contend for is that they became the possessors of whatever esoteric ceremonies were peculiar to Freemasonry in those days. It is a fact that the lodges were "drooping" early in the last century, and that the first Grand Lodge, which was instituted 1717, was actually the offspring of four old lodges.

To suppose that these members under the ancient régime did not preserve the former secret word or words, and signs, in the enlarged ceremonies, and the three degrees, would to my mind, be shutting our eyes to much even of the present ritual, which is so suggestive of purely operative customs, and also refuse the testimony to these ancient mysteries being retained, which was afforded by the attendance of visiting brethren who belonged to the old system.

But all we can expect is a general agreement, and minor details will of necessity be open to criticism, as I accept the support of our Bro. Buchan, in the hearty spirit in which it is offered, and all the more because of his well-known independent mind.

W. J. HUGHAN.

PRINCE HALL.

Prince Hall, a negro, Master of a Masonic Lodge in Boston (Massachusetts), was born about 1738. After the peace, a Masonic Charter was obtained from England, but it seems that white Masons, out of pride would not acknowledge the African lodge. Mr. Hall said, "There are to be seen the weeds of pride, envy tyranny, and scorn, in this garden of peace, liberty, and equality." He published two Masonic charges, 1792, 1797.—American Biographical Dictionary. By William Allan, D.D., Third edition.

AN ORATION.

DELIVERED AT A REGULAR MEETING, ON THE 7TH JULY 1874, OF ST. DAVID'S LODGE, No. 393.

BY BRO. CHALMERS I. PATON,
(Past-Master No. 393, England.)

Worshipful Master and Brethren:—On an occasion like the present, it is natural that our thoughts should revert to the erection and dedication of the Temple of Solomon, that great and glorious work of which the connection with the history of Freemasonry is so intimate and important. I am not inclined, indeed, to assent to the opinion which has been expressed by many, that Freemasonry originated at the time of the erection of Solomon's Temple, but rather to ascribe it to a still earlier origin, an origin lost in the depths of remote antiquity. But it may very well be supposed that the system subsisting before that date was then consolidated and improved, so that the building of the first Temple at Jerusalem marks a great era in the progress of Freemasonry and is one of the great landmarks of its history. And now when the Temple of Jerusalem has long since disappeared, and the very form of worship for which it was intended has passed away, when cedar forests no longer clothe the slopes of Lebanon and Tyre, whose King supplied Solomon with a great part of the materials for his work, and from which also he obtained his master workmen, is no longer a great city, its merchant princes and its traffickers the honourable of the earth, but a scene of desolation, a place for fishermen to dry their nets, it is interesting to reflect that the institution of Freemasonry not only continues to exist, having been transmitted from generation to generation during these three

thousand years and extended to lands of which Solomon never heard of, and, which in his day the only inhabitants were roaming savages, but that it is still full of life, as vigorous and prosperous as in the days of Solomon and Hiram, changed in nothing but for the better, as the wisdom and knowledge of age after age have been stored up and applied for its improvement, its essential principles still remaining unaltered, unmodified.

The dedication of Solomon's Temple was an occasion of special solemnity in the history of the peculiar people, and of whom he especially avouched himself to be their God. It is impossible, I believe, to conceive aright the solemnity and grandeur of that scene, such as has never been equalled and can never be realized again in the history of the world, when the temple, which had been seven years in building, was finished, with its symbolical pillars, and all its furniture, its altar of burnt offering, its altar of incense, its veil and inner sanctuary, the Holy of Holies, its molten sea standing upon twelve oxen of brass, its ten lavers of brass, its golden candlesticks with seven branches, its table of shew bread, its lamps, its tongs of gold, its bowls, its snuffers, its basins, its spoons, and its censers, and "Solomon assembled the elders of Israel, and all the heads of the tribes, the Chief of the fathers of the Children of Israel," and brought up the ark of the covenant of the Lord to Jerusalem and to the temple which, under divine direction he had built, and when the priests were come out of the holy place in which they had placed the ark, "the cloud filled the house of the Lord so that priests could not stand to minister, because of the cloud, for the glory of the Lord had filled the house of the Lord," and Solomon addressed and blessed the people and offered to the Lord one of the most sublime and beautiful of all the prayers recorded in the Holy scriptures, imploring that the eyes of the Lord might be toward that house night and day, and that all the prayers which the people made towards it might be heard, even though from lands of exile and in distress. We have no right to expect any such divine manifestations as took place on that occasion, when we dedicate our temples; their purpose is not especial, as that of the temple of Solomon, and yet is a high and glorious purpose. No temple that we erect is the special selected place of God's manifestation of himself and of his meeting with his people, but every one is erected to his glory for the great purpose of maintaining and promoting the knowledge of his name, and for the great purpose of celebrating his pure worship, than which no nobler purposes can be entertained by man. Freemasonry has entertained these purposes throughout its history; they belonged to it when Solomon and Hiram presided in the meetings of the brotherhood at Jerusalem, and reduced the system to an order and perfection which it had not attained before; and they equally belong to it now. Every new temple dedicated declares their subsistence, proclaims their permanence. Let us look for the evidence of the divine favour, not manifested by a visible cloud of glory, but manifested not less really by the evident answer of our prayers, by the evident blessing resting on our meetings and our works.

It is with just pride that Freemasons reflect on the antiquity of their system and of their Craft, the most ancient of all existing institutions of mere human origin. And, this is not, I think, an improper occasion for adverting to the complete failure of attempts recently made to assign to our modern Freemasonry a mere modern origin, a very recent date. With no little show of learning and research, in a boastful spirit of unprejudiced inquiry and ruthless criticism, it has been maintained that Freemasonry was invented by Dr. Anderson, Dr. Desaguliers, and others, their associates, by them first established in England in the year 1717, and thence extended over the world. It may well be deemed a conclusive argument against this opinion the 1717 theory as it has been called, that it ascribes base imposture to men who were held in high respect by their contemporaries, and whose names have been mentioned with honour from their own time to the present. To make such an assumption without the clearest and strongest evidence to sustain it is monstrous, and especially unworthy of a Freemason, contrary to all Ma-

sonic principles and teaching. The character of a brother is not to be lightly assailed, the character of the dead ought to be held even more sacred than that of the living. Dr. Anderson and Dr. Desaguliers did not profess to introduce a new system to the world. The whole history of their proceedings consists with the notion that they acted in good faith, and is utterly inconsistent with an opposite notion.

I may observe that we have abundant evidence of the existence of Freemasonry in England dates long anterior to the beginning of the century. Our old constitutions and charges belong to much earlier times. But I will dwell on the evidence afforded by these. Permit me rather, in a few words, to refer you to the proof we have of the existence of Freemasonry in the 17th century, which itself sufficiently against the notion of its having originated in the 18th. In Plot's history of Staffordshire, we find an attack upon Freemasonry, evidence enough of its existence, and the better as coming from an enemy. And the works of Roger Ashmole we find a record of his having been a Mason in the 17th century and that is highly honourable company. So enemies of Freemasonry have asserted that it originated by Roger Ashmole and a few kind spirits, by way of amusement. It is an absurd guess, put forth at a venture, by men resolved not to acknowledge the antiquity of our system and our Craft; and is utterly inconsistent with Ashmole's own statement of facts as to initiation. The enemies of Freemasonry may choose between the 1717 theory and the Ashmole theory. Both are for its enemies, not its friends. But they are antagonistic, cannot be maintained together.

Some have imagined that Masonry was merely operative till its revival in England in the beginning of last century, and then became speculative, thus seeking to escape difficulties with acknowledging the antiquity of our present system of Freemasonry. It must be granted that there is a connection between operative and speculative masonry. It must also be granted that this connection was more intimate in former times than the present. But that Masonry until the time of Dr. Anderson and Dr. Desaguliers, was merely operative and then first became speculative, I emphatically deny. We have evidence of the connection with the Masonic body in England, in long past centuries of men of high rank sufficient proof that the fellowship of Masonic brotherhood was not limited to operative Masons. And coming down to the 17th century, we have a notable instance of initiation of one who was not an operative Mason in Roger Ashmole, already mentioned, and the names which the records of those present at his initiation affords proof that this was no regular and exceptional instance. And from Plot says in his History of Staffordshire, we clearly that it was common in England, in that day, for country gentlemen or others, who nothing to do with operative Masonry, to obtain admission into Masonic lodges.

But now, turning our thoughts from the with all its interesting associations, to the present and its interests and duties, to the future and prospects, bear with me when I say that a responsibility lies upon us. We have more power for the advancement of Freemasonry than our forefathers had. This new hall to the power of the Berwick Lodge, and I that my brethren, members of the lodge, be found equal to the occasion, and that the interests of Freemasonry will not suffer in my hands. I look with confidence for a rapid extension of Freemasonry in this town and district. But what, after all, is the advancement of Freemasonry? Not a mere increase of the number of members of a lodge or of all the lodges. Increase of numbers is highly desirable, if discretion is exercised in the admission of candidates, and care is taken to see that those who are admitted are worthy; for the admission of unworthy candidates is no accession of strength, but on the contrary a cause of weakness and a discredit to the Order. The advancement of Freemasonry depends most of all on the worthiness of the candidates admitted, and the worthy conduct of all the brethren. Let every one take this to heart, and see to it that

conduct, and consider what may be the influence of our example. Let us see to it, that we walk according to our profession, true worshippers of God, strict observers of the moral law, constantly obedient to the laws of our country, good husbands, good fathers, good sons, good masters, good servants, for the true advancement of Freemasonry is in the accomplishment of the objects for which our Order was founded and exists, and the extension of the brotherhood, the accession of members is to be desired by us only that these objects may be more extensively attained.

And how admirable are these objects! The promoters of religion and virtue, of loyalty and good order, of domestic happiness, of social concord, of peace amongst the nations of the earth, of industry, of science, and of all that tends to the welfare of individuals, of families, and of mankind. These are glorious objects, objects to which it is good to devote all our energies, for which it would not be too much to give life itself. But what is demanded of us is not that we should sacrifice life for their sake, although that might be reasonable and proper, but that we should employ our lives in their promotion, all the while enjoying a reward in the increase of our own happiness, not only from the feeling of satisfaction which God has appointed to attend the doing good of others, but from the benefits which, under his gracious Providence, always attend a life of piety and virtue.

A CONGRATULATORY ADDRESS,

Delivered at the Consecration of the Isle of Axholme Lodge, Epworth.

By Bro. THE REV. JOHN C. H. SAUNDERS, M.A., W.M. AND C. 1286.

Brethren of the Isle of Axholme Lodge, in my own name, in that of the brethren of this Province, and I think I may confidently add, on behalf of every true hearted Mason, I beg to offer you our most sincere congratulations on the auspicious opening of your lodge. May it go on and prosper. Begun in order, may it progress in harmony and peace, may no discord, no dissension, gain admission here; may bickerings and heart-burning be unknown amongst you, but may true brotherly love and unity flourish and abound. Let your watchword be "Go Forward," but let caution and prudence dictate every step.

My experience of Freemasonry has taught me, that while there is much that is admirable—truly admirable—in the Institution itself, there are at the same time certain points which from the laxity of indiscreet brethren tend to bring the Order into disrepute. To two of these points I would briefly invite your attention, and in so doing I would ask you to bear with me, and to receive my few imperfect remarks in the same spirit of fraternal kindness as the ideas are conceived, and the words uttered by myself. What I say unto you I would say to all the brethren. The first point to which I would advert is this.—We cannot be too cautious whom we select as Masters of our lodge. The Master holds a most important and responsible position. Unless, therefore he is well qualified to perform the duties of his office, the lodge cannot prosper. It may continue to exist, but it cannot flourish. We cannot therefore, I repeat, be too careful whom we select as our Master. If we select a brother for that important position, merely because he has filled the office of Warden, utterly regardless of the manner in which he had performed the duties of that office, or because he is one of the senior members of our lodge. If we select him merely as a matter of policy, in order to avoid giving offence to some crotchety brother, or as a matter of expediency to gratify the craving after office of a restless ambitious brother; if we select him merely because he is a bon vivant and jovial companion, or because his social status is a grade above that of some other brother, who may be in all respects Masonically his superior. If we select him for any or all of these reasons, believe me, we are doing our best to lower the prestige of our lodge, to bring Masonry into disrepute, and to strike a grievous blow at the Order which we have pledged ourselves to uphold to the utmost of our ability. What then

are the qualifications we should seek for? and what should be our governing principles of action?

We should select a brother who, by the zeal and energy he has displayed in the performance of the duties of the minor offices he has filled, gives promise of being able efficiently to perform the more important duties of the higher. We should select a brother who stands well with his brethren, one who is amiable in disposition, and affable in manners, one who is apt to teach, and able to govern, one whose moral character is beyond reproach, whose commercial reputation is above suspicion, one blessed with a retentive memory, able to learn, able to remember, able intelligently to recite and perform our striking and interesting ceremonial. When we find a brother possessing these qualifications we may venture to select him with full confidence that he will prove a most efficient Master. But if in addition he possesses that other most important qualification, the blessing of a liberal education, it will be found to add immensely to his efficiency. And inasmuch as the selection of officers rests entirely with the Master, as he is, such to a great extent will be his officers, and as are the officers, such will be the brethren. If he be inefficient or indifferent, a spirit of indifference will soon be engendered. Carelessness and laxity will soon be manifested, which must tend to the injury, it may be the irreparable injury of the lodge. But if the Master be zealous and efficient he will inspire his lodge, officers and brethren alike, with a spirit of energy and zeal, so that actuated by one feeling they will work in unison; bound together by the mystic tie of fraternal love, they will labour for the benefit of the Craft in general and for the welfare of their own lodge in particular. And what should be our governing principle of action, in the selection of our Master. Fidelity to our Order, and a firm determination, avoiding fear on the one hand, and favour on the other, to select that brother whom we conscientiously believe to be in all respects the best qualified for the office.

Another point, and one of paramount importance, in which great care is necessary, is this, "we cannot be too cautious whom we admit into the Order."

In the present day when Freemasonry is fashionable, and frequent applications are made for admission to our ranks, it behoves us to exercise more than ordinary caution whom we admit.

No one, as a matter of course, is proposed for admission unless some little is known of him by his proposer and seconder. But are we always sufficiently cautious? Do we carefully investigate the character and antecedents of a candidate? Do we inquire what are his reasons for wishing to be admitted to our ancient mysteries and privileges? If on investigation we find that he is a man who has gained the respect and esteem of his fellow men; that his character will bear the strictest scrutiny, that he is a faithful husband, an exemplary father, a constant friend, and a true patriot, if we find that he has been in the habit of practising the Masonic virtues, not knowing them to be such; if we have reason to believe that his head, his heart, his hand, his knee and his foot, will be energetically and zealously exerted on behalf of Freemasonry, we may venture to elect him, for he will probably become a good and worthy Mason.

But if on the other hand, we find on investigation, we have reason to suspect that his sole object in seeking to gain admission to our ranks arises from a morbid curiosity to become acquainted with our secrets, we must reject him at once, for he will prove but a sorry Mason. If we have reason to believe that his chief object is a mercenary motive in order that he may receive pecuniary benefit in the time of difficulty, or succour in the hour of sickness, we must inform him that ours is not a benefit club, and that he cannot be admitted on such conditions. If we suspect that his object is to bolster up a somewhat doubtful moral reputation, or to prop up a somewhat tottering commercial reputation, thus using Masonry as a cloak of hypocrisy; we must reject him at once.

If we have reason to believe that his object is for the value of the refreshment which sometimes follows labour, we must tell him that ours is no

convivial club, and that we cannot receive him on such terms.

O let us be careful that at none whom we are instrumental in admitting into the Order, the finger of scorn may ever be able to be pointed, or the tongue of the slanderer ever have occasion to say, that "man! that liar! that thief! that drunkard! that whoremonger! is a Mason, and a disgrace to the Order."

Believe me far more injury is done to Masonry by the indiscretions of faithless brethren, than by all the open attacks of the slanderer and the coward.

One word more and I have done.

Again I beg most heartily to congratulate the brethren of this new lodge at Epworth on its foundation. May it progress and prosper, until it becomes as famous in the annals of Masonry as has the good old town of Epworth itself, in the History of the Church.

Original Correspondence.

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

THE P.M. JEWEL.

Dear Sir and Brother,—
Will you or one of your numerous readers kindly inform me,

1. Whether any brother who has never attained the office of W.M. has any right to wear the P.M. jewel on his apron.
2. Whether holding office in a P.G. Lodge will confer that right?
3. Whose duty it is to see that brethren enter a lodge, whether P.G. or private, properly attired.

My reason for making these inquiries is that a brother in Lincolnshire in calling my attention to the Prov. Grand Lodge, lately held in that province, mentions that a brother had on an apron the three P.M. jewels, and which he has worn for more than twelve months, though he has never been a W.M.. I have always looked up to Provincial Grand Officers as patterns of Masonic excellence and correctness. Is not this a glaring breach of Masonic etiquette?

Yours fraternally,

S.W.

[No brother has a right to wear the emblems of a P.M., who has not been, bonâ fide, W.M. of a lodge.—Ed.]

BRO. CONSTABLE'S DRAWING.

Dear Sir and Brother,—
Permit me to thank you for the preliminary notice, contained in your issue of the 11th inst., of my project on behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls; and to state that every purchaser of a shilling ticket will be entitled to participate in the ballot for a Life Governorship thereof, value £10 10s.

The ballot is arranged to take place on Wednesday, 28th April, 1875, and the result will be recorded in the columns of *The Freemason*.

My desire, in commencing thus early, is to secure a widely spread patronage, and I hope that our brethren will readily accept and support an easy means of doing good service on behalf of an Institution which has established its usefulness as a Masonic Charity throughout the world.

I am convinced that there are many charitable brethren in the kingdom who will gladly avail themselves of the opportunity thus afforded, and in furtherance of this I shall be pleased to forward tickets on sale or return, and, with permission, add names to the undermentioned list.

The Institution will receive the benefit of every shilling subscribed, not a fraction is to be deducted for working expenses.

JOHN CONSTABLE.

Tickets may be had from the following brethren:—
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MR. W. CLUFFS BEQUEST.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,

I must ask you to correct your report of the last quarterly meeting of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, in page 436, of Vol. 7, No. 280, so far as I am concerned, for I did not, as you report, think that under the Trustees Relief Act, the Institution should pay the money into the Court of Chancery, for I stated that I did not see much difficulty in the Institution carrying out the trusts of the will, and in reply to Bro. H. Browse, I said we ought if possible to prevent the money being paid into the Court of Chancery, and I further stated, in my opinion, that if the acceptance of the gift did bring the school within the operation of the Charitable Trusts Act, the Commission would only acquire jurisdiction as to this particular fund, and that we should act in union with the Boys' School, and take the opinion of the Grand Registrar.

I shall feel obliged by your inserting this letter in your next number, for I should not like it to remain uncontradicted that I should wish the funds of the Institution to be absorbed by any unnecessary expenses.

Yours fraternally,

T. F. R. PEACOCK.

The annual Congress of the Royal Archaeological Institute was opened at the Town Hall, Ripon, under the presidency of the Marquess of Ripon. The proceedings commenced with the reception of the institute by the mayor and corporation. An address was read by the town clerk, and presented to Lord Talbot de Malahide, who thanked the mayor and corporation for the hearty welcome. His lordship then appointed the Marquess of Ripon to the presidential chair for the meeting, and the Bishop of Ripon, on behalf of himself, the dean and chapter, and the clergy, tendered a hearty welcome to the institution. By invitation of the mayor and corporation, the members and friends of the institute, to the number of 340, partook of lunch in a large marquee. The party then adjourned to the cathedral, where its architecture was described by Sir Gilbert Scott, who has recently been engaged in its restoration. The library was next visited, and its ancient MSS. and printed works examined. Two or three pieces of old music recently discovered were illustrated by the cathedral choir, under the leadership of Mr. Cross. The inaugural address of the Marquess of Ripon was delivered in the Riding-school.

The Grand Lodge of Indiana have under consideration plans for the remodelling of the Masonic Temple at Indianapolis. The estimated cost of the improvements is placed at 54,000 dol., and the plan is heartily commended by the editor of the *Advocate*, P. G. M. Martin H. Rice, of that State.

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METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.
For the Week ending Friday, July 31, 1874.

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

Saturday, July 25.

- Audit Committee Boys' School, at 3.
Lodge 129,3, Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court.
Provincial Grand Lodge of Surrey, Griffin Hotel, Kingston.
Manchester Lodge of Instruction (179), Yorkshire Grey, 77, London-street, Fitzroy-square, at 8; Bro. H. Ash, Preceptor.
Lily Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, Surrey.
Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. G. Dilley, Preceptor.

Monday, July 27.

- Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction (1445), Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland, at 7; Bro. T. Austin, Preceptor.
Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.
Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Finchurch-street Station, at 7.
Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern, Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gotthel, Preceptor.
British Oak Lodge of Instruction (813), Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.
St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street (opposite the Pantheon), Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.
Wellington Lodge of Instruction, White Swan Tavern, Deptford, at 8; Bro. C. G. Dilley, P.M. 1155, Preceptor.
West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
Metropolitan Mark Lodge of Instruction, Coach and Horses Hotel, 323, Strand, at 8.

Tuesday, July 28.

- Audit Committee Girls' School, at 4.
Lodge 255, Harmony, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond.
Yarborough Lodge of Instruction (554), Green Dragon Steppney, at 8; Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.
Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tavern, Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 8.
Faith Lodge of Instruction (141), Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st., (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cotebrune, Preceptor.
Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Lord's Hotel, Lord's Cricket Ground, St. John's-wood, at 8; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.
Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction (860), King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. Crawley, Preceptor.
Prosperity Lodge of Instruction (65), Gladstone Tavern, Bishop-gate-st., Within, at 7.30; Bro. Bolton, W.M. 1227, Preceptor.
St. Marybone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, Nev-street, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (55), Wheatshaf Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey (P.M. 180), Preceptor.
Percy Lodge of Instruction, Grapes Tavern, Little Windmill-street, W.
Southwark Lodge of Instruction, (879), Southwark Park Tavern, Southwark Park, at 8; Bro. Charles William Kent, Preceptor.
Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor.
United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30.
Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Bro. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.

Wednesday, July 29.

- Lodge 898, Temperance-in-the-East, Newby-place, Poplar, New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8.
Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
Confidence Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
Peckham Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham, at 8; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor.
Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar.
Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, Thicket Hotel, Anerley, at 7.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction (1288), Finsbury Park Tavern, Seven Sisters'-road, N., at 8. Bro. P. Dickinson, Acting Preceptor.

Thursday, July 30.

- General Committee Girls' School, at 4.
Lodge 22, Neptune, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.]

- Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, 1 st., Tottenham Court-road, at 8; Bro. T. A. Preceptor.
Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Anglers' Bath-street, City-road; Bro. Stean, Preceptor.
United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
Whittington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Holborn, at 8; Bro. Lewis Alexander, P.M. Preceptor.
Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
Ebury Lodge of Instruction, Bro. Palmer's, 12, Po st., Millbank.
Highgate Lodge of Instruction (1366), Bull and Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.

Friday, July 31.

- Chap. 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle Leadenhall K.T. Preceptory. 74, Harcourt, Greyhound Hotel, London.
St. George's Lodge of Instruction (140), Tavern, Royal-hill, Greenwich.
Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Regent-st., at 8.
Belgrave Lodge of Instruction (749), Coach and Strand, at 8; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.
Panmure Lodge of Instruction (730), Balham Ham, at 7.30.
Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for Freemasons' Hall, a 7.
Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.
Clapton Lodge of Instruction (1365), White Hart, at 7.30; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., Preceptor.
Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1293), the Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. W. F. Rogers, Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (79), P. Orange, Greenwich-road, at 8; Comp. W. We Preceptor.
Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (733), Horse and Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8.
United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Antelope Lorn-road, Brixton, at 7.
St. James's Lodge of Instruction, New Tannery Grange-road, Bermondsey, at 8; Bro. How Preceptor.
Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Bro. D. S. Rutt, P.M. Doric Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern end-road, at 8.
Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, 1, Walsley-road, N.W., at 8; Bro. P. M. W. Preceptor.
St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Rose Fulham-road, S.W.
Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Buckhurst-hill, at 8.
High Cross Lodge of Instruction (754), Coach & High Road, Tottenham.
Union Club of Instruction, Windsor Castle, Victoria at 8 p.m.; H. Ash, P.M., Instructor.
Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park, at 8; W. Verry, Preceptor.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE
CHESHIRE,

For the Week ending Saturday, Aug. 1, 1874.

Monday, July 27.

- Lodge 148, Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
Lodge 613, Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport.
" 703, Clifton, Clifton Arms Hotel, Blackpool
Chap. 241, Friendship, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, 5.0.

Tuesday, July 28.

- Lodge 986, Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston, at 4
" 1256, Fidelity, Bull Hotel, Poulton-le-Fylde
" 1393, Hamer, 2A, Windermerc-street, Liverpool, at 6.

- Chap. 1094, Temple, Masonic Temple, Liverpool
Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Liverpool, at 6.

Wednesday, July 29.

- Lodge 86, Loyalty, Assembly Rooms, Prescott
" 484, Faith, Gerard's Arms Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne
" 580, Harmony, Wheatshaf Inn, Ormskirk
" 758, Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn
St. John's Lodge of Instruction (673), Masonic Liverpool, at 8.
Alpass Encampment, Masonic Temple, Liverpool
Thursday, July 30.
Lodge 1313, Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW
VICINITY.For the week ending Saturday, Aug. 1, 1874.
All the Meetings take place at 8 o'clock.

Monday, July 27.

- Lodge 103, Union and Crown, 170, Buchanan
Chap. 122, Thetis, 35, James-street.

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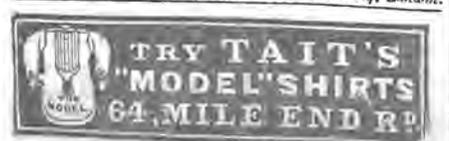
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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

LIVERPOOL.—*Neptune Lodge* (No. 1264).—Another of the numerous pleasant summer excursions, in connection with Liverpool lodges, came off on Thursday, the 23rd ult., and formed one of the most pleasant of the series. Following the custom of former years, the brethren of the Neptune Lodge, No. 1264, accompanied by their wives and sweethearts, started for the charming grounds surrounding the Victoria Hotel, Thatto Heath. The weather was of the most gloomy and threatening character, when about 100 ladies and brethren started from Lime-street Station, and proceeded by the London and North-western Railway to the scene of the day's festivities. A short and sharp thunder-storm immediately after arrival seemed to clear the air, however, and the weather in the afternoon was as bright, sunny, and delightful as the most fastidious could have desired. The picnics in connection with the Neptune Lodge have always been looked upon as very delightful, because always cordial and fraternal; but the "out" on this occasion proved even more enjoyable than in any previous years—the result of almost perfect arrangements, the active and willing services of a volunteer band of Stewards, and the excellent spirit which marked the whole of the proceedings. An excellent dinner was served by Mr. Whittle, of the Victoria Hotel, in the spacious marquee, and the pleasure of the company was greatly increased by the valuable service of staff of volunteer Stewards. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, Bro. A. Davies, I.P.M., gave the health of the W.M. (Bro. J. S. Dixon), who, he said, had secured his present proud position by legitimate means and hard service. Bro. Davies then referred at some length to the advantages of Freemasonry, and especially to the charitable objects of the Order, with special reference to widows and orphans. He concluded by proposing the health of the W.M. and Mrs. Dixon. The W.M. said he was extremely grateful for the manner in which his health and that of Mrs. Dixon had been given and received. He was particularly gratified at the large attendance of ladies that day, and hoped every one would enjoy the picnic in the highest degree. He hoped to retain the good opinion of the brethren during his year of office. The W.M. then presented Bro. J. Healing, P.M., with a very handsome gold watch and appendages, as a mark of esteem of the brethren for the faithful and valuable services he had rendered as Treasurer to the lodge. The W.M. highly eulogised Bro. Healing for his services in that capacity, and more particularly for his efforts in connection with the West Lancashire Educational Institution. He remarked incidentally

that the Neptune Lodge was now only second to one in the province in support of the funds, and hoped it would long occupy that enviable position. The watch, was made by Bro. Fish, and bore the following inscription:—"Presented to Bro. Joseph Healing, P.M., by the brethren of the Neptune Lodge, No. 1264, in recognition of his faithful and valuable services as Treasurer, Liverpool, 23rd, July, 1874." The testimonial was subscribed for by members of the lodge, honourable mention being due to Bro. Bushell, who spared no effort to make the presentation worthy of the occasion. Bro. Healing acknowledged the splendid gift in suitable terms. The W. M. then gave "The Ladies," acknowledged by Bro. W. Doyle, P.J.G.D.; "The Past Masters," responded to by Bro. P. B. Gee, P.M., M.C.; "The Officers of the Lodge," acknowledged by Bro. W. Roberts, J.W. (acting as S.W.) "Our Seafaring Brethren," which was replied to by Bro. Jones. Bro. Davies, I.P.M., gave "The Press," which was acknowledged by Bro. J. Vaughan, S.D. 86. After the formal toast drinking had concluded, the general company proceeded to enjoy themselves according to their different tastes. Some found delight in dancing, others in the merry song, several in a friendly game of bowls, and more than one in roaming over the beautiful grounds. Tea was provided about five o'clock, and after a few hours' additional pleasure the pic-nickers started on their return to Liverpool, which was reached about half-past nine o'clock. The band of the Prescot company of the 2nd L.E.V. (Mr. H. Fairclough, bandmaster) furnished excellent music during the day. The pic-nic was of the most enjoyable nature, and the complete success attending it was due in a large measure to the courtesy and kindness of the W.M., P.M.'s, and officers, and the attention of the band of voluntary Stewards.

HAMPTON COURT.—*Burdett Lodge* (No. 1298).—The regular meeting of this lodge took place on Saturday, the 25th July, at the Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court. There were present on that occasion the R.W. Colonel Burdett, Prov-Grand Master, who is a P.M. of the lodge, Bro. Harry Phythian, W.M.; Frederick Keily, S.W.; David W. Pearce, J.W.; R.W. Little, Prov. G. Sec.; Treasurer; H. G. Buss, P.G. Treas., Sec.; J. W. Berrie, J.D.; D. Bindoff, D.C.; Reverend D. Shaboe, P.P.G. Chaplain; George Kenning, P.P.G.D.; D. R. Still, P.M.; Bros. Owen, Southwell, Baxton, Sadler, Saunders, and several other brethren. The visitors were T. H. Edmonds, P.G. Steward, 8; E. B. Graham, W.M., Felix Lodge, 1494; J. R. Foulger, P.M. 177; E. Cobett, 243; L. Cottam, 197; Alex. Edwards, 227, Dublin; W. H. Riabook, 8; H. Whitfield, 60. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Phythian, at 3 o'clock, and the business consisted of the raising of Bro. Edmonds, the passing of Bros. Parnwell and Carrall, and the initiation of Messrs. R. S. Sindall, Thomas Ball and Edward G. Brooker, all of which ceremonies were rendered in a most perfect manner by the W.M., aided by his officers, who all proved themselves equal to their respective duties. After several propositions the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, provided by Bro. Sadler, the worthy host, who is a member of this lodge, the W.M. being supported on his right by the R.W. Provincial Grand Master. After the cloth was cleared the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and responded to in the most hearty manner. The R.W.P.G.M. expressed his gratification at the good working and prosperity of the lodge. The visitors' health was responded to by Bro. Edwards, of Dublin, who also complimented the W.M. and Officers on their good working, and expressed the great pleasure he felt in being so warmly and generously received by the lodge, and hoped on some future occasion that he might have an opportunity of returning the compliment to some of the members of the Burdett Lodge at his own lodge in Dublin. Bro. Sindall, in a few appropriate words, stated the gratification he felt at being initiated in the lodge, and on behalf of himself and the other candidates, returned thanks for the proposition of their healths. After a few words from the other officers of the lodge, and also from Bro.

Shaboe, the P.P.G. Chaplain, who expressed his unfeigned satisfaction at everything that had taken place, and observing that a most enjoyable evening had been passed, the brethren dispersed at an early hour. It may be stated that the banquet, supplied by Bro. Sadler, was of the most excellent description, and the wines highly approved of, being of the choicest quality.

GARSTON.—*Lodge of Harmony* (No. 220).—On Wednesday afternoon, the 22nd ult., the brethren attached to the Lodge of Harmony, No. 220, held their annual meeting within the lodge-room at the Garston Hotel, Garston, near Liverpool. Not only is the "Harmony" one of the oldest and most genial of the numerous suburban lodges around Liverpool, but its influence and standing have long been recognised in the district, having sent out some of the best Masons in the locality. The success attending the '74 installation proceedings, still further enhances its position, and there is no doubt that, with the pleasant weather, cordial welcome, and capital Masonic working, the visitors on this special occasion, must have been highly delighted. Bro. Dr. J. W. Worthington, W.M., opened the lodge according to ancient form, supported by a large number of officers and brethren. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been duly confirmed, the W.M. concluded his valuable services for the year by raising three brethren to the sublime degree of Master Masons. Bro. J. Hamer, P. Prov. G. Treas., then took the chair, and proceeded to instal Bro. John Evans as the W.M. of the lodge for the ensuing year. The veteran presiding officer performed his duties in a very satisfactory manner. After Bro. Evans had been placed in the chair with all the ancient ceremonial, the following were invested as the officers for the following year:—Bros. Dr. J. V. Worthington, I.P.M.; J. Hughes, S.W.; T. B. Tallett, J.W.; W. Vines, P.M., Treas.; C. Humphries, Sec.; M. Bush, S.D.; I. Raw, J.D.; S. Tickle, I.G.; J. Tewkesbury, S.S.; G. Price, J.S.; J. N. Clark, Organist; and W. Jones, M.C. Bro. J. Robinson was unanimously re-elected Tyler of the lodge and invested with the collar, jewel, and sword of office. Before the lodge was closed, a very valuable P.M.'s jewel was presented to Bro. Dr. J. V. Worthington, I.P.M., as a token of respect and esteem. The brethren subsequently sat down to a most sumptuous banquet, which was served in a tent placed in the gardens attached to the hotel. The newly installed W.M. (Bro. J. Evans), was supported by nearly all who were present at the afternoon's meeting. The tables were adorned by a large number of the choicest plants, kindly sent by Bro. J. Meredith, 1182, of the celebrated "Vineyard," Garston. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given during the evening in a very hearty and pointed manner, and very cordially received by the brethren.

IVY LODGE (No. 1441).—It was a bold thing on the part of Bro. C. Smith, W.M., of this very young, and consequently not yet numerically strong lodge, to call an emergency meeting at a time of year when the calorific element is so exhaustingly in the ascendant; but the result fully justified his judgment, as all will readily allow when informed that five initiations, three passings and a raising took place at this meeting. The lodge was called at six o'clock on Tuesday evening, 21st ult., at the Windsor Castle Tavern, Southwark Bridge Road. The W.M. and all his officers were present with laudable punctuality, but the candidates were either very devoid of attention to their summonses, or unfortunate in their engagements, and the proceedings did not commence for nearly an hour, which prevented the lodge from being closed until eleven o'clock, and must have rendered the Worshipful Master's duties, in such an atmosphere, and he labouring under severe hoarseness, very exhausting. We have, on several former occasions, recorded the pleasure with which we have witnessed the admirable working of the W.M. of the Ivy Lodge and his excellent staff of officers, and can only again state that the three ceremonies were rendered in a manner never to be forgotten by the recipients of the degrees. Nothing could be better done. The five initiates were Messrs. W. G. Silcock, G. Cook, J. Birwick,

F. Cocker, and R. Giles. Bros. J. Lawrence, J. Burgess, and A. Vernon were passed to the second degree, and Bro. C. J. Henton raised Master Mason. The hour at which the proceedings terminated would have precluded any extended festivity if any such had been intended, but such was not the case, the Ivy Lodge being established on a principle which makes the banquet not a rule, but a rare exception. We are sincerely glad to mark the progress of so well founded a lodge. There were present:—Bros. C. Smith, W.M. (who performed every duty of the chair), J. Noke, as I.P.M., G. Mattock, S.W., J. J. Cante, J.W., E. Thurkle, Treasurer, C. J. Jolly, W.M., No. 87, Secretary, C. F. Poupard, S.D., F. Cornelissen, J.D., W. Ashwell, I.G., and G. T. Fox, P. M., Tyler, also Bros. Ball, 144, Bond, 87; Drew, 749, Landfield, P.M., 1343, Laing, Roman Eagle Lodge, No. 160, Scottish Constitution, and numerous private members of the lodge.

Royal Arch.

WIGTON.—St. John's Chapter (No. 327)

The annual convocation of this chapter was held on Monday, the 20th inst., at the Lion and Lamb, at 1 p.m. The chapter was opened by M.E.Z. Lemon, E. Companions Porter, H., and Gate, J. The minutes being confirmed, the ballot was taken for Bros. R. H. Watson, R. Robinson, Jos. Abbot, J. M. Gill, Andrew Walters, Jno. Robinson, W. J. Carrick, and Ross, all being elected, and, with the exception of Bro. Robinson, being present. M.E.C. Jesse Banning, Z. 823, took the 1st Principal's Chair, and with the able assistance of E.C. Porter, as H.; E.C. Gate, J.; and C. Rickell, P.S., duly exalted them. M.E.C. Banning then proceeded to install E.C. James Porter as M.E.Z.; E.C. John Gate as H.; and Comp. Bewes as J., in a most satisfactory manner. The following companions were then invested by the M.E.Z. Dr. Shannon, E.C.; Gardiner, S.N.; Tickell, P.S.; McMechan, 1st A.S.; Lazonby, 2nd A.S., and Richardson, Jan. Nothing appearing for the good of the Order in general, or for this Chapter in particular, it was closed in solemn form, and the Companions adjourned to a most *recherché* banquet, prepared by the hostess, Mrs. Martin. M.E.Z. Porter presided, supported on his right by M.E.C. Banning, and on his left by M.E.C. Lemon; the vice-chair being occupied by E.C. Gate, supported on his right by E.C. Bewes, and on his left by Comp. Tickell; Comps. Dr. Shannon, Gardiner, and McMechan taking their respective posts. The good things provided having been thoroughly enjoyed by all present, and the cloth drawn, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to, and some excellent songs were sung by Comps. Dr. Jones, Carrick, Banning, &c. About 8 p.m. the companions separated, highly pleased; indeed the day will long be remembered as one of the most successful and enjoyable meetings of the fraternity in the town.

Mark Masonry.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

The annual Grand Lodge of Mark Masons for this province was held on Tuesday at the Town Hall, Havant, under the presidency of the Most Worshipful and Rev. Bro. George Raymond Portal, M.A., the Provincial Grand Master. There was a fair attendance of brethren the Carnarvon Lodge, which meeting at Havant, being, as would be expected, the best represented. It appeared from a statement read by Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre, the Provincial Grand Secretary, that the position of Mark Masonry in this province was very satisfactory, and that the number of members of the various lodges was rapidly increasing. After the usual routine business had been transacted, the Provincial Grand Master appointed the following brethren as his officers:—

- Hickman, 63 D. Prov. G.M.
- T. Best, 63 Prov. S.G.W.

- Captain Hooper, 63..... Prov. J.G.W.
- H. R. Trigg, 63 Prov. G.M.O.
- E. Smelling, 52 Prov. G.S.O.
- A. Cudlipp, 17..... Prov. G.I.O.
- W. H. Ford, 17 Prov. G. Reg. Mks
- Rev. B. O. Wilberforce, 63, Prov. G. Chaplain.
- W. C. Redward, 17..... Prov. G.T.
- J. E. Le Feuvre, 63..... Prov. G. Sec.
- H. M. Green, 62..... Prov. S.G.D.
- H. Sleeman, 2..... Prov. J.G.D.
- J. N. Price, 62..... Prov. G.S. Wks.
- J. H. Smith, 140..... Prov. G.D.C.
- H. Priddis, 52 Prov. G.S.B.
- H. J. Guy, 2 Prov. G.S.B.
- P. Bradbear, 17 Prov. G.O.
- M. E. Frost, 17 Prov. G.I.G.
- R. J. Rastrick 62..... Prov. G.S.
- J. Harrison, 62 Prov. G.S.
- M. H. Emanuel, 17 Prov. G.S.
- Watson, 17 Prov. G.P.

Bro. Redward was unanimously re-elected Provincial Grand Treasurer. The banquet took place at the Dolphin Hotel, and was provided in excellent style by Bro. Purnell, who is himself a Mark Mason and a P.M. of the Carnarvon Lodge. Bro. Binckes, Grand Secretary of England, was present, and added to the enjoyment as well as the instruction of those around him by delivering a telling speech on the subject of Mark Masonry. The next Provincial Grand Lodge is appointed to be held at Cowes.

Red Cross of Constantine.

LIVERPOOL CONCLAVE, (No. 55)—The annual assembly of the Knights of Rome and of the Red Cross of Constantine, attached to this Conclave, was held on Friday, the 17th ult., at the Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool. The Knights assembled at their respective posts in the conclave chamber, when Em. Sir Knight H. M. Molyneux, M.P.S., ascended the throne, and opened the duly-called assembly in an impressive form. There was a goodly muster of the Knights of the chivalric degree. After the transaction of some formal business, Ill. Sir Knight Dr. J. Kellert Smith, Int. Gen. Unattached, P.S. of the conclave, proceeded to enthrone Em. Sir Knight Clark as the M.P.S. of the conclave for the ensuing year, and afterwards Em. Sir Knight Wm. Doyle was duly consecrated V.E. The following were the other officers who were invested:—Sir Knights J. E. Jackson, S.G.; G. H. Turner, J.G.; R. Washington, Prelate; Richard Brown, Recorder (by proxy); Joseph Wood, Treasurer (re-invested for the fourth time); J. Capell, S. Prefect; P. Armstrong, S.B.; A. Mitchell, Herald; and R. T. Owens, S. Aide. At the close of the ceremony, Bro. T. D. Lowrey, of the Lodge of Harmony, No. 220, was installed a Knight of the Order. Notice of-motion was given as to a change in the night of the assembling of the Conclave, which will be considered at next meeting. After the transaction of some other business, the conclave was solemnly closed, and the Knights of the Order retired to the refectory, where a very excellent repast was served by Mr. Ludlow, manager of the Adelphi Hotel. The M.P.S. presided, and during the evening gave the usual loyal and chivalric toasts. The toast of "the Visitors" was acknowledged by Em. Sir Knight J. T. Callow, M.P.S., Skelmersdale Conclave, No. 77, and Sir Knight H. Burrows, an officer of the same conclave. Sir Knight James contributed greatly to the harmonious nature of the gathering by his vocal efforts.

Scotland.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE, RENFREWSHIRE EAST.

The Quarterly Meeting of this lodge was held in the Hall of St. Mirren's Lodge, Paisley, on Saturday, July 25th, 1874, at 5 p.m. In the absence of Col. Campbell, the Prov. Grand Master, the Chair was taken by Bro. Oliver McGregor, P.M. 156, P.G.S.W., who appointed Bro. Daniel Cunningham, R.W.M. of 150, Hillbar-

chan, as S.W.; and Bro. J. Cunningham, M. of 347, St. John's, Rutherglen, as Amongst the brethren present we notice Jack, P.M., Prov. Grand Sec.; N. J. Edm. P.G.S.D.; J. McPherson, P.G.S.B.; J. Bu. P.G.S.B.; J. Forrest, P.G.I.G.; J. Buchan, 116; W. McGovern, J.W. 116; M. Alex. 129; G. McFarlane, J.W. 307; J. Mur. S.W. 347; J. Anderson, R.W.M. 370; Calderwood 129, and others.

The P.G.S. read a letter from the Prov. Grand Master regretting his inability to attend the meeting. The gallant Colonel at the time expressed a wish to meet the lodge by paying his intended visit to the continent. A discussion arose respecting the notice for the meeting, and a motion was passed in future the meetings be held on the Saturday preceding the Quarterly Communications of Grand Lodge.

There being no further business the P. was then closed in due form.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, was held on the 24th at the Assembly Rooms, Aldershot, under the presidency of the R.W. Bro. W. W. B. M.P., Prov. Grand Master. The meeting was a very successful one, and nearly the whole of the lodges of the province were represented. The assembly room, in which Grand Lodge was held, was decorated for the occasion. The banners of the Provincial Grand Lodge hung on the wall, and the banner of the Panmure Lodge, 723, erected over the G.S.W. chair, and the banners of the Oakley Lodge, 995, were placed on the right and left of the G.M. The panels of the room were filled with scrolls on which were painted the names and numbers of the lodges of the province, beginning at 35, and ending at 4373.

The brethren all appeared in mourning, in remembrance of the death of the Deputy Grand Master, Bro. J. R. Stebbing.

The following brethren attended:—Bros. H. Hacker, W.M. 723; J. T. Cr. W.M. 342; W. Payne, J.D. 342; H. J. D.C. 342, 1069; J. Brickwood, 342; R. T. J.W. 342; J. Newbery, P.M. Sec. 1112; Bond, S.D. 487; H. G. Sleeman, I.P.M. J. Lillywhite, W.M. 257; W. Rooft, 257; H. P. Aslatt, P.M. 394; G. A. C. P.M. 309; S. D. Forbes, H. Clay, W.M. J. Moore, W.M. 76; J. Harrison, W.M. T. Francis, I.P.M. 804; T. West, W.M. 1 J. W. Haigh, P.M. 73; A. H. Jolliffe, R. Rastrick, J.W. 1069; H. Caute, 1 1069; W. Furber, P.M. 394; S. G. Cald P.M. 270; Joseph Pomeroy, S.W. 723; S. Lancaster, 130, 497, 534; J. W. Mayor 1331; T. H. Field, W.M. 1331; T. Martin, W.M. 1461; A. Davies, 723; Org.; G. F. Lancaster, S.W. 903; H. E. I.G. 723; A. McKenzie, W.M. 133 Richardson, P.M. 1331; W. J. Kitson, John Smith, I.G. 1331; T. Benham, 7; Godfrey, H. W. J. Mayne, J. Hicken, J. John W. Lamb, P. Prov. G.S.W., P.M. J. Terry, Secretary Royal Masonic volent Institution; H. Massey, (Freem Walter Spencer, Bank of England 1 Richard Footner, 1373; Omar Harland Rev. E. Y. Nepean, 1373; G. J. Dolton P. J. Lockyer, 374; George Lear, W.M. J. W. Dew, P.M. 694; J. J. Hickley 723; John Wallingford, P.M. 903; Benton, 378; W. J. Hickman, 130, 3 Loveland-Loveland, F.G.R.; J. T. Dow Usber, Lucas 1331; James Willing, Se 177; J. Chadwick, 1208; J. Masterso 1341; G. Ambrose, J.W. 723; W. H P.P.S.G.W.; G. H. Burtenshaw, W.M. 3 Phillips, 724; J. Eall, 1060; J. Wa 487; S. Deckworth, 1340; J. Gosling, W. Barn, 743; W. Blackmore, 802; J. J. Hall 604; J. H. Briggs 200; J. S. 609; J. J. Mount, 1311; H. Shaw, Thomas, 130; T. Hales, 130; C. W. 130.

The Prov. Grand Lodge was first formally opened, the Grand Master in the chair. Col. Calthorpe, S.W.; Bro. Caute, J.W.; the Rev. E. Y. Nepean, G.C.; Bro. Frost, G. Treasurer; Bro. R. L. Loveland, G. Reg.; Bro. Hickman, Grand Sec.; Bro. J. E. L. Feuvre, Assist. G.S.; Bro. Wallingford, G.S.D.; and Bro. Dew, G. J.D. After the opening the P.G.M. and Wardens were saluted, and Bro. Le Feuvre read the minutes of former Grand Lodge and especial Grand Lodge. The minutes of the last Grand Lodge having been put and confirmed, the Prov. Grand Master before putting the minutes of the special Grand Lodge, said, "I may be permitted perhaps to allude to a circumstance which took place at the last meeting of Grand Lodge. On that occasion the members present felt that they had sustained a severe loss in the death of our late lamented Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Stebbing, and in paying a tribute of affection to his memory a wide-spread feeling was manifested that it should be ascertained whether some more enduring memorial of the feeling that existed among us should not be erected to him. That wide-spread feeling took effect in the appointment of a Committee in order to ascertain what would be the most convenient mode of giving expression to the feeling which so extensively existed among the Masons of the province. It was difficult to say till the Committee had been appointed what would be the best course to pursue. That Committee, however, fortified with the instructions of the Grand Lodge, have since that period met, and I would now allude to the result of their deliberations. I would at the present moment make no substantive proposals, and I would invite no discussion on the subject, because I believe at a later period of the meeting a substantive proposal will be made. But I think, having been made President of that Committee, I should be discharging my duty by seizing the first opportunity of acquainting the brethren with what has transpired. The Committee, on entering on their proceedings, regretted to find that the circumstances of our late lamented brother were not quite such as they might have hoped, and consequently that it was desirable that the form which the memorial should take would be some assistance to the widow of him who is gone. The Committee resolved "That the Lodges and Chapters of the Province and Freemasons generally be solicited to subscribe to a fund, to be appropriated as the Committee shall determine, for the benefit of the Widow of our late lamented Bro. J. R. Stebbing, whose circumstances at the time of his decease render this appeal absolutely necessary." I need not on the present occasion allude further to the talents of our late lamented brother, or to the respect in which he was held; it is sufficient to say that we are all sensible of the loss we have sustained and we all wish to do something in respect to his memory. Some no doubt may be greatly disappointed that the circumstances of our late brother were not such as they would have anticipated; but, brethren, it is not always in the power of man to control the substance which he possesses, and at all events we must regret that Bro. Stebbing gave more consideration for the affairs of others than for his own. We must highly appreciate the sentiments which dictated his exertions on behalf of every charitable institution and every charitable cause that was submitted to him, for he exerted himself on behalf of all of them, we well know, and that may possibly, in some manner have interfered with the attention he gave to his own individual affairs. Other cases have been known where illustrious men have given up more of their time to the affairs of others than they have bestowed on their own. I need only allude to one of the most illustrious men that ever guided the affairs of this nation; I mean William Pitt. I believe that every section of the people of England, of whatever parties they were composed, did justice to his disinterested conduct on every occasion, and it was well known that it was simply from the care and attention he devoted to the affairs of the nation that his own affairs were comparatively neglected. I only allude to that casually to show that sometimes it is the case that those who give up a great deal of their time and attention to the

affairs of others do not bestow that time and attention to their own affairs which otherwise they might have done. But however that may be, such is the case, that some exertions are urgently required for the assistance of the widow of Bro. Stebbing. What form that may take is another question. I would not enter into that at the present moment more than to say that any mode which one individual lodge may wish to give effect to their feelings will be gratefully received. I think that the most convenient mode for the Provincial Grand Lodge would be rather to give an annuity than a donation, but that we will discuss more fully upon the motion which is to be made; but I would at the present moment content myself with saying that the committee having considered that state of affairs, having ascertained that the case is really urgent, earnestly commend it to the consideration of any lodge in the province and all individual Masons who naturally feel an interest in paying a tribute of affection to one they loved so well, I beg to move "That the minutes of the last especial Grand Lodge be confirmed." Carried *nem. con.*

The report of the Committee for auditing the Provincial Grand Treasurer's accounts was then received.

Bro. Hickman brought up the report of the Committee for managing the Provincial Grand Lodge Funds.

Bro. Hickman proposed, and Bro. Frost seconded a grant of £20 to a brother, as recommended by the report, but Bro. Wallingford moved, and Bro. Nash seconded an amendment to the effect that the grant be made £30.

Bro. Hickman said he had no objection to the amendment, which was then put and carried, after being supported by Captain Moore.

Bro. Hickman proposed, and Bro. Wallingford seconded a grant of £5 to another case, which grant was made.

Another grant was also carried of £10 to an old and respected brother, on the motion of Bro. Hickman, seconded by Bro. Nash.

The sum of £288 annuities standing to the credit of the Provincial Grand Lodge with the Hampshire Banking Company was ordered to be invested in New Zealand Consolidated 5 per cent. Stock.

The Provincial Grand Treasurer's accounts next presented showed a balance of £194 10s. in hand, and Bro. Frost, Prov. G. Treasurer stated that since that account had been made up and printed, £58 2s. more had been received.

The accounts were then received and adopted.

On the motion of Bro. Eve, seconded by Bro. Loveland, Bro. Frost was unanimously elected Provincial Grand Treasurer.

Bro. Frost in acknowledging his obligations to the brethren for his election, said it was a great honour they had done him, and he begged to assure them that any efforts of his would not be wanting to carry out the duties of his office in as efficient a manner as he possibly could. He hoped those efforts would give the same satisfaction as hitherto.

The Committee for auditing the Provincial Grand Treasurer's accounts was then appointed. The brethren selected were the Masters, Wardens, and Secretaries of the fourth four lodges on the Provincial roll. Bros. Wallingford, Furber, Le Feuvre, and Hare, were appointed the Committee for managing the Provincial Grand Lodge Funds.

Bro. Hacker, W.M. 723, then introduced his motion, "That the sum of £100 be voted to the fund being raised by the Provincial Grand Lodge Committee for the benefit of the widow of the late Brother J. R. Stebbing." He said that after what the R. W. Prov. G.M., had said it would be unnecessary for him to say much. All the brethren knew the excellent character of their late Bro. Stebbing, and how he carried out his Masonic duties, although he had left his family so badly off. Whatever the Grand Lodge would choose to give as a memorial he thought should be given to a fund for the support of Bro. Stebbing's widow. He concluded by moving the resolution of which he had given notice.

The motion having been seconded, Bro. Hick-

men said that with the view of increasing the fund to be appropriated for the assistance of their worthy brother's widow it had been suggested, and for the purpose of eliciting the opinion of the Grand Lodge upon the subject, he would conclude the motion proposed in these words, "That a sum of money should be appropriated annually from the Prov. G. Lodge Funds for that purpose," rather than that a capital sum should be taken from the funds of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and placed in the hands of a Committee or Trustees. The Provincial Grand Lodge seemed to him to be in a different position to other lodges; they had a Committee every year appointed, and therefore as a large sum of money would be diverted from the capital sum from the control of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and at the same time not yield so large a sum as he himself felt that Prov. Grand Lodge could afford out of its income, would rather mar the scheme. He begged to move "That £20 annually be appropriated from Grand Lodge funds for the benefit of the widow of Bro. Stebbing."

Bro. Hacker said that in that case he begged to withdraw his motion.

Bro. Furber thought that if £20 a year was given to Mrs. Stebbing, and that was moved for in Provincial Grand Lodge every year it would keep the brethren in affectionate remembrance of Bro. Stebbing. They would year by year have his name mentioned, and would be reminded of the good Mason they had lost. He had great pleasure in seconding Bro. Hickman's motion. He believed it would be more beneficial to the widow, than voting a single sum of money. They who knew Bro. Stebbing in Southampton, knew him better than most others. He had the pleasure of passing the last evening in Masonry with Bro. Stebbing, who was then in his most happy and genial spirit. It was a pleasure to see him go out of lodge that evening full of life and spirit and never happier or in better health. The next morning he went on his fatal journey and came back to die. He thought of Bro. Stebbing with a great deal of affection and respect. He was always among Masons. When an object of charity was brought before him he always forgot himself at once and threw himself into the business of carrying out the object of assisting it. That he always undertook to do, and he (Bro. Furber) thought they would all feel they were doing something towards following in Bro. Stebbing's footsteps when they were supporting, and adding to the comforts of one whom that brother dearly loved and left behind him, by giving her an annuity of £20 (applause).

The Prov. G.M. said they were all much indebted to Bro. Hacker for bringing forward his motion, and also for so cheerfully and readily agreeing to the amendment and withdrawing his own resolution. Anything which was like permanent assistance was no doubt more valuable than a single sum, which if invested was not capable of affording lengthened assistance. He thought it would be a very grateful tribute of their affection for the memory of him who had gone if the Grand Lodge assented to the proposition of Brother Hickman.

Bro. Hickman informed Grand Lodge that the £20 would be added to the fund which was being raised for Bro. Stebbing's widow.

Bro. Eve would bear his testimony to the character of Bro. Stebbing, and thought that all which had been said of him was not too much; for a more excellent Mason it would not be possible to find; anything he could say of him would not add one tittle to his worth. But with reference to the two questions submitted to the brethren he thought they ought not to come to a conclusion at once. He did not know exactly the position in which the widow was left; he did not exactly know her age; and those facts ought to be considered by Grand Lodge. He did not think they could do too much for Bro. Stebbing, but it ought to be considered by Grand Lodge whether it had the power of voting an annuity for any purpose. They might vote the whole of their present funds if they liked; but there was a question in his mind whether they had the power to charge future Grand Lodges with an annuity or payment of any kind.

Let them not suppose that he wanted to stop their bounty or interfere in any way with what Grand Lodge was disposed to do, but he did not think they had the power to bind Grand Lodge to do it in future. Their present Grand Master might die, and another would be placed in the chair who might not know so much as he of Bro. Stebbing, and might not feel disposed to continue the annuity. A sum total might now be given to mark their appreciation of the deceased brother, and if on a future occasion they wanted to do it again, then they might make a further vote, but they had no right to charge the future funds of the Grand Lodge with an annual payment. He would suggest that they should reconsider Bro. Hacker's motion.

A brother suggested that the annuity should cease if the widow should marry again. What was her age?

Bro. Le Feuvre agreed with Bro. Eve in what he had said with regard to Bro. Stebbing, that too much could not be thought of him, but he must support the amendment. The age of the widow was about 52.

The Prov. Grand Master said that no doubt this Grand Lodge had no power to grant an annuity for the future, but he thought that future Grand Lodges would make an annual grant in accordance with the views of the present Grand Lodge. It had been said that time would weaken the recollection of Bro. Stebbing. But no doubt a long time would elapse before there was a prospect of this grant being discontinued. Time did pass very quickly, and this grant would soon exceed the capital of £100, proposed by Bro. Hacker. Although it was very valuable to have suggestions on either side, he thought on the whole the proposition was the best that £20 be granted, with a prospect of it being continued from year to year. He would, therefore, as this was the only proposition at present before the Grand Lodge, put it, "That £20 be paid to the Committee appointed at the meeting of the especial Lodge."

The motion was carried unanimously.

The Prov. Grand Master then called upon the Secretary to read any communications that had been received, but said that before doing so he must inform them that H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, being a Mason, it was thought he might be in Aldershot or the neighbourhood, and would like to honour them with a visit, and therefore he had been invited. He was not able to come, but it would have been very gratifying to them all if he had found it convenient to come.

Bro. Hickman then read the following letter: "Buckingham Palace, July 15, 1874"

"Dear Sir,

"The Duke of Connaught desires me to say that he regrets he will not be able to be at Aldershot on the 24th. His Royal Highness will be somewhere in the neighbourhood, but is not able to say where he will be.

"Yours fraternally,
"F. FITZGERALD."

The next business was the appointment of Grand Officers for the year.

The Prov. G.M. said he was not going to appoint a Deputy Grand Master while Grand Lodge was in mourning for their late Deputy Grand Master.

The following brethren were then invested:—

- Best, 1373 Prov. G.S.W.
- G. S. Lancaster 487 Prov. G.J.W.
- Rev. Basil Wilberforce..... Prov. G. Chaplain.
- Rev. Churchill..... Prov. G. Chaplain.
- Capt. Moore Prov. G. Reg.
- Mark R. Frost..... Prov. G. Treas.
- Hickman Prov. G. Sec.
- Capt. Richardson, 1331..... Prov. G.S.D.
- Hacker, 723 Prov. J.G.D.
- Trigg, 804 Prov. G. S. of W.
- J. Mc William, 195..... Prov. G.D.C.
- H. J. Guy, 1069 Prov. G.A.D.C.
- Craven, 342 Prov. G.S.H.
- J. Mc Kenzie, 1351 Prov. G. Puns.
- Sharpe Prov. G. Org.
- Miles, 130 Prov. G. Stwd.
- C. W. Jellicoe, 1374..... Prov. G. Stwd.
- G. Bond, 487 Prov. G. Stwd.

- H. D. Cecill, 487..... Prov. G. Stwd.
- Dalton, 1331 Prov. G. Stwd.
- G. Andrews, 723..... Prov. G. Stwd.
- Brigg Prov. G. Tyler.

(A second Grand Secretary being against the rules of United Grand Lodge, the Prov. G.M. requested Bro. Le Feuvre to assist as a friend in the performance of the work of Prov. G. Sec. without actually holding the office, as that was not "constitutional.")

Grand Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous banquet, provided with admirable skill by Mr. Marsh, confectioner, High-street, Aldershot, under the superintendence of Bro. Hacker, W.M. 723, and Bro. McKenzie, W.M. 1381, by which two lodges the Provincial Grand Lodge was entertained. After the banquet the toasts were proposed.

"The Queen and the Craft" having been duly honoured, "The Marquess of Ripon" was next proposed by the Prov. Grand Master. The Right W. Brother, he said, had shown great zeal in Masonry, and also in the cause of its charities. When he paid a visit to Southampton some short time ago he had an opportunity of proving the loyalty of this province. This toast having been also most cordially received, "The Deputy Grand Master and the rest of the Grand Officers, past and present," was proposed. The Prov. Grand Master said no Grand Master or W. Master could perform his duties properly without able coadjutors to assist him, and in the Earl of Carnarvon they had a nobleman who was both able and willing to discharge the duties of the Deputy Grand Master. They must not forget that his lordship was connected with the province of Hampshire, but he had no leisure moments at present, or he would most likely have been among the brethren on this occasion. He at all times took a warm interest in Freemasonry.

Bro. Hickman, Past G.D.C., responded. The name of the Earl of Carnarvon was a household word in Hampshire, and one they held in high esteem, not only in his lordship's capacity as a legislator, but as a brother Mason. They had the honour of his presence at Southampton when the Prov. Grand Master was installed. The Grand Lodge Officers did their best to perform their duties properly, faithfully, and zealously, and whatever was entrusted to them was carried out to the best of their ability. The duties were certainly very slight, but they made those who performed them legislators in Masonry for the rest of their lives. It was a great pleasure to all of them to uphold the dignity and usefulness of the Craft, and to assist those Masonic charities with which it was so intimately connected. He thanked them for the great compliment they had paid the Deputy Grand Master and the Officers of the Grand Lodge.

Bro. Eve said, in proposing "The Health of the Prov. Grand Master," that he knew it would be most warmly received. They had the pleasure of being presided over by a gentleman who had always endeavoured to promote the interests of the Order. There was no Prov. G. Master who devoted more time and attention to the duties of his office than he. Neither time nor occasion was lost by him in forwarding the interests of the Craft among the brethren over whom he reigned. It was due to him that a great many brethren had been enrolled in the Order in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. During his reign several lodges had been added to the list, and he had been untiring in his endeavours to confirm the good order and regulation which were so well known in his province. He had succeeded a very old and tried Mason, Sir Lucius Curtis, one of those so well remembered by the brethren in Aldershot, as he had been there on more than one occasion. Bro. Beach had ably filled his post. He was at all times ready to come to their small town of Aldershot, not only on Masonic but on other occasions, when the good of his fellow creatures required that he should advocate their cause. It was a great satisfaction to know that he was ever ready to do good to the Craft, and that he was also foremost in assisting every charitable object (great cheers, amidst which "The Prov. G. Master's Health" was enthusiastically drunk).

The Prov. G.M. said that the marked man in which they had drank his health was pleasing to him, as he could sincerely say that he was greatly flattered at receiving such a testimonial at the hands of his brethren that appreciated his humble endeavours to promote properly over their province. It was an exceedingly difficult task for any one to rule an important province. It was astonishing many things turned up which no one any suspicion of, and which were continually being brought before the notice of the Prov. Master. He had to adjudicate upon them to the best of his ability, he had to try in some cases smooth over some little unpleasantnesses, acerbities which arose, and to exercise his in reconciling conflicting opinions. It was a difficult thing to know how to act to the possible advantage. But it was his earnest to promote, as Bro. Eve had said, the interests of Freemasonry in the province. He could only succeed in doing so, he should be heartily and sincerely pleased. They reminded of many things when they met together on these annual occasions, and certainly first foremost on this occasion they were reminded of the uncertainty of human existence. He could not help alluding to it, when he remembered last year he had one of the ablest assistants on his side, who was ready and willing to aid him in the work of Freemasonry, with his eloquent and cordial help. They had lost in Bro. Stebbing one of the ablest assistants that the Provincial Grand Master had. They could help reflecting, that any one of them, who in health and spirits that day might be stricken down the next, which was a fact that ought to impress upon them the duties of Freemasonry that they ought so to act up to the lessons received that they might the better be prepared to meet their fate when it arrived. When Bro. Eve was struck down in the prime of his life it must be some satisfaction to know that he had exerted himself to a great extent for the benefit of his fellowmen. Any one who had lived himself alone, and done little or nothing for others, could not be said to have lived his life of existence with the same profit as one who had devoted himself as far as he possibly could to relieve the wants of his fellowmen. In their late brother they had an example of a man who was ready on every occasion warmly to advocate the cause, and to assist the wants of others. They had many other lessons inculcated by Masonry. They knew very well that they belonged to a vast system which permeated through every part of the world; and when he saw the many brethren present on this occasion (great applause) he could not but be reminded that they might be called before long, some of them, to go to parts of the world where they would meet others whom they had never seen before; they might be sure that if among these strangers there were Masons they would meet with friends. (Cheers.) They would enter into no new phase of existence, they would enter into another part of that grand Masonic system which existed and was spread over the whole habitable world. It had existed time immemorial; its branches were everywhere, its roots had taken firm hold in the Every part of the world saw its branches wherever a Mason went he was sure to find a friend to assist him, and to hold out to him of fellowship to him. It was a gratifying reflection to know that they belonged to a brotherhood not restricted to their own part of the world, but which spread over the whole had himself had an opportunity of testing. He had travelled over other countries from end to another, and he had never failed to find Masonic hearts ready to render him any assistance in their power, and he had seen that he had in them a friend. (Cheers.) Although Masonry existed in every part of the world, yet, as Englishmen, they felt a keen interest in them to show, by their own practice, that they were capable of well example to Masons in other parts. (Cheers.) It might be a friendly rivalry, it might be a friendly emulation, but still the fact was that they had obtained such a high and noble position, and we should feel it incumbent on us to show

as English Masons, felt that we had a great duty to perform to the Craft, not only as members of that great brotherhood but as English Freemasons who had to maintain the credit of their country. He trusted that such were the sentiments which would animate every Freemason who was present. Let them all feel that they had a great duty to perform; let them cherish this high Order to which they belonged; and let them act up to the sentiments and principles with it instilled. (Great cheers). He begged to thank the brethren very much for the kind way in which they had received the toast, so eloquently proposed by Bro. Eve, and to say, that he was very glad to visit Aldershot whenever it was in his power. He took the warmest interest in the prosperity of that town, and particularly in the two lodges which flourished there. (Immense applause). The Prov. G.M. next proposed "The Health of the Prov. G. Officers," whom he had had the pleasure of appointing that day. In a large province, he said, it was a difficult thing to select officers, because there was such a vast body of efficient candidates. He asked those who were not appointed to put a favourable construction on his acts, and to believe that the best had been done under the circumstances. There are twenty-eight lodges in the province, and the brethren must therefore admit that there is some difficulty in making a choice. He would couple the name of Bro. Best, Prov. S. W. with the toast, a brother who had taken the warmest interest in St. Hubert's Lodge, and is at present its W.M. He remembered it in connection with the Apollo University Lodge at Oxford, over which he had presided with marked ability. Under his rule, and by his advice, and with the assistance of St. Hubert's Lodge, he was certain of the prosperity of the lodge in the province. There was also Bro. Lanter, Prov. J.G.W., who had been obliged by the stern exigencies of the train time-table to make, and whose exertions at Portsmouth on behalf of Masonry had been crowned with success. Other officers had been appointed who were connected with Aldershot, and he anticipated that they would render the greatest assistance to the Craft this year.

Bro. Best responded, and said that echoing the sentiment that had been expressed that evening, no Grand Master, or W.M., could properly perform his duties without efficient officers to assist him. He hoped that the officers that had been appointed, would discharge their duties to the satisfaction of the Prov. G. M., and all the brethren. They would certainly try never to let him cause for regret that he had appointed them.

Bro. Hickman proposed "The Masonic Institutions," and after some flattering remarks on behalf of the Institutions connected with the Province, called on Bro. James Terry, the Secretary of the Benevolent Institution, to return thanks.

Bro. Terry said it gave him great pleasure to respond to this toast, because he felt that the Hampshire and Isle of Wight brethren had for years consistently and persistently united in supporting the Masonic Institutions; nor could he forget the loss the province had sustained by the death of the Deputy Grand Master, whom a more loyal or devoted advocate in support of the Institution, he believed, could not be found. It was not necessary for him to say such a company as that before him, how many Masonic Institutions there were, because the brethren of the Province of Hants had not only represented every one of them as well as at the festivals, and the affairs of this Province were so well conducted that he had been surprised to hear in Grand Lodge, just now, of how the votes for the Boys' and Schools had been applied. He had not expected to hear the votes for the Benevolent Institution applied, and it struck him as something new, for he thought the Benevolent Institution was so well known in the Province as it was. He thought it the more strange as it was scarcely an election in the Benevolent Institution where there were not one, two or three candidates from the province of Hants in the Isle of Wight. At the present time there were four widows coming forward, and he had two men, at all events, there was one

man, making either five or six candidates for next election. The principle of assistance the Grand Lodge had certainly inculcated by the vote they had passed in connection with Bro. Stebbing's widow. The Benevolent Institution did not pretend to say that what they gave was sufficient to keep their pensioners in luxury; but they said it was a certain something which would enable them to live in an amount of credit and respectability. When he told them that to the men they allowed £26 a year, and to the women £25, it must be evident to the brethren that a large amount of money must be annually raised. It had been said, and very often believed, that the Boys' Institution was the one which was doing the greatest amount of good. It was not for him to disparage either one or the other of the Institutions, but he thought it right to say that the Benevolent Institution was doing a wide spread amount of good. They paid away £8,800 a year, and out of that there was but £2,100 permanent income. Then he left it to the brethren to say whether some quantity of labour did not devolve upon the executive to raise the remaining £6,700, so that the old people might not be sent empty away. By the liberality of the brethren they had been enabled to raise the fund last year, because the Committee, when they found that each boy cost £36 a year, and each girl £48, thought it not right to allow a poor old man or his wife only £26. Therefore last year they put something additional, like £10 a year on them, and he lived in hopes of seeing that annuity raised to a higher sum, so that they might have the satisfaction of knowing that every poor Mason would be provided for, and would be enabled to spend his latter days in comfort and decency. He then appealed to the brethren to come forward as Stewards for the next festival, which was the first in the year, and said he should be happy that evening to take the names of any brethren who would stand as such. He appealed to them the more strongly on account of the Hampshire cases which would come before the Institution at its next election. Whatever amount any of the brethren might give, it would be thankfully received and faithfully applied (cheers).

The Prov. Grand Master said he should like to propose another toast, and he was sure it would meet with cordial acceptance; it was that of the "Visiting Brethren." On all occasions the Provincial Grand Lodge and the lodges of the province were glad to receive visitors; and it was with much pleasure that he announced in Grand Lodge that the Duke of Connaught had been expected. He had also expected another Brother, the Prov. Grand Master of Herts, Bro. T. F. Halsey, who had made all his arrangements to come, when suddenly a meeting took place in Hertfordshire, which compelled him to be away from this Grand Lodge. That brother, however, wished very much to be present. There were many visitors among the brethren, and he greeted them with the utmost cordiality and enthusiasm. Nothing tended more to keep up the good principles of Freemasonry than the habit brethren had of visiting others at their lodges. There were many then present, though he did not know how many, but he should call on Bro. Spencer to respond; and he must also add that he had expected some Hindoo brethren to attend, who were now located at Wellington College.

Bro. Spencer, jun. (Bank of England Lodge, 253), said he had not anticipated being called upon to address this meeting, as he did not hold at present any rank in Masonry, and he did not know what to say, except that he was much indebted to the Prov. Grand Master, who had proposed, and the brethren who had drunk this toast. With regard to himself, he had had many vicissitudes in life. He had lived among convicts, served as a sailor before the mast, been a civil engineer in the employment of an influential corporation, in the far-east, been Her Majesty's representative, in the employment of the Duke of Edinburgh; till he found himself at last amongst his brethren, but he had never been able to attain the coveted honour of being a Past Master. He hoped however that would some day be conferred upon him. He again thanked the brethren for their hospitality.

The Provincial Grand Master at this point was compelled to leave, and Bro. Eve assumed the chair. He proposed "The Health of Bros. Hacker and McKenzie," the W.M.'s. of the two entertaining lodges.

Bros. Hacker and McKenzie briefly responded, and hoped that the brethren were satisfied with what had been placed before them.

Bro. Eve proposed "The Provincial Grand Officers."

Bro. Capt. Richardson, Prov. G.S.D., and a P.M. of 1331, returned thanks and spoke encouragingly of the prospects of Freemasonry in the province. As a P.M. of the Aldershot Camp Lodge, he informed the brethren of the great numbers that lodge had initiated and affiliated, and all those brethren were the best possible description of Freemasons. He hoped all lodges would be as successful as the Aldershot Camp Lodge had been. There were only two places in the province besides Aldershot, which had as many as two lodges, one was Portsmouth, with three, and the other was Southampton, with four. He thought this spoke very well for Aldershot's Masonic spirit.

Bro. R. Loveland-Loveland also replied and said he should carry back to the Isle of Wight a very pleasing recollection of the day he had spent at the Provincial Grand Lodge.

The brethren shortly afterwards separated, having spent a delightful evening, which was much enlivened by the musical services of Bro. Hackey, Eve, and several other brethren, who volunteered their services.

That estimable lady, Mrs. Thorne, wife of Deputy Grand Master Thorne, of New York City, was active in promoting the success of the late Masonic Fair held in that city, in aid of the "Hall and Asylum Fund," and at a recent meeting of the General Committee that had the fair in charge, a considerable sum was raised to make Mrs. Thorne a present, in recognition of her services. When, however, the lady intended to be complimented was asked by a friend of the family to name some article most agreeable to herself which the committee might procure, in discharge of their mission, she answered:—"Tell the gentlemen that I appreciate most warmly their intended kindness, and as my labour at the fair had no other possible purpose than to increase the Hall and Asylum Fund, I would prefer that the amount subscribed should be paid into that fund, and that the Trustees' receipt therefore be the testimonial."

That lady deserves to be a Mason! and we trust our brethren of the empire city will find some place in the new Temple to commemorate her womanly charity.—*Loomis's Musical and Masonic Journal.*

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The Freemason.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1, 1874.

FREEMASONRY AND ARCHÆOLOGY

It is very remarkable what progress has recently been made by careful students of Masonic Archæology. It may be that, to the world generally, to those outside Freemasonry, the result may appear small so far, and the advance inappreciable, but to those who have studied the question, it is, and must be, a source of some congratulation, that, so much attention now paid amongst us to Masonic investigation and archæological inquiry. Time was, and of us can even remember it, when all our studies were questioned, and even some discouraged. Freemasonry has, like every body of men, had its "dry as dusts," its "obstructives," worthy men, with their amount of utility and value, no doubt, but disheartening to the earnest student, "incubus" on the honest searcher after truth. We even now have those lingering among us who seem to doubt, and gravely shake their heads at, what they call the iconoclast proceedings of Bro. Hughan, D. M. Lyon, and Co. "Quæta non movetur" is a motto, and a very good motto it is, but not so closely applied, but most out of place, when to discourage the earnest labourer and per researcher of modern Masonic Archæology. All such worthy brethren, far be it from us to doubt their little industry, but they should remember that our Masonic history, so far, owing to its great bulk, and its having been marked by war, is almost a monument of oral tradition, owing to the imperfection and the daily process of uncertainty and loss. Our history is said a great deal, but it is not always

anachronisms and errors as to persons and facts." And most true it is. Our great historians, like Anderson and Preston, relying on oral tradition, or rather incorporating it with what they professed to issue to the Craft and to the world as history, have unavoidably imported into their valuable works something of the uncertainty, unreliability, and anachronisms of oral tradition. If in the main their histories are still the best representation of our Masonic annals, it is because they themselves were thoroughly honest men, and have simplified, or arranged, or put into their own language, the old oral traditions, the "textus receptus," if one may so say, of Masonic history and record. But as the Germans say, their's was not a "sufficiently critical mind;" and here therefore the work of the Archæologist begins. To harmonise conflicting statements, to verify quotations, and, above all, to reconcile the known facts of history with the claims of ancient tradition, these are the Masonic Archæological student's aim and labours to day, and they are neither easy nor always satisfactory. We have happily outlived the time when any one could think that either or "suggestio falsi," or a "suppressio veri," or even a "fraus pia," could really advance the truth of history or the claims of Freemasonry. Either through carelessness, or ignorance, or hasty assumption, or imperfect generalisation, some of our writers have made statements on the faith of others, and the authority of others, unverified and uncollated. Later writers have most complacently accepted the same as facts, proven incontestibly, yet without an attempt to substantiate them, and hence the weary hours which are the lot of all zealous Masonic students, who search for "passages" which cannot be found, "quotations" which elude research, "books" even which have no existence, and "persons" who cannot be traced. Let us take one illustration of the labours of a Masonic student, and the hopelessness of many Masonic quotations. In all the old histories you hear of a judge of Canterbury, under Archbishop Chicheley, tempore Henry VI., and you are referred most categorically to the register of Wm. Molart, Prior of Christ Church, Canterbury. Everybody took the reference for many years as correct, though no one professed to have seen it. At last it occurred to one of our modern students, who was studying the question with a well known Archæologist, that the reference must refer to Wm. Molash, whose register did exist in one of the College libraries at Oxford, and not to William Molart, who was a mythical personage. And there, sure enough, is found, on a page on which Chicheley's name occurs, on the top, a list of the Masters, two wardens, so many brethren, and so many apprentices, "de la Loge, Lathomorum," who received "murrey cloth," annually as "liverie" from the Monastery, just as Chicheley did. I have selected this especial illustration, because it proves, remarkably, the true position of most of our Masonic traditions, that there is a basis of truth at the bottom, and if their "outcome" is not quite often in the way, we expect, as a general rule, Masonic Archæology is furthered, and true Masonic history is strengthened by their investigation. We

trust that we have said enough to point out the true value and real importance of archaeological enquiry for our Order, and the expediency and duty, as far as we are concerned, of hailing all Masonic Archæological study, and encouraging all Masonic students as heartily as we can. Our most distinguished Grand Master has lately been welcoming one of the great Archæological Societies of this country to Ripon, and to Fountains. There, within that vast sanctuary of God, which under the happy auspices of Sir Gilbert Scott, we now can see restored to all the comeliness and beauty which religious restoration would demand, there amid the ruins, and the stately trees, and glades of Fountains, our Grand Master would, with his usual good taste and eloquence, heartily welcome the goodly band of Archæologists, and as worthily fill his presidential chair. No one knows better than himself, as no one has more effectively said, to whom we owe every form and feature, which fill the delighted visitor with admiration and with awe, for there, on many a lichened stone and many a crumbling arch, we still can trace the indelible mark of the Mason's hand, which tells us to day, though hundreds of years have rolled away, that our operative forefathers once were there, with square and compass, with chisel and with maul. Pleasant office of Archæology, as it were, to open out for us the roll of ages, to transform the ruin of to-day into the glory of a departed shrine, to fill those silent grounds with the forms and voices of buried centuries, and to show us how continuous after all are life and labour in this world of ours, how though time passes on and the years fade, and everything, around us shows tokens of decay, the true and beautiful, all that is useful and graceful and affecting, all that ministers to the honour of God, or the welfare of man, survive "decay's effacing fingers," and are continually restored and renovated, rebuilt or re-erected by us, who have inherited what our fathers have left, to our piety, our reverence, and our love.

THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

We have been looking into the Boys' School expenditure lately, and we think it well to call the attention of the Craft to its present position, and its future prospects. It seems that the whole receipts of the Boys' School to the close of 1873, amounted to £13,548 15s. 3d., which sum included a balance of £1,280 12s. 7d., from 1872. Its special receipts, as we may term them, such as purchased presentations and admissions, grants from Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, and legacies, amounted to £2,893 4s. The annual subscription, and donations reached the large amount of £9874 18s.; in all, as we said before, £13,548 15s. 2d. And what was its balanced expenditure?—£13,548 15s. 2d. That expenditure may be divided as it seems to us, into four heads. First, Special Old Building Debt, £4,459 7s. 10d.; Secondly, New Building Account, £2,314 1s. 3d.; Special School Expenditure, £749 12s. 5d.; Ordinary School Expenditure, £5,946 13s. 9d.; actual Balance, and Credit, £78 19s. 11d. In all, as we said previously, £13,548 15s. 0d. Hence it is clear

to us that to carry on the Boys' School efficiently and thoroughly, an annual income alone of £7,000 per annum is absolutely required, and that, be it remembered, is at the number of inmates of whom the expense is reckoned up to the close of 1873. If we increase the number of boys we must correspondingly increase our yearly subscription to the Boys' School. Each boy may be said to cost, reckoning all kinds of expenditures, £45. There are now 176 boys in the Institution, a number in excess of last year, so that the members of our kindly Order must always bear in mind, that the greater the efficiency of the School, and the greater the numbers in the School, the larger and more pressing becomes the demand on their continued exertions, and their sympathetic aid. The Boys' School will therefore require £8,000 at the least this current year to enable it to maintain its efficiency as a great Educational Institution!

The accounts, which we have carefully considered, convince us how well and economically our Boys' School is conducted, reflecting every credit as it does on the managers, and on the Craft which gives to it such warm and generous support. We must always bear in mind that the Boys' School has no funded property nor standing income, and we feel that we should not be doing our duty to so excellent an Institution if we did not urge upon all our readers to continue their active sympathy and support, trusting that by degrees a permanent endowment fund may again be formed, which will encourage the House Committee to persevere in its wise course of moral progress and improvement. Not one of our Institutions can be of more importance to us as a body than the Boys' School, and we are convinced that it will receive in the future, as it has in the past and present, the ready offerings and fraternal aid of the warm-hearted members of our benevolent fraternity.

Quantum in Parbo, or Masonic Notes and Queries.

REVIRESCO, BRO. BUCHAN, BRO. WOODFORD, AND BRO. HUGHAN.

I am glad to note the discussion which has now begun, and which, let us hope, may be conducted Masonically and Archæologically to the close. So far all the letters are excellent, in tone and temper, and the whole subject is evidently in the hands of those who study before they talk and understand what they treat. Let no personalities creep in, or crop up, and this discussion promises to be of great benefit to Masonic Archæology. SCOTICUS.

BRO. P. M. COWLING.

I see by a misprint that my able Bro. Cowling's name is made into Cowling in the last *Freemason*. He is, however, too well known in York to be mistaken for any one else.

A. F. A. WOODFORD.

BRO. HUGHAN'S CHALLENGE.

The challenge thrown down by Bro. Hughan, in *The Freemason* for June 27, will doubtless arrest the attention of many of your readers, and, in common with many others, I confess to having been much interested by it. In connection with it I perused a very clever little one-shilling work, advertised in your columns, and entitled "The Origin of Freemasonry. The 1717 Theory Exploded." I found, however, that there was considerable disagreement somewhere between it and the statements in Bro. Hughan's challenge, and in order to obtain more light upon the subject I would respectfully beg

to point out where, as it seems to me, either Bro. Hughan must be right, and Bro. Paton, the author of the little work I refer to, wrong, Or Bro. Paton right, and Bro. Hughan wrong. And in order to settle the matter I would respectfully ask from each evidence in support of his ideas. Bro. Hughan styles the London Grand Lodge of A.D. 1717 "the premier Grand Lodge," while Bro. Paton says (page 7 of his work) "Sir Thomas Sackville was Grand Master of the Masons of England in the reign of Queen Elizabeth. The Grand Lodge then assembled in York."

A little further on Bro. Paton says that in 1567 the Earl of Bedford became Grand Master of the North of England, and Sir Thomas Gresham of the South. May I ask if it is true that these "Grand Masters" really existed at that time? On page 8 of his work Bro. Paton asserts that "the celebrated architect, Inigo Jones, was nominated Grand Master of England by James I., and was succeeded by the Earl of Pembroke in 1618." Are these statements true? If so the London 1717 Grand Lodge could scarcely be "the Premier Grand Lodge."

In regard to Scotland Bro. Paton also gives it as a "historic statement" that "in the reign of James II. the office of Grand Master was granted by the King to William St. Clair of Roslin, Earl of Orkney and Caithness." May I ask if that is correct? And if so where did the Grand Lodge of Scotland of that time meet?

In several places Bro. Paton asserts that the Freemasonry existing before 1717 had the same distinctive characters, and was substantially the same as the present Freemasonry. But upon this point Bro. Hughan states that he can find no evidence of the existence of our three degrees before 1717. If Bro. Paton can produce this evidence, perhaps he will kindly do so, as I was unable to detect it in his book.

In support of certain of his ideas Bro. Paton quotes a letter, said to have been written in 1696 by John Locke to the Earl of Pembroke. May I ask if that letter is genuine?

Bro. Paton also says that the old Masons of England and Scotland, as well as those of other countries, always recognised St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist as their patron saints. Is that correct?

Until it is shown where the truth lies in the above statements I shall not intrude further upon your space.

A MASONIC ENQUIRER.

ROGER ASHMOLE.

Who is "Roger Ashmole," mentioned three times in Bro. Paton's Oration, which was printed in last week's *Freemason*? As Sam Weller would say, "never heard tell of the 'gemmun.'" Is he meant for the same person as "Elias Ashmole," the great antiquary, who was made at Warrington, and if he is, why does Bro. Paton call him Roger? Was Bro. Paton thinking of Roger Bacon.

BEANS

SUMMER BANQUET OF THE CAPPER LODGE No. 1076.

The annual summer banquet of this prosperous and flourishing lodge, took place on Thursday, the 9th ult., at the Rye House, Hoddesdon, Herts, under the presidency of the much esteemed W.M., Bro. A. Knox, who on this occasion was supported by upwards of one hundred and fifty brethren and ladies, the largest number who have yet been known to participate in this, the now regularly established annual festival of the lodge. The arrangements for the successful carrying out of the affair devolved upon Bro. Brayshaw, P.M. and Acting Treas., who was supported by a Committee of able and energetic Stewards, who had previously been appointed to act in that capacity, at the last regular meeting of the lodge, and those brethren, to whom the work must have indeed been a labour of love, spared no pains to render the proceedings of the day a thorough success. A special train, provided by the Great Eastern Railway Company, left North Woolwich at 10.45 a.m., calling at all stations up to Stratford Bridge (where a large number of brethren and friends joined the party,) and proceeded over the loop

and main line, and after a pleasant run of little more than an hour, the Rye House was reached about noon. Arrived at their destination, the company dispersed in various directions in search of amusement and recreation, some proceeding down the river in boats, others engaging in the good old English game of bowls, whilst not a few of the brethren of the party paid a visit to the Crown at Broxbourne, and exchanging friendly greetings with the Prosperity Lodge, No. 65, who happened to be celebrating their annual festival, in the extensive and beautiful grounds of that well known establishment. At four o'clock the party re-assembled for dinner, with appetites vastly improved by reason of the various amusements in which they had just indulged. The banquet, which was spread in the spacious dining hall of the old castle, was of a most sumptuous description, embracing every delicacy of the season, and was served up in that excellent style, for which Bro. Teale is now so deservedly famous, and reflected the highest credit upon his establishment, the resources of which were taxed to the utmost in order to provide sufficient and proper entertainment for a much larger number of guests than had been anticipated. This however, was successfully accomplished, and the dinner passed off to the satisfaction of all. The W.M., Bro. A. Knox, presided, supported by the I.P.M. and acting Treas., Bro. Brayshaw, (who had undertaken the whole arrangement of the affair), the other P.M.'s present being Bro. E. West, J. Gaskell, S. Watkins, and C. W. Ashdown, the S.W., Bro. Priestly, and the J.W., Bro. Holliday, occupying their respective positions at the other tables. Ample justice having been done to the excellent viands and wines provided, and dessert placed upon the table, the W.M. in brief, but appropriate terms proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were most cordially received and heartily drank. Bro. Brayshaw, P.M., then rose to propose "The Health of the W.M., Bro. Knox," and in a short and pithy speech alluded to the excellent manner in which that brother conducted the affairs of the lodge, and the prosperous condition in which it still continued under his genial rule. The toast, it is needless to say, was received with the greatest enthusiasm, and was drunk with musical honours. The W.M., in feeling terms, acknowledged the compliment paid him, and thanked them most cordially for the manner in which the toast had been received. The other toasts were then proposed and duly responded to, the list concluding with that of "The Ladies," proposed in felicitous terms by the W.M. and responded to by Bro. Ashdown, P.M., in a short but humorous speech. An adjournment was now made to the lawn in rear of the dining hall, where dancing was kept up with great spirit to the strains of an excellent band, under the direction of Rev. M. Sherwin, the genial and popular Organist of the lodge, whose vocal and instrumental talents are well known and appreciated by the brethren. The shades of evening at length gave warning that the hour of departure was at hand, and after tea had been partaken of, a general move was made towards the railway station, where the "special" was in readiness for the return journey, which was safely accomplished shortly before ten o'clock, and with mutual farewells, the party separated after having a thoroughly happy day, and trusting to meet under similar circumstances another year. We cannot conclude these remarks, without stating that the success of the undertaking was mainly owing to the excellent arrangements of the Stewards, who were unremitting in their endeavours to promote the comfort and convenience of all. Bro. Geary, one of that body, particularly distinguishing himself by a display of zeal in carrying out the duties of his office, and which merited especial thanks.

THE GLENFIELD STARCH has been more imitated than all the other starches in the world. No higher compliment could be paid to it, as all those imitators are satisfied that it is the finest starch in use. Tradesmen have doubtless less profit on its sale, but still it is kept by all respectable grocers and oilmen, who prefer supplying their customers with the best articles to their own pecuniary profit. The public should insist upon having the Glenfield Starch.

Original Correspondence.

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

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

FREEMASONS AND GOOD TEMPLARS

Dear Sir and Brother,

I am desirous of information upon a point of very deep interest to many besides myself. Is there any reason why a good Mason should not become in addition a Good Templar, and as such attend the usual Masonic banquet? The large-heartedness of Masonry, which makes no distinction between Mahomedans and Christians would surely recognise the abstinence as a brother of equal honour with the rest, and am by no means certain that to receive Good Templars with open arms would not be a means of proving to our many detractors that the object of Freemasonry is by no means festive and carousal. As to the usual toasts, which in reality more honoured by symbols than wine, a Good Templar could join in the one and imagine, without the other. I might go perhaps a step further, and ask would not a Good Templar Lodge of Freemasons gather into its ranks some of the noblest and self-denying men of nations, men who may be called bigoted fanatic, but who have this in common with Craft, that they are ready to suffer martyrdom for a principle,

Yours fraternally,

M.M.

PRESENTATION TO A BROTHER FROM INDIA.

The Feast of Roses, an annual Festival in connection with the British Union Lodge (No. 213), Ipswich, was celebrated on the 21st ult. (July) at the Masonic Hall. The event was made doubly interesting by the recognition of the merits and value of one of the members of the lodge, a P.P.G.M. of the Province of Western India, (Bro. R. Bolton Bartlett, L.L.D., of Bradford) by the Provincial Grand officers and brethren of that far-off dependency of the British Empire. The lodge having been opened in the first and second degrees, when business of importance was transacted, was closed and opened in the third degree, when Bro. H. Casley was raised to the degree of Master Mason, the ceremony being well worked by the W.M., (Bro. Peter de Laing Long and Bro. S. King, P. M. 376. After the closing the brethren retired to the Banqueting Hall, which had been magnificently decorated with choice exotics and roses. Roses appeared everywhere, their delicious perfume being quite revivifying in the head atmosphere of the room; these had been presented by Bro. P. Cornell, P.M., and Bro. Rev. J. B. Tweed. The banquet comprised many delicacies of the season. Among those who sat down to the banquet were Bros. Peter de L. Long, W.M.; A. George, S.W.; J. J. Burton, J.W.; C. Scher Treasurer; W. Spalding, Secretary; A. W. Moore, S.D.; Henry Miller, J.D.; A. J. Bar P.G.O.; Rev. J. B. Tweed, I.G.; R. B. Bar L.L.D., P.P.G.M., and Muncherjee Cowasji Murzeban, P.G. Treas., Province of Western India. S. Shortridge, Glenion Lodge, Jamaica; E. J. Lockwood, D.P.G.M. Suffolk; W. B. P. M.; P. Cornell, P.M.; G. A. Turner, P. M.; H. G. Moore, P.M.; C. F. Long, P.M.; Foster, P.P.G.O.; W. Clark, P.M.; J. M. S. D. 1150; G. Gard-Tye, J.W. 51; S. Wright, C. J. Meadows; E. T. Read; H. C. Casley; In proposing the toast of "The G.M., P.G. D.P.G.M., and the officers of the Grand Lodge of the W.M. highly eulogised the past and displayed by these officers in the performance of their Masonic duties, which Bro. Tweed responding also bore testimony to. The next gave "Prop. G.M. Bro. Lord Waterhouse, D.P.G.M. Bro. the Rev. E. J. Lockwood. He was certain this time required no other words from him to meet with favourable attention: it was a toast in which the G.M. and Grand Lodge were united, and they always carried out their duties in a admirable manner; he was extremely well

G.M. was unavoidably prevented from attending, but they were extremely gratified at having amongst them the D.P.G.M., who had now recovered from his serious illness. Bro. Lockwood responded, thanking the brethren for their congratulations upon his recovery, and proposed the health of the W.M., Bro. P. de L. Long, "more excellent Mason than whom no one could be, and a more able Brother could not have been placed in the chair. The W.M. in replying spoke highly of Masonry. Had it not been for many of his old and dear friends would have been forgotten, owing to his residence elsewhere, but by the advantages of the Order they were again known to him, and he rejoiced to meet and extend the hand of friendship to those whom he knew, and to all visitors also. A deeply interesting matter to him and the lodge was the fact of Bro. Barton fixing upon this Lodge wherein to receive an address from the Province of India, borne by Bro. Murzeban from the shores of Asia. Bro. Murzeban, who on rising, was greeted with Masonic welcome, expressed thanks for the kindness shown him in being invited to present the address in this lodge. The opportunity of his visit to this country was an advantage to present the address which was voted on the eve of Bro. Barton's departure for Bombay, now some time since, but no opportunity for its presentation had occurred. He was proud of having the pleasure to testify to the esteem in which his dear friend, Bro. Barton was held by his fellow subjects of Queen in India. He had not come to speak in ability, and evenhanded administration of justice, or zeal in the cause of education, and his able disposition, as that was not the place to do, but to speak of the noble work he had done, and the interest he took in everything Masonic during his residence in India. He wished long life to gaze upon the present address, the plate previously presented to him. The address was then read as follows:—

Richard Bolton Barton, Esq., L.L.D., Past Provincial Grand Master of Scottish Masonry in Western India."

Right Worshipful Sir, and dear Brother,—The officers and members of the Provincial Lodge of Western India, under Scotland, have leave to convey to you the expression of grief and sorrow at your resignation of the honorable and high office of Provincial Grand Master of Western India, in view of your approaching departure and retirement from the shores of this island. For the past six years you have governed over the several Lodges working the Scottish banner in the various chiefs of Western India, in a manner becoming your high position. The relations between the daughter lodges, amongst themselves, and with this Provincial Grand Lodge particular, have been most amicable owing to the peaceable and conciliatory nature of the policy followed by you during the whole period of government. For many years we had the pleasure of holding office under you in the Provincial Grand Lodge of Western India and have become accustomed to listen to your many addresses upon Masonry, and your earnest exhortations to us to carry into practice outside the lodge those excellent precepts which are so constantly inculcated therein, that we shall not be reconciled to your absence from the fraternal chair. But, Right Worshipful Sir, the experience at losing you is not unshared, for we feel that though your departure is a heavy loss to us, still we derive consolation from the fact that it brings you pleasure and happiness by your being enabled to rejoin near and dear to you in your native land. Our best wishes will follow you wherever the Architect of the Universe may guide and your steps; may he, on your return home, be pleased not only to grant you health and happiness but may he also incline you to labour more than you have yet done for the advancement of that glorious and honourable foundation of which has been laid in the East. May God bless you are at parting words of your Brethren in sympathy.

The address, signed by 24 officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and which had been solemnly illuminated and engrossed on vellum,

and enclosed in a morocco case, was then handed to Bro. Barton. In connection with this presentation was a gift of a superbly manufactured silver epergne, representing a Parsee figure in the centre leaning on a column, and pointing to the Grand Masters' jewel from the Lodge "Rising Star," and from the Grand Lodge and English Lodges under the jurisdiction of the P.P.G.M., a splendid silver salver appropriately inscribed. These testimonials of the value of the services of their late chief, had already been presented to Bro. Barton at Brighton, from our Indian brethren.

Bro. R. B. Barton, in responding, said it was unnecessary for him, on such an occasion as the present, to use the usual stereotyped after-dinner reply for the very great honour done him that night. When he received his respected friend's (Bro. Murzeban's) letter announcing his mission to present the address just read, he owned he was surprised, agreeably surprised, that his brethren in India were about to add another stone to the column of obligations under which he lay to them. All he could say was that he had been for a long series of years treated with the greatest kindness, generosity, and forbearance by all his brethren in Western India, and that as long as he lived he would hold them in the warmest corner of his heart, and prayed that the Great Architect of the Universe might bless that great country and its people, and that our own England would always look upon that country as the brightest jewel in its own honoured crown. In conclusion Bro. Barton thanked Bro. Murzeban for the great trouble he had taken in carrying out what he knew to him was a labour of love; and also the W.M. and brethren of Lodge British Union for the promptness with which they had arranged all the preliminaries for this, to him, most gratifying episode in the history of Lodge British Union. He was under a great obligation to the W.M. for allowing the presentation to take place in this lodge, and thanked Bro. Boby and Bro. W. Spalding, the Secretary, for their attention to his communication, and for making the necessary arrangements. The W.M. proposed "The Visitors," coupled with the names of Bro. Murzeban and Bro. Muzio. He claimed this occasion as a marking point in the annals of this Lodge, and the circumstances under which the presentation had taken place were very gratifying. Bro. Murzeban said he felt highly honoured by the kind reception accorded him that night. He had travelled thousands of miles to this grand country of arts and sciences, and to this seat of science and commerce (Ipswich) to testify to the regard in which one of their own brethren was held, and he owed a debt of gratitude to the Lodge for the manner in which he had been received. He belonged to the first lodge established in India under the Scottish banner, under Dr. Burns, and was initiated at the first initiation of a number of native gentlemen. A medal was cast to commemorate the establishment of Masonry, and would be found upon the breast of their respected Bro. Dr. Barton, on the one side was a portrait of their Grand Master, Bro. Burns, and on the reverse the portraits of the two first natives initiated. Since that event Masonry had scattered throughout India, and he had ever done his utmost to impart to the uninitiated the advantages of the Craft. He would carry back to his native country the impressions which had been indelibly impressed upon his heart by his visit to this country and this lodge. Bro. Muzio said this was his first visit to this town and lodge. He had often heard of the great Masonic qualities attached to Ipswich names and also their hospitality, now he could state they had more than realized his expectations. He strongly advised all brothers to attend Lodges of Instruction if they desired to become proficient in working out the beautiful ceremonies of the Craft. Bro. Shortridge, Jamaica, also replied and expressed his desirousness of becoming a member of this lodge. The W.M. proposed "The Health of Bro. Boby, P.G.S.W.," who, as the suggestor of the Feast of Roses, was entitled to their thanks. Bro. Boby thanked the brethren for their expressions, and in his usual humorous and jolly manner, gave an anecdote suitable to the occasion. Bro. Barton proposed "The

Press," coupled with the name of Bro. Elkington, of the *Suffolk Mercury*, who having replied brought to a conclusion a pleasant evening, one which will be long remembered by all who were present, and that will be written in the annals of the British Union Lodge as a red letter event.

BRO. CONSTABLE'S DRAWING.

List of names from whom tickets may be obtained:—

- Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.G.S.D. England, P.M. 131, P.G. Sec. Cornwall, Truro.
- " Rev. Augustus A. Bagshaw, P. Prov.G.C., P.S.G.W. Derbyshire, I.P.M. 1235, Wormhill Vicarage, Buxton, Derby.
- " John Greenhough, P.M., Parker-street, Manchester.
- " W. H. Bowden, 2, Sunderland-place, Clifton.
- " Jesse Owens, P.M., County Asylum, Hanwell.
- " C. Tomkins, Albion Hotel, Ramsgate.
- " R. Limpus, P. Prov. G. Org. Middlesex, 41, Queen-square, W.C.
- " S. E. Moss, P.M. 185, 71, Oakley-road, Islington, N.
- " Hodges, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.
- " George Kenning, Little Britain, E.C.
- " J. T. Platt, P. Prov. J.G.W. Cheshire, 43, Castle-street, Liverpool.
- " H. B. Hodges, P. Prov. S.G.W. Herts, P.M. 403, The Cottage, Walton, Herts.
- " W. R. Jones, 87, 73, Long Acre, W.C.
- " Rev. H. J. Hatch, Chaplain and J.W., 160, Rectory, Little Stamburgh, Rochford.
- " Rev. P. H. Newnham, P.M. 195, The Vicarage, Stonehouse, Plymouth.
- " C. F. Hogard, P.M. 205, S.W., 453, 4, Watling-street.
- " E. Gottlieb, 185, P.M. 141, 120, Mile End-road, E.
- " J. Constable, W.M. 183, 13, Sise-lane, E.C.

Masonic Tidings.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.—At the meeting of Grand Lodge, July 9, 1874, the following officers were elected:—Bros. W. M. Wilson, G.M.; J. K. Kerr, D.G.M.; W. R. White, G.S.W.; H. Murray, G.J.W.; H. Goff, G.T.; Thos. B. Harris, G.S.; Canon Innis, G. Chaplain; Mallock, G. Registrar, R. P. Stephens, W.M. of Doric Lodge, was elected District Deputy Grand Master for Toronto.

LORD DALHOUSIE'S WILL.—The *Dundee Advertiser* publishes an abstract of the will of the late Lord Dalhousie. The whole residue of his estate falls to his sister, Lady Christina Maule, during her life, and after her death £6,000 each is to be paid to his nine nephews, and £4,000 each to his seven nieces or their children. His property in France is left to his eldest nephew, Major Thomas Young, along with such a sum as will make up £20,000. He also leaves £20,000 to the Free Church for the payment of stipends of £200 a year each to the ministers of the four Free Churches on his estate. The bust of Lord Byron goes to Mr. John Clarke Brodie, his bust of Fox to Mr. A. Rutherford Clark, and his picture of Dr. Guthrie preaching in Glenesk to the Free Church College, Edinburgh. Legacies varying from £60 to £300, and a year's wages are left to his servants, gardeners, gamekeepers, and foresters. The chief factor, Mr. Guthrie, is remembered with £1,000, and a valuable picture by one of the old masters is left to his local solicitor, Mr. Shields. All political correspondence and confidential public papers connected with his official life are to be selected and placed in a locked box by themselves, sealed up, and deposited in the family charter-room at Panmure, and not to be opened till the year 1990, and all correspondence with public men is to be arranged and similarly deposited.

ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE.

The following circular has been forwarded to us for publication:—

"Dear Sir and Ill. Bro.,

"I have the gratification to inform you that His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales, K.G., K.T., K.P., &c. &c., has been graciously pleased to signify his acceptance of the position of Grand Patron of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for England, Wales, and the Colonies.

"I have also to inform you that the following changes have taken place in the Supreme Council 33° of the said Rite.

"Ill. Bro. Charles John Vigue, having resigned his high office of Most P. So. G. Cr. was succeeded therein by Ill. Bro. Captain N. G. Phillips, who was appointed The Rt. Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon as Lt. G. Commander.

"Ill. Bro. Captain N. G. Phillips, having likewise resigned his office, was succeeded by Ill. Bro. The Earl of Carnarvon, who appointed Ill. Bro. Captain N. G. Phillips as his Lt. G. Commander.

"Ill. Bro. E. H. Harcourt Vernon, having resigned his office as Grand Chaplain, the Supreme Council is now constituted as follows:—

GRAND PATRON.

Ill. Bro., H.R.H. Albert Edward Prince of Wales, K.G.

SUPREME COUNCIL.

Ill. Bro., The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, M.P.S.G. Commander.

" Captain Nathaniel George Phillips, Pt. M.P.S.G. Cr., & M. Ill. Lt. G. Comr.

" Major-General Henry Clerk, Grand Treasurer General.

" John Montagu Pulteney Montagu, Grand Chancellor

" Major Shadwell Henry Clerke, Grand Secretary General.

" Dr. Robert Hamilton, Grand Chaplain.

" Sir Michael Costa, Grand Captain of Guards.

" Colonel Alexander William Adair, Sov. Grand Inspector General.

" Hugh David Sandeman, Sov. Grand Inspector General.

" W. Hyde Pollen, 33°, Assistant Secretary.

All official letters should be addressed to the Grand Secretary General, No. 33, Golden Square, W., at which address all information concerning the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite can be obtained.

I remain, Dear Sir and Ill. Bro.,

Yours Fraternally,

H. CLERKE, 33°, Grand Secretary General, H.E. 33, Golden-square, W., July 15th, 1874.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, July 31, 1874.

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

Saturday, August 1.

General Committee Boys' School, at 4.
Manchester Lodge of Instruction (179), Yorkshire Grey, 77, London-street, Fitzroy-square, at 8; Bro. H. Ash, Preceptor.

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

Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. G. Dilley, Preceptor.

Monday, August 3.

Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction (1445), Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland, at 7; Bro. T. Austin, Preceptor.

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

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

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

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

British Oak Lodge of Instruction (813), Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.

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

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

West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1197), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.

Metropolitan Mark Lodge of Instruction, Coach and Horses Hotel, 343, Strand, at 8.

Tuesday, August 4.

Colonial Board at 3.

Lodge 171, Amity, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.

" 1257, Grosvenor, Caledonian Hotel, Adelphi.

" 1259, Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tavern, Commercial-road, E.

" 1310, Harrow, Railway Tavern, Harrow.

Chap. 169, Temperance, White Swan, Deptford.

" 507, United Pilgrims, Horns Tavern, Kennington.

Varborough Lodge of Instruction (554), Green Dragon Steepy, at 8; Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.

Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tavern, Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 8.

Faith Lodge of Instruction (141), Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st., (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8;

Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Preceptor.

Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Lord's Hotel, Lord's Cricket Ground, St. John's-wood, at 8;

Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction (860), King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. Crawley, Preceptor.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction (65), Gladstone Tavern, Bishopgate-st., Within, at 7.30; Bro. Bolton, W.M. 1247, Preceptor.

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

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

Percy Lodge of Instruction, Grapes Tavern, Little Windmill-street, W.

Southwark Lodge of Instruction, (879), Southwark Park Tavern, Southwark Park, at 8; Bro. Charles William Kent, Preceptor.

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

Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30.

Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Bro. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.

Wednesday, August 5.

Grand Chapter at 7.

Lodge 1491, Athenaeum, Camden-road, Holloway.

Mark Lodge, Old Kent, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue.

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

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

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.

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

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

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

Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction (1288), Finsbury Park Tavern, Seven Sisters-road, N., at 8. Bro. P. Dickinson, Acting Preceptor.

United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.

Thursday, August 6.

Lodge 742, Crystal Palace, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.

" 822, Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall,

" 1412, Logia de la Iberia, Hill-road, St. John's Wood;

Chap. 176, Caveac, Westminster Palace Hotel.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Highgate Lodge of Instruction (1366), Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.

Friday, August 7.

Lodge 1489, Marquess of Ripon, Metropolitan Societies Asylum, Balls Pond-road.

St. George's Lodge of Instruction (140), Globe Tavern, Royal-hill, Greenwich.

Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.

Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, (749), Coach and Horses, Strand, at 8; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.

Pannure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.

Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s Freemasons' Hall, at 7.

Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tavern, Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.

Clapton Lodge of Instruction (1365), White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. James Brett, P.G.F., &c., Preceptor.

Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1293), the Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. W. F. Rogers, Precep.

Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-road, at 8; Comp. W. West S. Preceptor.

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

United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Antelope Tavern, Lorn-road, Brixton, at 7.

St. James's Lodge of Instruction, New Tanners' Lane, Grange-road, Bermondsey, at 8; Bro. Howes, Preceptor.

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

Doric Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end, at 8.

Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8; Bro. P. M. West, Preceptor.

St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Ross Tavern, Fulham-road, S.W.

Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Tavern, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.

High Cross Lodge of Instruction (754), Coach and Horses, High Road, Tottenham.

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

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

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE

CHESHIRE,

For the Week ending Saturday, Aug. 8, 1874.

Monday, August 3.

Lodge 113, Unanimity, Bull Hotel Assembly Rooms, Preston.

" 1051, Rowley, Masonic Rooms, Lancaster.

" 1380, Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool, at 6.

Chap. 605, De Tabley, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, Liverpool, at 6.

Red Cross Conclave (77), Skelmersdale Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.

Everton Lodge of Instruction (823), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 7.30.

Tuesday, August 4.

Lodge 178, Antiquity, Royal Hotel, Wigan, at 6.30.

" 995, Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverston.

" 1384, Equity, Walker's Commercial Hotel, Wigan, near Warrington, at 6.

" 1476, Blackpool, Clifton Arms Hotel, Blackpool, at 6.

Chap. 203, St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.

Mark Lodge, No. 16, Walton, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.

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

Wednesday, August 5.

Lodge 673, St. John's, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.30.

" 730, Ellesmere, Royal Oak Hotel, Chorley.

" 1013, Royal Victoria, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.

" 1413, West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Kirkdale, at 6.

" 1335, Lindsay, 20, King-street, Wigan.

" 1354, Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Hall, Leigh, at 6.

Chap. 86, Lebanon, Nag's Head, Prescott, at 6.

De Grey and Ripon Lodge of Instruction (1350), North Hill-street, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 7.

Thursday, August 6.

Lodge 249, Mariners', Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.

" 1473, Bootle, Molyneux Assembly Rooms, Bootle, at 6.

Chap. 758, Bridgewater, Masonic Hall, Runcom, at 6.

Friday, August 7.

Lodge 1264, Neptune, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.

" 1375, Architect, Didsbury Hotel, Didsbury, at 6.

" 1387, Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton, at 6.

Chap. 1086, Walton, St. Lawrence Schools, Masonic Kirkdale, at 6.

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Monday, August 3.

Lodge 332, Union, 170, Buchanan-street.

" 20, St. John's, Freemasons' Hall, Lesmah.

" 129, St. Mirren, St. Mirren's Hall, Paisley.

Chap. 119, Rosslyn, Freemasons' Hall, 25, Ross-street.

Tuesday, August 4.

Lodge 31, St. John, St. John's Hall, Buchanan-st.

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

" 87, Thistle, 12, Trongate.

" 437, Govandale, Portland Hall, Govan.

" 68, Doric, 44, Church-street, Port Glasgow.

" 177, St. James, Masons' Hall, Coatbridge.

" 406, St. John, Masonic Hall, Motherwell.

Wednesday, August 5.

Lodge 4, Kilwinning, 170, Buchanan-street.

" 21, Old St. John's, Freemasons' Hall, Lanark.

" 128, St. John Sherleton, Freemason's Hall, Sherleton.

" 166, St. John, 26, Olive Hall, Airdrie.

" 364, Caledonian Railway, 12, Buchanan-street, Glasgow.

Chap. 79, Thistle and Rose, 170, Buchanan-street, Glasgow.

Thursday, August 6.
 ge 465, St. Andrew's, Masons' Hall, Garnad-road
 370, Renrew Kilwinning, Freemasons' Hall, High-
 street, Paisley.
 7, Kilwinning, Masonic Hall, Hamilton.
 22, St. John, George Hotel, Kilmarnock.
 149, St. Andrew's, Masonic Hall, Irvine.
 202, St. Clement's, Trades' Tavern, Kilmarnock.
 209, Blair Dalry, Masonic Hall, Dalry.
 Friday, August 7
 ge 275, Shamrock and Thistle, 22, Struthers-street
 408, Clyde, 170, Buchanan-st.
 114, Royal Arch, Masonic Hall, Cambuslang.
 116, Royal Arch, Council Hall, Rutherglen.
 135, St. James, Crown Inn, Tarbolton.
 175, St. John, St. John's Hall, Greenock.
 217, Cumberland, Old Town Hall, Port Glasgow.
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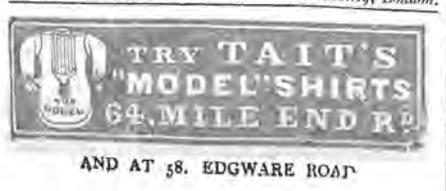
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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

HAVANT.—*Carnarvon Lodge* (No. 804).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on the 3rd instant, at the Black Dog Inn. The W.M., Bro. Harrison, presided, and was supported by a fair number of members of the lodge, but, owing to the Bank Holiday Act, we regret that only two officers were present. The business of the evening consisted of three initiations, and a raising, at the conclusion of which Bro. H. Martin Green, P.M., moved, and the W.M. seconded, a vote of condolence with the widow and family of the late Bro. Stebbing, Deputy Prov. Grand Master of Hants and the Isle of Wight. The proposition was carried unanimously, for the loss of so zealous and kind-hearted a Mason as Bro. Stebbing has been severely felt by the members of the Carnarvon Lodge, in common with all English Masons throughout the world. A resolution to purchase a copy of Bro. Hughan's "Memorials of the Union" having been passed, the lodge was duly closed.

DEPTFORD.—*Royal Oak Lodge* (No. 871) held its regular meeting on Thursday, July 23rd, at the White Swan Tavern, 217, High street, Deptford. Bro. George Andrews, W.M., presided. There were present Bros. S. O. Lewin, S.W.; H. J. Tuson, J.W.; W. Andrews, P.M., Treas.; F. Walters, P.M., Secretary; J. Woodlett, W.S.; W. Elgood, W. O. Lockhead, R. T. Stringer, R. Harman, F. H. Burr, J. Rennie, E. James, J. W. Hadingham, T. Horton, A. Mæers, and others. The visitors were Bros. W. Hammond, W.M. 1326, P.M. 201; G. R. Turnbull, 1326; D. Steinbauer, 1326; T. W. Richardson, 1201; H. W. Elmer, 1275; and others, whose names we were unable to ascertain. The heavy agenda paper was relieved by initiating Mr. Alsford, passing Bros. H. W. Elmer, 1275, and D. Steinbauer, 1326, to the second degree, raising Bros. A. Mæers, G. R. Turnbull, 1326, and T. W. Richardson, 1201, to the third degree. The work was beautifully rendered and correctly done, Bro. Fisher, the Organist, aiding in an admirable manner by presiding at the organ. A notice of motion, given by an indefatigable brother, fell through for the want of a seconder. No banquet or refreshment being served, all separated when the lodge was closed.

HAMPTON.—*Lebanon Lodge* (No. 1326).—This flourishing lodge was held on Saturday, July 18th. In consequence of Bro. H. A. Dubois, S.W., and W.M. elect, being unable to get a dispensation to enable him to be W.M. of two lodges, at one time, he being the W.M. of the Era Lodge, that portion of the minutes (on his proposition) relating to his election was not confirmed. The other work did not present itself. On the motion, made by the Secretary, Bro. F. Walters, P.M., and duly seconded, it was unanimously

resolved that ten guineas (second amount voted in less than four months) be given to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. The lodge was opened and closed by Bro. W. Hammond, W.M., and adjourned until August. An excellent banquet and dessert followed.

PAIGNTON.—*Torbay Lodge* (No. 1351).—The anniversary meeting of this lodge took place on Monday, 3rd inst., when Bro. J. F. Goodridge, W.M. elect, was installed into the chair by the retiring W.M., Bro. J. C. C. Piller, assisted by Bro. Rev. R. Bowden, P.M., P. Prov. G. C., and a Board of Past Masters consisting of the following brethren, Col. A. Ridgway, P. Prov. G.S.W.; James Greenfield, P. Prov. G.J.D.; C. H. Law, P. Prov. G.S.W., (Herts.); S. Cash, 1358; Colston, 328; Drake 1396; Goodridge, 797; Mold, 414. The brethren on being admitted saluted in the usual manner, their newly installed W.M., who then appointed the following as his officers:—Bros. W. E. Warren, S.W.; W. H. Haswell, J.W.; T. E. Dyer, Treas.; J. C. C. Piller, I.P.M., Sec.; Rev. R. Bowden, P. Prov. G.C., Chaplain; J. Greenfield P.M., Dir. Cer.; J. H. Chinnock, S.D.; T. K. Tozer, J.D., W. Windrane, I.G.; J. Coudrey, and W. Rossiter, Stewards. Bro. Greenfield was also appointed by the brethren to attend the next meeting of the Committee of Petitions as the representative of the lodge. The lodge having been closed in ancient form, the brethren adjourned to the Esplanade Hotel, where Miss Chudleigh, the manageress, had prepared a capital dejeuner. Bro. Goodridge, W.M., presided, supported by his officers in their usual positions, and after the customary loyal and Masonic toasts had been given, a proposal was made and liberally responded to, to present the two Immediate Past Masters, Bros. Bowden and Piller, each with a souvenir at the next meeting, to mark the esteem with which they are regarded by the members of the lodge. In addition to a goodly array of brethren, members of 1358, the following visitors attended the lodge, Bros. Colston, P.M. 248; Drake, P.M. 1396; Goodridge, W.M. 797; Mold, 414; Jacob, 482; Stafford Lind, 797; Evans, 797.

MILLOM.—*Whitwell Lodge* (No. 1390).—The 21st of July, 1874, will long be remembered among the brethren of the Craft in this town, and may fairly be marked as a "red letter day" in the annals of the Whitwell Lodge, for on this occasion the founder of the lodge, the worthy and much-respected Bro. John Mills, S.W., P.G.S.B., was duly installed to the proud and honourable position of W.M. The services rendered by our excellent townsman, not only to the Masonic, but to every other good cause, are so well known and recognised in Milloom, that it is hardly incumbent upon us to enlarge upon them. Suffice it to say that any honour conferred upon Bro. Mills must afford general satisfaction to all who know him, whether in a public or private capacity. It is therefore with feelings of unmingled pleasure that we have to announce the complete success of all the ceremonial and festive incidents of his installation. The P.M.'s present were Bro. R. Dodgson, P.G.S.B., W.M. of 995; Bro. F. W. Dodgson, P.G.S., I.P.M. 1390; Bro. Wellmore, P.M., Concord Lodge, Preston; Bro. John Bell, P.M. Duke of Lancaster Lodge, Lancaster; Bro. W. Whiteside, W.M. Baldwin Lodge, Bolton. The brethren assembled at the old lodge room, and, after opening the lodge in the first degree, the minutes of the previous communication having been read, the lodge was duly closed. The brethren adjourned to their new lodge room, the new Masonic Hall, which has been specially built and arranged for them in the new Public Hall. Within the precincts of this lodge the glorious interest of the Craft was then to be witnessed in all its splendour, losing nothing from the dignified and becoming demeanour both of the installing officers and the W.M. elect. The ceremony ended, an immediate adjournment to the Station Hotel followed, where Bro. Waiting had provided a splendid banquet, the excellence of which was the theme of universal comment and approval. The new W.M., of course, presided, supported on the right by P.M. Bro. R. Dodgson, P.M. Bro. Willmore, and on the left by P.M. Bro. T. Dodg-

son; P.M. Bro. Bell; P.M. Whiteside, &c. The S.W., Bro. Meredith, was supported on both sides by many distinguished brethren in the Craft. After the more substantial course had been done full justice to, the new W.M. proposed "The Queen, the Prince and Princess of Wales, and rest of the Royal Family," a toast always well received by the Craft, particularly when the close connection of the reigning family with the Masonic Order is so well and happily alluded to as on the present occasion. The toast of the evening, "The Newly Installed Master," which was most feelingly and eloquently proposed by Bro. T. Dodgson, and received with an enthusiasm that speaks volumes for the new W.M., Bro. Mills's, popularity among the brethren. The cheers burst forth with renewed vigour on the reciting of an acrostic, written by an absent brother in honour of the event. The toast of "The Visiting Brethren" having been ably responded to by Bro. Dr. Rogers, Guard, and Burne, Bro. P. M. Whiteside next favoured the company with a beautiful recitation, after which Bro. Bradley sang the "Death of Nelson" in excellent style and with marked effect, as was testified by every mark of warm appreciation. The visitors were now compelled, by the arrival of the last train, to take their departure, and the company afterwards broke up, having thoroughly enjoyed a most pleasant, sociable afternoon. We append a list of officers for the ensuing year:—Bro. Meredith, S.W.; Bro. Postlethwaite, J.W.; the W.M., Treasurer; Bro. W. Crooke, Secretary; Bro. Waiting, S.D.; Bro. Bell, J.D.; Bro. Blakeney, I.G.; Bro. Bradley, S.S.; Bro. Lang, J.S.

Scotland.

GLASGOW.—*Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow*.—The quarterly communication of this body was held in St. Mark's Hall, July 30th, 1874. There was a full attendance of members. In the absence of W. M. Neilson, the P.G.M., who is on the continent, the lodge was opened by Bro. F. A. Barrow, D.P.G.M. On the dais were the following P.G. Officers, Bros. J. Steel, S.P.G.M.; J. B. Walker, P.G.T.; A. M. Taggart, M.A., P.G. Secretary; G. Sinclair, Treasurer of the Benevolent Fund; J. Millan, D. of Music; J. Balfour, P.G.D.C.; G. Allison, P.G.T.; and J. Gillis, P.G.S.B. Bro. J. Miller, R.W.M. 87, acting S.W.; J. McNaught, R.W.M. 275, as J.W. The D.P.G.M. spoke with deep feeling of the loss the Masonic body had sustained by the death of our lamented brethren, the late Earl of Dalhousie and Lord J. Murray, paying a well-merited compliment to the memory of each of these noble brothers, dwelling on the debt that Scotch Masonry owed to our P.G.M., Earl Dalhousie. The minutes of the last P.G. Lodge having been read and confirmed, the P.G.M. spoke of the irregularity of the installation of the officers of the new lodge, Clydesdale, without the sanction of the P.G.M., and declared the installation null and void. A report was presented from the P.G. Committee in the case of Steven v. Wallace, the P.G.M. holding it should have been held here; before the petition went to G.L. The application for a Charter for a new lodge in Spring Course district was rejected, as being inconsistent with the Grand Lodge Laws, and also as it was unnecessary to establish a new lodge, as St. Andrew, No. 465, was well able to supply the requirements of that district. Bro. G. Watson, R.W.M. 73, inquired if it was the duty of the Deacons or the Wardens to eject a refractory member. The P.G.M. said it was the Wardens' duty. Bro. Weston also inquired if there was not a Charter in existence for holding a Lodge of Instruction in the province. The P.G.M. said there was, and he should be most happy to see it made use of, and if the brethren were willing to work it properly, he should be most happy to grant it, and he gave them all the assistance in his power. The Secretary read a communication he had received, asking if it was in the power of the Master to refuse to receive a candidate after the lodge had voted that he should be admitted. The P.G.M. held that the Master's will was law at the time, but the brother could appeal if

he felt aggrieved. A question was also asked if a man born a slave could by the Scottish Constitution be made a Mason, though he had become free by coming into British territory. The brother was referred to the G. Secretary for an answer. The P.G.L. was then closed in due form.

GLASGOW.—*Lodge Union and Crown* (No. 103).—This lodge met on Monday, July 27, in the Masonic Hall, 170, Buchanan-street. There was a very large attendance, both of members and visitors. The lodge was opened at 8 o'clock by the R.W.M., Bro. A. Muir Wright; J. Muir, S.W.; Wm. Thomas, J.W.; J. Bain, P.M.; and J. Gilles, P.M., Secretary. After considerable private business, relating to the late trip, and other matters, it was unanimously agreed that honorary affiliation should be given to the following members of the Star Lodge, 219, for their services on that and other occasions, namely, Bros. Jas. Duthie, P.M.; J. Garth, S.W.; Jas. Horn, J.W.; G. Miller, A. McNeily, J. Park, F. Dow, and James Daly. At a subsequent period of the evening they were affiliated by Bro. P.M. Gilles, when Bro. Duthie, in an eloquent speech, returned thanks on behalf of himself and others. Bro. Garth also said a few words; and Bro. Wilson, R.W.M. of 219, thanked the lodge for the honour they had conferred on him and his lodge by thus admitting so many of them as honorary members. He had himself for some time enjoyed that privilege. Bro. James S. Scott, the R.W.M. of the Neptune Lodge, also received the same honour for his kindness in having given them the use of his lodge on several occasions. The R.W.M. then initiated five gentlemen into the Order, three for their own lodges, and one each for Nos. 73, and 408. The lodge was then raised to the second degree, when Bro. Bain, P.M., passed three candidates to that degree. Bro. G. Weston, R.W.M., 73; and Bro. McFennis, S.W., 408, tendered the thanks of their respective lodges to the Master for his kindness in initiating their candidates. Bro. Wright assured them that the Union and Crown was pleased at all times to be able to oblige any of the sister lodges. The lodge was then closed in harmony.

GLASGOW.—*Lodge Commercial* (No. 360).—The hall of this lodge having been taken by the Union Railway Company for their extension, they have been obliged to obtain fresh premises. The new hall is now nearly ready, and promises to be the most complete of any in the province, the ante-rooms being specially adapted for the proper reception and preparation of candidates, not only for the Craft but also for the higher orders in Masonry. The arrangements for light and ventilation, by Bro. J. McCombee, are all that can be desired, while the decorations, under the skilful hands of Bros. Stevens and Urc, will make a *tout ensemble* seldom surpassed. Great credit is also due to the committee, the exertions of the R.W.M. and Bros. McPherson, Munro, Adams, and others, having contributed greatly to the result.

GLASGOW.—*Thetis Chapter* (No. 122)—held their regular meeting on Monday, July 27th, Comp. J. O. Park, M.E.Z., presiding, assisted by Comp. J. S. Scott, H.; J. Weightman, J.; Comp. J. Johnston, Scribe, E.; W. Gunn, T.; T. J. Mackay, 1st S.; there were three candidates for exaltation; the work was performed in J. O. Park's known style.

GLASGOW.—*Cathedral Chapter* (No. 67)—met on Tuesday, the 28th ult., under the presidency of Comp. Jas. Duthie, Z. The attendance of members, owing to the fair holidays, was not large, but there were two candidates for exaltation. Comp. Wm. Taylor, P.Z., and W. Jackson, assisted in exalting them to this degree.

GLASGOW.—*Caledonian Unity Chapter* (No. 73).—This chapter met in their Hall, 170, Buchanan-street, on Tuesday, July 25th, in the Mark Degree, Comps. G. McDonald, Z. as Master; G. W. Wheeler, H., as S.W.; J. O. Park, Z. 122, as J.W.; J. Balfour, Scribe E.; J. Bannerman, T.; and J. Hay, I.G. After the business arrangements were made for the annual meeting and the election of officers.

GLASGOW.—*Conclave of the Red Cross of Constantine* (No. 114).—This body met at 109, Argyle-street, on Wednesday, July 29, 1874.

G. W. Wheeler, M.P.S.; J. Johnston, E.V.E.; J. Tweed, Hon. E.V.; D. Butler, S.G.; Wm. Bell, T.; D. B. Fleming, H.P.; G. B. Adams S.B.; and J. O. Park, H. Apologies were read, from two of the candidates, who were prevented by ill health from being present; and after the business had been concluded, arrangements were entered into for the purpose of renting a Masonic Hall for the future meetings of the Conclave.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MIDDLESEX.

By OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.

On Saturday last the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex was held for the first time at Enfield, when Colonel Somerset, of Enfield Court, placed his riding school and grounds at the service of the province. The lodge was attended by a very large number of the brethren, there being over a hundred who assisted in the performance of the duties of the day.

Grand Lodge having been first formally opened, the brethren marched in procession and in full Masonic regalia to the Parish Church, where, after a portion of the daily prayers had been read, the Rev. Bro. Collis preached a sermon from 1. Chron. ix. 14, "All things come of Thee, O Lord, and of Thine own have we given Thee." After stating that the collection which would be made at the conclusion of the service would be devoted to providing coals for the poor at Enfield, in the winter, he said he was not going to preach a charity sermon—a word which in one sense he abominated, because the divine word "charity" too often dwindled down into the dropping of an occasional shilling into the plate, or perhaps passing the plate by altogether—went on to explain that out of love to God, and for the good He has done to us, we should do good to our fellow creatures, and this was the object of the grand fraternity which were then assembled. In the Hebrew the words are rather remarkable, being, "Out of thine own hand have we given to thee, oh God." This he illustrated by supposing that a child out of love to its father, brought him and presented to him a beautiful nosegay of flowers, plucked out of the father's own garden; and, although the giving to God was merely restoring to him what was His own, still it was acceptable to God when given out of gratitude, love and affection, in the same way as the child's nosegay would be acceptable to the father. The father would not fling back the nosegay to the child and tell the child that it was only presenting him with what was his own; that he paid the rent for the ground in which the flowers were grown, and the man who cultivated them. No human parent with a spark of love and affection in his heart, would repel a child's love in such a way; and why not? It was not for the value of the flower, the child might bring, but for the love of that dear child's heart welling forth from its soul. Whatever we had was not our own, and it was our duty to give out of it to God. *Ex Tuis Tibi Domine*, out of Thine own to Thee. This altered the character of all we were and all that we had. Everything should be dedicated to God. The best we have should be given to Him. These bodies of ours should be devoted to His service. If we listened to the suggestions of the devil we would squander our lives in sin and profligacy and sensuality; but though these were in a certain sense pleasures, in the end they stung like an adder. On the contrary, viewing our bodies as "the temple of the Holy Ghost," a person dedicating his body to God Almighty carried out just what David had said in the text, "Out of Thine own have I given to Thee, O Lord." Then with regard to our minds, all our great mental faculties should be devoted to God's service. They were talents which he had given us, and whether they were one, or five or ten, they were to be brought to Him. The preacher afterwards went on to say that one-seventh of our time and one-tenth of our money, at least, were due to God. He then exhorted his hearers to devote their Sundays to God, and also when they "broke" a sovereign to "dedicate the first two shillings of it to Almighty God," not to let it be the last two shil-

lings, for then very likely God would get it. We should bring up our children with notion that one-seventh of their time and one-tenth of their money was due to God, mere matter of saving, as a mere lesson of frugality; but this was a point which he would then press, as it was too long a subject; he exhorted his hearers to bear the text in mind and to act upon it; not to act on the principle *Ex meis mihi, or Ex meis Tibi, Domine*, but *Tuis Tibi, Domine*. There was no satisfaction to the man who made £100,000, if he spent all on himself. Many there were who did large towns and manufacturing cities; but were all bound to do something for God out of the money we made. Then on the day of judgment, when the books should be opened and Christ should be on His judgment throne, and we should be called up before it to account for what we had done in the body, for all we were, and all that we had, could we say any merit? No; nothing but the words of the text, out of the fulness of a grateful heart, exclaim—"For all that Thou hast done for my body, my soul, my mind, my time, my property of thine own have I given back to Thee, O God."

The collection which followed the sermon, which this is a brief outline, amounted to £93s. 3d.

The brethren then marched back to Colonel Somerset's, and lodge was resumed by Bro. R. Wentworth Little, Grand Provincial Secretary, first read a list of Prov. G. Officers who answered to their names, and the roll of provincial lodges, whose office-bearers answered.

The minutes of Prov. Grand Lodge of Middlesex, July, 1873, and 28th February 1874, were also read by the Prov. G. Secretary, and put in order, and the report of the Audit Committee was also read.

The Provincial Grand Master, in rising to read this report for confirmation, said that he congratulated the brethren on having a considerable balance in hand, although the province had been at great expense for furniture and many other things. It was a matter of great satisfaction to know that everything had been paid, and that there was every prospect of their going on as flourishingly as they had begun. They must all be aware that the province had increased, and that the roll of lodges continually being added to. This, of course, brought a large accession to the numbers of Freemasons, and with this therefore they congratulated themselves on the spread of the Order. This brought to their minds another fact. They must all be aware that an increase in numbers entailed an increased amount of work, and the work of the province which required to be done was largely above what it five years ago. It had therefore become necessary to take an office for the Grand Secretary where his work might be done better and more steadily than it had been capable of being performed hitherto. But in saying this he did not mean to infer that the work could be performed more efficiently, but without those hindrances and confusion which, when it was mixed up with a great many other things, it was subject to. They have therefore taken an office convenient and suitable for their purpose, and he was able to ask for a small vote to maintain it. It was not a large sum, and would soon be covered by increased revenue. He would therefore recommend the adoption of the report, and that £1000 be allowed for Provincial Grand Office.

Bro. Charles Horsley seconded the motion, and Bro. H. A. Dubois thought it should be £100 per annum, and not £10 for the present only.

The Provincial Grand Master said of course that £100 per annum.

Bro. J. C. Parkinson, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, put the motion to the meeting and it was unanimously confirmed.

The Provincial Grand Master in calling attention of the Grand Lodge to the next business before it, the election of the Provincial Grand Treasurer, stated that the Grand Lodge were not only satisfied but had every reason to be satisfied with the way in which Bro. Dubois hitherto discharged the duties of the office.

him during his retention of that important office.

Bro. Buss was then unanimously re-elected Grand Treasurer, amidst hearty cheers.

The Provincial Grand Master said he could assure Bro. Buss that it was with very great gratification he had to announce to him the pleasing intelligence of his unanimous re-election.

Bro. Buss acknowledged the brethren's continued confidence in him, and expressed the gratification he felt that his services had been satisfactory to the brethren.

The following brethren were then appointed by the Provincial Grand Master to hold the offices set opposite to their respective names:—

- J. C. Parkinson D. Prov. G.M.
- Sir George Elliott..... Prov. G.S.W.
- Angelo J. Lewis Prov. G.J.W.
- Rev. Canon Collis Prov. G. Chaplain.
- Rev. E. E. Brette Prov. G. Chaplain.
- H. G. Buss Prov. G. Treas.
- John Thomas Moss..... Prov. G. Reg.
- R. Wentworth Little... Prov. G. Sec.
- Paxton Prov. G.S.D.
- Glover Prov. J.G.D.
- Edlmann Prov. G. S. of W.
- Lindsay..... Prov. G.D.C.
- H. A. Dubois Prov. G.A.D.C.
- Charles Coote Prov. G. Org.
- T. J. Sabine..... Prov. G.S.B.
- Frederick Walters Prov. G. Purs.
- Col. Peters Prov. G. Stwd.
- Dr. Woodman..... Prov. G. Stwd.
- Dr. J. Sharpe..... Prov. G. Stwd.
- W. H. Thompson Prov. G. Stwd.
- W. Hammond..... Prov. G. Stwd.
- Phythian Prov. G. Stwd.
- J. Gilbert Prov. G. Tyler.

The Prov. G. Master said that the brethren had heard that the Provincial Grand Lodge had a large sum of money in hand, but it was of no use for that money to be lying idle. He thought they could not do better than give some part of it to the Institutions connected with the Order. He had, therefore, put down on the agenda paper a proposition to give £100 to the Girls' School, £100 to the Boys', and £100 to the Benevolent Institution. He hoped they would be able to do the same next year also.

The Deputy Prov. Grand Master seconded the motion.

Bro. Thomas Fenn, acting as G.S.W., put the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master moved that the lodges and brethren in the provinces be requested to send their votes for the Masonic Charities to the Provincial Grand Master, with the view of securing, by united action, the success of candidates connected with the province; and that the formation of a Committee to promote this object be authorised by the Prov. G. Lodge. His object was that any candidate taken up by the province should be successful. Unity of action only was wanted to do this. The Prov. Grand Master, to whom the votes would be committed, was the last man in the world who would monopolise the votes. By the brethren acting together, now giving, now taking, their individual force would not be frittered away. So convinced was he of the expediency of this course that he had thrown in his own votes, and he had a letter from Sir George Elliott to say that he would do the same. He (the Deputy Grand Master) trusted this motion for the formation of a Committee to carry the scheme out, would be adopted. He would propose that the Committee should be composed of three members appointed by the Prov. Grand Master, and three by the Provincial Grand Lodge. The Prov. G. Master would propose himself, his Deputy, and the Prov. G. Secretary.

Major Barlow said that a similar scheme was very successful in Cheshire.

Bro. Charles Horsley asked whether it was intended that the Master of a lodge should send all the votes that came into his hands during his year of office to the Provincial Grand Master. He really could not understand how unity of action would be preserved by this scheme. He himself belonged to the Royal Union Lodge at Uxbridge, and the Acacia at Potter's Bar. Each of those lodges might have a candidate it wished

to bring in. How could it be done? He would ask the Deputy Grand Master, whether it was wished that all the votes which annually came should be sent to the Provincial Grand Master, and how the success of the particular efforts of each lodge would be guaranteed.

Bro. F. Davison thought that there was already too much monopoly of votes. To get any candidates into the institutions it was necessary to obtain the support of a very few good names. Every brother had a perfect right to give his votes to the most deserving case. He did not approve of the motion.

Bro. J. Baxter Langley said their great object should be to support the most deserving case, no matter what locality or province it came from. He could not imagine that charity, in the highest sense in which it had been so eloquently alluded to in the pulpit that day, could take so narrow a view of its duties as to cause the brethren to support a candidate from his own geographical district without reference to its merits. He was glad that the terms of the resolution had been so modified as to prevent that obnoxious view being taken, against which Bro. Davison had protested. They should have an election of brethren of influence and well acquainted with the districts, first of all to report on the case which seemed to them to deserve the support of the district, without any reference to its geographical position. If that was done he felt sure the province would accept the recommendation of the brother so elected, and the first step would be gained. At present a great many who were governors of the charities were unable when an election approached to give their votes to the most deserving case. If a committee reported on the cases, they would not have the difficulty they now experienced. He submitted that it would be the best course to take to appoint a committee to be, as it were, a committee of investigation, and that upon their report the votes of the province should be recommended to be given, above all things, the report should be upon the merits of the cases, and not be given with reference to the geographical locality.

Bro. Angelo J. Lewis, Prov. G.J.W., while giving a general support to the amended proposition of the Deputy Prov. G. Master, thought that all the lodges of the province should be represented on the Committee.

The Prov. G. Master thought the brethren might hit upon a scheme to be presented to next Prov. Grand Lodge. This was only the first movement made in this particular direction.

Bro. Charles Horsley seconded the proposition, Next Prov. Grand Lodge might adopt a decided mode of action.

Bro. J. J. Wilson, opposed the original motion. It had been, he thought, brought forward without due consideration. Four or five years ago, he tried to get the lodges of the province to act with him on the same plan. After several meetings, it was found it would not work. He wished the Deputy Prov. Grand Master every success in his scheme; but he would find the same difficulty as he (Bro. Wilson) had, by a brother being called upon for his votes by two lodges, to both of which he was equally loyally subject. Then it would also be found that the Committee could not meet without sundry expenses, and after they had met they would find they were no further then they were at the starting. He would propose that the matter be deferred till next Prov. Grand Lodge for further consideration.

Dr. Ramsey thought the matter should be left for the consideration of a Committee.

Bro. Angelo J. Lewis proposed "That a Committee be appointed, consisting of six members, three to be nominated by the Provincial Grand Master, and three by the Provincial Grand Lodge, to consider the best mode of promoting unity of action in the province."

Bro. Baxter Langley adopted this amendment, the original motion was withdrawn, and the amendment, put as an original motion, was carried unanimously.

The Provincial Grand Master nominated himself, Bro. Parkinson, and Bro. Little, and the Provincial Grand Lodge elected Bros. Pigden, J. Baxter Langley, and Glover, to form the Committee.

The Prov. G. Lodge was then closed, and the

brethren afterwards sat down to a first-class banquet, supplied by Mr. Allsopp, confectioner. Enfield, in the best style. At the conclusion of the repast grace was sung, and the customary speeches were delivered, and a selection of vocal and instrumental music was performed under the direction of Bro. Limpus, Bro. Theodore Distin, Mrs. Limpus, Mr. Wray Brewster, and Miss Kate Wild.

After disposing of the loyal, &c., toasts, and duly honouring "The Health of the Grand Master," The Provincial Grand Master proposed "The Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, and the Grand Officers," and spoke of the great service the Grand Officers were to the Order, one of whom, the Grand Junior Deacon, he was happy to say was Deputy Prov. G. Master of Middlesex. Speaking, however, of Bro. Fenn, who was present, he said he did not believe there was another member of the Order, who could do the working part of Masonry so well.

Bro. Fenn, Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies, after thanking the Prov. G. Master, referred particularly to the province of Middlesex, which he said was a new province, but he found that there was a determination on the part of all connected with it to make it one of the most distinguished Prov. G. Lodges in the kingdom. With sufficient power and energy to carry that ambition into effect, this province, he was sure, could not fail in the course of a short time to become second to none but the Grand Lodge of England.

Bro. J. C. Parkinson G.J.D. of England, and Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex, proposed "The Health of Colonel F. Burdett, Provincial Grand Master." There were, he said, many ways in this world in which men obtained honours, but it had always seemed to him that these honours were the sweetest when they were derived from the free suffrages of free men. It was the exceptional privilege of the province of Middlesex, to have virtually chosen its own Grand Master. So far as he knew it was the only Masonic Province in the three kingdoms which could lay claim to that particular privilege. It therefore behoved all the brethren of the province to do what they could to make the province vigorous and strong, and it was really with that view that he (Bro. Parkinson) had been induced to bring forward the motion, which he had just spoken on in Prov. G. Lodge. He had not quite anticipated that it would provoke so earnest and animated a discussion as had been engaged in, but he was very glad that it had, for it proved that on all sides there was a very warm and healthy feeling on the subject of charity. His personal desires were limited to a very strong wish that they should consider fairly by means of a representative Committee what were the best means of utilising their votes and at the same time strengthen and solidify the province. If in committee they found, as he thought it was possible they might find, that it was not practicable that the peculiar circumstances of Middlesex, where many brethren who were active members also belonged to London lodges, or other lodges in the neighbourhood, would render the carrying out of the scheme practicable or beneficial to the province, he for one should heartily join with them; at the same time he begged to assure every one of the brethren, that those with whom the proposition originated, had no other feeling than that of promoting the cause of charity, and, if possible, strengthening the province. They sought for no monopoly of votes; that was a subject that would not bear a moment's thought. He then referred to the services of Col. Burdett, than whom a more earnest, popular, zealous brother could not be found, (hear, hear) a brother who had the happy knack of making and keeping friends, and who devoted a large proportion of his time in promoting the good of the Craft. (Cheers.)

The Prov. Grand Master returned thanks, and said it was with pride he heard the D. Prov. Grand Master say that it was by the free suffrage of the brethren that he had become Prov. Grand Master. He felt as proud as did an uncle of his, Sir Francis, when he was placed at the head of the poll for the county of Middlesex. From the kindness shewn to himself, he

might say as his uncle had said, that he was returned as the champion of Middlesex. He had to thank the brethren very sincerely for their kindness to him on all occasions, and for the great hospitality with which they received him. With regard to the discussion to which Bro. Parkinson had alluded, he was glad it had taken place, as he believed it had simplified the question, by submitting it to a committee, who would recommend what they thought was best to be done, and Prov. G. Lodge would decide whether to adopt the recommendation. There was no wish on the part of Grand Lodge to centralize, but merely a desire that the whole of the province should be able to throw in their votes, and so far as the province had the power, to return one or two candidates to the different charities. It was a pleasure to know that they had done some little good that day. They had not met only for the purpose of dining together, and the brethren had evidently felt this when they so readily carried his proposition to give £31 to the Masonic Institutions.

The toast of the "The Visitors" was responded to by Bro. Thomas W. White, P.M. 21, who said he had been exceedingly gratified by what he had seen that day, and that he had no idea that in Enfield they would have got such a superb room to meet in.

Bro. J. C. Parkinson, D. Prov. Grand Master, acknowledged the special toast proposed in his honour, and recommended co-operation on the part of the Prov. G. Officers, for bringing and keeping the province in that position, and rank, in which, as Bro. Fenn had told them, it was entitled to be, from its geographical situation, second only to the Grand Lodge.

Bro. James Terry responded for "The Charities."

Bro. Little proposed "The Provincial Grand Stewards," and Bros. Lindsell and Fythian having replied, the brethren shortly afterwards returned to town.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The Quarterly Convocation of Grand Chapter of England, was holden on Wednesday last at Freemasons' Hall.

As usual with the August Quarterly Convocation, it was very thinly attended, but the business nevertheless occupied the companions much longer than is usually the case. Dr. Hamilton sat as Z.; Comp. Hugh D. Sandeman, as H.; and Comp. S. Rawson, as J.

Among the other Comps. were John Savage, who acted as E.; Major J. Creaton, N.; J. A. Rucker, P.S.; Percy Leith, 1st. A.; James E. Saunders, 2nd A.; E. S. Snell, S.B.; F. Pattison, H. Browse, H. G. Buss, Griffiths Smith, F. Binckes, W. Roebuck, C. A. Murton, James Terry, Hyde Pullen, R. Spencer, M'Dodd, Joseph Smith, Major Brownrigg, H. J. P. Dumas, H. Massey (*Freemason*), and a few others.

After the opening of the chapter, and the reading and confirmation of the minutes, the report of the Committee of General Purposes was taken as read, and ordered to be received and entered on the minutes.

The following is the statement of the accounts of the Grand Chapter for the quarter, as reported by the Committee of General Purposes:—

To Balance 15th April.....	£499 6 0
„ Subsequent Receipts	370 8 6
	£869 14 6

By Disbursements during the Quarter	£153 6 4
„ Purchase of £200 Consols at 93 and Commission, &c.	186 7 6
„ Balance	530 0 8
	£869 14 6

which balance is in the hands of Messrs. Willis, Percival and Co., Bankers of the Grand Treasurer.

The Committee likewise reported that they had received the following Petitions:—

1. From Companions John Walsh as Z, Paul Antonio Cbarrier as H., I. D. Sharp as J., and ten others, for a Chapter to be attached to the True Brothers Lodge, No. 1215, Dinapore, to be called The St. Paul's Chapter, and to meet at Dinapore, Bengal.

2. From Companions Harry Dawkins Eardley-Wilmot Chester as Z., Gerard Noel Money as H., Charles Hyne as J., and ten others, for a Chapter to be attached to the Mooltan Lodge, No. 1307, Mooltan, to be called the Mayo Chapter, and to meet at Mooltan, Poojal.

3. From Companions Edwin Thomas Atkinson as Z., Henry Gye Porter as H., the Rev. James Baker Morewood as J., and ten others, for a Chapter to be attached to the Lodge Independence with Philanthropy, No. 391, Allahabad, to be called the Sandeman Chapter, and to meet at Allahabad, Bengal.

4. From Companions Edward Stanton Jones as Z., Charles Coote as H., James Weaver as J., and seven others for a Chapter to be attached to the Asaph Lodge, No. 1319, London, to be called the Chapter of Asaph, and to meet at Freemasons' Hall, London.

5. From Companions Thomas Baxton as Z., Joseph Copeland Gillman as H., John Barker as J., and six others, for a Chapter to be attached to the Victoria Lodge, No. 1345, Eccles, to be called the Victoria Chapter, and to meet at the Cross Keys Hotel, Eccles, Lancashire.

On the motion of Comp. J. Savage, seconded by Comp. Joseph Smith, those petitions for charters for new chapters were unanimously granted.

The Committee also reported that they had received a petition—

6. From Comps. John Hamlet Taylor, as Z., Robert Beaumont Fletcher, as H., Thomas Goggins, as J., and seven others, for a chapter to be attached to the Zenith Lodge, No. 1133, Sandhurst, Victoria, to be called "The Zenith Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Sandhurst, Victoria.

The petition was regular in form, except that the proposer J. was not registered as a P.M., but subject to proof of that fact, the committee recommended that that prayer of the petition be granted.

The M.E.Z. said, that there was an idea in the colonies that it was not necessary for the Principals of chapters to be P.M.s before they could be installed, and it was no doubt on that account that the petition in this case did not comply with the regulations.

Comp. J. A. Rucker asked whether the petition was to be granted at once, but subject to proof of the J. being a P.M., being sent here.

The M.E.Z. said that was so.

Comp. E. S. Snell wanted to know what the Royal Arch regulations said on the subject, for it was very constantly thought that Principals of foreign chapters need not be Installed Masters.

Comp. Buss referred to regulation No. 2, p. 14, and said there was no doubt they must be P.M.s.

Comp. J. Smith said the law was very strict, and it must be carried out; until the law was repealed they had no option but to reject this petition.

Comp. H. Browse observed that it had been the practice of the Grand Chapter not to grant petitions unless all the facts connected with them were proved in due form. But he did not think they would be doing wrong if they granted this one conditionally. It had been said that the Grand Chapter did not grant petitions conditionally at all, and it had been its custom, whilst there was anything which was not proved, to let the matter stand over. The Committee, however, here was of opinion that the prayer should be granted, and he thought the Grand Chapter should grant it. It was entirely within its power; but the Grand Chapter must now take the onus upon itself, and not the Committee.

Comp. Snell assured the companions that the Grand Chapter could not grant it without first repealing the laws.

Comp. Percy Leith said he thought the Royal Arch regulations made an exception in favour of foreign chapters, and did not require any Past Masters to be Principals.

Comp. Savage:—That is not so. Comp. Snell asked again that the law refer to the matter might be read.

Comp. Savage:—No lodge can form or a chapter unless it has previously obtained charter from the Grand Chapter. The mod application is to be by petition, signed by regular and registered Royal Arch Masons, specifying the place where the lodge meets, and time when, and the place where, the chapter proposed to be holden, also the names of three intended Principals, and the names of numbers of the lodges in which they severally served the office of Master, chapters in which the petitioners were ex must be stated against their respective signat To the petition must be added the consen the lodge.

Comp. F. Binckes asked if there was not a exception in favour of colonial chapters. believed there was.

Comp. Savage said no, but we did not req that the intended Principals should be Masters of lodges under Grand Lodge of E lane. There was an addendum in the reg tions which said "Page 16, art. 8, lines 7 8, strike out the words 'except in the col and add the following words at the end of article:—'But this regulation is not to appl the colonies, where companions not ha served a subordinate office, if otherwise quali shall be eligible to be elected to a Princ chair, and where a regularly Installed Mast a lodge under a foreign constitution shall be eligible to be so elected.'"

Comp. Hamilton then proposed to put motion that the prayer of the petition be gran when

Comp. Rawson said he had been under impression that in a foreign chapter any comp ion might be nominated as a Principal, in establishment of a new chapter, without having been a Past Master.

Comp. Sandeman thought there would be doubt as to the reasonableness of allowing co panions, who were not Past Masters, to be no nated as Principals of new chapters in fore parts. In the case of a colonial chapter it v not necessary that a companion should h filled the office of Sojourner or Scribe to qua him for a Principal's chair. But with refer to the case before G. Chapter he would sug that there would be no harm in a little de and that the petition might stand over to be in due form.

Comp. F. Binckes thought that the very F ing of such a resolution would be tantam to expressing the opinion of Grand Chapter no companion but an Installed Master was e ble for the first three chairs in a foreign colonial chapter. If his memory served such qualification had been dispensed with.

Comp. H. J. P. Dumas suggested that G Chapter should have confidence in its Com of General Purposes, and as it had recom the granting of the prayer of the petition recommendation should be given effect to, it might be presumed the Committee had considered the question.

Comp. Hamilton remembered being in chair of the Grand First Principal, when law that only Past Masters or Masters qualified to fill a Principal's chair was rescin and again when the law was passed th foreign parts P.M.'s of lodges not und jurisdiction of Grand Lodge of England sh be eligible for the chair. On the occ referred to by Comp. Binckes when num members spoke, it was carried that Past ters of other than English lodges shou eligible. That carried the first question vi viz., that Principals must be P.M.'s.

Comp. Percy Leith thought Comp. Bincke right, and that companions who were not M of English lodges were allowed to be Princ colonial chapters, for the very reason th did not want to be compelled to go to l under foreign jurisdictions for eligible Princ when we wished to establish chapters in colonies.

Comp. Browse said if the motion wou contrary to the R.A. Regulations it wou setting a bad precedent. He would like it

granted, but at the same time he thought the law would have to be altered to enable them to do it. Comp. Savage was afraid that if the petition was deferred a delay of six or nine months would take place.

On a division the petition was rejected by sixteen votes to three.

The Committee also reported that they have received a petition—

7. From Companions John Henderson Scott & Z. John St. Clair as H., George Smith as J., and six others, for a Charter to be attached to the Union Lodge, No. 38, Chichester, to be called the Cyrus Chapter, and to meet at the Council Chamber, Chichester, in the county of Sussex.

The petition was regular in form, except that one of the signatories, exalted in May, of which he had given proof, was not yet registered. The Committee therefore recommended that subject to the companion referred to being registered, the prayer of the petition be granted. The following note was added. "The Companion here referred to has been duly registered since the date of this report."

The Board of General Purposes having called the attention of the Committee to a resolution passed at the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge on the third of June last, increasing the salaries of the officials in the Grand Secretary's office, of which Grand Chapter, by arrangement, had one-fifth, and inviting the co-operation of Grand Chapter, so far as it was concerned, in that resolution, the Committee recommended Grand Chapter to concur in that resolution. Comp. Savage proposed the adoption of this recommendation.

Comp. Browse in seconding it said he had much pleasure in doing so, because the duties of his office, which were admirably performed, varied much increased of late years. Carried unanimously.

The Grand Scribe E. having submitted a letter which had received from the Grand Registrar of the Grand Chapter of Ireland, with reference to its connection with the degree of Mark Master, the Committee begged to recommend the same to the consideration of the Grand Chapter.

The letter was then read by Comp. Savage. He expressed the desire of the Grand Chapter of England to recognise the Grand Mark Lodge of Ireland, but desiring always to be on the same footing as it is now with the Supreme Grand Chapter of England, and wished first of all to have the views of the Supreme Grand Master.

Comp. Snell proposed, and Comp. F. Binckes seconded, "That the letter be printed and circulated among Royal Arch Companions, and taken into consideration at the next Grand Chapter." The motion was carried *nem. con.*

Comp. Snell—I hope the Grand Scribe E. will acknowledge the receipt of that letter.

Comp. Buss—He has done so. The motion was then carried to reprint the Regulations as they were out of print.

The motion of Comp. Browse, seconded by Comp. Major Creaton, £1,500 was voted for division among the three Masonic institutions, £500 to the Benevolent Institution, shared equally by the old men and women.

Comp. Sandeman brought up the following report of the Committee's report, which was read at a sitting on the 20th ult., when decided.—

At a special meeting, the Committee, having taken into consideration the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of the 6th of May, 1874,—in relation to the powers of Grand Superintendents in the colonies to grant dispensations for the formation of new chapters,—and the resolution passed thereat, viz:—

That the matter be referred to the Committee of General Purposes, with instructions to consider, report to, and propose at the next meeting of Grand Chapter, such alterations in the laws, if any, or addition to the authority of the Grand Scribe, as they may think it proper for the Grand Chapter to make in reference to the formation of new chapters in districts remote from the home country.

The Committee recommend that the regulations passed at the meeting of the 7th of May, 1873, viz:—

"In a Province or District for which a Superintendent is appointed, the Petition must first be transmitted to him for his recommendation or opinion, but such Superintendent shall have no power to authorize the temporary working of any Chapter pending the transmission of such Petition to England, the consideration thereof, and report thereon by the General Committee, and grant of a Charter in consequence by the Grand Chapter," be repealed, and that the following law be substituted, and form Article 3, page 15, of the Royal Arch Regulations, viz:—

3. "That so far as relates to the formation of new Chapter in the Colonies and Districts remote from England, the M.E. the First Grand Principal is authorized in such cases as he may think fit, to grant by Patent the same power to district Grand Superintendents in reference to the granting of dispensations for the formation of new Chapters, as that which the W.M. Grand Master exercises in regard to District Grand Masters for the formation of new lodges, subject at all times to a petition for a Charter, being submitted to, and being finally approved by the Supreme Grand Chapter."

In bringing it before Grand Chapter, Comp. Sandeman referred to the discussion which took place on the subject at the last meeting of Grand Chapter, and to the discussion which followed thereon. He also repeated the statements as to the difficulties which were experienced in the colonies in establishing chapters where Companions were far separated from each other, and only met in anything like numbers on some great occasion. At these times a chapter could be easily established, but if it was not done at that particular time the chances were it would not be done at all.

Comp. Ransom seconded the motion, which was then put and carried.

Comp. Hamilton—Before we go off this subject I might perhaps throw out a suggestion to the Committee of General Purposes that when they are considering these laws again it will be as well to assimilate in every respect the Grand Superintendents to the District Grand Masters; because it is at present held that the Grand Superintendent cannot delegate his powers to anyone. When I left Jamaica the papers used to be sent to me which I thought could be signed by my Second Principal. I do not see why a First Principal should not be able to delegate his powers to the second in command, in the same way as in the Craft, a Prov. Grand Master can delegate his powers to the Deputy Provincial Grand Master. This I throw out for the consideration of the Committee.

Comp. Savage—we will consider it.

The Grand Chapter was then formally closed and adjourned.

Masonic Tidings.

The Times states, as is seen below, that the prohibition against Freemasonry has been withdrawn in Austria—

"A Vienna Paper states that the prohibition of Freemasonry in Austria has been repealed."

The Daily News, on the contrary, states that "It is officially announced that the petition of the Freemasons requesting permission to establish lodges in Austria has been definitively refused."

When doctors differ who can agree? Perhaps some German Brother can enlighten us.

We have received the programme for the reception of Bro. H.R.H., the Prince of Wales, on Friday, August 14th, at Plymouth. We trust that it may lead to a most successful and satisfactory grand assembly.

We are a little surprised to note that the two Provincial Grand Lodges of Devon and Cornwall should officially style themselves "The United Grand Lodges" of Devon and Cornwall.

There are 43 Grand Lodges in the United States; besides these there are five in North America: Canada, Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and British Columbia, making in all 48, with 8,646 lodges, and 554,758 members.

Bro. W. B. Burrell's interesting photograph has been received with many thanks.

FREEMASONRY IN NEW SOUTH WALES.

SYDNEY LODGE OF AUSTRALIA, 390, E.C.—This "senior" Lodge of the colonies held its ordinary meeting on Tuesday, the 7th April, as Monday was a holiday. In the unavoidable absence of the W.M., James Faulkner Marshall, P.M. Selfe, with his usual ability, filled the chair. Five candidates were accepted and one was withdrawn, in consequence of the absence of the proposer. Two candidates were initiated, and the ceremony was performed very impressively. Twelve pounds were voted to "an old Mason," and the same amount was cordially given to an aged widow of a brother. After "labour," the brethren adjourned to the refreshment room, when the Junior Warden superintended the Craft to the satisfaction of all the brethren. A most enjoyable evening was spent, and the brethren, though loth to separate, retired at a reasonable hour. This lodge held its ordinary meeting on Monday, 5th May, the W.M. in the chair. Three candidates were accepted, and four initiated, and two were passed to the F.C. Degree.

ROBERT BURNS LODGE OF AUSTRALIA, No 817, E.C.—The regular monthly meeting took place on May 11th, pursuant to summonses, and was opened by Bro. P.M. Cassidy, in the absence of the W.M., at ten minutes to eight o'clock. Minutes of the previous monthly meeting were read and confirmed. A good muster of members were present, and also a large number of visitors were chiefly invited. The dais was crowded with Past Masters and Grand Lodge Officers, among whom was one reverend brother from Ballarat, Victoria. At the conclusion of the reading of the minutes, the W.M. entered the lodge, took the chair, and explained the cause of his being late. The ballot for a joining member was deferred to the next monthly meeting, on account of some inaccuracy in the proposition. Three candidates were balloted for and elected, one of whom, together with one previously balloted for, but who had been unable to attend at the previous meeting, were introduced and regularly initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry, according to ancient usage; Bro. P.M. Cassidy delivered the charge, and Bro. P.M. Webster, a visitor, explained the first tracing board. Letters were read from various correspondents, and commented on, as likewise a circular from the Secretary of a committee formed to establish a General Lodge of instruction. The claims of this lodge on the body of Freemasons, under the English Constitution, in the City, were ably advocated by Bros. P.M.'s Cassidy and Mitchell. It was decided that such a lodge was essential, and should be supported by this lodge. On the motion of Bro. J. W. Cohen, seconded by Bro. P.M. Charlton, Bros. P.M. Mitchell and S. W. Isaacs were elected delegates of this lodge to represent it at the General Lodge of Instruction. The following notice of motion was then given by Bro. P.M. Charlton, and seconded by Bro. P.M. Mitchell, "That the sum of £3 3s. be voted as the subscription of this lodge for the present year to the General Lodge of Instruction." This being the whole of the business, the lodge closed in peace and harmony at 12 p.m. The brethren and visitors were then entertained at a banquet, elegantly provided by Bro. Cripps; a happy hour was spent, and all retired highly pleased with the way the evening was passed.

LODGE WOOLLOOMOOLOO, No. 386, S.C.—Monthly meeting, Monday, April 27th, 1874. The lodge opened at 7.50 p.m., in the first or E.A. degree. There was a good attendance of officers, members, and visitors. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, two candidates were examined in the first or E.A. degree, after which the lodge was opened in the second or F.C. degree, and the brethren were duly passed as F.C. Freemasons, and the F.C. Lodge was lowered to the E.A. degree. A letter was received from a brother, thanking the lodge for assisting him when in distressed circumstances. There being no further business the lodge closed in peace and harmony at 9.50 p.m.

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The report of the Grand Lodge of Scotland will be given next week.

The report of the Baldwin Lodge No. 1398, Dalton-in-Furness, also stands over.

"Keystone" has failed to enclose name and address with his communication. If our rule is complied with his letter will appear next week.

TO OUR FOREIGN SUBSCRIBERS.

It is very necessary for our friends to advise us of all money orders they remit, more especially those from the United States of America, otherwise we cannot tell where to credit them. Several remain uncredited at the present time owing to no advice having been received.

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8, 1874.

LABOURS FOR FREEMASONRY.

There is hardly a day passes over our heads but we hear of some old friend and brother Mason leaving the phalanx, falling out by the way, so to say, sometimes overborne by years or sorrows, to whom rest comes as a glad ending to many Masonic labours, or to the honest soul "weary with the march of life." Very few people are at all aware, and even very few Masons seem to realize, how very great sometimes are the sacrifices some of our good brethren make for Masonry, and for the Order. We seem to think it a very easy thing, as it is a very common thing, to see the brethren assembled in the lodges for private work, or in the provincial meeting, or at some Masonic ceremony, or at Grand Lodge communications. We hear their well-known voices, we listen to their cheering words, we are delighted with their admirable work, and we are impressed with their Masonic eloquence. We little think perhaps, as we seldom know, how many sacrifices that worthy Brother and Past Master has made to be there, to fulfil his appointment, to keep his promise in order to help, or influence, or delight his brethren. It may be he has left a struggling family at home, and made a long journey, at an expense he could ill afford, to give pleasure to an ephemeral meeting, which separates, as if it was

all right, and the most natural thing in the world, that that well-known brother should come all that long distance for their satisfaction and behoof. They put it down to zeal for Freemasonry, and talk of him as a worthy and zealous Mason. And all the while it may be a grave question of prudence, whether, poor fellow, he ought to have been at all, whether that money, so ill wanted at home, did not properly belong "a priori" to his wife and children, whether he was justified in taking long a journey, and incurring such expense merely to add éclat to a lodge gathering, or to a crowded room with an eloquent after-dinner speech. Many a good brother of ours, who have known in days of earnest work of all kinds, has often, as we know, made many sacrifices, put himself much about, (though proud to complain of the burden), in order that the brethren might not be disappointed, in order that the programme might be duly carried out. Now we may lay it down as an axiom, incontestable that no one can travel about the world without much expense of money and time, and that there are a great many brethren of ours whose time and talents are freely offered to the service of the brethren, whom such inevitable charges are alike a burden and a serious consideration. Many a zealous earnest Mason goes on working to the last, speaking here, lecturing there, reanimating old, and cheering the young, and all the while amid the comfort, and even splendour of banquets, his thoughts must revert to home, who, after all, have the first claim upon him, and are leading a life of very strict self-denial and even privation at home. We have been led into these thoughts, having had several similar cases, brought before our notice in the years that are past, by the report of the proceedings of the Hampshire Provincial Grand Lodge, by which it appears that our excellent Brother Stebbing's widow and family are left in comparatively indigent circumstances. We feel that the fact needs only to be generally known to the Craft, both in England and south of the Trent to ensure a considerable amount of sympathy and aid. Stebbing's exertions for Freemasonry have been many and great. In his own Hampshire province, and indeed everywhere, his Masonic worth was admired and his Masonic worth was appreciated. That, after his long and active Masonic life, and as a business man, the labours of a long life, he should not prospered, must be a matter of deep regret to every reflecting mind, as to very few men have been given that remarkable combination of commercial excellence, great industrial energy, united with unswerving honesty, integrity, and lightened up with a kind disposition and a "bonhomme" of character which endeared him to his friends, and armed his foes, if he had any. We are therefore, be extremely glad to hear that outside the Hampshire province, a meeting is at once commenced, to assist Hampshire brethren in their laudable efforts to assist the widow and orphans lamented and valued Bro. Stebbing.

MASONIC PERSONALITIES.

It has long been a reproach to Freemasonry that its professed representatives by publication, especially in other days, allowed so much of personality always to intrude into pages given up to the teachings and principles of a peaceful and kindly brotherhood. It seems a strange fact in itself, yet not strange when we look back on the course of the world and of human thought and individual opinion, that all subjects treated on in the pages of Masonic journals, should not be free from personalities in every respect. As a general rule *The Freemason* has been singularly free, on the whole, from any such imputation; but even in some of the letters which have appeared, it might have been better, perhaps if the Masonic censor's pen had been editorially applied to several passages of questionable propriety, personally. But all who have to conduct a journal like this know the real difficulty of any such repressive process. We live in a land of free life and free enquiry, and are lovers of fair dealing and fair play, and were the editor to interfere between two angry combatants, as the foolish man did between an infuriated husband and wife, (shocking fact in itself), he would inevitably receive the reward of such interference; he would be condemned and attacked by both. In fact he would be in the position of amiable Mr. Pickwick, between the indignant Pott and the irascible Slurk. We should never hear the ast of "unauthorised excision," "garbled letters," "suppressed passages," "indefensible treatment," in all that glory of inverted commas, and fiery denunciation with which our "feeble oracles" would soon fill our crowded pages. So all we can do is to counsel a general abstinence from personalities, from imputing motives, from insinuating objects, from all that plethora of venueless incrimination and invective which weaken instead of strengthening, disfigure instead of improving, so many of the writings, so many of the writers, Masonic and non-Masonic, of the day. We shall henceforth exclude anything like actual personalities from our pages, noting the fact, and stating the reason, in all of the correspondence which appears weekly in *The Freemason*. But we can do no more than this! It is a little difficult to lay down an absolute rule, as to what is and what is not personality. Some people may call that "scurrilous," which is, after all, only fair criticism. Some may deem that "personality," which, after all, is only scholarly opposition, for we must bear in mind we have to deal with some very peculiar correspondents. We have the dogmatic, the self-satisfied, the self-laudatory, the impatient, the intolerant, who are sometimes somewhat difficult subjects, while we have those who trade upon a very little, and give less, and expect everyone to submit to some untenable tum, and who yet only show most conclusively to the true scholar, and the competent critic, how, in that one only sense, Pope's line runs, which runs, "a little learning is a dangerous thing." For they at once fall into the hands of those who understand the subject, who have died it "ab origine," and who cannot allow wantonness or superficiality, to impose on the

credulous or the careless. Hence they sometimes treat their opponents a little roughly, driving them from pillar to post. No doubt the "victim" considers it personality. But it is not personality in its true sense, it is honest and well-considered criticism. For, as "truth" is the great object of all enquiry, no one has a right to propound hopeless and untenable theories, and proclaim them to be truth and expect every one to "vail his bonnet," and give assent. If so, honest criticism must be silent, and true knowledge must give way to the idle lucubrations of the incompetent and the sciolist. We must always, therefore, allow a wide margin, in archaeological controversies, as though we, in 1874, have not yet outlived the age of "fables," of "crude fancies," and of "unverified quotations and statements." We think, too, that a little more forbearance should be shown in all discussions and pamphlets, as regards Craft Masonry and the High Grades. It is not right, because we do not approve of the High Grades, for instance, to condemn their proceedings, or to cavil at their ways, to call hard names, and impute bad motives. Neither is it right for High Grade Masons to speak disparagingly of Craft Masonry or to assume any superior station or position. Craft Masonry and the High Grades can co-exist, and ought to co-exist in all of brotherly forbearance and good will. We do not agree in aims or end, it is true, but we must agree to differ, and we can surely demonstrate to others, that our true principles are best illustrated not by words of bitterness or antagonism, but by the deeds of benevolence, sympathy, charity and good will. Some of us will be content to remain, as we have ever been, only Craft Masons, because it is the very universality of our Order which commends itself to our personal support, and dispassionate judgment. Others of us see much of good and utility in the High Grades. So be it! Let us go on our way, treating each other with mutual respect and good will, and we shall see less of Masonic personality, and more, happily, we believe, a good deal more, of Masonic kindness and brotherly love amongst us all.

Culturum in Parbo, or Masonic Notes and Queries.

I think that "A Masonic Enquirer" has done good service by his letter. I hope that the "points" he alludes to may be cleared up by Bro. Paton, though, to say the truth, they all, or most of them, at any rate, belong to the good old period of unverified statements and un-historic traditions. If they are no more well-founded than the so-called Locke letter, I fear they are all in jeopardy as historical facts. For the greatest doubts exist, I believe, as regards the so-called "Locke MS." The fact that the latter existed in MS. was, for the first time, stated in *The Freemason* a week or two ago, by a contributor to Notes and Queries, and that MS. is in Essex's handwriting, and if so, cannot be earlier, by any possibility, than the middle of last century. Essex may have copied it from a manuscript copy, though that copy, if it ever existed, is now unknown, but he probably copied it from the printed version of it, which appeared in more than one Masonic publication. Of Mr. Locke's letter, appended, the original has never been seen, and at the present time, though it cannot be said, perhaps absolutely, that it is a forgery,

we have no satisfactory evidence as yet of its genuineness. It clearly is not a reliable document therefore, in any Masonic controversy.

SCOTICUS.

Original Correspondence.

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

SLIPSHOD TERMINOLOGY.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,

I see in your last *Freemason*, a report of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Hampshire in which it is called by more than one speaker and by the Provincial Grand Master, himself the highest authority there, the "Grand Lodge," "this Grand Lodge," etc. I hope your readers will not deem me hypercritical when I point out this little "erratum," and whether it comes from the reporter, or the brethren who spoke, it is a careless use of words, and deserves to be checked and commented upon.

Some time ago, the Yorkshire Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Masters styled itself the "Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire," which, however, was properly animadverted upon at the time by a Yorkshire Provincial brother, and I think you will accord me space to permit me to submit my little fraternal criticism to day, and my protest against this slipshod terminology on the part of our good Hampshire brethren.

I am, dear sir and brother, yours fraternally,

PARTICULAR P.M.

LODGE BYE-LAWS.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,

I wish to ask you a question on Masonic Law, if it is not too much trouble to insert it in *The Freemason*, to which I have been for some years a subscriber.

No. 3 of the bye-laws of the lodge, of which I am for many years a member, states:—That the Master, Treasurer and Tyler shall be annually nominated in February, and ballotted for in March, and this bye-law has been acted on ever since the lodge had existence. Bye-law No. 22, states—That any brother wishing to propose any alteration or addition to the bye-laws, shall give notice to that effect, at the regular meeting previous to that at which the proposal is to be taken into consideration, and notice of particulars of such propositions shall be inserted in the summonses convening the meeting at which it has to be put to the vote.

The Master, being on a visit to a sister lodge, heard a letter read from Grand Secretary, who said that such a method of electing a Master, was contrary to the constitutions.

At the next regular meeting of his lodge, the Master told the brethren present, what he had heard read at the sister lodge.

It was then proposed "as an unopposed motion," that so far as the election of Master was concerned, No. 3, should be expunged.

Question.—Can bye-law No. 3, be expunged by unopposed motion, in direct opposition to bye-law No. 22.

I am, yours fraternally,

M.M.

[We are of opinion, that bye-law No. 3 being clearly, as the Grand Secretary states, contrary to the Book of Constitutions, is ipso facto, bad per se! And though undoubtedly the more regular way would have been to have acted in conformity with bye-law 22, yet if bye-law 3 was radically unconstitutional, the lodge probably exercised a very wise discretion in expunging it at once, from the bye-laws, where it ought never to have been.

The same objection clearly applies to the election of Treasurer and Tyler.—Ed.]

FREEMASONS AND GOOD TEMPLARS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

IF M.M. has expressed himself correctly in his communication in your last issue, he has entirely mistaken the scope and aims of Freemasonry.

He surely knows sufficient of Freemasonry not to need to be told that a member of any society or sect is at liberty to become a Freemason, under the usual conditions, and if he had ever read our Book of Constitutions he would be aware that the idea of a Good Templar "attending the usual Masonic banquets, as such," even though he be a Freemason, is contrary both to the spirit and letter of the Order.

It is a matter for congratulation to Masons who are not given to hatching such wild notions as those of M.M., to know that the interests of their Order are sufficiently well guarded by Grand Lodge to prevent the concoction of any such anomalous abortion as "A Good Templar Lodge of Freemasons."

What M.M. means by "receiving Good Templars with open arms," it is difficult to discover, since, he admits the "large-heartedness of Masonry, which makes no distinction."

One of two things is certain, either M.M. has failed to master the simplest elementary principles of Freemasonry, or has not the faculty of expressing his meaning in plain English.

I am yours fraternally.

KEYSTONE.

[Our Correspondent is a little unguarded in his remarks about "any society or sect," as "atheists and libertines" are ipso facto inadmissible.—ED.]

SERMON.

BY REV. W. R. COUSINS, D.D., PROV. GRAND CHAPLAIN, VICAR OF DUDLEY.
Preached before the Pro. G. Lodge of Worcester-shire, 23rd June, 1874.

"This commandment have we from Him, That he who loveth God love his brother also."—I. St. John iv., 21.

Living in the middle of the nineteenth century, and casting our thoughts back over the rapidly passing period of four thousand years; we are almost forced to the unwelcome conclusion that arts and sciences have not been co-extensive in their development with the progress of revelation and inspiration.

Mighty nations of antiquity reared in their midst gigantic marvels of architectural beauty, which attest, even now, to the existence of master minds, planning and executing, by a wondrous combination of mechanical appliance and artistic skill, models of beauty, and monuments of graceful execution. Heliopolis, Thebes, and Karnak, Palmyra, Baalbeck, and Nineveh; and then, Corinth, and Athens, and Rome, speak from amid their ruins of one great principle which was underlying the varied systems of various nations; that principle was the worship of the Deity, and the cultivation of science. There was a dominant idea,—always differing, yet always carrying its grain of truth,—the characteristic of each leading nation of antiquity. The Persian might live on romance; the Assyrian might bend low before his monarch, as vice-gerent of the Gods; the Egyptian might mix, with all his musings, the intimate, never absent, thought of death; yet the Hiero-Laotomi, or sacred builders, the theocracy of Egypt, initiated, and then carefully guarded those principles which were connected with astronomy, astrology, and geometry; and which, in after years became to Solomon the basis of that pure Theism, of which he wrote, and in honour of which he erected that magnificent shrine at Jerusalem.

True, Brethren, it is in vain that we ask Baalbec's gorgeous domes, Palmyra's boasted temples, or Egypt's proud pyramids, who their mighty founders were. But the volume of the Sacred Law confirms the statements of Homer and Herodotus, as to the wonderful civilization of the Phœnicians, whose cities were the emporia of commerce, and whose people were noted for scientific knowledge and skill; while

from the architectural monuments in the deserts of Egypt, and the mighty remains of the cities of the East, we turn to that colossal edifice on Salisbury Plain, speaking at once of the rude artificer, but also of the mighty engineering skill, and the geometrical plan, which raised such a temple, though all unworthily, to the worship of the sun. It is not my intention to turn a sermon, limited in length,—into a mere disquisition on Freemasonry, or into a defence of principles. We brethren of the Craft are alike proud of our antiquity, and conscious of the nobility of our purpose, and are this day sanctifying that purpose by religious ceremony, which shall also help to remind us of that principle, once enunciated in the fields of Egypt, but repeated in all the teaching of the Law, "Sirs, ye are brethren." Yet, since there are always those who, as Ovid writes, "damnant quod non intelligunt," (condemn that they do not understand), I will dwell for a few moments, upon the importance of that system which is of the very essence of Freemasonry, and which helps us to obey, experimentally, the words of my text, "This commandment have we from Him, that he who loveth God love his brother also."

Speculative philosophy has held its way through all ages of the world, whether amid nations purely deistical, or amid idolatrous polytheism, or, as now, side by side with the revelations of Christianity; and let us be thankful for what philosophy has taught in the past, and when united to true religion, for what it teaches now.

Freemasonry, as a system of ethics, originated before the times of direct revelation, can recognise in the simple principles of Zoroaster, before destroyed by Oriental fancies, the great theory—as set forth by Moses in the Pentateuch—the principle of the knowledge of good and evil. Freemasonry, as a system of personal morality, accepts Aristotle's account of the teaching of Pythagoras, as the account of a system that must underlie Christianity itself. "The Pythagoreans," he writes, "were the first who determined anything in moral philosophy. Their ethics were of the loftiest and most spiritual description; virtue was with them a harmony, unity, and an endeavour to resemble the Deity; the whole life of man should be an attempt to represent on earth the beauty and harmony displayed in the order of the universe; the mind should have the body and passions under perfect control. The gods should be worshipped by simple purifications, offerings, and above all, by sincerity and purity of heart." And in a manuscript, preserved in the Bodleian Library, in the handwriting of King Henry VI, it is expressly said, that Pythagoras carried Masonry from Egypt and Syria, and from those countries where it had been planted by the Phœnicians; that the Phœnicians carried it into France; and that it was in the course of time imported from that country into England.

The writings of Solomon, containing as they do the very essence of philosophy, are read by us as portions of the inspired word of God; while the works of Solomon, as the founder of the magnificent temple, overlaid with pure gold, connect architecture with the worship, and that a wondrously ornate worship, of the true God.

Thus do we see architecture and religion blended together in a wondrous harmony; and to Freemasonry has been granted the privilege of retaining and ennobling this harmony of thought; nay, to Freemasons must be granted the fame of having erected those elegant churches and stately cathedrals which stud the continent of Europe; and you, brethren, have recently shown yourselves descendants of those men, by your gifts and presence at the re-opening of, the beautiful Cathedral of this Province. To England has been granted the honour of preserving that fraternity which Roman Pontiffs would have otherwise driven into an ungrateful obscurity.

Religion then, brethren, of olden time, as now, is the basis of this our Order. "And in that awful day when the secrets of all hearts shall be disclosed, the gazing multitude who have curiously inquired our secret, shall be astonished to know that the greatest deep of Masonic

secrecy was the unpublished act of doing good. Yes, and when we look upon the numerous guilds and corporations of this land, we remember that, older than them all, in ages long before the gentle influence of Christianity stole into men's hearts, Freemasonry taught that principle so essentially Christian, though so often forgotten in a Christian land; that principle so ably represented by Professor Ruskin, in these words: "Several centuries back the architect who finished the designs did not regard the men who executed them as mere machines, but all worked together with one mind, and nothing greater architecture has been done, save by associated bodies, where all the faculties of mind and hand had been brought out to the utmost."

Brethren, in conclusion, I wish to apply the words of the Apostle of love, though I am assured that none of you need to have them pressed upon you, for true are the words of Arnold, "Freemasonry is a moral Order, instituted by virtuous men, with the praiseworthy object of recalling to our remembrance the most sublime truths, in the midst of the most sublime pleasures, founded on liberality, brotherly love, and charity."

In modern Masonry we still read our duty in the light of those principles which guided our fathers of the time of Solomon.

The thought in my text has been carried into practice by Masons in all time, and comes to us as the commandment of Him who gave the Law to Moses, and repeated it on each of Himself.

Love to God! Love to the Unseen; the Creator, and Artificer of the material and spiritual world. In nothing that we undertake do we forget reverence for the Deity, and gratitude for the blessings of the heaven.

Love to the brethren! and this, because love to God. For charity is a complete and consistent thing. It is not a segment, but a circle. Its affections stream from God, their centre, and all mankind compose their circumference; they go forth, not only in one, but in all directions towards the production of good to others. Brethren, let us seek grace to persevere in every good word and work. By blameless purity of heart and conduct, unstained with sin and sullied with vice, let us be examples to our brethren. There is abundance of suffering humanity in this world of weariness and sorrow, beckoning to us for sympathy and help. Know no distinction of Samaritan and Jew, nor of nation nor religion. Ours is the Royal Law. Royal, but Cosmopolitan—Love to be tested by love to man—Masonry, then, to promote the social happiness of mankind in this world, by the practice of moral virtues. Oh, let us, brethren, never mention the Name of God, but with that awe and reverence which is due from the creature to the Creator. Let us render to our neighbour every kind office of justice or mercy may require, relieving his distresses and soothing his afflictions; thus using the talents wherewith God has blessed us as well to His glory, as to the welfare of fellow-creatures. Then, when Faith has been sight, and Hope, fruition, Love will lead us to the eternal city, to be, each of us, a pillar in the glorious temple in that new Jerusalem where the Great Artificer shall rule and be worshipped by His faithful sons for ever and Amen.

And now to the Mighty Architect of the Universe be ascribed all praise, and worship and adoration, now and for evermore.

CONSECRATION OF A CHAPTER PLUMSTEAD.

A new chapter attached to Pattison I. No. 913, was consecrated at the Lord R. Tavern, on Thursday, 16th July. The ceremony was performed in a most able manner by Comp. John Savage, P.G.S.B. of England P.Z.

The petition for the formation of the C. had been signed by Ex. Comps. John G. C. Coupland, and T. W. Knight, and C. Chapman, Denton, McDoogall, Belfield, Jessup, Butters, and Knodel.

The companions having assembled in the chapter-room, the Installing Principal took the chair, and appointed Ex. Comp. Pattison, P.Z., as H., and Ex. Comp. Coupland, as J.; Comp. James Chapman was appointed Scribe E., who addressed the presiding officer, and the latter having replied in most feeling terms, Comp. Chapman read the petition and warrant, after which followed the Oration, which was delivered in a most eloquent and touching manner, by Ex. Comp. Savage. To those of the companions who remember the occasion of the opening of the Pattison Lodge, now some 13 years ago, it was a matter for great congratulation, that this important opening ceremony was conducted by a noble and so genial a friend, and it was the remark of all who had the pleasure of being present on this occasion that it augured well for the prospects of the chapter that he had made a special point to honour the companions by undertaking the task in the unavoidable absence of the Grand Chaplain.

The Anthem (133 Psalm) and Glory God on High, having been sung by Comp. Sherwin, assisted by Bros. Martin and Farquharson, the interesting ceremony of dedicating and constituting the chapter was performed with due solemnity. Excellent Companion John Graydon, P.Z., is installed as Z.; C. Coupland, as H.; T. W. Light, as J.; Comps. James Chapman as Scribe E.; E. Denton as Scribe N.; John McDougall, Principal Sorjourner; Pend, 1st Assistant; Butters, 2nd Assistant; A. sup, Treasurer. These appointments met with the most cordial approval of the Comps. cordial vote of thanks was given to Ex. Comp. Savage for his kindness in coming to inaugurate the chapter, and a proposition that he be elected an honorary member was carried *nem.*

The occasion was one of more than ordinary importance in consequence of the presence also of Ex-Companion Pattison (who acted as H. on this occasion). It is well known that not only is the freeholder of the estate in this district ring that name, but he is and has always been an ardent supporter of the Pattison Lodge; which is second only in strength and influence in the province of Kent. The occasion was marked by his being the first joining member proposed. The names of Bros. Randall and Coe were then submitted for exaltation and approved. Bro. Barth as a joining member. Comp. M. Sherwin acted as Organist in an able manner. The Installing Officer took occasion to state that he was on the occasion, and with a warm satisfaction he looked upon the honours he had received, and for the strong prospects which he had received of future support, particularly from E. Companion Pattison, whose name is even now well remembered in connection with his zealous support given to the son Lodge when it was in its infancy, who not only seemed highly delighted with the full acknowledgments of his past favours but many present. The chapter having been duly installed, according to ancient custom, the Comps. adjourned to the large Banqueting Room at Lord Raglan, and partook of an excellent served banquet, provided by Bro. Harveymond. The usual toasts having been given, some choice songs having been sung by Companion Sherwin and Bros. Farquharson and Martin, the companions separated at an hour for their respective residences, but before many of them had expressed their gratification at having been spared to see so promising a chapter spring from so excellent a source as the Pattison.

CONSECRATION OF A LODGE AT COATBRIDGE (ST. ANDREWS, NO. 544.)

On Saturday, August 1st, 1874, the districts of Coatbridge and Airdrie were all astir, as it was known that a new Masonic Lodge was to be consecrated, and that afterwards a procession would take place. The time fixed for the commencement of the ceremonies was 8 o'clock, p.m., but before that hour arrived the commodious new hall, which the brethren have obtained, was completely filled, and the Provincial Grand Lodge Officers, who arrived punctually to their time, could hardly find their way to their proper places. In fact the overcrowded state of the hall was the only drawback in the day's proceedings, as nearly 100 brethren could not gain admission to the opening ceremonies.

In the absence of Bro. Merry, the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. J. C. Forrest, the S.P.G.M., very ably officiated. He was supported by Bros. A. Ramsey, P.G.S.W.; J. Mackie, P.G.J.W.; J. Nisbett, P.G.S.; R. J. C. Robertson, M.D.; Acting Chaplain; W. McMurdo, P.G.M. (to whose active exertions a great part of the success of the day must be attributed); H. Schroeder, P.G.D. of Music; W. Forrest, P.G.B.B.; and J. Bryson, P.G.I.G.

Owing to the crowded state of the room the consecrating elements could only be cast just round the altar.

The acting P.G.M. called on Bro. McMurdo to deliver the oration.

Bro. McMurdo, who had been rather suddenly called on to officiate in this capacity, delivered a most excellent oration on the nature and objects of Masonry, which we regret want of space compels us to omit.

The charter having been read, and the brethren present having expressed their satisfaction with the officers named therein, Bro. Alexander Kennedy, the Master nominated, was presented and approved, and thenceforth retired to an ante-room, where he was presented to a board of six Installed Masters, and at the same time eight Past Masters of lodges, who, under the old regulation, had not received the installation degree, were also installed with him. Bro. McMurdo then installed the following as the first officers of the lodge.—John Kennedy, D.M.; J. Knox, S.M.; Joseph Kennedy, S.W.; Jas. Brown, J.W.; R. Stewart, T.; Wm. Neville, Sec.; A. Morley, Chaplain; J. Thorne, S.D.; B. Hodge, J.D.; G. Westwood, S.S.; J. Munro, J.S.; Jas. McCullough, I.G.; and James Jack, Tyler.

The newly-installed Master, in a brief but effective speech, thanked the Prov. Grand Lodge for the honour they had done them by consecrating the lodge and installing him and the other office-bearers of St. Andrews, Coatbridge, No. 544, pledging himself to leave the honour of the lodge untarnished to his successor.

The acting P.G.M. suitably acknowledged the compliment, and proceeded to close the Provincial Grand Lodge.

The new R.W.M. then took his place and opened his lodge in a style which is seldom seen, when, as in this instance, none of the officers had ever before been elected to their respective chairs.

A procession was then formed, under the able direction of Bro. McMurdo, P.G.M., and accompanied by two excellent bands of music and a number of banners, perambulated most of the principal streets.

There were large deputations from most of the lodges in the province notably from No. 7, Hamilton; 31, St. Mary Coltness; 88, New Monkland; 112, Royal Arch, Cambuslang; 106, St. John's, Airdrie; 177, St. James, Old Monkland; 203, St. John's Operative, Airdrie; 305, St. John's, Woodhull; 406, St. John's, Dalziel; from Glasgow province, there were small deputations from 73, Thistle and Rose, and 128, St. John's, Shettleston; there was also a deputation in Arch clothing from the Robert Burns Chapter, 154, Holytown, of which Bro. McMurdo is First Principal. It was headed by O. Meek, Scribe E.

The banquet took place in the same hall, which had been re-arranged during the procession, when about 80 sat down to a substantial repast, for which the march had proved an excellent preparation.

The chair was occupied by the new R.W.M.,

who was supported by his Depute and Substitute Masters, the Wardens in their proper places. The acting P.G.M., and D. of M., had been compelled to leave, but the rest of the officers were present.

After the cloth had been cleared, the R.W.M. gave "The Queen and the Craft," "The Prince of Wales and Royal Family," "The Three Grand Lodges," and the "P.G. Lodge of Middle Ward of Lanark."

Bro. Robertson, acting Chaplain, replied briefly, and Bro. Nesbit, P.G.S., proposed "The New Lodge, and its R.W.M."

Bro. Kennedy said he felt that a very serious responsibility had been placed upon him, but he would try to act up to the obligation he had that day taken.

Bro. Forrest, P.G.B.B., spoke of the obstacles that had been placed in the way of the new lodge, but from past experience he knew that there was nothing like emulation in a district to keep it healthy, and now the only competition should be who could work best. The R.W.M. gave "The Health of Bro. McMurdo." They all had seen his unwearied exertions that day in every department, and without his assistance he felt their meeting would not have been such a success, he was under deep obligations to him, for Bro. Murdo first gave him the light of Masonry, and it was to him, principally, that he was indebted for the Masonic knowledge he possessed.

Bro. McMurdo said, if Bro. Kennedy was proud of him as his Masonic instructor, he had reason to be proud of his pupil, but as we are all human, he must own that he was getting just a little bit jealous, for he feared the pupil would soon outstep the master, but it was only right that young men should desire to take the places of those who have had to work in the good cause. The Prov. G.M. then left, having some miles to go.

The next toast was the *Masonic News* and *The Freemason*. Bro. Adams replied on behalf of the *News*, and Bro. Wheeler for *The Freemason*.

The R.W.M. gave "The Visitors." Bro. J. Campbell, R.W.M. of St. John Shettleston, replied. In the course of his remarks he asked what constituted a "Mason," saying it was not the ceremonies gone through, or words learnt by the head, but it was to have implanted in the heart the true tenets of brotherly love, belief, and truth.

Bro. Allen of No. 7, New York, also replied, expressing the pleasure it had given him to be present.

The R.W.M. gave "St. James, 177, the Sister Lodge," and trusted they should work amicably.

Bro. Winn, Sec. 177, replied, assuring them that there many members of 177 that would gladly hail the consecration of 544, and be willing, as he was, to do all that lay in their power to assist them.

Bro. Cameron proposed the Senior and Junior Wardens of 544; these brethren having replied, the lodge was again called to labour, and then closed in harmony.

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

On Tuesday the 3rd inst., the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Freemasons of Scotland was held in their hall, George Street, Edinburgh. In the unavoidable absence of the Most Worshipful Grand Master Mason of Scotland (Sir Michael Stewart, Bart.), the throne was occupied by Bro. J. T. Oswald of Dunnikier, R.W. Substitute Grand Master, supported by Major Hamilton Ramsay of Garion (R.W. Junior Grand Warden), Acting Senior Grand Warden; Bro. F. A. Barrow (V.W. Senior Grand Deacon), acting R.W. Junior Grand Warden; W. Mann, Past Grand Warden; John Laurie, Grand Secretary; William Hay, V.W. Junior Grand Deacon; Captain Colt of Gartscherrie, Grand Sword Bearer; F. S. Melville, President of the Board of Grand Stewards; Daniel Robinson, Grand Bible Bearer; C. W. M. Muller, Grand Director of Music; R. Davidson, Grand Organist; Murdock Mackenzie, Chief Grand Marshal; and W. M. Bryce, Grand Tyler.

(A full Report of the Proceedings will be given in our next,

LOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—BAD LEGS.—natural discharge from the skin is at all times dis-
sible, but in hot weather it becomes irritating—some-
offensive. Bad legs, old wounds, scrofula, and
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Ointment. It at once arrests all diseases of the
by purifying and regulating the circulation in their
hood, by giving energy to the nerves of the
part, and by expelling all poisonous and noxious
It ejects the seeds of all virulent eruptions and
ons, and thus confers no partial or temporary boon,
complete and permanent cure. By means of these
all sufferers may aim at attaining health, and
sensibly succeed.—ADVT.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The General Committee of the Masonic Boys' School met on the 1st inst., at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. H. Browse, V.P., presided. The other brethren present were, R. Spencer, W. Roebuck, S. Rosenthal, W. Collard Moutrie, Hyde Pullen, John Read, Jesse Turner, E. M. Haig, and Frederick Binckes, (Secretary). A letter from the Marquess of Ripon, G.M., requesting the papers in the "Cluff bequest" to be forwarded to him, as, on account of his leaving town he would be unable to meet Bros. Binckes and Little. A letter from Mrs. Empson was read, in reply to the letter of condolence directed by last General Committee, to be written by Bro. Binckes to her on the death of her husband, the late Bro. Henry Empson. A letter was also read from Bro. Tunnah, Prov. G. Secretary of East Lancashire, informing Bro. Binckes that Bro. Le Gendre N. Starkie, Prov. Grand Master, fully consented to the proposal of Bro. Brockbank, of Bolton to be the general agent and representative, at Bolton of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. Two petitions were received from candidates, one of whom was sent back because he was not able to read. £20 was granted as an outfit to a lad recently in the Institution, and after the transaction of this business the brethren adjourned.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The General Committee of this Institution met on Thursday, the 30th ult., in the library, Freemasons' Hall. Bro. H. Browse, V.P., took the chair, and was supported by Bros. Major Creaton, Thomas W. White, Robt. B. Webster, Richard Spencer, A. H. Tattershall, W. Collard Moutrie, S. Rosenthal, William Stephens, H. Massey, and R. Wentworth Little (Secretary). Three cases of candidates to be placed on the list for election came before the committee, two of which were country cases, and one a London case. The two first were satisfactory, and were ordered to be placed on the list, but in the last, although the girl was eight years of age, she could not read at all. The mother said her daughter could spell the words. On the mother and child retiring, Bro. Browse said it was quite astonishing how parents could so neglect their children's education. Here was a girl eight years old, who knew nothing but her letters. The case was deferred for three months, or until the girl could read. Major Creaton, who then took the chair, as Bro. Browse was compelled to go, said that a rule must be laid down that in every London case a brother from the lodge which recommended it must attend the committee before which it came.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, Aug. 14, 1874.

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

Saturday, August 8.
Lodge 1328, Granite, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1361, United Service, Greyhound, Richmond.
" 1423, Era, King's Arms Hotel, Hampton Court.
Mark Lodge 104, Macdonald, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue.
Manchester Lodge of Instruction (179), Yorkshire Grey, 77, London-street, Fitzroy-square, at 8; Bro. H. Ash, Preceptor.
Lily Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, Surrey.
Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. G. Dilley, Preceptor.

Monday, August 10.
Chap. 720, Panmure, Horns Tavern, Kennington.
Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction (1445), Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland, at 7; Bro. T. Austin, Preceptor.
Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.
Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.
Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern, Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gutheil, Preceptor.
British Oak Lodge of Instruction (813), Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.

St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street (opposite the Pantheon), Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.
Wellington Lodge of Instruction, White Swan Tavern, Deptford, at 8; Bro. C. G. Dilley, P.M. 1155, Preceptor.
West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
Metropolitan Mark Lodge of Instruction, Coach and Horses Hotel, 323, Strand, at 8.

Tuesday, August 11.

Lodge 167, St. John's, Holly Bush Tavern, Hampstead.
" 548, Wellington, White Swan Tavern, Deptford.
" 1269, Stanhope, Thicket Hotel, Anerley.
Varborough Lodge of Instruction (554), Green Dragon Steepy, at 8; Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.
Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tavern, Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 8.
Faith Lodge of Instruction (141), Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st., (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cotterburne, Preceptor.
Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Lord's Hotel, Lord's Cricket Ground, St. John's-wood, at 8; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.
Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction (860), King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. Crawley, Preceptor.
Prosperity Lodge of Instruction (65), Gladstone Tavern, Bishop-gate-st., Within, at 7.30; Bro. Bolton, W.M. 1227, Preceptor.
St. Marybone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, Nev-street, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (55), Wheatheaf Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey (P.M. 180), Preceptor.
Percy Lodge of Instruction, Grapes Tavern, Little Windmill-street, W.

Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor.
Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30.

Wednesday, August 12.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at 3.
Lodge 12, Fortitude and Old Cumberland, Ship and Tuttle, Leadenhall-street.
" 1228, Beacontree, Private Rooms, Leytonstone.
" 1260, Hervey, Swan Hotel, Waltham-green.
" 1305, St. Marybone, Eyre Arms Tavern, St. John's-wood.
" 1306, St. John of Wapping, Gun Tavern, High-street, Deptford.
New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8.
Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
Confidence Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lace, at 7.30.
Peckham Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham, at 8; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor.
Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar.
Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, Thicket Hotel, Anerley, at 7.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction (1288), Finsbury Park Tavern, Seven Sisters-road, N., at 8. Bro. P. Dickinson, Acting Preceptor.
United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
Southwark Lodge of Instruction, (879), Southwark Park Tavern, Southwark Park, at 8; Bro. Charles William Kent, Preceptor.

Thursday, August 13.

K. T. Preceptor 45, Temple Cressing, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.
Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham Court-road, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Anglers' Tavern, Bath-street, City-road; Bro. Stean, Preceptor.
United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
Whittington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern Holborn, at 8; Bro. Lewis Alexander, P.M. 188, Preceptor.
Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
Ebury Lodge of Instruction, Bro. Palmer's, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.
Highgate Lodge of Instruction (1366), Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.

Friday, August 14.

Lodge 1420, Earl Spencer, Freemasons' Hotel, New Wandsworth.
St. George's Lodge of Instruction (140), Globe Tavern, Royal-hill, Greenwich.
Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, (749), Coach and Horses, Strand, at 8; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.
Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.
Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tavern, Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.
Clapton Lodge of Instruction (1365), White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., Preceptor.
Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1293), the Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. W. F. Rogers, Precep.

Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (79), Orange, Greenwich-road, at 8; Comp. W. W. Preceptor.

Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, Portugal Ho street, at 7; Bro. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.
Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (733), Horse and Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8.

United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Antelope Lorn-road, Brixton, at 7.

St. James's Lodge of Instruction, New Tanner Grange-road, Bermondsey, at 8; Bro. Ho Preceptor.

Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silk Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Bro. D. S. Potts, Doric Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, end-road, at 8.

Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Wales's-road, N.W., at 8; Bro. P. M. W. Preceptor.

St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Rose Fulham-road, S.W.

Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Star, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.

High Cross Lodge of Instruction (754), Coach and High Road, Tottenham.

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

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

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, Aug. 15, 1918.

Monday, August 10.
Lodge 314, Peace and Unity, Militia Mess Preston.

" 721, Independence, Masonic Chambers, row, North Chester, at 5.

" 1021, Hartington, Masonic Hall, Barrow-in-Furness.

" 1398, Baldwin, Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.

Tuesday, August 11.

Lodge 241, Merchants', Masonic Temple, Liverpool.

" 1250, Gilbert Greenall, Masonic Rooms, Liverpool.

Wednesday, August 12.

Lodge 281, Fortitude, Athenaeum, Lancaster.

" 1052, Callender, Public Hall, Rusholme.

" 1094, Temple, Masonic Temple, at 6.

" 1356, De Grey and Ripon, 140, North Hill, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 6.

Chap. 673, St. John's, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.30.

St. John's Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 8.

Neptune Lodge of Instruction (1264), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 7.

Thursday, August 13.

Lodge 333, Royal Preston, Victoria Garrison Hotel, near Preston.

" 1035, Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, at 6.

" 1213, Bridgewater, Cross Keys Hotel, near Manchester.

Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction (111), Park-lane, Toxteth-park, Liverpool.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW VICINITY.

For the week ending Saturday, Aug. 15, 1918. All the Meetings take place at 8 o'clock.

Monday, August 10.

Lodge 102, St. Mark, St. Mark's Hall, Buchanan-st.

" 219, Star, 12, Tron-gate.

" 362, St. Clair, 25, Robertson-street.

" 541, Marie Stuart, Watson's Academy, Crosshill.

" 503, St. George, Odd Fellows' Hall, Helix.

Tuesday, August 11.

Lodge 413, Athole, 213, Buchanan-st.

" 419, Neptune, 35, St. James-st.

" 441, Glasgow, 22, Struthers-street.

" 370, Renfrew County Kilwinning, Paisley.

Chap. 69, St. Andrew, 170, Buchanan-st.

Wednesday, August 12.

Lodge 178, Scotia, 170, Buchanan-st.

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

" 510, Maryhill, 167, Main-street, Maryhill.

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

Thursday, August 13.

Lodge 88, New Monkland, Town Hall, Airdrie.

Chap. 50, Glasgow, 213, Buchanan-street.

Friday, August 14.

Lodge 18, Kilwinning, Mission Hall, Dumbarton.

" 170, St. John's, Public Hall, Alexandria.

" 471, St. John, Stane Inn, Shots.

Chap. 144, St. Rollox, Freemasons' Hall, Gar.

Saturday, August 15.

Lodge 305, St. John's Woodhall, Masons' Hall, Glasgow.

" 544, St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, Glasgow.

" 824, St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, Glasgow.

Advertisements.

ELECTION OCTOBER 1874.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The Votes of Subscribers are respectfully solicited on behalf of BEATRICE A. F. NEWMAN, daughter of the late Bro. William J. Newman (a Subscriber to the Institution), formerly Superintendent of the Exhibitors' Department, Crystal Palace. Member of the Crystal Palace Lodge, No. 742, and of the William Preston Lodge, No. 766; who died on the 19th December, 1868, leaving a Widow and Six children dependent on Friends. One Boy is being educated in the Royal Masonic Institution. The case is strongly recommended by the Crystal Palace Lodge, No. 742; the William Preston Lodge, No. 766; and by several Vice-Presidents, Governors, and Subscribers, of whom the following will receive Proxies.

Bro. John Bertram, Alexandra Palace, Muswell-hill, N.
 O. H. Colven, 33, Seething-lane, E.C.
 H. G. Garrod, 23, Rood-lane, E.C.
 W. H. Harper, 13, Church-road, Upper Norwood, S.E.
 W. Hopckirk, Crystal Palace, S.E.
 Charles Horsley, 3, Staple Inn, W.C.
 G. J. Kain, 37, Alfred-place, West, S.W.
 George Kenning, (Vice-Patron), Upper Sydenham
 W. J. Miller, Mount-street, Berkeley-square, W.
 John Skinner, St. Leonards-on-Sea.
 H. T. Thompson, Waldoek-villa, Albert-road, Peckham, S.E.
 W. Wornell-Lloyd, E.C.

Proxies for either of the Masonic Institutions will be acceptable on Exchange.

ELECTION AUGUST 14, 1874.

ROYAL ASYLUM OF ST. ANNE'S SOCIETY.

The favour of the Votes and Interest of the Governors and Subscribers of the above Society is earnestly solicited for CLARA LOHMANN, aged 8 years, and No. 43 on the List. Her father, Rector Dr. Mann, of Hanover, died suddenly after preaching a funeral sermon at an open grave during heavy rain, leaving his young wife and children to their sorrow and unprovided for. The Rev. Dr. Mann was a Freemason of high standing, and a distinguished member of the Masonic Royal York Lodge Pythagoras, and his case has been noticed by all who knew him. He was esteemed and loved by all who knew him. He was nominated by the Rev. G. H. Hill, St. Helen's, Regent's-park, N.W.; and is strongly recommended by the Dowager Lady Willoughby de Broke, Hill-street, London. Mrs. R. Gosling, of Hassobury, Bishop Stortford. The Rev. A. G. Edouart, The Vicarage, Leominster. organ Thomas, Esq., Halstead Lodge, Denmark-road, Carshalton. Mrs. E. Ker, Esq., 5, Victoria-square, Clifton, Bristol. Bro. Woolcott, Esq., F.R.C.S., Tunbridge Wells. Copies will be most thankfully received by Madame Lohmann, Gosling's, Esq., Hossobury, Bishop Stortford; and by Mr. Athan Saunders, Sandling-road, Maidstone.

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Craft Masonry.

SUTTON.—*Frederick Lodge of Unity* (No. 452).—The August regular meeting of the Frederick Lodge of Unity was held on the 4th inst., at the Station Hotel, Sutton, and was presided over by the W.M., Bro. A. J. Dickinson. Among other brethren who were present were Bros. W. S. Masterman, S.W.; J. W. Sugg, J.W.; James Robins, P.M. and Treasurer; Magnus Ohren, P.M. and Secretary. P.P.G. Warden for Surrey; George Wright, S.D.; N. J. Jeffery, J.D.; H. E. Frances, D.C.; Edward W. Sagg, Organist; Charles H. Edwards, I.G.; Wm. Sugg, P.M.; Samuel H. Christmas, Charles M. Ohren, R. J. Bell, F. A. Manning, Edward Ohren, and J. W. Gray. Bro. M. Sharpe, 197, was also present as a guest. After the reading and confirmation of the minutes of the former meeting, Bro. Manning was raised to the third degree. Bros. Charles M. Ohren, and H. Christmas were passed to the second degree. Bro. Edward Ohren, late of lodge *Liberta e Progresso*, Cagliari, under the Italian Constitution, having been balloted for as a joining member and unanimously elected, was passed to the second degree by his father, Bro. Magnus Ohren. Messrs. George Christie, of Perry Hill, and John Wm. Gray, C.E., of 16, Southampton-buildings, Chancery-lane, were successfully balloted for and initiated. The following motion, by Bro. Magnus Ohren, of which notice had been given, was then brought in by that brother, and carried *nem. con.*—"That Bros. F. A. Manning, A. J. Dickinson, W.M., and George Wright, S.D., having given their names as willing to serve the office of Steward to represent this lodge at the three Masonic Festivals for 1875, viz:—For the Royal Masonic Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, Bro. Manning, for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, Bro. A. J. Dickinson, W.M.; and the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, Bro. George Wright, S.D.; that the sum of £5 be given from the funds of the lodge to be put on Bro. Manning's list, and that £5 5s. be given from the funds of the lodge for Bro. Dickinson's list, and the like sum for Bro. Wright's list, for the respective Institutions for which they serve the office of Steward, and that the Treasurer be instructed accordingly." The Treasurer's (Bro. James Robins) report, which was read, stated the balance in hand to the credit of the lodge on the 31st ult., at £61 17s. 3d. Some letters of apology from absent brethren were afterwards read, and the lodge then closed. The brethren afterwards partook of an excellent banquet.

WEST DERRY.—*Pembroke Lodge* (No. 1299).—The annual summer festival of the members of this lodge, which holds its meetings at West Erby, near Liverpool, took place on Thursday, the 6th inst., and pleasant weather, a well selected and charming locality for the days' out, and a company which started with the determination of making the day enjoyable, all went to make the Pembroke picnic of 1874, the most pleasant of the series. The arrangements, which were of the most satisfactory nature, were entrusted to the following committee:—Bros. Thomas Marsh, P.M., P. Prov. D. of C. West Lanc.; Wm. Crane, P.M.; J. M. S. Vines, P.M.; J. Sellar, P.M.; Wm. Jones, P.M.; Richard Bennett, H. Liversage, P.M.; Aspinall, Alex. Jones, Wm. Avis, J. Capell,

A. E. Kirkpatrick, Lonsdale, W. S. Bennett, Wm. Brown, Hiles, Stonewehr, Frank Moss, Boston. Bro. Joseph Clegg, P.M., was the Master of Ceremonies, Bro. A. T. Smith, Secretary, and Bro. Macmaldrow, W.M., Treasurer. In consequence of excellent generalising as to trains, boats, provisions, &c., there was not the slightest hitch during the whole of the long summer day's trip, special praise being due to Bro. Macmaldrow, W.M., for his exertions, to Bro. J. Clegg, the I.P.M., M.C. who was the very essence of courtesy and industry, and all the other members of committee deserve the greatest credit, being admirably assisted by a strong and willing band of Stewards. The spot selected for this year's holiday, was the grounds of the Rope Ferry Hotel, near Eaton, a charming spot on the banks of the River Dee, nearly five miles from the ancient city of Chester, and two from the Duke of Westminster's famous mansion of Eaton Hall. The weather was of the most enjoyable nature, and if it had been specially ordered, like the other *et ceteras* of the pic-nic, it could not have been better suited for the day's outing. The Pembroke party, numbering nearly 100 ladies and gentlemen, started from Lime-street station, Liverpool, in the morning, a large saloon, and other first-class carriages being specially allotted to them. They arrived in Chester about noon, and were soon on their way to Aikman's Gardens in the Groves, where several large barges were in readiness to convey them up the Dee. The row on the river was one of the most pleasant features of the day's excursion, for while the sturdy oarsmen plied themselves to their task, music meanwhile brightened the journey, and many a joke made the welkin echo with the silvery laughter of the ladies, and the more sober audible smile of the gentlemen. The Rope Ferry was reached, about half-past one, and shortly afterwards the whole party, with appetites sharpened by the "sea voyage," sat down to a capital dinner, provided by Bro. Bolland, of Chester. The volunteer stewards did the "state some service," which deserved to be honourably mentioned. No time was wasted in formal speechmaking, and the pic-nickers at once proceeded to seek enjoyment in the way most congenial to his or her individual taste. Many proceeded in the barges up the Dee to the Iron Bridge, where they landed and strolled through the magnificent gardens and grounds of the Duke of Westminster; others crossed the ferry and walked through the meadows to the Hall, whilst others remained at the Rope Ferry, and enjoyed themselves with dancing and other pleasant pastimes. At six o'clock tea was served up on a long range of tables laid out in the open air, on the margin of the river. This over, dancing and outdoor amusements were resumed till about half-past seven, when the signal was given for returning. All were soon in the barges and other boats, and the party started back for Chester in the cool of a most delightful summer evening, the playing of the musicians and many excellent songs greatly adding once more to the enjoyment of the party. Chester was reached about nine o'clock, and as the return train did not start till 10-15 p.m., many of the ladies and gentlemen took a quiet stroll through the quaint "rows" of the old city. All mustered in good time at the station, the train started punctually, and Liverpool was reached about half-past eleven o'clock. Others than "mystics" were allowed to join the party, and amongst the visiting brethren were—Bros. T. Page, 823; Carlisle, 823; J. Vaughan, S.D. 86; Smallwood, 823; D. W. Winstanley, P.M. 1094; T. G. Winstanley, 1094; Healing, J.W. 1041; &c.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS.—*Baldwin Lodge* (No. 1398).—On Friday, July 31, 1874, the brethren of this lodge assembled to take part in the august ceremony of the installation of the Worshipful Master elect. Amongst the members there were present Bros. Pearson, P.G.P.; John Case, P.M.; James Postlethwaite, W.M.; H. Horn, S.W.; F. C. Clarke, J.W.; R. Blake, Secretary; F. Bell, Treasurer; J. Walton, S.D.; F. Grieve, J.D.; Rev. J. M. Morgan, Chaplain; F. Hosking, Organist; F. Atkinson, S.S.; C. Godby, J.S.; W. Dazell, I.G.; F. Cooper, Tyler; John Hartley, Sec. 995, and 1398; Geldart,

Matthews, I.P.M. 995; Francis Postlethwaite, John Geldart, and Joseph Rawlinson. The visitors were Bros. R. Dodgson, W.M. 995, and 1398, P.P.G.S.B.C. and W.; John Mills, W.M. 1398, P.G.S.W. C. and W.; Thomas Dodgson, P.M., 995, 1398, and P.G. Steward of C. and W.; and Bros. Hooker, Eckersley, Mann, Haslam, McKnight, Taylor, W. Waiting, Meredith, F. C. Warne, Kitchen, Parker, and Harper. The officers elect for the ensuing year are as follows:—Bros. William Whiteside, I.P.M.; James Postlethwaite, W.M.; Wm. Horn, S.W.; Francis Clark, J.W.; John Case, I.P.M.; Frederick Bell, Treasurer; Robert Blake, Secretary; John Walton, S.D.; Thomas Grieve, J.D.; Wm. Dazell, I.G.; Frederick Atkinson, S.S.; Christopher Godby, J.S.; and Thomas Cooper, Tyler. The installation ceremony was impressively performed by Bro. Reuben Pearson, Prov. G.P., and P.M. of the lodge, assisted by Bro. Roger Dodgson, P.P.G.S.B. C. and W.; and Bro. Case, P.M. After the W.M., Bro. J. Postlethwaite, had been duly installed, the members adjourned to the banquet, which was held at the Wellington Hotel, Dalton, Bro. Bell, the caterer, served up a spread which reflected the highest credit upon his abilities in that direction, and fully showed the capabilities of his establishment. Bro. Postlethwaite, W.M., occupied the chair, and Bro. Horn, Senior Warden, the vice-chair. Bro. the Rev. J. M. Morgan, vicar of Dalton parish, and Chaplain of the Baldwin Lodge, offered up the grace before meat. After the guests had done ample justice to the good spread provided, the W.M. proposed the toast, "The Queen, the Prince and Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family;" and after this had been suitably responded to, the company sang the National Anthem. "The Army, Navy, and Volunteers," was followed by a favourite song, "Let me like a Soldier fall," by Bro. Harper. The W.M. then proposed "The M.W. the Grand Master, Earl de Grey and Ripon, the R.W. the D.G.M., Earl Carnarvon, the M.W. the Past G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and Officers of the Grand Lodge of England," which was then observed with the usual honours. Bro. Derbyshire then contributed a song to the harmony of the evening. The toast of the evening, "The W.M. of the Baldwin Lodge, No. 1398," was then drunk with enthusiasm, and Bro. Parker gave a song. The W.M. having feelingly responded, "The I.P.M., the Wardens and Officers of 1398," were then given by Bro. Postlethwaite, and who at the same time said he had another highly pleasing duty to perform, and that was on behalf of the lodge to present to Bro. Whiteside, the I.P.M., with a beautiful jewel, as a mark of the high esteem in which he was held by the brethren of the lodge over which he had so efficiently presided for the past twelve months, and who had also been the chief means of getting the Baldwin Lodge established in this town. Bro. Whiteside responded, in very feeling terms. The W.M. gave "The Installing Master," and Bro. R. Pearson, P.G.P., ably replied. The toast of "The Clerical Brethren," was answered by Bro. the Rev. J. M. Morgan; song by Bro. Harper, and Bro. Johnson also sang, "Judge not a man by the Coat that he wears." "The Masonic Charities" was followed by a song rendered by Bro. Bell, "The Old Water Mill." "The Visiting Brethren," was now duly honoured, and appropriate thanks were rendered. "The Ladies," by Bro. Blake, Secretary; "Our Musical Friends and Brethren," came on in turn, the toast list concluding with "To all Poor and Distressed Masons," by Bro. Cooper, Tyler. The entire proceedings were of a very pleasurable character, the speeches were pithy, and received with great favour, and the tone of the meeting was such that this gathering will be long remembered as one of the most enjoyable of its kind.

Scotland.

GLASGOW.—*Thistle and Rose Lodge* (No. 73).—The R.W.M., Bro. G. Weston, opened the lodge on Tuesday, the 4th inst., at 8 p.m., assisted by A. McLeod as S.W.; D. Rumsey, as J.W.; R. Richards, Sec.; and other officers, there being one candidate for initiation.

At the request of the R.W.M., Bro. Park, P.M., acted as S.D., and Bro. Wm. B. Pattison, Sec. 27, as Master, giving the initiatory ceremony with that care and minuteness that distinguishes all Bro. Pattison's working. The Secretary reported upon the case of a widow of one of one of the members, and a sum was voted for her relief. An application for relief from a brother under the Irish Constitution was also entertained.

GLASGOW.—Commercial Lodge (No. 360).—It having been announced that this old and influential lodge would assemble for the first time in their new hall in Hope-street, there was a goodly muster of visitors present to congratulate them on the auspicious occasion, amongst whom we recognised Bros. J. C. Speir, of Mother Kilwinning, No. 0; W. B. Patterson, Sec.; W. Bassett, 27; McGregor, 30; G. Western, R.W.M., and G. W. Wheeler, 73; J. O. Park, 175, Greenock, St. Johns; J. Duthie, P.M. 219; J. Potter, R.W.M. 153; J. Stewart, 332; J. McGennis, S.W.; Wm. Harper, T.; and several other brethren from the Clyde Lodge, 480. G. Adams, 342; J. Shaw, 354; J. Hughes, E. Montgomery, 465; J. D. Porteous, R.W.M., and J. Brodie, D.M., 541; and W. J. Pickerton, 452, (E.C.) A letter of apology having been read from Bro. Morton, M.D., the R.W.M., stating that he was unable to attend through illness, the chair was taken by Bro. Porteous, I.P.M., who was supported on the dais by Bro. J. Brodie, P.M., J. Davidson, P.M.; A. Martin, Sec.; J. Munro, D.M.; J. Anderson, R.W.M., Renfrew County Kilwinning, and J. Peters, R.W.M., Royal Arch Pollockshaws; Oliver, S.W.; Lamb, J.W., and all the other officers of the lodge being present. The Acting Master expressed his regret at having to take the chair, as it arose from the illness of his esteemed friend, Dr. Martin, otherwise he was proud to have to preside over such an influential meeting. He must also apologise for the unfinished state of the hall; they expected it would have been completed, but, as they saw, the decorations were not complete, and so visitors could hardly judge of the beauties of their new home. A hearty vote of thanks was given to the committee who had had the superintendance of the alterations. Bros. John Munro and Julius Brodie acknowledged the compliment. The lodge, having been placed under the care of the J.W., the Master gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. J. Davison, P.M., as the oldest member of the lodge present, proposed "Continued Prosperity to Lodge Commercial 360;" the R.W.M. acknowledged the toast, alluding to the happy hours they had spent in their old hall, and trusting this pleasant meeting might be considered as a good augury for the future. Bro. Munro, D.M., gave the "Masonic Press." In an eloquent address he pointed out the advantages of being adequately represented in the press, and called on them not only to support *The Freemason* and *Masonic News*, but also the *Masonic Magazine*. Bro. Bassett replied for the *Masonic News*, and Bro. Bickerton for *The Freemason*, who assured them that nothing would be wanting on the part of Bro. Kenning to render *The Freemason* in every way worthy of their support. Bro. G. W. Wheeler having been called on, spoke of the advantages of the *Masonic Magazine* to all who wished to study Masonic archæology, or to get a deeper insight into the real beauties of Masonry. The R.W.M. proposed "The Visitors;" they were proud to see so many present on this occasion. Bro. Speirs, as member of the Mother Kilwinning, was proud to be able to respond for the visitors, and thank the members of the Lodge Commercial for their fraternal greeting; if the lodge was glad to see visitors, those visitors were glad to see this old lodge in such comfortable new quarters. "Happy to meet, sorry to part, and happy to meet again" terminated the toast list. Bros. J. Crabb and J. E. Speirs contributed to the harmony of the meeting by their musical abilities.

Lodge Union (No. 332) held their monthly meeting on August 4th; there was one candidate, who was initiated in a very careful manner by Bro. McNair, R.W.M., who was ably assisted by his office-bearers.

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND:

On Tuesday the 3rd inst., the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Freemasons of Scotland was held in their hall, George Street, Edinburgh. In the unavoidable absence of the Most Worshipful Grand Master Mason of Scotland (Sir Michael Stewart, Bart.), the throne was occupied by Bro. J. T. Oswald of Dunnikier, R.W. Substitute Grand Master, supported by the officers of Grand Lodge, as reported in our columns last week.

After the usual preliminary business, The Grand Secretary, at the request of the Acting R.W. Grand Master, read letters from the M.W. Grand Master (Sir Michael Shaw Stewart) and the P.P.G. Master (the Earl of Rosslyn), expressing their deep sense of the loss which the Craft had sustained by the death of the Earl of Dalhousie, R.W. Past Grand Master, and by that of Lord James C. P. Murray, R.W. Depute Grand Master.

The M.W. Grand Master, writing from Norway on the 8th July, conveyed in feeling terms the regret he experienced at the death of these two noble and distinguished brethren, stating that he could well understand the gloom which such events must spread over the whole of the Craft in Scotland, and he begged that the brethren might be assured how sincerely he joined in the grief which they, one and all, must feel for the great loss the body had sustained, and how anxious he was to unite with them in the expressions of condolence which would be conveyed to the relatives who were mourning the loss of the departed brethren.

The Earl of Rosslyn (M.W.P.G. Master) in his letter stated that to him it was the subject of sincere regret that he was unable to be present at the quarterly communication, to express his sense of the severe loss Freemasonry had sustained in every part of the world, more especially in Scotland, by the lamented death of Past Grand Master Lord Dalhousie, and Depute Grand Master Lord James C. P. Murray. His intimate personal acquaintance with them both would enable him to speak of those qualities which illustrate the characters of good men, and serve as examples to guide and encourage those who survive them. It was but natural that they should deeply feel and truly deplore the death of P.G. Master Lord Dalhousie. Succeeding him upon the throne, he (Lord Rosslyn) was always glad to ask his advice and counsel on many points of interest and difficulty, and never did he find wanting that courteous consideration and that clear-sighted common sense by which he was so much characterised. It would not become him (Lord Rosslyn) in a few hurried lines to allude to those private virtues which endeared Lord Dalhousie to a numerous tenantry and a wide circle of friends, but in his death he had left this hope and consolation, that a life passed in maintaining deep and independent religious convictions, in the practice of good and numerous acts of brotherly kindness, and in giving up selfish amusements for the sake of the public service, had not passed in vain, but might serve to ornament the history of the Craft he so loved and which he so much advanced, and might prove a noble guide to those who endeavoured to tread in his footsteps and imitate his example. The amiable qualities of the late Depute Grand Master (Lord Murray) he was sure would be done full justice to by his relative, the Substitute Grand Master. But he (Lord Rosslyn) would yield to none in his heartfelt regret that it had not pleased Providence to spare Lord James Murray to complete the natural ambition of his life, and attain the highest place in Scottish Masonry.

The Acting M.W. Grand Master then said—Brethren,—After the very able and kind letters which have just been read, I do not feel called upon to say very much on a melancholy occasion of this kind. Our late lamented brother, Lord James Murray, was one whom I had known from infancy. He and I were brought up together; we went to the same school; we went abroad together. He entered the Scots Fusiliers while I entered the Grenadiers; still we served in the same brigade, and until the Crimean War, I may say that no man ever saw more of another

than I did of him. After that, from the circumstances of our being in different parts of the country, I did not see so much of him; but you will believe me when I say that during the period of my acquaintance with him, I never saw him make an enemy. May it be ours, brethren, to have an epitaph to that effect—that during a long and anxious life we never made an enemy. He attended all their meetings, although that occasioned his coming from a considerable distance; and I am sorry indeed that he did not live to attain to the height of his ambition by occupying the throne. No doubt he would have done so had Providence been pleased to spare him, for I know well that in this lodge he was appreciated and loved as a true brother. With regard to our other deceased brother, Lord Dalhousie, there certainly never was one who occupied this throne in a manner that gave greater satisfaction to the brethren of the lodge. (Applause.) He was a man different in many respects from the other brother I have spoken of—a man of strong views, who did not hesitate to give them forth strongly; but his views in the main were just and right, and I know no one who could have filled the throne of this lodge with greater satisfaction. (Applause.) I beg to propose—and it will be no more than our duty to do so—that we, as Grand Lodge, send letters of condolence to Lady James Murray and to Lady Christian Maule, who have experienced so great a loss by the death of these near relatives, and who, I know, are deeply interested in Masonry. (Applause.)

The Grand Secretary then read the addresses as follows:—
"To the Right Honourable the Lady Christian Maule.

"We, the Most Worshipful Sir Michael Robert Shaw Stewart, Bart., Grand Master Mason of Scotland; the Right Honourable Francis Robert, Earl of Rosslyn, Right Worshipful Past Grand Master; and the Right Worshipful James Townsend Oswald, Esq., of Dunnikier, Substitute Grand Master, in our own names and on behalf of the remanent office-bearers and members of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Scotland, beg leave to tender to your Ladyship the sincere expression of our heartfelt sympathy and condolence on the irreparable loss sustained by your Ladyship in the decease of your illustrious brother, the Right Honourable Fox Maule, Earl of Dalhousie, K.T., G.C.B., &c., &c., our Right Worshipful, much revered, and beloved Past Grand Master.

"Throughout a long life, passed for the most part in the service of his country, his Lordship took a deep interest in our Masonic Craft, and for a period of three years he held amongst us the first—the highest—place as Grand Master Mason of Scotland, during which period he governed the Craft as he had previously served it, with fidelity to its interests, loyalty to its obligations, and with entire self-devotion, unsparring of any sacrifice. His great aim was to promote and extend the benevolent institutions connected with our Order, and to disseminate as widely as his great influence extended the pure principles of fraternal love and charity. His efforts in these directions were attended with marked success, and it is to his Lordship's influence that the Scottish Craft are indebted for the patronage accorded to them by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. In his intercourse with the brethren he was never found to be wanting in that courteous consideration and clear-sighted common sense, which, when combined, are among the highest attributes of natural ability and cultivated intellect, and which gained for him an affection and veneration to a degree rarely attained. These will ever be associated with his memory.

"While lamenting his loss, we fervently pray that the Almighty Architect of the Universe, to whom alone in the hour of darkness and of trial we must look for consolation, will bestow upon your Ladyship His everlasting blessing and give you strength and resignation to bear the severe dispensation with which it has pleased Him to visit you.

"Given at Freemasons' Hall, in the City of Edinburgh, in full Grand Lodge assembled, the third day of August, 1874.

The address to Lady James Murray was read, as follows:—

"To the Right Hon. the Lady James Murray
"We, the Most Worshipful Sir Michael Robert Shaw Stewart, Bart., Grand Master Mason of Scotland; the Right Honourable Francis Robert, Earl of Rosslyn, Right Worshipful Past Grand Master; and the Right Worshipful James Townsend Oswald, Esquire, of Dunnikier, Substitute Grand Master, in our own names and on behalf of the remanent office-bearers and members of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Scotland, beg to approach your Ladyship with the fervent expression of our heartfelt sympathy and condolence on the irreparable loss and bereavement sustained by your Ladyship in the decease of your beloved husband, our Right Worshipful Depute Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Lord James Charles Plantagenet Murray, by which melancholy event the great and widespread Craft of Freemasonry in general, and our own Scottish fraternity in particular, have been deprived of one of the brightest examples of a craftsman, in whose character was united all that is great and good and noble. His invariably kind and dignified courtesy and gentle demeanour made him beloved by all with whom he came in contact; and his services to the Grand Lodge of Scotland, extending over a long series of years, were, by his unremitting exertions, and the exercise of a well-cultivated experience in the discharge of the duties of the various offices in the Craft which he was from time to time called upon to occupy, most invaluable, and very sincere is the sorrow of our Scottish brotherhood throughout the world, which mingles affectionately with your own over his loss.

"His memory will long be cherished in the annals of Freemasonry, and ever be remembered by the Grand Lodge of Scotland with pride and affection.

"That the Great Architect of the Universe, to whom we look for comfort and support in every emergency, may take your Ladyship into His holy keeping, and graciously afford you every needed measure of strength and consolation, is our sincere and earnest prayer.

"Given at Freemasons' Hall, in the City of Edinburgh, in full Grand Lodge assembled, this 3rd day of August, A.D. 1874, A.L. 5878."

The motion to transmit the letters of condolence was agreed to unanimously.

Bro. Mann then proposed that Grand Lodge should, upon as early an occasion as possible, hold a "funeral lodge" in commemoration of these distinguished brethren. He moved that it be held on the second Monday of October.

Bro. Robertson seconded this proposal, which was unanimously carried; and on the motion of Bro. Hay, it was remitted to the Board of Grand Stewards to make the necessary arrangements.

There were presents laid on the table from the Grand Lodges of France, Belgium, and Brazil.

On the recommendation of the Grand Committee, Bro. Daniel Calvin was unanimously appointed Provincial Grand Master for Peru.

The matter of granting a charter to a new lodge at Springburn, in the province of Glasgow, was then taken up, and after considerable discussion, it was ultimately resolved that the petition could not be entertained in respect of its deficiency in point of order. This concluded the business, and in due form the lodge was closed.

ANOTHER ATTACK UPON FREEMASONRY.

The following appears in the *Westminster Gazette*, the accredited organ of the Roman Catholic authorities in this country. We make no apology for inserting it *in extenso* for the edification of our readers:—

"BOGUS DECORATIONS.

"We have had occasion, more than once, to protest against the always idiotic and often blasphemous rites of Freemasonry, and to raise a warning voice for the behoof of those dupes and knaves who support, and are supported by, his gigantic imposture. We are led to-day to protest against a detail in Freemasonry in which the same evil propensities are apparent as those which govern in the other details of its proce-

dure. We allude to the shameless appropriation by Freemasonic canaille of the names and insignia of honourable Orders of Chivalry. Two of these Orders, to wit, the Orders of Malta and of the Holy Sepulchre, are essentially Christian and Catholic, and as such have a moral, if not a political significance. It is unnecessary to say that to the good Catholic the blasphemy and fraud of Freemasonry are as the abomination of desolation; and that no Freemason would have the remotest chance of legitimately belonging to either.

"We need not at this moment, and on this occasion, say much of decorations generally, or of the restrictions which govern their use in this country in particular. We confess that, personally, we are inclined to agree with Lord Houghton, the late Sir Emerson Tennant, and a host of other eminent Englishmen, in thinking that the Foreign Office rules thereabout might be relaxed with no little benefit. The gallant Nelson, as is well known, wore at the English Court several Orders for which he had no formal authorisation from his sovereign, and, indeed, that he lost his life at Trafalgar from the conspicuous manner in which he wore 'his blushing honours thick upon him.' 'Monsieur,' said Halley, the eminent jeweller of the Palais Royal, to us one day, 'les decorations ne sont que les bijoux des hommes.' This may be true, but decorations are a jewellery which usually mark important events in the career of their wearer. A treaty signed, a battle won, a book written, a discovery made, are marked by the cross or star which glitters resplendently on the proud breast of its bearer. Even if, as with the Garter, the badge is but a tribute to the social rank and importance of the individual, it is, nevertheless, a reasonable and worthy mark of distinction. But when tinsel stars and brazen crosses are distributed broadcast among the vintners, tapsters and other similar gentry who form the main body of Freemasons, these stars and crosses are nothing more than a miserable proof of the gullibility of our great middle classes. The pious faith of the Catholic in relics or reputed miracles is only too often the subject of the jests and gibes of the modern Englishman, who, whilst straining at the goat of true religion, swallows with gusto the camel of buffoonery, such as that of Freemasonry. Superstition, blind belief in falsities, stupid adherence to exploded mummery—in short, all the shortcomings imputed to Catholics by intolerance, ignorance, and mendacity, are here to be found in rank florescence, patronized by Protestant Royalty, favoured by Protestant Englishmen, and extolled by Protestant clergy. Can the irony of the Prince of Darkness further go? While we are not without some pity for the great mass of vain and ignorant *farceurs* who are boodwinked by these follies, we confess to have little for those noblemen and gentlemen for whom Satan has found 'some mischief still for idle hands to do.' No man of education and historical reading can credit, for a moment, the transparent *blague* of Masonic fables. It is said that gentlemen, among themselves, excuse themselves for connivance in this imposture by stating they use the influence thus gained for electioneering and other purposes. If so, this is 'doing evil that good may come' with a vengeance; and we earnestly implore all such as may read these lines to adopt the manly and straightforward course of ceasing to support, even if they cannot bring themselves to expose, this tissue of absurdities. With regard to those men who concoct such *bogus* Orders of Chivalry, and for their wretched confederates who sell the rubbish appertaining thereto, we have no commiseration whatever, and the fate which generally overtakes impostors and wrongdoers is no more than their due. We are informed by counsel "learned in the law," that whoever sells diplomas, pretending to admit persons into imaginary Orders of Chivalry, and so dub them knights by *accolade* or otherwise, is liable to be summoned before a justice of the peace, there to receive sentence of fine or imprisonment, as a rogue and a vagabond. Let the sellers beware!"

It is reported that the Sheffield Masons intend erecting a new Masonic Hall at a cost of about £10,000.

PORTRAIT CLUB OF THE GRAND LODGE.

We have been requested by Bro. E. M. Heigh (W.M. 29, P.G. Steward), of 213, Regent street to call the attention of our subscribers to the prospectus of the above. He says therein:—
"Encouraged by the general favour with which the several series of portraits I have had the honour to introduce have been received, I propose to extend similar advantages to the various Masonic Societies, and trust to have the patronage of the officers and members of the Grand Lodge of England.

"Amongst the various societies I have had the honour to prepare series of portraits for, may be mentioned the Members of the House of Commons, the Fellows and Members of the College of Surgeons, Fellows of the Royal Society of Engineers, the Odontological, and Obstetrical Societies.

"Conditions to be as follows:—

"1. Portraits to be taken of three different sizes: (a) gallery size, (b) cabinet size, (c) carte size.

"2. Each Member of the Grand Lodge to be privileged to have a set of portraits taken free of charge, and proof copies of the same presented to him; having signified his approval of which, he will then be entitled to make a selection of the portraits of the other members of the club, and also to have as many copies of his own as he may require, at the undermentioned charges.

"3. Copies to be supplied to the Members of the Club only.

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"Specimens of the Portraits may be seen at my Studio."

IMPROVED LONDON SHOPS.—What is more delightful than shopping when the purse is well filled, and how greatly is the pleasure enhanced when we find ourselves in a fine shop, the architecture of which is as good as are the goods sold in the establishment. A very remarkable change for the better has taken place with regard to the construction of the metropolitan shops. Once upon a time, any stuffy, narrow, dark apartment appeared to be good enough for the sale of even the very best articles. Our practical natures caused us to think only of the useful, so we made no attempt to beautify trade premises, resting content with carefully arranging the interior, and disposing of the stock in the handiest manner. But artistic and hygienic notions have grown apace with us. Once it was always and only the "utile," now, happily, it is "utile and dulce" combined. The observant pedestrian will find it now impossible to traverse either City or West-end without being struck with the number of beautifully designed buildings, either lately finished or in process of construction. This is a change which every lover of a stroll through the metropolitan ways must welcome. Messrs. J. C. Cording and Co., than whom no tradesmen have a better reputation for the invariably good quality of what they sell, have also removed from comparatively insignificant premises to a handsome building of much architectural merit, and containing a shop which is a model of its kind. After being established in the Strand since the year 1839, Messrs. J. C. Cording and Co., have just migrated westward, to the corner of Air-street, Piccadilly. There, as formerly, are to be purchased the famous ventilated waterproofs for shooting &c., the fishing-boots and brogues, the celebrated "Idstone" shooting-boots (registered), and, in fact, every speciality in waterproof articles that the tourist, the country gentleman, or the sportsman may require.

The Lodge of Israel, Liverpool, for the constitution of which the warrant has been secured, will be consecrated on the first or second Monday in October. Another new lodge, to be called the Lodge of Emulation, will be consecrated at the new Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, about the same time.

porary difficulty, in the passing questions affecting Freemasonry in the great Austrian Empire, that under its wise and judicious and well-disposed government, under that able administration which now directs the affairs of that most interesting country under its much-tried, but truly chivalrous ruler, our Austrian Masonic brethren may be able to work in happiness and peace, and in harmony and legality, in loyalty to their own government, and in all of goodwill to their Masonic brethren dispersed throughout the world.

ROMAN CATHOLIC AMENITIES.

We have had, on more than one occasion to animadvert on the peculiar style of the *H Westminster Gazette*, the accredited organ of the Roman Catholic community in the country, especially in all that relates to Freemasonry. There is a happy mixture of vulgarity and impertinence, of dreadful attempts at wit, and an overpowering rowdiness of language, which renders that truly Christian periodical, most delightful and improving reading, and which are redolent of the perfumes of cheap gin and bad tobacco. Let us take for instance, a charming little article in its issue for July 11th, entitled "Bogus Decoration." We invite the attention of our readers to the following animated and polite words, so thoroughly imbued with gentlemanly courtesy and Christian charity. In fact, they are a model for that style of writing which we have to peruse so often "usque ad nauseam," and which, strange to say, Roman Catholic editors and correspondents love so much to indulge in. In other days such remarks would have brought the writers undoubtedly under the notice of their own "Holy Office." So brethren:—pray attend.

"We have had occasion more than once, to protest against the idiotic and often blasphemous rites of Freemasonry, and to raise a warning voice for the behoof of those dupes and knaves who support and who are supported by their gigantic imposture."

This, as Sam Weller would say, is "coming it rather strong," and the sentence absolutely takes away our breath, magnificent as it is in its conception and composition. We good, old-fashioned, steady-going loyal Freemasons in England, with the Marquess of Ripon at our head, and with the Earl of Carnarvon as Deputy Grand Master, with the Heir Apparent and two of the Princes of the Blood Royal amongst our members, with that almost innumerable list of men of the highest social position, intellectual ability, and moral worth, included amongst our numerous and highly respectable brotherhood, we naturally resent such language, as a very great impertinence for any writer, from his "odium theologicum" view, to dare to stigmatize us, and the society to which we belong. We can only give to such remarks as he has thought proper to use a calm but indignant denial, declaring them to be utterly false, alike in theory and in fact. They deserve, as they will receive, when they are read by our brethren, their utter contempt, like as childish inanity and menacious

vulgarity, on the part of a writer who is alike ignorant of the principles and practice of an order he thinks well to calumniate. For, in itself, as writing, the article is beyond criticism, and utterly beneath notice, and it only serves to convince us, as we have often felt before, that when Roman Catholic writers of the Ultramontane School affect witticism, they fall into meaningless platitude, and when they attempt "thunder," they become noisy and rowdy at the same time. But this well-informed scribe goes on to say:—"We are led to-day to protest against a detail in Freemasonry, in which the same evil propensities are apparent as those which run in the other details of its procedure. We allude to the shameless appropriation by Freemasonic *canaille* of the names and insignia of honourable Orders of Chivalry. Two of these Orders, to wit, the Orders of Malta and of the Holy Sepulchre, are essentially Christian and Catholic, and as such have a moral, if not a political significance. It is unnecessary to say that to the good Catholic the blasphemy and fraud of Freemasonry are as the abomination of desolation; and that no Freemason would have the remotest chance of legitimately belonging to either."

We say nothing of the grammar, which marks the passage from first to last, but we are at a loss to know why no Freemason would have the slightest chance of legitimately belonging to the "blasphemy and fraud of Freemasonry," which are, as the writer poetically adds, the "abomination of desolation." We feel, however, deeply the compliment to us of such words as "Freemasonic *canaille*." But "revengeons a nous moutons." How often have we to repeat to our Roman Catholic assailants that we in England as Freemasons, know nothing of the so-called "Knighthly Orders." Our Grand Lodge has nothing to do with any "degree" or "order," except the three old degrees of Freemasonry, and the Royal Arch. Of the "Order of Malta," or the "Holy Sepulchre," of the "Templars," or the "Red Cross of Constantine," we know nothing, officially, per se, except that they exist, and are supported by a good many persons, who are also, as it happens, members of our fraternity. As regards the special complaint of the Roman Catholic writer, that it is an insult to the Roman Catholic body, for persons to profess to belong to such orders, which are peculiarly Roman Catholic organizations, we can say nothing—that is a complaint to be addressed to their several societies, not to us. We have nothing to do, as Freemasons, either with their ritual, their names, their regulations, or their proceedings, but knowing how many "good men and true" do belong to them, we cannot believe but their aims are honest, and their ends are right. Historically and archæologically, of course, no well-informed Masonic student believes, or will contend to-day, that they are the lineal descents of those whose name they have assumed, but as no possible harm can accrue to society from their proceedings, and much positive good, in deeds of sympathy and benevolence, if our many Roman Catholic opponents will condescend to take any advice from us, we would say to them all, "what can it matter to you, they do

you no harm; let them go on their way in peace and goodwill." But we fear it is like "preaching in the desert," or to those fishes to whom "Vieyra" once so amusingly and effectively addressed at Maranhao. Roman Catholics cannot learn that abuse is not criticism, and impertinence is not argument. When they talk of the "camel of buffoonery such as that of Freemasonry," one wonders whence the writer draws his illustration, or what is the analogy or force of such a ridiculous juxtaposition of words. When they talk of "blind belief in falsities, stupid adherence to exploded mummeries," as this sapient critic does, do they forget a recent astounding statement of their own, that it was the wicked Freemasons of Milan who dared to insult the precious relics, or those very shocking falsehoods about Freemasonry palmed off on the credulity of perplexed Roman Catholics? And once again, when this writer of July 11th asserts that it is said that "gentlemen, among themselves, excuse themselves for connivance in the imposture by stating they use the influence thus gained for electioneering and other purposes," he knows perfectly well, that he is penning an absolute falsehood; that no "gentleman" ever told such a lie, and that Freemasonry has nothing to do in this country, in any way, with politics in any degree. It is our one great and perpetual characteristic, that we utterly ignore alike political distinction and religious controversy. We shall all feel greatly flattered also by the writer's expressions of some "little pity for the great mass of vain and ignorant 'farceurs,' who are most affected by these follies; though," he proceeds, "we confess to have none for those noblemen and gentlemen for whom Satan has found 'some mischief still for idle hands to do.'" Can ineptitude and uncharitableness "further go?" This highly cultivated and amiable individual concludes by a sort of "argumentum ad hominem" to many who, like our worthy publisher, provide jewellery and decorations for our lodges and brethren, and for the members of the so-called "Knighthly Orders." He alludes in a most mysterious way to a "counsel learned in the law," who has evidently given a gratuitous opinion, which, as all lawyers know, is utterly worthless, as regards the illegality of the sale of Masonic certificates and jewellery. We have made enquiries and we feel warranted in announcing to the Order, that the "counsel learned in the law," who has supplied so important a dictum, is no less a person than our old and esteemed friend Mrs. Harris, who, in these days of "Women's Rights," has devoted herself to "Chamber Practice," and gives advice gratis.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Sudden changes of temperature sorely try all persons subject to rheumatism, sciatica, *ti-doloureux*, and many maladies scarcely less painful, though of shorter duration. On the first attack of stiffness or suffering in any muscle, joint, or nerve, recourse should immediately be had to fomentations of the seat of the disease with hot brine, and by subsequently rubbing in this remarkable Ointment, the uneasiness of the part will be assuaged, inflammation subdued, and swelling reduced. The Pills simultaneously taken will rectify constitutional disturbances and renew the strength. No remedies heretofore discovered have proved so effective as the Ointment and Pills for removing gouty, rheumatic, and scrofulous attacks, which afflict all ages, and are commonly hereditary.

human, require refreshment after labour, and ought to have it, and, if they can afford, and like it, a glass of good generous wine, to drink to the health of the Queen and the Craft, &c., &c., afterwards. If a Mason prefers water to wine he is free to drink it; so long as he honours the sentiment, and properly responds to the toast in the usual manner among Masons, it little matters what the liquor is he drinks. There are many lodges, some temperance lodges, where the banquet is the exception, dinner or supper being substituted, and conducted with the same propriety as in a private family gathering, and in such a manner as not to offend even the peculiar habits of a "Good Templar."

With regard to your correspondent's last question, I would advise him not to assist in any way to introduce anything like sectarianism or sectarian bitterness into Freemasonry, in the way of instituting a Masonic (Heaven save the mark!) lodge of "Good Templars." Scattered amongst us, they may endeavour to set an example of abstemiousness, and let us judge them by the result. Our Bro. "M. M." evidently knows more of his friends than I do, and he calls them "bigoted and fanatic." Such people we care little to have amongst us. Of the noble and self-denying, we have many; brethren who doubtless would suffer as much in defence of Masonic principles as the worthiest Good Templar would for his whim, fancy, habit, peculiarity, or whatever else he may please to call it. In conclusion, and with an apology for the length of my letter, I presume that "M. M." is not sufficiently proud of his subject to back his letter with his name; I would therefore say to him "Sum quod eris, fui quod es," and in order to show I am not in the same sorry plight, I will, with your kind permission, sign myself, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,
HERBERT BUSY HODGES,
P.P.S.G.W., Herts.

PRIVATE CHAPTERS ABROAD.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

May I be permitted to correct an error in your report of the proceedings of Grand Chapter, held on Wednesday last.

In speaking of the conditions on which private chapters in foreign countries are formed. I did not touch, as reported, on the reasonableness of allowing companions who were not Past Masters to be nominated as Principals. What I endeavoured to point out was that, in foreign as in home chapters, no companion is eligible to be elected to either of the principal chairs who is not then actual Master or Past Master of a Craft Lodge, and that the only exceptions in the conditions of eligibility to such office in a foreign chapter is exemption from the condition of having served as Scribe or Sojourner for a year. In other words that at home a companion must have been Scribe or Sojourner of a chapter, and also Master of a lodge to enable him to fill a principal chair, while in the colonies this latter qualification only is necessary.

I am yours fraternally,

HUGH D. SANDERMAN.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

I wish to know if an annuitant of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution can receive his annuity in any part of the United Kingdom.

Answer in your next will greatly oblige,

Yours fraternally,

AN OLD P.Z.

Ultimatum in Parvo, or Masonic Notes and Queries.

I do not see that Bro. Paton has answered "Masonic Enquirer," or even your monolabie correspondent "Beans." I venture to another note on the subjects alluded to. I proposed of Locke's letter last week, that is to

say, so far as we can dispose of it at present, as though it is most doubtful, I do not think we need declare it to be a forgery. At any rate, with our existing information, I now take the statement of "Sir Thomas Sackville's Grand Mastership."

I am aware it is often stated, and we find it in all our noted Masonic authorities, and in "Multa Paucis," but I am equally unaware of any authority for it. Neither can I find any confirmation of that Masonic episode which is said to have dawned at York, St. John's day, Dec. 27th, 1461, tempore Queen Elizabeth, according to "Multa Paucis," and in which the same Sackville plays so conspicuous a part, though Clavel has illustrated the story with an elaborate plate (page 92) in his "Histoire Pittoresque de la Francmaconnerie." I wish we could believe these statements. There is no record of them in the Lodge at York, and where Preston obtained them from he does not tell us. He seems, however, to treat the History of Sackville and his Grand Mastership as authentic.

SCOTICUS.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, Aug. 21, 1874.

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

Saturday, August 15.

- Lodge 1185, Lewis, King's Arms, Wood Green.
- " 1326, Lebanon, Red Lion Hotel Hampton.
- Manchester Lodge of Instruction (179), Yorkshire Grey, 77, London-street, Fitzroy-square, at 8; Bro. H. Ash, Preceptor.
- Lily Lodge of Instruction (830), Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, Surrey.
- Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. G. Dilley, Preceptor.

Monday, August 17.

- Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction (1445), Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland, at 7; Bro. T. Austin, Preceptor.
- Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.
- Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.
- Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern, Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
- Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gutheil, Preceptor.
- British Oak Lodge of Instruction (813), Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.
- St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street (opposite the Pantheon), Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.
- Wellington Lodge of Instruction, White Swan Tavern, Deptford, at 8; Bro. C. G. Dilley, P.M. 1155, Preceptor.
- West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1397), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
- Metropolitan Mark Lodge of Instruction, Coach and Horses Hotel, 323, Strand, at 8.

Tuesday, August 18.

- Board of General Purposes at 3.
- Lodge 30, United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern Gresham-st. Yarborough Lodge of Instruction (554), Green Dragon Steppney, at 8; Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.
- Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tavern, Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 8.
- Faith Lodge of Instruction (141), Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st., (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Preceptor.
- Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Lord's Hotel, Lord's Cricket Ground, St. John's-wood, at 8; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.
- Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction (860), King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. Crawley, Preceptor.
- Prosperity Lodge of Instruction (65), Gladstone Tavern, Bishop-gate-st., Within, at 7.30; Bro. Bolton, W.M. 1217, Preceptor.
- St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, No. 5-street, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
- Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (55), Wheatshief Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey (P.M. 180), Preceptor.
- Percy Lodge of Instruction, Grapes Tavern, Little Windmill-street, W.
- Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor.
- Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30.

Wednesday, August 19.

- General Committee Grand Lodge and Lodge of Benevolence, at 6.

- Lodge 174, Sincerity Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
- " 619, Beadon, Greyhound Tavern, Dulwich.
- " 1044, Waudsworth, Spread Eagle, Hotel, New Waudsworth.
- " 1320, Blackheath, Crown Hotel, Blackheath.
- " 1382, Corinthian, George Inn, Cubitt Town.
- New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8.
- Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
- Confidence Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
- Peckham Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham, at 8; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor.
- Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar.
- Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, Thicket Hotel, Anerley, at 7.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
- Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction (1288), Finsbury Park Tavern, Seven Sisters-road, N., at 8. Bro. P. Dickinson, Acting Preceptor.
- United Strength Lodge of Instruction (128), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
- Southwark Lodge of Instruction, (879), Southwark Park Tavern, Southwark Park, at 8; Bro. Charles William Kent, Preceptor.

Thursday, August 20.

- House Committee, Girls' School, at 4.
- Lodge 1227, Upton, Spotted Dog Tavern, Upton.
- " 1339, Stockwell, Half Moon, Herne Hill.
- Chap. 743, Crystal Palace, Clarendon Hotel, Anerley.
- Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham Court-road, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
- Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Anglers' Tavern, Bath-street, City-road; Bro. Stean, Preceptor.
- United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
- Whittington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern Holborn, at 8; Bro. Lewis Alexander, P.M. 188, Preceptor.
- Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
- Ebury Lodge of Instruction, Bro. Palmer's, 12, Fensonby-st., Millbank.
- Highgate Lodge of Instruction (1366), Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.

Friday, August 21:

- House Committee Boys' School at 4.
- Lodge 975, Rose of Denmark, White Hart, Barnes.
- St. George's Lodge of Instruction, (140), Globe Tavern, Royal-hill, Greenwich.
- Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
- Belgrave Lodge of Instruction (749), Coach and Horses, Strand, at 8; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.
- Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.
- Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
- Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tavern, Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.
- Clapton Lodge of Instruction (1365), White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., Preceptor.
- Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1293), the Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. W. F. Rogers, Preceptor.
- Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-road, at 8; Comp. W. West Smith, Preceptor.
- Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Bro. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.
- Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (733), Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8.
- United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Antelope Tavern, Lorn-road, Brixton, at 7.
- St. James's Lodge of Instruction, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-road, Bermondsey, at 8; Bro. Howes, P.M., Preceptor.
- Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Bro. D. S. Potts, Preceptor.
- Doric Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8.
- Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8; Bro. P. M. Wuest, Preceptor.
- St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Rose Tavern, Fulham-road, S.W.
- Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.
- High Cross Lodge of Instruction (754), Coach & Horses, High Road, Tottenham.
- Union Club of Instruction, Windsor Castle, Victoria Station, at 8 p.m.; H. Ash, P.M., Instructor.
- Burdett Courts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park, at 8; Bro. Geo. W. Verry, Preceptor.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, Aug. 22, 1874.

Monday, August 17.

- Chap. 1051, Rowley, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster.
- Everton Lodge of Instruction (823), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 7.30.

Tuesday, August 18.
 Lodge 117, Alliance, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 215, Hindpool, Hattington Hotel, Barrow-in-Furness.
 " 1276, Warren, Stanley Arms Hotel, Seacombe, at 6.
 Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.

Wednesday, August 19.
 Lodge 823, Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 1086, Walton, St. Lawrence Schools, Kirkdale, at 6.
 " 1182, Duke of Edinburgh, Coffee House, Wavertree, at 3.
 " 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys Hotel, Eccles.
 " 1353, Duke of Lancaster, Athenaeum, Lancaster.
 Harmonic Lodge of Instruction (216), Mona Hotel, James-street, Liverpool, at 8.

Thursday, August 20.
 Lodge 203, Ancient Union, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 343, Concord, Queen's Arms Hotel, Church-street, Preston.
 " 425, Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester at 4.
 " 605, Conbermere, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, at 6.
 " 1299, Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, at 3.
 Encampment William de la More, Assembly Rooms, Prescott.

Friday, Aug 21.
 Lodge 1350, Fermor-Hesketh, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND VICINITY.

For the week ending Saturday, Aug. 22, 1874.
 All the Meetings take place at 8 o'clock.

Monday, August 17.
 St. Mungo Encampment of Knights Templar, 213, Buchanan-st.

Tuesday, August 18.
 Lodge 437, Govanvale, Portland Hall, Govan.
 Royal Ark Mariners' Lodge, 170, Buchanan-st.
 Red Cross Council Babylon, 170, Buchanan-st.

Wednesday, August 19.
 Lodge 117, St. Mary, Freemasons' Hall, Partick.
 Chap. 150, St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Shettleston.

Thursday, August 20.
 Lodge 27, St. Mungo, 213, Buchanan-street.
 " 22, St. John, George Hotel, Kilmarnock.
 " 167, Free Operative, Freemason's Hall, Biggar.

Friday, August 21.
 Lodge 12, Kilwinning, Town-Hall, Greenock.
 " 321, St. Andrew's, Public Hall, Alexandria.

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Ten days' notice of attendance must be sent to the undersigned, from whom all particulars may be obtained.

Candidates must be qualified as Royal Arch and Mark Master Masons.

FREDERICK BINCKES,
 Grand Recorder.

Office,—2, Red Lion-square, W.C.
 June 8, 1874.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

ALDERSHOT.—*Aldershot Camp Lodge* (No. 1311).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Royal Hotel, High Street, on the 6th instant, presided over by the W.M., Bro. McKenzie, P.G.P. Hants and I. of Wight, who was supported by the following officers, and numerous brethren, including visitors, viz:—Bros. Captain Richardson, P.M. and Treasurer; White, S.W.; Hacker, W.M. 723, P.G.J.D., as J.W.; Lucas, Secretary; Anderson, S.D.; Walton Mayer, J.D.; Smith, I.G.; Burns, Tyler. The lodge was opened in the first degree, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. Three candidates for initiation were ballotted for, the ballot in each case being favourable. Two of the candidates being present (Messrs. Phelps and Davis) were then prepared, duly admitted, and initiated into the mysteries and privileges of our ancient Order, the beautiful charge of the degree being delivered to them in a very efficient manner by the S.W., Bro. White. The lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bros. Sitsen and Rowsell, candidates for the third degree, having proved their proficiency in the former degree, were entrusted with a test of merit, and retired. The lodge was then opened in the third degree, when Bro. Captain Richardson took the chair, and, on the admission of the candidates, raised those brethren to the sublime degree in his usual correct and impressive manner. He then closed the lodge in the third degree, and vacated the chair, which was resumed by the W.M., and the lodge closed in the first degree. Bro. P.M. Richmond then brought forward a notice of motion for the removal of the lodge to the Assembly Rooms, High-street, and fully explained to the brethren the motives which prompted him to submit the proposition. This notice being duly seconded by Bro. Walton Mayer, J.D., was directed to be recorded upon the minutes and inserted in the summons for the next regular lodge meeting, in order that the subject be then heard and decided on, in accordance with the instructions contained in the Book of Constitutions. Bro. Richardson also submitted a proposition for the reduction of the monthly payments of the members of the charitable association attached to the lodge, with a view to induce a greater number of brethren to become subscribers thereto. This was ordered to be referred to the Committee of reference for report. Hearty good wishes from Panmure Lodge, No. 723, having been received through Bro. Hacker, its W.M., P.G.J.D., the Aldershot Camp Lodge was closed with solemn prayer, about nine o'clock.

Scotland.

GLASGOW.—*Royal Arch Lodge, Pollockshaws* (No. 153).—This lodge held its regular monthly meeting on Friday, July 31, Bro. J. Peters, V.M., in the chair, supported by Bro. Duncan, P.M., the Wardens, and a goodly number of the brethren, who had come forward to welcome the R.W.M. on his return from a six months' tour on the Continent and in America. Bro. Allen, the Secretary, having read the

minutes of the last meeting, which recorded the gift of a sum of money to a distressed widow of one of the late members, and there being no special business, the R.W.M. was asked to give them a sketch of his travels. Bro. Peters then, in a highly graphic style that would have done credit to many a professed lecturer, complied with their request, describing amongst other things his visit to some Italian lodges in Genoa, Milan, and Pisa, where the brethren were all armed with swords, and as a R.W.M. he was received under the Arch of Steel, and conducted to the dais. The vessel having met with an accident to her screw, they had to put into the Azores for a week, where he met with the Masonic brethren, and accompanied a small party of them to the Hot Springs in the interior of the Island. This delay, and the putting them out of their course caused them to meet a terrific hurricane, and for fifteen days they were driven about at the mercy of the winds and waves. In trying to steam against the currents and the storm they had expended all their fuel, and had to change their course for the Bermudas, to re-coal. Here again he met with the right hand of friendship. On arriving in America he visited several lodges in New York, and got letters of introduction to leading Masons in most of the large cities, the lodges of which he described. He had also visited Niagara, and from thence into Canada, going 15 miles from Montreal to see the installation of a country lodge. At every place he had met with a most fraternal welcome. Many of the brethren devoted themselves days to him, not only showing him lodges, but all other objects of interest in their respective localities. He had brought with him stereoscopic views of the Grand Masonic Temple at Philadelphia, not only of the exterior, but of each of the separate halls, with their appropriate decorations; also views of the Masonic Temples at New York, Boston, and Richmond, which he exhibited to the brethren. At the conclusion, Bro. G. W. Wheeler, 73, read a hearty vote of thanks for the able and highly instructive lecture to which they had just listened. He thought the lodge was highly honoured in having a Master like Bro. Peters, who had carried their name and their fame through so many lands, and who, on his return, was able to portray in such life-like terms the varying incidents of a long and eventful tour, during which he had been able to prove that Masonry is something more than a name, and the lodge must remember that they were themselves honoured by all the honours he had received while abroad, because they had been paid to him as their representative. Bro. Finlayson seconded the motion. The R.W.M. proposed the "Freemason," and also a special vote of thanks to its spirited proprietor, for the embellishment he had given them to adorn the walls of their lodge-room. Bro. Wheeler, on behalf of Bro. G. Kenning, acknowledged the compliment, and proposed "Prosperity to Lodge, 153." Bro. Duncan, P.M., replied, stating that during the six months' absence of the Master, he, as his D.M., had done his best to supply his place, and had initiated seven candidates; still he was glad to see him back, and able to give so good a Masonic report on behalf of the lodge. He thanked Bro. Wheeler for the flattering way in which he had spoken of them. There being no further business, the R.W.M. closed the lodge, all being highly pleased with the intellectual treat they had enjoyed.

THE ROYAL VISIT TO PLYMOUTH.

The Freemasons of the two Provinces of Devon and Cornwall met at Plymouth on Friday, 14th inst., to the number of about eighteen hundred, to give a loyal and fraternal welcome to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Past Grand Master of England. The occasion was looked forward to with very considerable interest, and the weather being fine, the brethren mustered in great strength. Special trains from both east and west brought them to Plymouth at an early hour in the morning, and according to arrangement they assembled in the Millbay Barracks at half-past nine, where they were

formed into procession in conformity with the order that had been previously agreed upon. It was no easy matter to get so large a number of people in the proper position within the limited time allowed for the formation of the procession, but thanks to the efficiency of the arrangements of the Committee who were appointed for the purpose, and more especially to the active exertions of Bro. Trevena, the Prov. Grand Director of Ceremonies, ably assisted by Bro. Jew, of Stonehouse, the whole thing was carried out without the slightest hitch, and with the most entire satisfaction to all connected with it. The procession, which started from Millbay Barracks at twenty minutes past ten, was led by the band of the South Devon Militia, followed by two Tylers with drawn swords, one from Devon and the other from Cornwall; and immediately following them came the members of a well trained choir, under the able directorship of Bro. Hele, P.P.G. Organist of Cornwall, who for many weeks past has devoted a large amount of time and attention to the practice of the National and other Anthems which it was arranged should be sung in the presence of His Royal Highness. Then came the lodges, seventy in number, with their banners, and bringing up the rear were the United Provincial Grand Officers, the Provincial Grand Masters of Devon and Cornwall walking together. The brethren marched two deep, and it will be seen, therefore, that the procession was one of great length. The streets were lined with thousands of people, and the crowd was so great that now and then the procession was intruded upon, but on the whole the line of route was maintained exceedingly well by the police, on whom the unpleasant duty devolved. Arriving at the door of the Guildhall, where the Mayor, and several members of the Corporation were present to receive them, the brethren opened to the right and left, facing inwards, leaving room for the Provincial Grand Masters to pass up the centre, preceded by the Standard and Sword Bearers, the Provincial Grand Officers and brethren following in succession from the rear, thus inverting the order of procession. By about twelve o'clock the whole of the eighteen hundred members had entered the hall, and His Royal Highness entering just afterwards, was received with an outburst of hearty cheering, which was renewed again and again when he took the chair. Then the choir sang "God Bless the Prince of Wales," and some Masonic preliminaries having been observed.

The Prov. Grand Master of Devon, who sat on the right of the Prince, addressed his Royal Highness as follows:—Illustrious Prince and Most Worshipful Past Grand Master.—As soon as it was known that you had graciously consented to come in person for the purpose of opening this beautiful Guildhall, in which we are now assembled, the brethren of our Craft in the two provinces of Devonshire and Cornwall were actuated by an earnest desire to testify their devotion to your Royal person, by assembling themselves together to greet you with a loyal and hearty welcome. There are some special circumstances which seem to us to connect your Royal Highness more closely with these two Western counties than with any other of the provinces of England. As Prince of Wales, you are Duke of Cornwall, your domains extending over a portion of both these counties. You are also Lord High Steward of this corporate town of Plymouth. We also know that, as Duke of Cornwall, you are the eldest son of our beloved Sovereign, Queen Victoria, the monarch of that mighty empire from whose dominions the sun never withdraws his rays, and being Heir Apparent to the Throne, you are destined (by God's blessing) to reign, in future years, over the British nation, that chosen people, who sway the destiny of the whole world, and are charged, by God's Providence, with the responsibility of maintaining law and order, and extending knowledge, civilization, and peace upon all the earth; that chosen people, whose glorious privilege it is to publish "the glad tidings of great joy to all nations" until the blessed period shall arrive, when (according to the sure word of prophecy), "the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea." But there is also one other bond

of union between your Royal Highness and every one of the brethren who are here gathered together in this vast assemblage—a bond of union of which the popular world knows nothing, and in which a stranger cannot intermeddle; a mystic tie of fraternity felt and acknowledged by all the members of our Craft, a tie producing that friendship which (to use the emphatic words of our Grand Master, King Solomon,) "sticketh closer than a brother," Condescend, then, Illustrious Prince, and Most Worshipful Past Grand Master, to accept their hearty and loyal address, on behalf of the brethren of all the lodges in Devonshire and Cornwall, who in, United Grand Lodge assembled, desire now to offer you their warm and fraternal welcome on this your first Masonic appearance among them. With your permission, sir, I will request my Right Worshipful brother, the Grand Master of Cornwall, to read the address which I have now the honour to present.

The Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, Prov. G.M. of Cornwall, then read the address, which was as follows:—

"May it please your Royal Highness, we, the Provincial Grand Masters, Grand Officers, and brethren of Devon and Cornwall in United Provincial Grand Lodge assembled, desire to express the warm feelings of gratification with which we hail your first appearance amongst us as the most Worshipful Past Grand Master of England in the two loyal provinces of which the Grand Lodges are here assembled to welcome you. On a former occasion we met in our respective Grand Lodges to offer our heartfelt and fraternal congratulations on the happy recovery of your Royal Highness from a lingering and very dangerous illness, and on the present occasion we are unitedly assembled to greet your presence among us in the full enjoyment of renovated health and strength. We unite in grateful praise to the Great Architect of the Universe for having preserved a life so dear and precious to this mighty empire, and we dare to offer our fervent prayers that your Royal Highness may be long preserved in mind and body, beloved and revered by all her Majesty's liege subjects, and regarded with feelings of the most earnest and fraternal affection by your loyal and devoted brethren of the Provinces of Devon and Cornwall."

The Prince, received with a great outburst of cheering on rising, replied as follows:—"Most Worshipful Provincial Grand Masters and Brethren of Devon and Cornwall, I thank you for your address of welcome. It has been a matter of warm congratulation to me that I should have been able to meet the brethren of Devon and Cornwall in United Provincial Lodge, assembled on the present occasion, and I highly appreciate the motives which have led so many of you, at considerable personal inconvenience to yourselves, to assemble here to-day from all parts of the two counties. I cannot be sufficiently grateful to the Great Architect of the Universe for his merciful preservation of my life from so severe and dangerous an illness as that from which I suffered, and I am much touched by the kind terms in which you have alluded to my recovery."

The Earl of Mount Edgcumbe: May it please your Royal Highness, Right Worshipful Brother Huyshe, may I be allowed to take this, the only public opportunity I may have, of thanking my Right Worshipful Brother, and I may say of thanking also the officers and brethren of the province of Devonshire, for having so cordially and so fraternally given us, the brethren of Cornwall, the opportunity of joining with them on this occasion. I believe that this meeting is almost unprecedented as a United Grand Lodge, and I think I may also say that it has scarcely ever been exceeded in the numbers and appearance of the assembly. Our old Cornish motto is "One and All." It is a motto which we shall always be happy to share with our brethren of Devonshire, and on no occasion could we be more ready to do so than upon that which has called us together to-day. Our rugged peninsula has no neighbour except Devonshire, and therefore it would be indeed strange if the bond of fraternity was not strong between those two provinces. I may perhaps be allowed to say of the brethren of my own province, that I believe

that so far as it is possible to do it, they have almost literally come here "one and all" to-day, and I am quite sure I may say for those who are unavoidably prevented from being present, both from Cornwall and Devonshire, that their feeling is thoroughly and entirely unanimous, in the loyal welcome to your Royal Highness, which we desire most earnestly to lay before you on this occasion.

The Prince of Wales: Brethren, I am anxious to have the opportunity of thanking my Right Worshipful Brothers Huyshe and Lord Mount Edgcumbe for the very kind words they have spoken on this occasion, and I am also glad to have an opportunity of thanking you once more for having met here to-day in such large numbers. I have been present at several great Masonic meetings during the six years that I have had the advantage of being a member of the Craft, but I never saw a gathering like the present. I do not only look on this immense gathering as a kind of personal expression of feeling on your part towards myself; but it is also a proof to me that Masonry flourishes in this part of the world. Long may it do so, brethren; long may it flourish as it does at the present moment, and may it uphold those principles for which it was instituted. Allow me to thank you once more for the reception you have given me to-day, one which I shall never forget.

His Royal Highness, in due form, then declared the Grand Lodge closed, and, before he left, Bro. Trevena called for three cheers for the Princess of Wales. The call was then responded to in the most enthusiastic manner, every brother standing and cheering with the heartiest good-will. As the Prince left the hall, the cheering was again and again renewed, and after a short delay his Royal Highness drove away to St. Andrew's Church, amidst the loyal greetings of the thousands of people who lined the streets.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DEVON.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Devonshire Masons was held in the afternoon at the St. George's Hall, Stonehouse. The Provincial Grand Master, the Rev. J. Huyshe, presided, and there was a very large attendance of brethren.

The Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened in the customary form, the Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. Leigh, read the minutes of the Prov. Grand Lodge, held at Dawlish on the 28th of August last, and also of the special lodges held at Exeter, on the 29th of January, and at Kingsbridge on the 16th of April, and these were now confirmed.

The Prov. Grand Secretary also read the report of returns from the lodges for the year ending 31st December, 1873, which showed that the total number of lodges contributing to the Fortescue Annuity Fund was 45, that the total amount subscribed was £45 15s. 6d., and that the total amount of dues was £263 4s. 6d.

The Treasurer's report, read by Bro. W. A. Maynard, showed that there was a balance in favour of the Grand Lodge of £209.

On the motion of Bro. Jones, of Exeter, seconded by Bro. the Rev. J. Oxley Oxland, Bro. W. B. Hambly, of Lodges 70 and 1205, was unanimously elected as Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Bro. Lee read the report of the Treasurer of the Fortescue Annuity Fund, which showed that in August of last year there was a balance due from the Treasurer of £26 3s. 11d. Since then there had been received £171 18s. 10d., whilst the expenditure had been £141 18s. 6d., leaving a balance in hand of £30 0s. 4d. There were invested in Consols £928 15s.; in Williams' mortgage, £150; in the Devon and Exeter Club, £400; and in the Savings Bank, £311 10s. 9d., making a total invested of £1,780 5s. 9d.

The Committee of Petitions presented the following report, which was read by Bro. Gover.— "The Committee of Petitions have pleasure in presenting their annual report to the Provincial Grand Lodge, the result of their exertions having been highly satisfactory. Very much of their success is due to the continued exertions of Bro.

James Stevens, who undertakes the onerous duty of conducting their elections in London, and has not only given the Province his own, but by his influence and energy has secured a large number of other votes. The committee have secured the election of Bro. Abraham Freeman, of Lodge 372, Budleigh Salterton, on the funds of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Bro. R. B. Thompson, of the Sun Lodge, 1000, was also selected an annuitant. The committee regret that several lodges and chapters still withhold their votes. They believe this indifference arises from misapprehension, and trust that when every lodge is represented they will have the pleasure of reporting that the Province of Devon is thoroughly united. The committee are pleased to report that from an entire absence of applications for relief there has been no cause for their meeting since January, but at their meeting on Tuesday the committee, after due consideration, voted a sum of £5 to Mrs. Windeatt, widow of a member of lodge 1247, and they also recommended the Prov. Grand Lodge to grant a further sum of £10."

The whole of the reports were received and adopted.

The Provincial Grand Master said that he had to bring before them the notice of the Grand Lodge the question of a donation to the Female Orphan Asylum at Stoke, with which their distinguished Bro. Metham had so long and so closely been connected. There was no doubt that the Institution, on whose behalf he was about to speak, was a National Institution, and one which the nation ought to subscribe to, and undoubtedly would subscribe to. If they liked they could make it a Masonic Institution, and, to a certain extent, they had already done so, because he had been informed that no less than twenty-two orphans of Masons had already been recipients of that charity. He did not know any person who was more destitute than the female orphan, and he was sure there was not a single Mason, present or absent, whose heart did not acknowledge that fact. The position of the female orphan was a peculiarly sad one. The boy could go into the world and gain a livelihood in many ways. The girl was differently constituted. She required some amount of education, especially religious education, because it was necessary that the rising generation of females should be brought up in the true principles of chastity and goodness in every respect. This could not be expected of them unless they are brought up by institutions such as the Asylum at Stoke. It had been conducted in such a manner as to gain the highest approbation. He had seen it himself, and he could bear testimony to the truly excellent way in which it was managed, and he did not know of any institution more deserving a general and liberal support. There were now forty-five lodges in the province almost too far, for a man of his age to be able properly to manage, and with such a strong body they ought really to do something more than was ordinarily liberal. They were called upon to support the daughters of those who were the real defenders of our country. It was to them that we owed the peace and the comfort in which we lived, and he was going to propose a sum which he at first thought would frighten the Grand Lodge, but on consideration, he believed they would willingly vote the sum which he was going to ask them for, and that was that they should give a donation of a hundred guineas towards the asylum, to be delivered at the time when the Duke of Edinburgh came down for the purpose of laying the memorial stone of the new buildings.

Bro. W. Bine Haycock, of Sidmouth seconded the motion. He was quite sure that the approval of the Provincial Grand Master would not be made in vain. He was quite willing to give a sum of ten guineas towards the charity himself. There were nine other brethren present from his lodge, and if they would each give a £1 amount, he would increase his own subscription to twenty guineas.

Bro. Metham said:—"Right Worshipful and Brethren: Who among us will ever forget the glorious scene in which he has taken part to-day? We have right loyal and obedient segment, a least, of our... We have prevailed..."

of our native land in the person of that gracious Prince, who is not only an illustrious chief in our Order, but heir to that empire on which the sun never sets, and heir, too, as we fondly hope of those virtues which have seated her so firmly in the affections of all her subjects. But a day so auspicious can best be made memorable among Masons by our rendering the circle of our Masonic duties complete by practising the leading characteristics of our order—charity. Without some such act the keystone of the arch is still loose, the brightest jewel in the Masonic tiara is still unpolished and unset. To this end I ask you to support the proposition of our revered Prov. Grand Master. The charity is, indeed, my child, both by inheritance and adoption, dearer to me than anything else in the world, save those whom God has given to me as my own, but I will plead to you for it on its intrinsic merits, not on personal grounds, although I should be ungrateful indeed if I neglected to acknowledge the munificent responses I have already received, and which have been accompanied by so many expressions of confidence and goodwill towards myself. I plead to you, then, on behalf of the Asylum, on benevolent, patriotic, and Masonic grounds. Is it not our recognised duty, as Masons, to carry comfort and consolation to every one of our fellow creatures in the hour of their need? The Asylum does this in the persons of the most helpless class in the world, the destitute female orphan. Already it has rescued 1000 such from want, ignorance, and vice, and it seeks by the erection of additional wings, to double the number of inmates, to give to those unhappy children wholesome food, instead of starvation, warm clothing and lodging instead of scanty rags and pinching cold, industrial, intellectual, moral, and religious teaching, instead of the blank mind which knows not wrong from right or good from evil, and the dulled soul which has been neglected as the body. They have been born into the world with faces as fair, with forms as graceful, with intelligence as bright as those possess, in whom all our affections are wrapped up, and it rests with you to say whether their future shall be as bright, although it may be more humble, or whether it shall be so dark that humanity shudders at the contemplation. But for the aid of charity, begin their history as you may, it is sure to end in beggary or the streets, the refuge, the hospital, the union, and the pauper grave. And the class of miserables for whom I am especially pleading have been reduced to this wretched plight, that our children should still be happy, and uncoloured by the touch of the invader. These children's fathers served, fought, and died that England might still be great, glorious and free. By the sword, disease, fire, and shipwreck they fell by thousands, and until we came to the rescue no one asked what had become of the old tree which had been overthrown, of the faithful wives who had been made miserable widows, and the happy children who had been made destitute orphans. And of these warriors, faithful to their trust, many were our brethren, with whom we have interchanged the grasp of the sure brotherhood. In the present there are now, and in the future there are sure to be any such claimants for relief, orphans of our defenders and our brother Masons. Will you not help them and shelter them within the arms where brotherly love shall guide and guard them. I know, I feel, you will not only in this Prov. Grand Lodge, but in your own lodges take in your own persons, and by your own influence. And such a testimonial of Masonic benevolence and patriotism, will silence all the wailers who ask "what is the good of Masonry?" But more can I say to commend so good a use to your support? When you go back to your own family circles, and your own dear children crowd around your knee, and ask with an enquiring tongue and eye what you have done and done to-day, tell them of the gracious presence in which you have stood, of the gorgeous exciting scene in which you yourselves played a part. But tell, too, that you have helped to plant a tree, which, when all who have taken a part in to-day's pageant have passed away, and which, when they and their children's eyes are forgotten, shall shelter under its

widespread, fruitful branches, generation after generation of happy children, who but for its shelter would have drifted down life's rapid, turbid stream into the dread ocean of eternity, uncared for and unthought of, as neglected in mind and soul as in body.

Bro. Watts said no one appreciated the value of the institution more than himself, but at the same time he wished to call their attention to the fact that the object to which it was supposed that this money should be devoted was not a purely Masonic object. They ought not to lose sight of the Fortescue Fund, which had greater claims upon their consideration and support. He hoped that they would not hear of such a proposition again, because he thought they were taking money which should go into a more legitimate channel. He moved as an amendment that fifty guineas should be given, and if that were granted, he was quite sure it would be looked upon outside as a very handsome sum.

As the amendment did not meet with a second, it fell through, and a vote upon the original motion was then put and carried with unanimity, amidst loud applause.

Bro. Jew had upon the notice paper a proposed alteration in the Bye Laws, but after some discussion the question was postponed.

The P.G.M. then called the attention of the Grand Lodge to the beautiful ceremonial in which the Masons of the two Provinces had that morning taken a part. He said that the arrangements which were entrusted to the Committee had been carried out in the most efficient manner, and he asked the brethren present to join with him in giving the Committee a cordial vote of thanks for their services. Nothing could have been more orderly than the conduct of the immense crowd which filled the streets whilst the procession was going from Millbay to the Guildhall.

Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martin, of Suffolk, seconded the motion, which was carried.

On the motion of the P.G.M., seconded by the D.P.G.M., Bro. Metham, the cordial thanks of the Grand Lodge were given the Mayor and Corporation of Plymouth. Both gentlemen spoke of the extreme cordiality and courtesy with which they were received by His Worship and the municipal body.

Bro. I. Latimer expressed his cordial thanks for the unanimous resolution of the Grand Lodge, thanking the Mayor and Corporation for their having granted the use of the hall. When the question was put to the Mayor and the members of the Committee it was received in the most favourable manner, and everything was done in order to promote the success of the gathering.

Bro. Wood, P.M. 421, said there was a very strong feeling amongst some of our military brethren in consequence of their having been, for some reason or the other, prohibited from attending the procession of that day. He did not know the reason of it, but it was not due to the action of the military authorities, but to the action of the members of the Committee themselves, and he should like to know whether that was true or not.

Bro. Colonel Elliott said he was in a position to state that the order emanated from the Commander-in-Chief, and that it was in compliance with the Queen's Regulations, which prohibited non-commissioned officers from taking any part in public demonstrations.

The sum of £50 was voted to the Fortescue Annuity Fund, and a further sum of ten guineas to the Torbay Infirmary.

- The following were appointed Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year:—
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 - F. A. Thomas, P.M., 1247... Prov. G.S.D.
 - J. Chapman, P.M., 1402... Prov. J.G.D.
 - H. F. Smith, P.M., 954... Prov. G. S. of W.
 - G. N. Burden, P.M., 304... Prov. G.D.C.
 - J. C. Yelland, F.M., 39... Prov. G.A.D.C.
 - J. Mills, P.M., 1125... Prov. G. Org.
 - J. Lynn, P.M., 230... Prov. G.S.B.
 - H. Welch, P.M., 202... Prov. G. Purs.

- J. C. Bignell, P.M., 105... Prov. G. Stwd.
- J. Gould, P.M., 444... Prov. G. Stwd.
- J. Redgate, P.M., 1212... Prov. G. Stwd.
- A. Orchard, P.M., 164... Prov. G. Stwd.
- W. H. Baker, P.M., 847... Prov. G. Stwd.
- D. Attwood, P.M., 1135... Prov. G. Stwd.
- J. Gregory, 142... Prov. G. Tyler.
- J. Rogers, 202... Prov. G. Tyler.

In presenting the Rev. W. Whitley to the office of Prov. Grand Junior Chaplain, the Prov. G. M. said this was the first time in the history of Masonry in the province that a Non-conformist Minister had received such an appointment. He was quite sure that the two Grand Chaplains would work harmoniously together.

Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed in due form.

LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Joshua Nunn, S.V.P. sat as President; Bro. James Brett, J.V.P., as S.V.P.; and Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, as J.V.P. Bros. John Hervey, G.S.; Joseph Smith, P.G.O.; John Wright, G.P.; H. G. Buss, and several other brethren were also present. The sum of £170 was voted to cases of distress. An American brother, who was assisted last September, with £5 to take him to America, sent a remittance for that amount to the lodge, and expressing his thanks for the timely aid afforded him. At the Board of Masters which preceded the Lodge of Benevolence, notice of motion was given by the Grand Master that he would at next Grand Lodge move a vote of condolence on the death of the Earl of Dalhousie, as Past Deputy Grand Master of England, and another to be sent to Grand Lodge of Scotland, on the loss of the same nobleman, as Past Grand Master Mason of Scotland.

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Keep stright!

Frae hearily youth, te hoary age,
You sud mackt your delight
To deea yer best for yan another,
An' kahndly help a fallin' brother
Te keep stright.

Sud munney tempt yeh te deea wrong,
Just gi' this thowt some weight,
Sall Ah be happier wi' this brass?
Ah doubt yeh weant; seea let it pass:
Keep stright.

Deaal honestly wiv ivvery yan,
Then you'll feel happy quite:
Deeant muck yer mouth wid onny lee;
Whattiver t'consequence may be,
Keep stright.

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"COME, BRETHREN, OF THE MYSTIC TIE."

Dedicated by permission to the Right Hon. the Earl Percy, M.P., 30, Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of Freemasons for Northumberland. Most Worshipful Grand Mark Master Mason of England. Words by Bro. T. Burdett Yeoman, Original Mark Lodge No. 1., composed by Bro. Henry Parker, Original Mark Lodge, No. 1 Office, 198, Fleet-street.

MADAME TUSSAUD'S EXHIBITION
BAKER STREET.

Now added, PORTRAIT MODELS of the CZAR OF RUSSIA, SIR GARNET WOLSELEY, the Three Judges in the Tichborne Trial, Cockburn, Mellor, and Lush; the Shah of Persia, Marshal MacMahon, M. Thiers, and the late Mr. Charles Dickens.
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Answers to Correspondents.

All Communications, Advertisements, &c., intended for insertion in the Number of the following Saturday, must reach the Office not later than 6 o'clock on Wednesday evening.

ERRATUM.—The name of Bro. M. Sherwin, Organist 1076, was erroneously printed as "the Rev M. Sherwin" in our report of the Summer Banquet of the Capper Lodge, Page 446, August 1st.

P.M.—We have received no report of the proceedings of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Surrey.

The following Communications stand over:—
Letters from W. D., Reports of Lodges, 220, 667, E.C.; Lodges 102, 219, Chapter 69, and St. Mungo Encampment, S.C.

REMITTANCES RECEIVED.

- G. F. Gouley, St. Louis, U.S.A. £2 2 0
- E. B. Cullen, Brisbane, Australia 0 12 0
- Juan Romero, Canary Islands 0 17 0
- Thomas Kennedy, Jamaica 0 12 0
- Jesse B. Anthony, New York 2 0 4

TO OUR FOREIGN SUBSCRIBERS.

It is very necessary for our friends to advise us of all money orders they remit, more especially those from the United States of America, otherwise we cannot tell where to credit them. Several remain uncredited at the present time owing to no advice having been received.

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22, 1874.

GRAND MASONIC GATHERING AT PLYMOUTH.

We rejoice to announce the complete success of the great and pleasant gathering of the united Provincial Grand Lodges of Devon and Cornwall for the reception of our Royal and Illustrious Brother, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. The whole of the proceedings seem to have passed over with the greatest éclat, and nothing appears to have hindered in the slightest degree the completeness and carrying out the appointed programme, or to have marred in any way the harmony of the assembly, and the happiness of the brethren. One complaint has, indeed come before us, which appears in another page, but which we hope has arisen purely from some little untoward misunderstanding, most regrettable in itself as a fact; it is yet let us trust, susceptible of friendly and fraternal explanation. Otherwise nothing, in fact, could be in better taste than the arrangements, and they reflect much credit on the joint committee. The addresses to our Royal Brother were most happily conceived and composed, and served unmistakably to demon-

strate the loyal attachment of the Cornwall and Devonshire brethren to their exalted guest, and his royal house, at the same time that they remarkably evinced how Masonic truth is free always from mere adulation and how warm and devoted are equally our Masonic sympathy and our patriotic affection. Our Royal Brother's reply was both manly and eloquent, and spoken, evidently, from the heart. Amid ridiculous accusations of political conspiracy and the childish diatribes of heated adversaries, ignorant of our principles of belief and action, it must be most consoling to all true English Freemasons, to hear the Heir Apparent to the Throne speaking in such warm and hearty terms of fraternal appreciation and goodwill towards the zealous members of our calumniated Order. It surely is a good set-off to know, that, despite the attacks of the Ultramontane press and the fierce invectives of Episcopal assailants, our brother the Prince of Wales rejoices to own us as his brethren, finds a happiness and satisfaction in being amongst us, and reciprocates with all of heartfelt sincerity and sympathy to our honest and loyal and Masonic sentiments of devotion, affection and regard. And so mote it be! We can afford to treat as idle clamour and hopeless ineptitude, the jargon of controversial Romanists, and the incriminations of anonymous scribblers, when no less a person than our Royal Brother gladly accepts our unbought homage, and relies firmly on our loyalty and true Masonic devotion. We feel sure that we express the feelings of the entire Order when we congratulate our brethren of the Provinces of Cornwall and Devon on this most successful meeting. But one word before we close. We think it right to point out a use of Masonic terms, which we regret to see creeping in amongst the brethren. We have suffered so much from slipslop vernacular in things Masonic that we cannot afford to pass it over in silence. Why, with Bro. W. J. Hughan amongst them, did the united provinces term themselves the "United Grand Lodges?" The expression is, Masonically, most incorrect. And while more than one distinguished brother seems to have fallen into the error of using the same misnomer, we note with pleasure that our Royal Brother, always most particular and correct, calls that famous assembly at Plymouth most rightly, "more Lathomico," the "United Provincial Grand Lodge of Devon and Cornwall." We trust that our Devonshire and Cornwall brethren will excuse our honest and fraternal criticism, while it is with no expression of mere lip-service that we say to-day, echoing response of our great brotherhood "God bless our Brother, the Prince of Wales!"

OTHER ATTACKS UPON FREEMASONRY.

The Roman Catholic body is not the only religious body in this country which, strange say, is hostile to Freemasonry. There are some members in the Church of England, just as there are some members of the Presbyterian Kirk in Scotland, who think it well and becoming asperse the motives and impugn the constitution of our Order. But in England, as a general rule, despite an occasional scolding of some whose zeal, for his own sake, is his c

cretion, the wiser and more tolerant majority of the Church of England have been content to regard Freemasonry with friendliness and goodwill. A young paper, called the *Church Herald*, has allowed some depreciatory remarks in its correspondence about our Order, but as a general rule we have little to complain of as regards the treatment of Freemasonry by the English Church, though there may be some of the clergy, no doubt, who, on their own peculiar grounds, do not approve of our wide and expansive principles. But in Scotland there has always been a latent dislike to the Order on the part of "Associate Synods," and "Kirk Sessions." From the date of the Edinburgh "deliverance" of August, 1757, more than once we have heard of condemnations of our Order, though why we cannot understand, from Presbyterian authorities. It is curious enough, in the history of the world, how true it is that "extremes meet," and how two such antagonistic organizations as the Roman Catholic and the Presbyterian should be found united in ecclesiastical condemnation of us poor wicketed Freemasons! And quite recently the Rev. Jas. Kerr, of Greenock, according to the *Masonic News*, of Glasgow, has, it happens, published a pamphlet, entitled, "The Principles and Practices of Secret Societies Opposed to Scripture and to Reason." The Rev. James Kerr prints the pamphlet, it seems, in deference to the express request of no less a body than the "Reformed Presbyterian Synod." Why, at a time when so many better subjects might interest a so-called religious body, one should be disposed to think, an attack upon Freemasonry should be considered seasonable or "improving," we do not profess to understand. But we do not venture, however, to question the deliberate resolution or judgment of so august a body, especially as there have floated over the border alarming whispers of ecclesiastical penance in the good old "Land o' Cakes," in which reference to a certain "cutty stool" prominently stand out. As far as we understand Mr. Kerr's proposition, Freemasonry is opposed to Scripture because, to use his own quotations, he finds in the Bible these words, "Come not thou unto their secret," "Be ye separate, saith the Lord," and upon these two texts, as we understand it, by what is in truth a blasphemous adaptation, he denounces the Masonic Order in toto. Of course, we need hardly point out to the most unlearned Freemason, that, such texts of the Bible never were intended to have any such meaning, and nothing is more dreadful or shocking, in our opinion, than such irreverent handling of the true meaning of that holy and inspired volume, we Freemasons so constantly use, and so habitually revere. Freemasonry is opposed to reason, because, as we understand the controversial Kerr, certain representations of supposed ceremonies which he dilates upon are repugnant to right reason—to his right reason! We can only say that the writer of this childish pamphlet has forgotten the very first principles of logic. He assumes the whole matter in dispute from his own purely theological point of view, and therefore his premises are as defective as his conclusion is erroneous. Freemasonry is neither opposed to Scripture nor to right reason. Without perverting texts or mis-

quoting scripture, we could, if need be, from the very pages of God's word, bring forward much to prove the propriety of Freemasonry, while from its constitution and working, its aims and ends, we might surely demonstrate its "reasonableness" to every right thinking man. But such attacks as Mr. Kerr's are in themselves utterly harmless. They do Freemasonry more good than hurt, and they are only the relics of a past age of intolerant and unsound theology. The progress of time and the spread of education are happily gradually and greatly weakening all such "dark superstitions" amongst us. The test of all things now is a practical one, and if Freemasonry comes up to that truer standard, in vain are the denunciations of bigots, and harmless the lucubrations of the intolerant. The argument against the secrecy of Freemasonry is one which we believe is utterly untenable in itself, but it is one which requires more space for its investigation and treatment than we can afford to-day. On an early occasion we will revert to it, but in the meantime, let our good Scottish brethren believe that, as intolerance and ignorance of their true principles harmed them not in "Auld lang syne," they cannot hurt or hinder them to-day in the slightest measure, as they move on, true to their own great principles of brotherly love, and toleration, and above all, distinguished in this busy age, by the development of that comprehensive charity, which is not satisfied with words or professions, but is ever calmly and unostentatiously intent on deeds of kindness and labours of love. True Freemasonry is ever alike comprehensive and consistent, tolerant and forbearing, charitable and philanthropic, and such it will continue to be when Mr. Kerr's attack, like many other similar attacks on Freemasonry, is consigned to contempt and oblivion.

NEW MASONIC PUBLICATIONS.

We have great pleasure in calling the attention of the Craft to two new publications, which will shortly be in the hands of our reading Masons. The one is a "Life of Constantine," a translation, published by Bro. Kenning, with illustrations and engraved portraits, with a preface by Bros. R. W. Little and the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford. To this interesting book we beg to call the attention of all our readers. The other publication announced is a reprint of the First Edition of the Constitutions of 1815, together with the Memorials of the Masonic Union of 1813, by our indefatigable Bro. W. J. Hughan. The Memorials will contain not only an introduction and several official documents, such as the "Articles of Union," but also the valuable List of Lodges, compiled by Bro. Hughan with much labour and research, and especially Bro. Dr. D'Assigny's Enquiry, of 1744, containing (so far) the earliest printed reference to Royal Arch Masonry. Bro. Hughan proposes to give as a frontispiece a fac-simile of the Arms of the Ancient and Operative Masons, published in Ahiman Rezon, 1764. We understand that our Bro. Hughan only intends to have 100 copies printed for subscribers, at 10s. 6d., in Great Britain, and 100 for the United States. We would also call attention to an announcement, in another column; of the publication of a volume

of Yorkshire poems, by the wife of our well known and able Bro. G.M. Tweddell, with the hope that her little poetic effort may receive the kindly support of the Craft.

Original Correspondence.

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

FREEMASONS AND GOOD TEMPLARS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

"Keystone" applies the plumb-line rather closely to my last letter, but hardly gives me a satisfactory reply. He seems to allow, that a Good Templar is not debarred from becoming a Freemason by his peculiar views, which are in fact religious convictions. Yet he also appears equally positive that by the Constitutions, letter and spirit of the Order, he is debarred from attending Masonic banquets. Is not this somewhat anomalous? Revise the case and I may see reason in the Constitutions of the Good Templars, why one of their body should not be present at such banquet, but that is not the matter under present question.

I do not think I am ignorant of the elementary principles and objects of Masonry, nor am I wholly ignorant of its history, but I have certainly regarded the banquet as a friendly meeting after business, rather than an essential of the Order. If it is so, there can be no *prima facie* reason why a Mason should be excluded because of his holding views which in no way debar him from attendance at his lodge. The only question that occurred to my mind was that relating to the healths commonly proposed—honoured Masonically and drunk—and however imperfectly I fulfilled my intention, I meant to ask would it not be sufficient to honour the toast Masonically, without drinking to it, which a G. T. could and would naturally do. I have not the opportunity just now of looking into the Constitutions, although I am bound to admit their authority, and if the thing proposed is "impossible" the matter cannot be discussed. Yet I feel that there is something unsatisfactory in Keystone's reply, because it makes the banquet more exclusive than the Order itself. It certainly was a prominent feature of the Dionisia of old—so prominent as ultimately to put the mysteries and fundamentals in the background—a state of things that no good Mason would desire to see restored; but if the banquet is not the essential, why should it reject those whom the letter and spirit of Masonry does not debar from becoming brethren of the Order. M.M.

NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS AND MASONIC PROCESSIONS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

The United Provincial Grand Lodge and Brethren of Devon and Cornwall, assembled on the 14th inst., to meet the Most Worshipful Past Grand Master of England, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, at the opening of a new Guildhall, by our Illustrious Brother, and you can easily believe that every loyal Freemason in garrison was anxious to testify his fealty by taking part in the proceedings.

I am, however, sorry to state, that, the Masonic Non-Commissioned Officers of the Army were not permitted to appear in the procession, owing to an order in the Official Grand Lodge "programme," that black coats, black silk hats, &c., were to be worn by all brethren attending.

This degrading, and insulting prohibition, will not be forgotten in a hurry, by over one hundred respectable Non-Commissioned Officers of this garrison, most of whom are in good standing in their lodges, and naturally enough expected that they, in common with their civilian brethren, were entitled to all the rights and privileges of Ancient Freemasonry; but such a prohibition should be condemned by all interested in sustaining the prestige of our honourable Order.

The executive of the Devon and Cornwall United Prov. G. Lodges may seek to escape deserved censure by throwing the onus on the Major-General Commanding, who actually did refuse to approve of our attendance at the demonstration, but, I am in a position to state positively, that, if we had not been completely ignored in the programme before alluded to, he would have unhesitatingly given his consent on this occasion.

Talk about being "cuffed," by Father Cuff, but Father Cuff's cuff is as nothing to this indignity.

I shall, as a soldier, hesitate to visit any lodge in this province, being (after what has occurred) impressed with the idea that equality in Masonry, in this part of England, exists only in name.

Trusting that some abler pen than mine will vindicate us from the slur thrown upon the Masonic Non-Commissioned Officers of the Army by the United Provincial Grand Lodges of Devon and Cornwall, I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

SOLDIER FREEMASON.

[We entirely go with our Bro. "Soldier Freemason," and deeply regret that any foolish Masonic red-tape should have hindered our Soldier Brethren from joining in the procession.—Ed.]

MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

The following case having been referred to the Standing Committee of Lodge _____ for consideration and advice is of so rare and peculiar a character, involving as it does so nice a point of Masonic equity, that I should (although the case has been decided) much wish for the opinion of some of our brethren who are more familiar with Masonic jurisprudence than myself, particularly as the case may hereafter be quoted as a precedent. The case, as submitted, stands thus.

1st. Bro. _____ applies in due form to be affiliated to Lodge _____, he is balloted for and rejected.

2nd. A Masonic Ball is about to be given by the lodge in which he was rejected, to which no funds of the lodge are to be devoted, the expenses being defrayed by brethren who wish to subscribe or attend. The custom has been that no brother (subscribing member of the lodge or not) should be invited unless he subscribes to the ball, the usual invitations to other lodges, and a brother on a journey excepted.

3rd. Bro. _____, who was rejected, say last evening, applies this morning (knowing he had been rejected) to one of the committee appointed by the lodge to issue invitations, and intimates that he wishes to subscribe to the proposed ball.

The question to be decided by the committee was—

1st. Are we are bound by Masonic law to acquiesce in the ballot of last evening. Would it be consistent to allow the brother to subscribe?

2nd. If not allowed to subscribe can he be invited as a guest?

I enclose the decision of the committee, which was unanimous on both questions.

1st. Bro. _____ cannot be allowed to contribute to the ball.

2nd. Bro. _____, being a resident, cannot attend unless he subscribes, and further that, having been rejected at the ballot for his affiliation to invite him as a guest would be inconsistent with the principles of Masonic Laws.

Yours fraternally,

ONE OF THE COMMITTEE.

[We agree with the committee, both in law and equity.—Ed.]

The *Masonic Magazine* for August gives a number of extracts from the criticisms passed by the local press on Mr. Emra Holmes's lecture on "Charles Dickens," and states that Mr. Holmes is preparing his lecture for publication in the pages of the *Magazine*, to the readers of the next number of which it is hoped it will be introduced.—*Ipswich Journal*.

Altum in Parbo, or Masonic Notes and Queries.

In answer to my able and excellent brother student, W. J. Hughan, I send him the following replies to his interesting queries, and shall always be glad to give him any help I can in his persevering labours in the good cause of Masonic Archaeology and Investigation.

1. The first edition of Ashmole's life was published in 1717.

2. The account of his initiation at Warrington is in the first edition.

3. There does not appear in the British Museum Library to be a regular second edition, but the matter is printed and inserted in the "The Lives of those eminent Antiquarians, Elias Ashmole, William Kelly, &c., 1774." In this volume the account of the initiation is the same as in the edition of 1717.

4. There is no earlier edition of Dr. Plot's History of Staffordshire, either in the Bodleian or the British Museum, than the one in 1686. I do not believe that any earlier one was published. A copy of the 1686 edition, with MS. emendations, by Dr. Plot, [is in the British Museum.

5. The work you allude to is probably a work by Stehelin, published in London, 1748, 850, and termed "Rabbinical Literature, or the Traditions of the Jews, contained in the Talmud and other mystical writings, &c." What is it I will try and let you know next week.

A. F. A. WOODFORD.

Ireland.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. FITZPATRICK.

On Tuesday, 11th inst., a number of brethren met in the dining-hall of the Masonic Hall, Molesworth-street, Dublin, for the purpose of presenting Bro. Andrew Fitzpatrick, of Stephen's-green and Nassau-street, with an appropriate testimonial of their esteem and brotherly affection, won after a long connection with the venerable Order, during which the favoured recipient won the golden opinions of all with whom he had to do, and ever proved himself a worthy brother as well as a warm friend. Few have been more active in forwarding the charities in connection with the Order, or, in an unobtrusive way, doing all he could to forward their interests generally. When the project of a testimonial for Bro. Fitzpatrick was set on foot, it was responded to with great heartiness, and a very large number of the Masonic brethren joined in the movement. Of these a small proportion—about forty—met Bro. Fitzpatrick, to present him, on behalf of the subscribers, with the valuable testimonial, consisting of a fine gold chronometer balance watch, with the following inscription:—

"Presented to

BRO. FITZPATRICK, P.M., No. 75,

As a mark of esteem and regard by a number of his Masonic brethren.

June, 1874."

There was in addition a splendid tea and coffee service, kettle, salver, &c., of a very pleasing pattern, each bearing the letter "F" inscribed, and an inscription as above on the salver. An excellent supper was provided by Mr. B. Murphy, of Clare-street, and served up in excellent style, Bro. Griffin, LL.D., G.S.B., in the chair.

Supper having been partaken of,

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and fittingly responded to.

The Worshipful Chairman then rose and said—Brethren, we have now come to the business of this evening. You are all aware of the purpose for which we are assembled—namely, to do honour to one to whom honour is due—to present our worthy brother Andrew Fitzpatrick with, I will not say a small token, but a very substantial mark of the esteem and regard entertained for him, by not merely the brethren of his own lodge, but by the Order generally. It has been written that out of the fullness of the heart the mouth speaketh, but, though this is generally true, there are times when the heart

is too full to speak. If there were any strangers or guests present I should tell them of Bro. Fitzpatrick's many good and amiable qualities, qualities which have endeared him not merely to his brethren, but also to his fellow-citizens at large. However, you all know him, and he only requires to be known in order to be appreciated. I shall, therefore, content myself with presenting him, on behalf of the subscribers, with this gold watch and tea and coffee service, also with the address, which conveys in few words the feelings of many hearts.

The Chairman then called on Bro. Young, Hon. Sec., to make the presentation.

Bro. Young then, in handing over the testimonial, said—A few of your intimate friends had at first contemplated demonstrating in some small, though marked, manner their feelings of esteem and affection for you, but we are happy to state that as soon as the subject became known the subscription list attained dimensions which conclusively proved to us we should not be warranted in narrowing its sphere. It must always be a source of pride to you to learn, as it is a gratification to us to state that your unostentatious charity in responding to any appeal on behalf of a distressed or deserving brother, and your active sympathy and support shown in connection with our Masonic Schools, has been fully appreciated and recognised. Your Masonic worth and zeal, your active efficiency in the discharge of your duties, and the tangible evidences you have frequently given in forwarding the interests of the Craft, have commended you as a worthy recipient of the present tribute of our regard. We, therefore, on behalf of a large and influential section of our Masonic brethren, have much pleasure in presenting you with this address, accompanied as it is, by a more substantial evidence of their appreciation—viz., a gold watch, a salver, tea and coffee service, kettle and stand. May you long live to enjoy the few gifts we now offer you.

Bro. Fitzpatrick, in reply, said he accepted with sincere pleasure and gratitude their very kind address and magnificent testimonial, but altogether failed to find words to express his feelings. Having touchingly alluded to the recent demise of one who had subscribed, he went on to express his joy that he should have attained such a high place in the warm regards of his Masonic brethren, but he felt they had in their kindness said much more respecting himself personally than could bear the scrutiny of a less friendly examination. He continued—You have been pleased to notice my exertions in support of our Masonic Schools, but I assure you, that whatever humble efforts I may have put forth in their behalf, I did from a sense of duty, as I look upon these schools as deserving of the best exertions of every true Mason, and as being the one great feature in connection with our Order that stands out prominently before the non-Masonic world, undeniable evidence of one of the great features of our brotherhood—charity. In conclusion, he simply asked them to accept the thanks of a grateful heart as the only return he could offer for their marked expression of fraternal friendship.

A most harmonious evening was then spent; several toasts were proposed, songs sung, Bros. Ryan, Phillips, Doherty, Bouchier, &c., adding by their vocal efforts much to the enjoyment of the meeting.

THE CLEVELAND DIALECT.—Mrs. G. M. Tweddell (wife of our well-known Bro. George Markham Tweddell) is preparing for publication a small volume of "Rhymes and Sketches to illustrate the Cleveland Dialect." As Mrs. Tweddell has won the "golden opinions" of competent judges, both for her fugitive dialect pieces and others, published under the assumed name of Florence Cleveland, we anticipate a treat in her collected volume; many of the pieces in which, we understand, appear there for the first time. We have much pleasure in calling attention to a specimen of Mrs. Tweddell's productions, and beg to say that subscribers' names will be received by Messrs. G. and Sons, Cleveland Printing Office, 10, South Street, Scarborough. Price of the volume, one shilling.

BRO. CONSTABLES DRAWING.

- List of names from whom tickets may be obtained:—
- Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.G.S.D. England, P.M. 131, P.G. Sec. Cornwall, Truro.
 - Rev. Augustus A. Bagshawe, P.Prov.G.C., P.S.G.W. Derbyshire, I.P.M. 1235, Wormhill Vicarage, Buxton, Derby.
 - John Greenbough, P.M., Parker-street, Manchester.
 - W. H. Bowden, 2, Sunderland-place, Clifton.
 - C. Tomkins, Albion Hotel, Ramsgate.
 - R. Limpus, P. Prov. G. Org. Middlesex, 41, Queen-square, W.C.
 - S. E. Moss, P.M. 185, 71, Oakley-road, Islington, N.
 - Hodges, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.
 - George Kenning, Little Britain, E.C.
 - J. T. Platt, P. Prov. J.G.W. Cheshire, 43, Castle-street, Liverpool.
 - H. B. Hodges, P. Prov. S.G.W. Herts, P.M. 403, The Cottage, Walton, Herts.
 - W. R. Jones, 87, 73, Long Acre, W.C.
 - Rev. H. J. Hatch, Chaplain and J.W., 160, Rectory, Little Stambidge, Rochford.
 - Rev. P. H. Newnham, P.M. 195, The Vicarage, Stonehouse, Plymouth.
 - C. F. Hogard, P.M. 205, S.W. 453, 4, Watling-street.
 - E. Gotthell, 185, P.M. 141, 120, Mile End-road, E.
 - J. Constable, W.M. 185, 13, Sise-lane, E.C.
 - R. Young, P.M. 1384, S.W. 86, 3 Princes Park Terrace, Croxteeth-road, Liverpool.
 - J. W. Hill, 517, Cambridge-road, Hackney.
 - J. H. Cambridge, 36, Gresham-street, E.C.
 - A. Robbins, P.M., 2, Queen-street, E.C.
 - J. Griffiths, W.M. 907, 5½, Moakwell-street, E.C.
 - T. H. Miller, P.M. 907, Rood-lane.
 - J. H. Pinder, 21, Threadneedle-street.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, Aug. 28, 1874.

- The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Preceptories, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place or time of meeting.
- Saturday, August 22.
- Manchester Lodge of Instruction (179), Yorkshire Grey, 77, London-street; Fitzroy-square, at 8; Bro. H. Ash, Preceptor.
 - Lily Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, Surrey.
 - Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. G. Dille, Preceptor.
- Monday, August 24.
- Lodge 905, De Grey and Ripon, Angel Hotel, Great Portland.
 - Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction (1445), Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland, at 7; Bro. T. Austin, Preceptor.
 - Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.
 - Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.
 - Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern, Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 - Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gotthell, Preceptor.
 - British Oak Lodge of Instruction (813), Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.
 - T. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street (opposite the Pantheon), Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.
 - Vellington Lodge of Instruction, White Swan Tavern, Deptford, at 8; Bro. C. G. Dille, P.M. 1155, Preceptor.
 - West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
 - Metropolitan Mark Lodge of Instruction, Coach and Horses Hotel, 323, Strand, at 8.
- Tuesday, August 25.
- Thorough Lodge of Instruction (554), Green Dragon Steepy, at 8; Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.

- Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tavern, Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 8.
- Faith Lodge of Instruction (141), Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st., (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cotebrune, Preceptor.
- Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Lord's Hotel, Lord's Cricket Ground, St. John's-wood, at 8; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.
- Dalhouse Lodge of Instruction (860), King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. Crawley, Preceptor.
- Prosperity Lodge of Instruction (65), Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st., Within, at 7.30; Bro. Bolton, W.M. 1217, Preceptor.
- St. Marybone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, New-street, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
- Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (55), Wheatsheaf Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey (P.M. 180), Preceptor.
- Percy Lodge of Instruction, Grapes Tavern, Little Windmill-street, W.
- Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor.
- Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30.

Wednesday, August 26.

- Lodge 507, United Pilgrims, Horns Tavern, Kennington-Park.
- " 754, High Cross, Seven Sisters Tavern, Page-green, Tottenham.
- " 898, Temperance in the East, 6, Newby-place Poplar.
- New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8.
- Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
- Confidence Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
- Peckham Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham, at 8; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor.
- Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar.
- Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, Thicket Hotel, Anerley, at 7.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
- Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction (1288), Finsbury Park Tavern, Seven Sisters-road, N., at 8. Bro. P. Dickinson, Acting Preceptor.
- United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
- Southwark Lodge of Instruction, (879), Southwark Park Tavern, Southwark Park, at 8; Bro. Charles William Kent, Preceptor.

Thursday, August 27.

- General Committee, Girls' School at 4.
- Lodge 22, Neptune, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.
- Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham Court-road, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
- Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Anglers Tavern, Bath-street, City-road; Bro. Stean, Preceptor.
- United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
- Whittington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern Holborn, at 8; Bro. Lewis Alexander, P.M. 188, Preceptor.
- Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
- Ebury Lodge of Instruction, Bro. Palmer's, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.
- Highgate Lodge of Instruction (1366), Ball and Gate, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.

Friday, August 28.

- Lodge 780, Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.
- Chap. 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
- St. George's Lodge of Instruction (140), Globe Tavern, Royal-hill, Greenwich.
- Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
- Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, (749), Coach and Horses, Strand, at 8; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.
- Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.
- Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
- Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tavern, Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.
- Clapton Lodge of Instruction (1365), White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., Preceptor.
- Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1298), the Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. W. F. Rogers, Preceptor.
- Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-road, at 8; Comp. W. West Smith, Preceptor.
- Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Bro. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.
- Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (733), Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8.
- United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Antelope Tavern, Lorn-road, Brixton, at 7.
- St. James's Lodge of Instruction, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-road, Bermondsey, at 8; Bro. Howes, P.M., Preceptor.
- Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Bro. D. S. Potts, Preceptor.
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- Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8; Bro. P. M. Wuest, Preceptor.
- St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Rose Tavern, Fulham-road, S.W.
- Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.
- High Cross Lodge of Instruction (754), Coach & Horses, High Road, Tottenham.
- Union Club of Instruction, Windsor Castle, Victoria Station, at 8 p.m.; H. Ash, P.M., Instructor.
- Burdett Courts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park, at 8; Bro. Geo. W. Verry, Preceptor.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, Aug. 29, 1874.

Monday, August 24.

- Lodge 613, Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport.
- " 703, Clifton, Clifton Arms Hotel, Blackpool.
- Chap. 241, Friendship, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 5.

Tuesday, August 25.

- Lodge 986, Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston, at 4.
- " 1256, Fidelity, Bull Hotel, Poulton-le-Fylde.
- " 1393, Hamer, Everton Hall, Everton-road, Liverpool, at 6.
- Chap. 721, Grosvenor, Masonic Rooms, Chester, at 6.30.
- " 823, Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
- Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.

Wednesday, August 26.

- Lodge 86, Loyalty, Assembly Rooms, Prescot, at 6.
- " 220, Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, near Liverpool, at 3.
- " 484, Faith, Gerard's Arms Inn, Ashton-le-Willows.
- " 580, Harmony, Wheatshaf Inn, Ormskirk, at 5.
- " 724, Derby, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
- " 758, Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 6.
- " 1325, Stanley, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool, at 6.
- Chapter 1052, Callender, Public Hall, Rusholme.
- St. John's Lodge of Instruction (673), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 8.
- Neptune Lodge of Instruction (1264), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 7.
- De Grey and Ripon Lodge of Instruction (1356), 80, North Hill-street, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 7.30.

Thursday, August 27.

- Lodge 594, Downshire, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
- " 959, Hesketh, Royal Hotel; Dock-street, Fleetwood.
- " 1032, Townley Parker, Howard's Arms, Whittle-le-Springs.
- " 1070, Starkie, Black Horse Hotel, Kirkham.
- Lodge 1313, Ferman, Masonic Hall, Southport, at 7.
- Chap. 416, Sacred Delta, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
- " 1086, Walton, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, at 6.
- Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction (1182), 150, Park-lane, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 7.

Friday, August 28.

- Chap. 680, Sefton, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 5.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND VICINITY.

For the week ending Saturday, Aug. 29, 1874.

All the Meetings take place at 8 o'clock.

Monday, August 24.

- Lodge 384, Athol, Washington Hotel, Kirkintilloch.

Tuesday, August 25.

- Lodge 248, St. John's, Masonic Hall, Carnwath.
- " 427, St. Clair, Masonic Hall, Cambusnethan.
- Chap. 67, Cathedral, 22, Struthers-street.
- " 73, Caledonian Unity, 170, Buchanan-street.

Wednesday, August 26.

- Lodge 187, St. John's, Black Bull Inn, Carlisle.
- " 505, Burns, St. Mary, Harford.
- " 510, Maryhill, 167, Main-street, Maryhill.

Thursday, August 27.

- Red Cross Conclave 114, 213, Buchanan-street.

Friday, August 28.

- Lodge 153, Royal Arch, Town Hall, Pollokshaws.
- " 347, St. John's, Old Council Hall, Rutherglen.
- Chap. 143, Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Holytown.

Saturday, Aug. 29.

- Lodge 28, St. John's, Black Bull Inn, Kirkintilloch.
- Chap. 117, Govan, Portland Hall, Govan.

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NEWPORT.—*Albert Edward Prince of Wales Lodge* (No. 1429).—The installation of Bro. Wm. Watkins as W.M. of this lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, Dock-street, on Thursday, 20th inst. The D.P.G.M., Capt. George Homfray, performed the ceremony in his usual able and efficient manner. Lodge was opened by Bro. Wm. Randall as W.M., and the following brethren recorded their names in the signature book:—Bros. Capt. S. Geo. Homfray, D.P.G.M. (Mon.); C. W. Ingram, S.W.; Wm. Watkins, J.W.; J. Wilson Bebel, (Sec.); J. Horner (Treas.); E. Whitehall, J.D.; John James, I.G.; F. Orders, Std.; Hy Fletcher, Tyler; Wm. Twist, Jas. Poole, W. Kinsey Morgan, Henry Richards, Chas. Rowe, W.M. 471; Jas. Sanders, R. Wilkinson, S. Brukewick, E. W. Perrin, Jos. Davies, 471; L. A. Homfray, P.P.G.S.W. and P.M. 683; R. B. Evans, P.M. 471, and P.G.S.W.; W. H. Wiskey Homfray, S.W. 683; Thos. Williams, P.P.G.A.D.C. and P.M. 583; George Griffiths, P.M. 95; Jno. Middleton, P.P.S.G.W. and P.M. 683; W. W. Morgan, P.M. 683; W. H. Lloyd, P.G.R. and I.P.M. 1258; Samuel Davies, P.G.S.W. (Gloucester) and P.M. 270 and 1363; J. Barter, 471; A. Sieverdin, 471; Alfred Jacob, 471; John Gamble, S.W. 270; W. Parfitt, P.S.W. 683 and P.G.D.C.; G. B. Rellhood, Royal Leeds, 53; Fred. Wits, 471; Henry Howells, 472; Isaac T. Dando, Isca, 683; Jacob Droiff, 394; H. Woolf, 471; A. Taylor, 471; John Pitman, 419; Isaac Jenkins, 442; W. Davies, 103; Jennings Hawker, 331; Peter Philands, Kilwinning Lodge, 4, Glasgow; George Bilson, 673, Liverpool; A. S. Fowler, 970, Stockton-on-Tees, and others. There were present at this interesting ceremony some sixty brethren at least. A Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Watkins having been duly installed in the chair of King Solomon, and having done his devoirs to his confreres of the same degree, commanded the Tyler to "sound an alarm," and presently there trooped forth into the splendid lodge room a large gathering, who, according to ancient custom, greeted the newly installed Master with great enthusiasm. Then followed the investiture of officers, the W.M. making suitable remarks on the delivery of each collar. We subjoin a list of the fortunate candidates.—Bros. W. Randall, I.P.M.; J. G. Huxtable, S.W.; E. Whitehall, J.W.; J. W. Bebell, Secretary; James Horner, Treasurer; Frederick Orders, S.D.; John James, J.D.; Edward W. Perrin, Organist; Robert Wilkinson, Superintendent of Works; L. Hermessen, D.C.; William Twist, I.G.; J. Horner, junr. and J. Poole, Stewards; Henry Fletcher, Tyler. The financial statement of the lodge was distributed, and showed remarkable progress. The sheet exhibited a balance in hand of £44 17s. 10d. The W.M. (Bro. Watkins) cordially thanked the brethren for the confidence they had reposed in him. He would endeavour to merit the good opinion which his brethren had been pleased to

form of him by their unanimous vote. He felt also deeply indebted to the large number who had attended to do honour to his installation. The W.M. then proposed, and it was seconded by Bro. C. W. Ingram, and carried unanimously, a cordial vote of thanks to "the Worshipful Brother Capt. George Homfray, D.P.G.M. (Mon) for his very able services rendered to the brethren this day, in the capacity of Installing Master." Bro. Homfray appositely returned thanks, promising his fatherly support as D.P.G.M. to the rising generation in Masonry. The usual votes of thanks to Bro. Randall, the retiring Master, and to the visitors, coupled with the name of Bro. L. A. Homfray, were recorded and duly responded to. The lodge was then solemnly closed. It is usual to have a banquet on these occasions, but we understand that it has been arranged to have a joint banquet of the three blue lodges, and January next has been indicated as the probable fixture for this festive gathering.

Scotland.

GLASGOW.—*Kilwinning Lodge* (No. 4) held their monthly meeting on Wednesday, the 5th inst., Bro. J. Prout, S.W.; J. Jameson, J.W.; there was one candidate who was initiated in first-class style by Bro. J. Thorburn, R.W.M.

GLASGOW.—*Caledonian Railway* (No. 354) met on the 5th inst., the R.W.M., Bro. J. Shaw, presiding, assisted by A. A. Smith, I.P.M.; D. Buchan, D.M.; Wm. Hadwell, S.M.; J. Stafford, S.W.; W. Joiner, acting J.W.; and a large attendance of members and visitors, who witnessed plenty of work, the R.W.M. initiating three candidates, passing three to the Fellow Craft degree, after which Bro. A. H. Smith raised four brethren to the sublime degree. The lodge having been reduced to the first degree, the R.W.M. said although it was late, he would like the brethren to remain a little, as they were about to lose the services of Bro. Hardy, their excellent Director of Music, who had helped them to pass so many pleasant evenings. Bro. Mackenzie then in a highly eulogistic speech, proposed the thanks of the lodge to Bro. Hardy, D. of M., who in reply said that when he got to Canada he should often think of the happy hours he had spent in company with the brethren of 354. The R.W.M. proposed "The Visitors," coupling it with Bro. J. O. Park and G. W. Wheeler. Both brethren replied, Bro. Wheeler giving "Prosperity to 354 and its very worthy Master," who promised to emulate the good P.M.'s, of whom the lodge could boast. Bro. Park proposed the Wardens and other officers. Bro. Stafford briefly acknowledged the compliment; after "The Fireside of the Master" had been given and acknowledged, the lodge was closed, all well pleased, though regretting to lose a brother.

GLASGOW.—*Lodge St. John* (No. 34).—This old and influential lodge held their bi-monthly meeting on Tuesday, August 15th, in their own hall, 213, Buchanan-street. There was a very large meeting. The chair was occupied by the R.W.M., Bro. Thomas Fletcher, who had the assistance of most of his officers, and in the working of the degrees the aid of Past Masters J. Smillie, McMillan, and Wm. Bell. There was a very heavy night's work, viz., two initiations, two passings and the raising of no less than thirteen brethren. All the ceremonies were carefully wrought by the Past Masters and Deputy Master. The raising of the fees has evidently not deteriorated from the popularity of this, the oldest lodge in the province, and which claims to date even before the Mother Lodge of Kilwinning.

GLASGOW.—*St. Mungo Encampment of Knights Templar.*—The monthly meeting of this body was held in St. Mark's Hall on Monday, the 16th August, Sir Knight R. Bell, G.S., the E.C., presiding; G. W. Wheeler, Recorder, acting Prelate; Wm. Cameron, C.C.; C. McKenzie, S.C.; J. Johnson, J. C.; S. Scott, M.; McClanahan, W. A petition was presented from Comp. P. Hastie, of 69. The ballot having been unanimous in his favour, he was admitted as a Pilgrim and afterwards created an Esquire of the Order. The nomination of

officers for the ensuing year was then put forth.

GLASGOW.—*Royal Ark Mariners' Lodge* 73 met at 170, Buchanan-street, on the 14th inst., J. Balfour, F.N.; J. O. Park, McDonald J.; W. Wheeler, P. Application for admission on board was received from Hastie, of Lodge 4, who was admitted and installed in the duties of a Royal Ark Master.

GLASGOW.—*The Council of Red Cross* in connection with Chapter 73, Tuesday, 17th inst., J. O. Park, P. Balfour, acting President; G. W. Wheeler, W. McDonald, S.G.; J. Johnston, J. Bryde, 1st C.; J. S. Oliver, 2nd C.; J. man, S.; J. Hay, O.G.; Visitor D. R. Two companions of Chap. 69, Jas. Gibb, Jas. Hastie, were candidates for admission to the council being unanimous, they were and created Knights of the Sword. The lodge was subsequently opened in the other end and the same two gentlemen were then admitted into the other two points and Knights of the East, and also Knights of the East and West. Both the new Sirs afterwards returned thanks for the honours conferred upon them, and expressed their affection with the ceremonies they had passed through.

Mark Masonry.

MACDONALD LODGE (No. 104).—This lodge met for an emergency on the 8th inst. in Charles Gosden's, Masons' Hall Tavern, half-street. A dispensation had been obtained from the Grand Master for the removal of the lodge from the 1st Surrey Volunteer Quarters, the future meetings are to be held at the same place. The brethren who attended on this occasion were Bros. Robert Berridge, S.W.; Stevens, P.R.W.M.; Thomas P.R.W.M., and Treasurer, W. P. G.D.; N. J. Z. Bassett, D.C.; G. Steward; F. H. Cozens, I.G.; J. K. F. M. Wohlgenouth, G. W. Verry, F. G. Sec.; and H. Massey (Freemason). Meggy, P.M., advanced Bro. Partridge to the degree of Knight, and as there was no other business before the meeting, the brethren adjourned to banquet. After the usual toasts were duly given, and Bro. James Stevens, in obedience to the W.M., responded for the Past Grand the Deputy Grand Master, and Grand Referring to Bro. Portal's reign over this Order he said that that brother had done more for this Order than probably any of his predecessors would do. Bro. Portal's service to the Order during his three years of office had been great in rendering it so perfect as it was at present time. The officers appointed had given every satisfaction, and they had deavoured by all the means in their power to promote the interests of the degree. That of those three years of Bro. Portal's rule had been lost, and it might safely be considered that the degree was both taking and holding in a manner which should give all members with the degree the greatest pleasure. The officers, it must be remembered, nothing of themselves if left alone, only by the support of the other members of the degree they could hope to achieve. From the support they were getting from the members there was no doubt that the degree was extremely encouraged. Bro. Bassett responded for the Grand Master for Middlesex and Sir Burdett, and said he was present at the annual festival of the Mark Benevolents at Richmond, when he represented this lodge, and he had to thank the brethren heartily for the support they gave him on that occasion. The Provincial Grand Lodge hold its next meeting in London in September, and he hoped that all the brethren of the Provincial Lodge, who were Provincial Officers would attend it.

Bro. T. Meggy then proposed a toast to the Provincial Grand Lodge. He said that from the day he had performed

ed forward to a happy and prosperous year. gave this toast with confidence because he seen his working in a lodge before. The M. was one of those Masons who, when undertook a duty, did their best to perform properly. It was not every one who had the s to perform a W.M.'s work, but when a ther did all he could, and devoted much time attention to it, his efforts ought not to be acknowledged. Bro. Worrell did this, and he (Meggy) hoped that before this time next, when he went out of the chair, he would presented with that acknowledgment of his ges which the lodge was in the habit of owing on those Masters with whose work were satisfied. Bro. Worrell was glad efforts met with approval. Called upon at a short notice, to occupy the W.M., he had not been able to get up the ritual the fluency he should have wished, but he t to do so yet. There was no Masonic since he had been connected with the r, that he had shrunk from, and he did not id in this branch of it to shirk what fell to e. He should do all he could to work the ee to the satisfaction, not only of himself, of all his brethren. It was somewhat ult to accomplish the work of a Mark ege when the Master's duties in the Craft Arch also devolved on a brother, as he was to mix the little variations that occurred in : three together, and some confusion was reby created. Before the Lodge next met he ped he should overcome all difficulties that mented themselves in the working of the rk Degree.

Bro. Worrell next proposed "The Newly- nced Brother, Bro. Partridge," whom he d great pleasure in introducing himself. In Craft it was always a pleasure to shed the v light of Freemasonry on a brother, but en they came to this degree, with the new it they gave, a better and fuller enjoyment of emasonry was conferred, and he might also gratulate the brethren on having acquired a brother as the one they had advanced evening. He was of that kind and genial re which the brethren of the William ston Lodge were famous for. Moreover he a wonderful interest in Freemasonry, and anxious to go on in the various degrees. a brother he called on them to welcome.

Bro. Partridge said it was a difficult task for to reply, in fact "speechifying" he always ded, as he was not adapted for it. But after remarks which had fallen from Bro. rel, he could but state that he would avour to act as a Mark Master and should do was most conducive to the benefit of the r and this lodge. Bro. Worrell next pro- d "The P.M.'s" Bro. Meggy, Stevens, Wol- Crown, and Hammerton." Bro. Meggy nded, and in reply to some flattering rks of the W.M., on the use the P.M.'s had to the lodge, said that as regarded himself ked on this lodge as his family. He took pride in it, and he was glad the brethren ed as obedient children and with proper at- to the W.M. in the chair. He was glad d they were getting on in numbers, and he ht if they went on increasing as they had ly increased they would become the most ous lodge in the degree. It was always t pleasure to him to come amongst them any way he could assist them in the work- the lodge, because it was a great thing in egree that the work should be done cor- to give the candidate a proper appreciation beautiful ritual they had in Mark Masonry. ames Stevens, P.M., added that he should ve said anything to this toast if it had not hat some acknowledgment was due from or the kindness which enabled him to be at this meeting and others in the course year. They had made him an honorary er when he felt bound to resign on ac- of the Great City Lodge, of which he was , meeting on the same day as this lodge. ; Mark Lodges the Macdonald was the arest his heart, and if he had had to give on account of their clashing with his engagements he should certainly have d the Macdonald to remain connected with. ver he could promote the interest of the

Macdonald Lodge they would always continue to have his earnest efforts on its behalf, in what- ever position he might be placed in Mark Masonry. "The Visitors," and "The Officers," were the remaining toasts, Bro. Berridge replying for the latter, and the brethren separated, some excellent singing having been given between the toasts by Bros. Meggy and Stevens.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF BENGAL

A Quarterly Communication of the District Grand Lodge of Bengal was held at the Freemasons' Hall, 55, Bentinck-street, Calcutta, on Wednesday, the 24th of June, 1874.

Present:—The W. J. Pitt Kennedy, Past Dep. D.G.M., as District Grand Master; W. J. B. Roberts, Past Dep. D.G.M., as Dep. Dist. Grand Master; W. F. Jennings, Past Deputy District Grand Master; and the rest of the Dist. Grand Officers in their respective places.

Representatives of Lodges were present from Star in the East, 67, Industry and Perseverance 109, True Friendship, 218, Humility and Fortitude, 229, Marine, 232, Anchor and Hope, 234, Courage and Humanity, 392, St. John's, 486, Excelsior, 825, Star of Orissa, 1106, Temperance and Benevolence, 1160, Sandeman, 1374, Pioneer, 1490; and visitors from lodges 229, 234, 392, 486, and 1374.

District Grand Lodge was opened in form at 6.45 p.m.

The Acting District Grand Secretary reported the receipt of apologies from several brethren for unavoidable non-attendance.

The District Grand Master in the Chair said that, before proceeding with the work before the District Grand Lodge, he would call upon the Acting District Grand Secretary to read a letter lately received from the District Grand Master, R. W. Bro. Sandeman. He (the D.G.M. in the chair) was sure that it would be a great pleasure to all present to hear the words which their absent District Grand Master had addressed to them.

The minutes of the quarterly communication of the 21st March, 1874, having been printed and circulated, were, on the motion of the District Grand Master in the Chair, taken as read, and Bro. J. B. Roberts, P.D.D.G.M., wished to call attention to a very grave error of account in one of the reports embodied in the minutes of the last communication of District Grand Lodge. He thought that a note should be made of this.

The District Grand Master in the chair pointed out that the confirmation of minutes did not imply more than that, in the opinion of those present, they correctly recorded what had actually taken place at the meeting to which they referred. If the error in the report from a different body, now pointed out by Bro. Roberts, was actually in the report, as submitted to the District Grand Lodge, it was not only necessary, but it would even be improper for the District Grand Lodge to attempt to rectify it. As Bro. Roberts was aware the correction of the error referred to had engaged the attention of the body which was competent to deal with it, and the next report which the District Grand Lodge received from the Bengal Masonic Association would doubtless afford all that was necessary for the removal of any misapprehensions into which the members of the District Grand Lodge might have been led by the mistake in question.

The motion was then put and was carried, and the District Grand Master in the chair then addressed the District Grand Lodge as follows:—

Worshipful Brethren, I have not very many observations to make either on the matters which will come before you in the several reports which will be submitted this evening, or on the state and prospects of Masonry in the province generally. As there may be discussion on some of the subjects which are brought forward in the various reports, it appears to me to be a more convenient plan to reserve until then what I may have to say than to take up your time by entering into details now. I may, however, say generally, that the several reports seem to me sa-

tisfactory, and certainly, whatever opinion may be held as to whether Masonry is in all respects as flourishing as could be wished, it must be admitted that in one direction, and that which is, I take it, a sound test of the condition of the Craft, we have no reason to be dissatisfied. I congratulate the District Grand Lodge upon the condition of its Fund of Benevolence.

Of our other Charity, the Bengal Masonic Association, I am not able to speak so favourably. By a mistaken construction of one of its bye-laws it was supposed to be in a better position than it really was, and it is now, I regret to say, in a situation of temporary embarrassment. The capital, of course, remains what it was, and is even increasing; but the annual subscriptions have fallen off, and the result is that there are not enough funds to carry on with. This has been to some extent relieved—relieved I may say for the moment—but it will be necessary to consider what efforts can be made to place the association on a really safe footing, and I am informed that a proposition upon this subject will be brought before you this evening.

I regret to have to announce to you the exclusion of a brother from Lodge Marine, No. 232, for non-payment of dues.

I have next to make an announcement of a quite different character: I have appointed Messrs. T. Black and Co. to be book-sellers, stationers, and printers to District Grand Lodge. Messrs. Black and Co. are, as you are aware, our sub-tenants, occupying the ground floor of these premises; and the head of their firm is a well-known and esteemed brother among us, the Master of one of our Calcutta lodges, and an officer of District Grand Lodge. I venture to think that much convenience to the Craft in Bengal generally, as well as to District Grand Lodge in particular, will result from the appointment to which I am referring.

Finally, I would say a word or two upon a matter more personal to myself. In respect of one of the duties belonging to the office which I have the honour to hold among you for a time, I fear greatly that I must have seemed to you to be culpably negligent. I refer to the duty—the very pleasant duty as it has always been considered by the occupants of this chair—of officially visiting lodges. Brethren, I simply am not able to do it; my professional occupations will not permit me to do it. Visiting a lodge officially implies a late evening—not necessarily an unpleasant evening—quite the reverse, still less an evening that is not temperate and moderate in its enjoyments; but at the same time the result is decidedly a later evening than it is my custom to enjoy—later than the labours of my profession permit me to give myself. I have to express my regret that this is so, but so it is.

In other ways, it is possible that I may be able to be of use to you. I mean that in many questions that arise regarding lodges, involving reference to, and readings of, bye-laws, constitutions, and so forth, and it is not unlikely that, as a mere result of my professional training and daily habit of thought, I may be able to be of service; but in respect to that other duty, I must tell you that it is not possible for me to perform it, and I must ask your forbearance and indulgence regarding it.

W. Bro. Locke, Past Dep. D.G.M., moved—that the report of proceedings of the Committee of General Purposes, at a meeting on the 5th June, 1874, having been printed and circulated, be taken as read. Seconded by W. Bro. Mac-tavish, D.J.G.W., and carried unanimously.

The accounts of the Committee of General Purposes were passed.

W. Bro. Locke moved—that, under the circumstances urged in the second paragraph of section 3 of the report, the Committee of General Purposes be held excused for having taken up the question of the remission of rent to Lodge 392, informally brought before them.

W. Bro. Lindley, D.G. Registrar, seconded the motion, and it was carried.

W. Bro. Locke moved further—that the remission of the sum rs. 66-10-8, on account of two months' rent from lodge 392, as recommended by the committee in the last paragraph of section 3 of their report, be sanctioned.

Seconded by W. Bro. Turner, and carried unanimously.

The Acting District Grand Secretary reported concerning the question of the lodge-building at Agra.

Permission having been accorded by the District Grand Master in the Chair, W. Bro. Locke read the following, being a portion of Art. 50 of the bye-laws of District Grand Lodge, under the Chapter "Lodges placed in abeyance."

"The presiding Officer of a lodge, at the time of its being placed in abeyance, shall, with the above report [a report concerning the necessity of placing the lodge in abeyance] forward an account of the Lodge Property and Funds; and he will be guided by such instructions as may be communicated to him by the District Grand Master, with the view of holding the property and funds in trust until the lodge may be reopened; but if it be not resuscitated within two years, they shall be disposed of, and the proceeds made over to the Fund of Benevolence.

Wor. Bro. Roberts expressed himself as satisfied.

The report of proceedings of Grand Committee of the Fund of Benevolence, having been printed and circulated, were taken as read, received and ordered to be recorded.

Bro. Roberts had to make a remark which, he said, perhaps hardly came within the four corners of this report, but a mistake had been made, connected with the Fund of Benevolence which he thought should be set right. In the list of the members of the Executive Sub-Committee, a name, that of Bro. W. H. Jones, had been left out. There was also another mistake, the name of Bro. Le Franc had taken the place of W. Bro. Frew, but this was not perhaps a matter of very much consequence now, as Bro. Frew had gone away from Calcutta and his place on the Sub-Committee was filled by W. Bro. Le Franc. The omission of W. Bro. W. H. Jones from the list, however, was certainly a matter which he, Bro. Roberts, wished to have rectified, lest he might at any time be charged with irregularity in sending the minute book to Bro. W. H. Jones, as he was in the habit of doing.

The Acting District Grand Secretary was wholly unable to see how W. Bro. Roberts could ask District Grand Lodge to consider the statement which he had made as to errors, which whether they existed or not, were certainly not contained in, nor in any way connected with, the report which was now before the brethren upon regular motion. The motion before District Grand Lodge was to receive and record a report of proceedings at a meeting of the Managers of the Fund held upon a particular date therein set forth. The names of W. brethren found in that report were simply those of the members of the Grand Committee who were present at that meeting and of two who sent apologies for their absence. The report did not profess to give—it did not fall within its scope to give—a complete list of the Sub-Committee (or of the full committee for that matter), but only, as he had said, the names of those present at the meeting, with the incidental mention of two names of brethren who had sent apologies. He, W. Bro. Locke, regretted now that he had (with a view to the saving of time) moved District Grand Lodge to take the report as read, and, were it possible to withdraw that motion, he would, inasmuch as if the report was read, word for word, it would be seen how wholly irrelevant to it were the remarks which Bro. Roberts had made. He, Bro. Locke, would appeal to the Chair as to whether those remarks could be considered until the motion before the brethren was disposed of.

W. Bro. Roberts claimed the right of taking what steps he pleased in order to bring mistakes to notice. He was quite aware that those to which he was now referring were not in the particular report before them—he had said so on first rising—but they had to do with the Fund of Benevolence, and it did not seem to him to be at all out of order that he should ask for a mistake to be corrected.

The District Grand Master in the chair said he must overrule W. Bro. Roberts. The statements made by that brother certainly did not bear upon the motion which was before District Grand Lodge, and they could not be considered until that motion was disposed of.

The motion was then put, and carried unanimously.

Brother J. H. E. Beer, D. G. Organist, in moving the resolution of which he had given notice, and which stood in his name on the agenda paper, said that the object of his motion was the supply of a want which he had felt since he had held the office of District Grand Organist, and which he had ascertained had also been felt by his predecessors. District Grand Lodge did not possess a sheet of music, but had entirely to depend upon the kindness of musical brethren, who had frequently been sufferers by loss of what they had lent. He did not think that this state of things should continue. They had now a comparatively wealthy Musical Instrument Fund, and as it certainly appeared to him that the application of a small portion of this fund to the use which he proposed was quite a legitimate one, he would move that a sum of money not exceeding Rs. 100 be taken from the Musical Instrument Fund, and placed at the disposal of the D. G. Organist for the purpose of providing a suitable collection of music for the use of the D. G. Organist in Lodge and after banquet, and a box or almirah in which the music can be kept in safety. He would add that it was not his intention to spend the whole of the money at once, but carefully, from time to time, in getting what might be thought desirable. In selecting, he (Bro. Beer) intended to take counsel with other musical brethren, whose advice he was sure he could count upon.

The motion was seconded by W. Bro. James W. Browne.

The District Grand Master said that perhaps he could hardly refuse to put the motion, but he must confess that he felt considerable difficulty in putting it. It seemed to him to be really a motion for diverting the moneys of a fund to uses other than those for which they were subscribed. A sheet of music might be held to be a "Musical Instrument," but it certainly seemed to him to be stretching the definition. He could not himself think that the necessity for the purchase of music for special use at meetings of District Grand Lodge could be anything like a pressing one. Surely the musical brethren must have a large amount which they could use when they favoured us with music. It had always seemed to him to be a characteristic of musical people to have very large collections of sheets and books of music. He had often noticed in houses where music was cultivated what had appeared to him to be an over-abundance in this respect, and he really thought that the musical brethren in District Grand Lodge could hardly be put to much inconvenience for want of music books. As to the almirah or box in which to keep carefully any music that by accident or otherwise brethren might leave behind them occasionally, there was perhaps no objection to that; but he must confess that, for his part, he should be adverse to see any expenditure made from the Musical Instrument Fund for the purchase of music sheets or books. They must remember that pianos were not long-lived things. The amount now at credit of the Musical Instrument Fund bore but a small proportion to the cost of a new piano, and if drains upon the fund were made of the kind now proposed, we might at no very distant date find ourselves in want of a new instrument, and without sufficient money in the Musical Instrument Fund to buy one.

W. Bro. Locke asked whether, under Article 13 of the District Grand Lodge Bye-laws, which said that all questions of finance should be referred to the Committee of General Purposes for consideration and report, the mover of the present proposition could ask the District Grand Lodge to pass a definite vote upon the subject until it had been so referred. It seemed to him that the most that Bro. Beer could take by his motion that evening would be leave to refer the proposal to the Committee of General Purposes.

The District Grand Master concurred with Bro. Locke, whereupon Bro. Beer said he would, with the permission of District Grand Lodge, amend his motion by prefixing to it the words, "that the following propositions be referred to the Committee of General Purposes, viz." The

seconded of the original motion expressed his assent to the proposed amendment.

W. Bro. Roberts was of opinion that there was no need at all for Bro. Beer to have been troubled to make any alteration in the wording of his motion. It was quite open to him to have moved it as it stood, and some other brother, if he had wished, could have moved any amendment.

Bro. Locke thought that W. Bro. Roberts was mistaken. He (Bro. Locke) had asked the chair whether by art. 13 of our bye-laws District Grand Lodge could be asked to take the proposition into consideration that evening, and the District Grand Master in the chair had said it could not. After that it was very evident that there had been some need for the alteration which Bro. Beer and his seconder had made.

The motion was then put—
"That the propositions be referred to the Committee of General Purposes."

The business as noted in the Agenda paper having terminated with the foregoing motion, the usual enquiry was made from the chair as to whether any brother had sought further to propose for the good of Freemasonry, upon which

W. Bro. Roberts said yes, he had something to propose for the good of Masonry. It was, he thought, decidedly for the good of Masonry that the public should see that our charities were not less cared for than they had always been. Amongst the works of charity which Masonry had always encouraged, that of educating the children of our poorer brethren had always been conspicuous. There was nothing that so effectually stopped the mouths of objectors to Freemasonry as our being able to point to those noble institutions at home which the Craft had founded and were supporting, those schools where the children of poor Masons received the inestimable blessings of education. We had among ourselves an institution of the kind, humble, of course, as compared with those at home, but still not altogether unworthy of it as a beginning. The work had been earnestly begun, and it had, there was no doubt, prospered under the hands of R. W. Bro. Sandeman, but he was willing to admit, for he desired not to raise contention of any kind over the proposition, he was now about to bring forward. He did not wish to contend even with the Acting District Grand Secretary. All would, however, admit—all did admit—that lately there had been a falling off in the support afforded to the Bengal Masonic Association, and the result had been that the Association had been placed in a position in which it had seriously to consider how it could continue to carry on that which had undertaken to do. The necessities of the present year, however, were not now so pressing as they were even a few days ago. There had been a deficit of Rs. 152, and the Fund of Benevolence had passed a resolution declaring that the remainder of the deficit were not made up by similar subscriptions, their Treasurer should meet the calls of the Treasurer of the Association up to Rs. 500. There was no longer therefore the pressing necessity to consider any such questions as the removal of a child from school, how means should be raised to prevent such a removal. There remained, however, a matter which he thought demanded their serious consideration, and it was upon this that he desired to give formal notice of a motion to be brought forward at the communication of the District Grand Lodge. Were the brethren in Bengal content that (supposing all difficulties up to that point to be surmounted) the Bengal Masonic Association should go no further than to undertake the charge of five children? Would they be satisfied to be able to reply to any caviller against Freemasonry that they had an institution which supported five children? Would they let an institution sicken and wither, or would they let that the time had arrived when it behoved them to place it upon a similar footing as regards regular and assured support as that which kindred charity, the Fund of Benevolence, enjoyed? Did they, or did they not, consider that the Bengal Masonic Association was less worthy of such support as the Fund of Benevolence enjoyed?

FREEMASONRY IN N. S. WALES.

ZETLAND LODGE OF AUSTRALIA, No. 655 E.C.—The regular monthly meeting was held at the Freemasons' Hall, on Tuesday, 12th inst. The W.M., Wor. Bro. Chas. Davis, and his Officers assumed their chairs at prompt time. On the dais supporting the W.M., were noticeable several distinguished past and present D.G.L. Officers and Past Masters. The lodge opened its labours in the first degree. The Secretary, Bro. Higstrim, then read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were approved of and confirmed. The lodge then took into consideration the propriety of becoming annual subscribers to a lodge of Instruction, which was unanimously agreed to; Wor. Bro. P. M. Ryall, D. G. Organist, and Bro. Cameron, Senior Deacon, being appointed delegates to assist in drawing up by-laws for the guidance of the same. A candidate for the second degree was approved of, intrusted, and retired. The lodge then passed to the second or F.C. degree, when the secrets pertaining to the same were communicated to him. The lodge then resumed business in the first degree. Apologies were tendered by the W.M. on behalf of two of his officers, who were unable to attend the meeting. A communication from a sister lodge, E.C., was read, announcing the erasure of sundry brothers' names, for non-compliance with by-laws, anent dues. The Treasurer's statement showed a healthy state of funds; exception was taken to the loose way in which invoices were rendered by various parties to this lodge, and an intimation, to be conveyed to them, that the same must be altered. Bro. Secretary received instructions to forward a G.L. certificate to a brother who had applied for same in the usual way. No further business offering, the lodge was closed at 9.45 p.m.; the brethren adjourning, with the W. M., to the banqueting room, where a social and happy hour was passed.

AUSTRALIAN LODGE OF HARMONY, No. 556, E.C.—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held on the 13th May. The W.M. opened in first degree with prayer, and accustomed formalities. There were present, amongst others, the D.D.G. Master and visitors. Apologies were received for the absence of several brethren. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, a ballot took place for the admission of a brother from the Armidale Lodge of Unity, who was unanimously accepted as a joining member, and who on entering the lodge after the ballot, was presented with his Grand Lodge certificate. A similar document was also delivered to another brother. There being a candidate for the second degree present, he was fully examined in the ritual leading to that degree, which was quite satisfactory; after which the W.M. opened the lodge of Fellow-Craft, and the brother was passed to that degree, with ancient form. A candidate for the third degree was now examined, and the test proving satisfactory, the W.M. opened the lodge in the third degree, and then vacated the chair, which was taken by the very Worshipful the D.D. Grand Master, who raised the brother, on the five points of fellowship, to the degree of a M.M. The various ceremonies attending the degrees were greatly enhanced by the performances of Bro. Read, the Organist, on the fine harmonium, which is the property of this lodge. The chair was resumed by the W.M., who then closed the lodge in the third degree, continuing labour in the first degree. The correspondence was then entered into. An application was read from the furnishing committee, soliciting further assistance (this lodge having already voted £20.) towards liquidating the expenses incurred by them, in decorating and improving the lodge room, and suggesting that a vote of £3, from each of the four principal lodges, meeting in that room, would be sufficient for the purpose. It was, after debate, proposed that £5 be voted, in addition to the previous amount paid, which was seconded and carried *nem con.* A circular was read from the Hon Sec. of the provisional committee, for the formation of an Instruction Lodge for the E.C. on a new and independent basis, soliciting the co-operation of this lodge towards its formation and support. The W.M., and other brethren,

having explained the causes which led to the present Instruction Lodge becoming virtually defunct, it was carried unanimously, upon motion made and seconded, that £3 3s. be voted in favour of this subject; and the W.M., and Past Master Bullard, were elected to act as delegates from this lodge, to assist in framing by-laws, &c., for the new Instruction Lodge. A circular was then read from the Robert Burns Lodge, announcing the names of three brethren, who had been erased from membership of that lodge for non-payment of dues. A clearance certificate was signed by the W.M. and Wardens for a brother who desired to call off; and four candidates were proposed for initiation at the next monthly meeting. The lodge was finally closed by the W.M., with prayer and praise, at about ten o'clock, when the brethren and visitors were invited to partake of refreshment in the adjoining room.

FREEMASONRY IN SOUTH AFRICA.

GRAHAMSTOWN, CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.—*Albany Lodge* (No 389). The Masonic descendants of the Albany Settlers of 1820, in the Eastern province, forgot not the ancient custom of the Craft, by meeting at High Twelve on the Festival of St. John (24th June). Of the forty brethren who met together to form this lodge, on the 20th September, 1828, only one is now living to see the installation of the 40th W.M. The lodge being opened by the venerable P.M. Bro. R. Curren, (in the absence of the W.M. Bro. A. Brittain) and assisted in the ceremony by the W.M. of St. John's Lodge No. 828, and Bro. P. M. Solomon, duly placed the W.M. elect, Bro. O. Lester, in the East. The investiture of officers then followed, viz.—Bros. W. A. Smith, S.W.; Wm. Wedderburn, J.W.; D. Sampson, Treas.; J. Vials, Sec.; A. J. Alcock, S.D.; W. S. Streak, J.D.; J. Quait, I.G.; and A. Will, Tyler. An initiation and raising completed the labours of the day. The prospects of the lodge are once more encouraging, having again purchased a site with a building thereon, temporarily to be used as a lodge until time and circumstances, energy and liberal donations will enable them to erect a new Temple worthy of the oldest lodge in the Eastern province, and the oldest but two in South Africa, under the English Constitution, the oldest being the British, No. 334, (D.G.L.) 1812; and Hope No. 365, (1821), both in Capetown, six hundred miles from Grahamstown. When Albany Lodge is in a financial position to build, it must take the opportunity of inviting England's Naval Prince to lay the foundation stone, as they have in their possession the very self-same silver trowel the then Prince Alfred used in laying the foundation stone of the tower of St. George's Cathedral, Grahamstown, in 1860, which was given by him to the lodge.

Quantum in Parvo, or Masonic Notes and Queries.

ROMAN EAGLE LODGE.

Can Bro. D. M. Lyon tell me anything of the Roman Eagle Lodge, which our able Bro. Mackey says, received a warrant from the Scottish Grand Lodge, in 1874, to work in Latin?

I do not find the statement in Laurie.

Is Bro. Browne, whom Bro. Mackey terms the "celebrated and learned," the same as Dr. John Browne, who published the "Master Key," &c., in 1786?

A. F. A. WOODFORD.

BRO. PRESTON'S FUNERAL.

Can any brother give me a reference to an account of Bro. Wm. Preston's funeral, which is said to have taken place at St. Paul's.

A. F. A. WOODFORD.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT.—Bad legs, ulcers, and all descriptions of sores are immediately cured by the proper and diligent use of these inestimable preparations. To attempt to cure bad legs by plastering the edges of the wound together is a folly; for, should the skin unite, a baggy diseased condition remains underneath, to break out with tenfold fury in a few days. The only rational and perfect treatment is to reduce the inflammation in and about the wound, to soothe the neighbouring nerves, to cool the heated blood, as it courses along the vessels, and to render the thin watery, ichorous discharge consistent and healthy. Happily for suffering humanity, Holloway's Ointment, assisted by judicious doses of his Pills, accomplishes these ends with unflinching certainty.—Adv.

hat support? These were the questions which was his desire to bring to an issue, and he therefore now gave a formal notice that at the quarterly communication of this District Grand Lodge, to be held in September next, he would

ist.—That, in the opinion of this District Grand Lodge of Bengal, the Funds of the Bengal Masonic Association for educating children of indigent Freemasons should be aided to the like extent and in the same manner as is the kindred cognate institution, the Bengal Masonic Fund of Benevolence, by a fixed scale of contributions from all the lodges in the province.

and.—That such steps be taken to add to the by-laws of the District Grand Lodge of Bengal under the sanction of the W. Grand Master of England and the United Grand Lodge of England as may be necessary to give effect to the above resolution.

W. Bro. Locke:—Worshipful Sir, I too have something to propose in the interests of this District Grand Lodge, although I cannot for a moment pretend that it will stand comparison, to importance, with the topic that has just engaged our attention. It is nevertheless a matter which nearly concerns our convenience, at any time, if not our welfare, and it is one also which calls for immediate consideration. In fact, I am not able to content myself with merely giving a "notice" of motion: I am about to bring the District Grand Lodge to consider at once a subject which, owing to circumstances which I will explain, has not been entered upon the order of agenda for this communication.

The District Grand Master in the chair suggested that when the report of the Bengal Masonic Association was ready it might be sent to all those whom this notice of motion would reach. There was one remark made by W. Bro. Roberts with which he (the D.G.M. in the chair) could not agree, and that was when Bro. Roberts had seemed to speak with satisfaction of the Bengal Masonic Association having got rid of its immediate difficulty by means of a grant given to it by the Fund of Benevolence. Now, although he (the D.G.M. in the chair) is extremely pleased that the Grand Committee of the Fund of Benevolence should come forward in this way to aid the sister charity in temporary difficulty, he could not help feeling that the assistance thus proffered would only be taken as a last resource. If it were not really "a robbing of Peter to pay Paul," it had nevertheless a dangerous resemblance to it, and he trusted that a great effort would be made to without taking any portion of the money granted by the Fund of Benevolence.

W. Bro. Roberts entirely concurred with the D.G.M. It was quite a misapprehension to suppose that he (Bro. Roberts) was satisfied at a grant in the funds of one charity being made to another by a grant from the other.

The District Grand Master—Very well; I glad my brother Roberts repudiates the idea that, brethren, I want you likewise to repudiate coming forward to prevent Bro. Roberts, Treasurer of the Association, from drawing on Bro. Jones, the Treasurer of the Fund of Benevolence, and you can prevent it by means of a grant. I need not more particularly dwell

on the other business was then transacted. A usual collection was made for the Fund of Benevolence. The amount collected (in cards and cash) was announced to be Rs. 117-8, and was handed over to the District Grand Treasurer. The District Grand Lodge was then closed, in form, at 5 p.m.

Devon and Cornwall Masonic Register has been issued by Bro. Leonard D. Westcott, of Exeter. It contains a capital photographic illustration of Bro. L. P. Metham, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Devon, and some account of his Masonic life. The accounts of Lodges, and of Mark Lodges, and of the other degrees, are extremely valuable for reference, and the work ought to command an extensive circulation amongst Masons.

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The following stand over—Letters from M.J.M., Reports of Lodges 102, 219, Chap. 69, and St. Mungo Encampment, Glasgow.

Births, Marriages and Deaths.

DEATH.

HARPER.—At Boston, Massachusetts, U.S.A., suddenly, of heart disease, Bro. Thos. Harper, of 36, Bloomsbury-square. He was the son of the late Bro. Edward Harper, for many years Grand Secretary, in conjunction with Bro. White.

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29, 1874.

THE ONWARD PROGRESS OF ENGLISH FREEMASONRY.

At this dull season of the Masonic year, when almost all our London and many of our country lodges are in recess, when brother Paterfamilias has taken our sister, the partner of his bosom, and his little "Lewis," and many other little Masonic blossoms, to some seaside haven, to prawns, and sand, and donkeys, and dippings in the sea, we want something to write about. The heat of the dog days is over, August and grouse have come in, both "shadily" this year, and September and partridges are close at hand. What shall we "discourse" about? It is difficult to be eloquent when one has nothing to say, and useless to compose leaders, when you have little to tell. And yet we must say something. "What better theme than Masonry?" says a good old poetic brother, now, alas! no longer to the fore; and our worthy brother, P.M. Tim; McGuire, alluded to recently in the "Masonic Magazine," chimes in, "I'll tell ye what; write something nate about the Order, and put in a little poetry to make the prose rowl down asier!" So following alike the advice of our poetic and our prosy brother, we have composed the following article, (without, however, any poetry in it), which we carefully commend to the notice and the patience of our many and suffering brethren.

We have been perusing the quarterly paper and returns of Grand Lodge, and we are struck with this fact, that between the months of June and September, since the last quarterly communication in fact, nine lodges have been added to our English muster roll, and that 1508 lodge nominally, are on the list of English warrants. And even that number, we are inclined to believe, does not quite exhaust the Calendar, since this return was printed other warrants have probably been granted, and as we ourselves know, applications are being made almost daily for warrants for new lodges. What a wonderful fact in itself does this increase of our lodges present for our reflection and consideration. the beginning of the present century the number of lodges "returned by Grand Lodge," we told in the July number of the "Masonic Magazine," for 1873, amounted to 584; an increase of 224 lodges in thirty-four years. And now, 1874, despite a large number of lodges, dis-erasing and returning...

of lodges, in round numbers, reported by the Grand Secretary—an increase of nearly 1000 lodges in 73 years. In 1873, the Calendar contained the names of 1329 lodges, in 1874 of 1469 lodges. Thus, we note that close upon 200 lodges have been added to our numerical strength in two years, very nearly an average of 100 per annum, up to Midsummer, 1874. When our new Calendars are published in November, in all probability, some other additions will have been made to the long roll of English lodges. Thus far, we think we may fairly assume, that, we are progressing at the rate of 100 lodges per annum, and that, supposing, too, the present rate of increase is maintained, and that nothing occurs to check or hinder the extension of our prosperous and united Order, in ten years' time—say 1884—our English Grand Lodge will number about 2500 warranted lodges. There are those amongst us, who affect to think they see evil in this increase of our Order, and who are inclined to shake their heads at the applications for new warrants. We entirely dissent from such ill-founded and narrow views of the subject, and we will give our reasons [for so doing. In the first place, we think that, according to the Book of Constitutions, the appointed number of lawfully made Masons under our Grand Lodge, for "good and sufficient causes them thereto moving," applying for a warrant, according to the provisions of the Book of Constitutions, and duly recommended by the Provincial authorities should be encouraged in forming new lodges. Many of our popular lodges are far too numerous and unwieldy for Masonic sympathy and work, and sociality, from that very cause, to suit the position or gratify the not unreasonable Masonic aspirations of many of our younger brethren. Whenever a lodge exceeds 80, or at any rate 100 members, a "swarm" of industrious Masonic bees (not drones) should be encouraged from the mother hive. For each such new hive of Masonic industry and pleasant fellowship is, like its prototype in nature, a gain to the brotherhood of workers, a nucleus of other equally active little communities in due time, and a fosterer of strength and unity, of good will and light. It very often happens alike in London as in the provinces, that some of our lodges become, through material prosperity, so well to do and often so exclusive, that the hardest of all tests of admission, the most severe of all probations, are alike the voice of introduction and the word of favour. There is a tendency in Freemasonry, as in everything else human, to be led by cliques and sets, and if you belong to neither one nor the other, in some particularly famous lodge, you have not the slightest chance of passing successfully through the grave ordeal of the ballot. And without seeking to derogate for one moment from the absolute and inalienable right of all our lodges to exclude any one they think fit from their roll of members, we yet feel that cases may arise, and they often do arise, where many worthy brethren who are unable, from some cause or other, to join particular lodges, should be permitted to form new lodges, according to the wise and liberal provisions of the Book of Constitutions in that respect. And in the next place, we entirely disagree with those who think that we weaken old lodges, or unduly increase our body

by granting new warrants. We, on the contrary, strongly hold, that, supposing all the preliminaries are arranged in a Masonic spirit, and on true Masonic principles, each accession to our Order is to be hailed with pleasure by every sincere and thoughtful Freemason. It is said in some things, that nothing "deadens like custom," and sure we are, that lodges, like everything else, are apt to become sleepy and indifferent, careless of anything but routine, alike in work and refreshment, and intolerant of improvement or change. Hence we are always requiring, so to say, a little Masonic revival amongst us, a little new blood thrown into the stagnant veins, a little awakening of the old "dry bones" of good old-fashioned easy-going Masonry. Every new lodge properly founded, and as properly ruled over, has a distinct place to occupy, and a mission to fulfil, in the economy of our little Masonic world. That then we conceive to be a very one-sided view of things, which deprecates new lodges, for fear of interfering with vested interests, or which condemns any active brethren, whether in town or country, to a practical exclusion from the rights and privileges and benefits of Freemasonry, because by some possibility, a young and new and active lodge may impinge on the prior claims of some old-established body, or in the slightest degree withdraw from its ranks or candidature, some who might otherwise have sought to be initiated in or affiliated to it. We therefore heartily approve of the fair and clear and truly Masonic principles, on which our Grand Lodge authorities are so happily acting with regard to the granting of new warrants and new lodges to-day.

A COMPLAINT FROM OUR SOLDIER BRETHREN.

We think, that, all our readers will have shared with us in the deep regret, with which we perused the letter from a "Soldier Freemason," which appeared in our last issue. We had warmly congratulated our Devonshire and Cornwall brethren on the successful result of their united "Grand Assembly" in honour of our Royal and Exalted Brother, when we received the letter of remonstrance and complaint, at what was looked upon as a distinct "slight," and unmasonic treatment, by a large number of worthy brethren, non-commissioned officers in Her Majesty's Forces! Now we say at once, and without any hesitation, assuming the facts to be correctly stated, that a very great mistake has been made by some one, and a mistake opposed to the true principles of Freemasonry. The sooner therefore, such a serious blunder is acknowledged, and rectified for the future, the better for all parties concerned. But one remark as to the facts of the case. Are they quite correctly stated? Our "Soldier Brother" makes the Masonic authorities liable for the error entirely, and distinctly states, that the Major-General-Commanding, did not object to the non-commissioned officers appearing in uniform, but did object to their appearing in "coloured clothes," or being utterly ignored as soldiers. And such is a very understandable objection. Bro. Col. Elliott, we observe, however, states, that, the

non-commissioned officers were forbidden by the "Commander-in-Chief"—we presume he means the Major-General-Commanding,—according to the Queen's Regulations, to attend the procession. But we confess that, we do not quite understand the statement of our gallant Bro. Col. Elliott, as there is nothing in the Queen's regulations, which applies specially to "non-commissioned officers," to the best of our remembrance, which does not equally apply to commissioned officers, and private soldiers. On the whole then, we are inclined to hope and to believe, knowing well some of the excellent brethren who composed the Joint Committee, that no slight whatever, was intended to our gallant brethren, but that the whole dilemma arose, purely, from some inexplicable and fatal misunderstanding! We are quite aware, that amongst our Order, as amongst all bodies of men, ecclesiastical, or civil, or social, there are those ever to be found, who, "dressed in a little brief authority," take upon themselves to issue orders and concoct regulations, which in less excited moments, they would themselves be the very first persons in the world to repudiate and to protest against. In the "nature of things" as people say, our non-commissioned-officer brethren had every right to be in the procession as Freemasons, if not as members of the two provinces, perhaps, yet certainly as visiting members, belonging to military lodges, probably under English, or Irish, or Scotch warrants, supposing of course they were properly vouched for, and duly introduced. And if they marched in the procession, in what dress were they to appear? It is idle, and worse than idle, to talk to non-commissioned officers in a garrison town like Plymouth, of "black coats and hats," &c., when the offence of a soldier appearing in "coloured clothes," is in itself a very serious one, and for which, without special leave from his superiors, he would at once be placed under arrest. Is there then any objection to the uniform? Or is there any to the fact, that the complaining brethren were only non-commissioned officers? We at once repudiate both such ideas, as we feel persuaded, that such unworthy and unmasonic feelings never for one moment swayed any of our good Devonshire and Cornwall brethren. Let us trust, that, the real explanation may be found in this simple little fact, as we have before said, that, some worthy, but fussy brother, keenly alive to a sense of propriety and respectability, and also remembering the normal dress of the Craft on state occasions, did not unfortunately realize, what a parody on the teaching of Freemasonry, such a regulation must appear to our soldier brethren. We do not for one moment, ourselves see, that, any possible impropriety could be found in the circumstance of non-commissioned-officers, appearing both in uniform and their Masonic clothing, as we remember, years ago, seeing a long procession, when officers and non-commissioned officers appeared in uniform, and the paraphernalia of Freemasonry, with the approval of one of the best officers, and strictest disciplinarians, the English Army has ever seen. We do not however, profess or presume, to day, if Bro. Col. Elliott's version of the affair be correct, to call in question in any way, or complain of the

decision of the Commander-in-Chief, or of the Major General-Commanding in Plymouth, which if arrived at by one or the other, in deference to the Queen's Regulations, no soldier and no Freemason, will seek to impugn or to arraign. But as we understand our correspondent, the "Soldier Freemason," the Major-General's real objection was this, and in this we quite agree with him, that the non-commissioned officers were utterly ignored, that if they appeared at all, they must appear out of uniform,—to use a classical expression—in "mufti." We therefore deeply regret, that our soldier brethren were excluded from the procession, though why they were so, we do not yet quite clearly comprehend! Perhaps some authoritative explanations may clear up the obscurity in which the matter is at present involved, and till then, let us assure our soldier brethren, that we are but expressing the universal feeling of the Order, when we say that we must truly grieve to think, that, any untoward mistake or hasty conclusion, (if such be the true cause of the error,) should have prevented so loyal and so worthy a body of men, from joining as faithful Craftsmen (soldiers though they be) in the public expression of their fraternal attachment, and their devoted allegiance, to their and our Royal Brother the Prince of Wales, in the famous meeting of the United Provincial Grand Lodges of Devon and Cornwall. Since we wrote the above, we have received Bro. W. J. Hughan's letter, which seems clearly to show, that the decision and regulation were purely Masonic. Like Bro. Hughan, we know of no such binding law of Masonic costume, whatever the custom may be.

Original Correspondence.

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

BOGUS DECORATIONS.

Mr. Editor,

The *Westminster Gazette* hits out fiercely at what is absurdly called by Freemasons, that should know better, the "higher" grades, and I for one deem it no business of Craft Masons, to couch the lance in defence of the "vain and ignorant farceurs," that undermine the dignity of the Order, and are very properly ignored by you, Sir, and all true and accepted Masons.

As an old liberal Freemason, I have no thanks to render your editorial pen for the apologetic strain in which you speak of the principles of the Order, believing that it must tend to bring the English into contempt with their continental brethren, and lead them to suppose that we have no aspirations above number one, or that we are altogether oblivious of the fundamental principles of the Craft, inculcated throughout our formula in our lodges.

You tell the outside world that the great motto of Freemasons is "Glory to God, and good will to man." This is true, but you seem to keep back, or hold in "mental reservation," that Glory to God and goodness to man, can only be realized by and through the glorious principles of our Order, now blazoned all the world over, in the more expressive and direct terms of "Liberty, Equality, Fraternity." You say that no state need fear anything from the true principles of Freemasonry; this may be also accepted, if states were wise enough to receive them, but what of priest-ridden Spain? Freemasons of free countries can afford to be loyal and obedient to the State they are under, and indeed it is somewhat notorious that English Freemasons, as a body, belong to the old Tory school,

and that the liberty-loving principles of Freemasonry have no vitality amongst them. With many of our continental brethren it is very different, and with all due deference to your view of Freemasonry, Mr. Editor, any citizen of the world without politics cannot uphold the principles of the Craft, and is, in fact, a non-entity. I am willing to admit that a large proportion of English Freemasons, especially amongst those of the "higher" grades, glory in the "abomination of desolation," more than the life-giving principles of Freemasonry, but because we have no longer a necessity to exercise our politics secretly, and in brotherly confidence, let us not deny or turn our countenance away from the principles of our Order, and our struggling brethren abroad.

A LIBERAL CRAFTSMAN.

[We print the above letter, as we have received it, on the principle of full and free discussion, with all its faults of grammar, and its somewhat startling statements. We think it will be a matter of great surprise to our brethren to learn of their supposed political "animus," and we believe that they will be equally astounded to hear that "Liberty, Equality, and Fraternity," instead of "Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth," are the actual and implied teaching of Freemasonry. But, as we have said above, we are not responsible for the sentiments of the writer, who thinks well to term himself "A Liberal Craftsman" (as if every other brother was illiberal), and we alike repudiate his views, as we protest against his assertions. We have thought it only our duty to the Craft to say this much.—Ed.]

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The remarks in your leading article of the 15th inst., on the language adopted towards our ancient and honourable fraternity, by the *Westminster Gazette*, are very much to the point and richly deserved. Of course, no true Mason, whether he has taken the so called exalted and Christian degrees or not, will care one straw for any amount of abuse lavished on us by the Ultramontane organs. And those amongst us, and I am thankful to say, they are not a few, who fall under the ban of the *Westminster Gazette* on other grounds know exactly how to estimate such expressions of hostility. I very strongly suspect that they are prompted by such a conscious weakness of our opponents' case, as suggests the abuse of the plaintiff's attorney as the most "pragmatic" course to be pursued.

But, Sir; such wholesale and reckless vilifying may perhaps alarm and mislead some amongst us who, being as yet young Masons, have had no opportunity of testing the value or sounding the true depth of our Masonic principles. It may too startle our wives and daughters, and other relations and non-Masonic friends, who are only too apt to take for granted whatever they read in print.

Let me, therefore, temperately and candidly state the case as it stands between the Roman Catholic authorities and ourselves. We admit of course, that it is within the power of any society, religious or otherwise, to make regulations for the conduct and guidance of its own members. We do not therefore assert that the Roman Church, or any other religious community, has no right to put us under a ban or forbid her members joining our Society, but we do say this,—that seeing we are what we are, that we have enlisted under our banners, not only Princes of the Blood Royal, but others of every degree, clergy in great numbers, and commoners of every respectable grade in society, each of them being men interested in maintaining peace and order, seeing this, we have a right to ask why we should be condemned, and not plead our cause if necessary, before our fellow countrymen, and answer as well as we can the charge brought against us.

For here is the position of affairs. The Roman Church has thought fit to forbid any of her faithful sons having any participation in our society. And many of the Roman Catholic laity ask "why." We know hundreds of our Protestant brethren who are zealous Masons, and have been so for years, who wilfully neglect none of their civil, religious or domestic duties. They tell us that to fear God and honour the

Queen, and to do unto all men as we would they should do unto us, is stamped upon the very forefront of all Masonic obligation. Why, then, may we not be permitted to join with them in what is at least a harmless society, and go hand in hand with them, as far as our duty to the church will permit, in promoting the peace and good order of society, and inculcating the practice of every moral and social virtue?

Now the Christian way of answering such a very natural question would be, to point out calmly and temperately whatever objections may be urged against Freemasonry, as, for instance, the mischievous tendencies of secret societies generally, and then to show that these mischievous tendencies pervade the working of English Freemasonry, and, lastly, to prove that there are evils of principle or detail in the Craft which render it an unfit society for good Roman Catholics to be associated with.

This, Sir, would be the Christian mode of reply, and if there be any substance in these charges, not only Roman Catholics, but others also, would do well to pause before joining or continuing to work with the Masonic body. But no! Modern Rome does not reason. She travesties the old saying "Roma locuta est, causa finita est," and instead of giving her sons and the world at large the children's bread of reason and demonstration, she flings at them the stones of cursing and excommunication.

And what is the result? One of the best Masons and truest Catholics I ever knew, fell under the ban of his church in this matter. He bore a name well known in Grand Lodge, and honoured wherever it was known, and I believe if ever a man was faithful and true, it was the brother and friend of whom I am now speaking, Catholic to the backbone, and Mason to the core, he failed to recognize any just or lawful impediment to his joining the two characters in his own person, and other Masons, knowing the justice of our cause and the futile nature of the charges brought against us, came to the very natural conclusion that the layman was right, and the ecclesiastical authorities wrongheaded and tyrannical. Thus the Roman Church lost the respect she might have won, embittered her enemies, and alienated, to a certain extent, one of her most devoted sons.

I feel, Sir, that I have already trespassed at too great length on your space and patience, but if you will bear with me I will endeavour, on another occasion, to reply to their objections to our Order, honestly felt and honestly expressed, in many quarters, which claim at your hands, every respect and attention.

I am, Sir and Brother, Yours most fraternally,
P. PROV. G. CHAPLAIN, OXON.
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GRAND MASONIC GATHERING AT PLYMOUTH.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,

I feel quite sure that you rejoiced most heartily on reading the report of our assembly at Plymouth on the 14th inst., and your very kind notice of our proceedings will, doubtless be perused by a large and appreciative body of subscribers to *The Freemason*. I am sorry, however, that you have again drawn attention to the fact of the meeting being termed the "United Grand Lodges of Devon and Cornwall," as the omission of "Provincial" was an unfortunate oversight, it having been ordered by the Committee that the prefix "Prov." or "Provincial" should be inserted in every instance where the "Provincial Grand Lodges" were mentioned.

If you will again consult the programme, you will find that the "Prov." (or Provincial) is omitted once, whereas it is inserted many times. Of course, you are quite correct as to its being an assembly of the "United Provinces of Devon and Cornwall," and not of the "Grand Lodges" and had the error not occurred in the title page I do not suppose you would have castigated because of the omission. As it is, we must submit to the punishment, but happily have a little wherewith to soften the stroke, by pointing you, as the Editor, head of the "Grand Masonic

sume you refer to our Provincial Grand Masonic Gathering.

Relative to the alleged un-masonic treatment of the numerous and respectable non-commissioned officers, who are members of Lodges in Plymouth and neighbourhood, I can only say, as one of the Committee, we had no option, but to require the brethren to assemble and take part in the procession, clothed according to the usual custom, thereby naturally prohibiting any from appearing in regimentals. We were told on authority we could not question, and by one who had done his best to get the regulation relaxed in this case, that the orders were peremptory and that we should be running counter to the military laws, if we aided in our brethren appearing in uniform; hence though we regretted the fact, we felt compelled to adhere to our printed programme, any who attended as soldiers, doing it on their own responsibility.

I confess as to being in ignorance of such a regulation before, and have annually been in the habit of welcoming our military brethren, in our processions, and if the law is altered, I shall be delighted to continue to do so. Bro. Col. Elliott, also a member of the Committee, explained our position to the members of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Devon, at a meeting reported in last week's *Freemason*, but which I presume you had not read, when you noted your agreement with the "Soldier Freemason." We all desire the law was otherwise, and if the law has been incorrectly explained, please let us know.

Yours fraternally,

W. J. HUGHAN.
P.G.S.D.

MASONIC PIC-NIC AT LIVERPOOL.

No lodge in the province of West Lancashire enjoys a greater popularity than the Alliance Lodge, No. 667, which numbers amongst its members some of the best known and most respected brethren in this part of the country. What was familiarly called "Our Second Annual Pic-nic," which took place on Thursday, the 13th inst., at the Stanley Arms Hotel, Roby, about four or five miles from Liverpool, got up by a number or the leading spirits of the lodge, was one of the most pleasant character, and fully maintained the "happy family" characteristics of the lodge. The weather, it is true, was the very reverse of pleasant, rain fell almost continuously until a late hour in the afternoon, but as unpleasant untoward circumstances had little effect upon the "outers" there was no lagging in the enjoyment of the select party. A company of about 50 ladies and brethren started from Lime-street Railway Station, on the London and North-Western service, about a quarter to 3 o'clock, by special saloon and first-class carriages, and were quickly whisked away to the scenes of the afternoon's amusements and recreation. Amongst those present were Bros. W. Dayle, P.J.G.D.; A. Bucknall, who fulfilled the duties of Secretary with considerable tact; Bros. Gregory, Carter, Leaming, Firth, Douglas, Morrison, Maswell, Hikin, Lloyd, Brittain, Jacobs, and others, besides several visiting friends and brethren, the whole company comprising a party upon pleasure bent. On arrival at the "Stanley Arms" the large hall attached to the hotel was at once made use of, as the rain continued to come down with provoking persistency, and dancing was at once commenced to the strains of Mr. Martin's quadrille band. This was carried on with the greatest zest until about five o'clock, when a capital "knife-and-fork" tea was provided, to which ample justice was done. Afterwards recreation was again found in dancing, bowls, music, &c., and time sped very pleasantly with all who were present, until the train time arrived, when all returned to Liverpool, highly delighted with "our second annual pic-nic." The arrangements were most satisfactory and the committee therefore deserve much praise for their capital generalship.

MASONIC EXCURSION AT BIRKENHEAD.

One of the most pleasant and successful excursions of the season took place on Wednesday,

12th inst., when the members of the [Mersey Lodge, No. 477, held their first excursion and pic-nic, the place selected being Overton Hills, near Frodsham. There was a pretty good muster of members and friends, the party numbering about 50 ladies and gentlemen, and the weather being all that could be desired, the greatest enjoyment was experienced from first to last.

The party left Monk's Ferry by the regular train at 10 a.m., arriving at Frodsham in about an hour, and thence made their way past Overton village, to the top of the hills beyond. Here they dispersed in various directions in quest of recreation. To some bowls, to others croquet, dancing, and gymnastic exercises, while to a great many the splendid landscape which can be viewed from the summit of the hills, was a great attraction, the panorama being one of the finest in the country, having a wide sweep from Derbyshire and Delamers Forest, by Halton Castle, the river Weaver, Runcoit and Garston, the broad estuary of the Mersey, bounded by Oxtan and Bidston Hill and the Irish Channel, and thence to the blue mountains of Flint and Denbigh.

Dinner was presided over by Bro. R. Gracie, W.M., and amongst the other officers present were Bros. D. Fraser, S.W.; T. Dixon, J.W.; J. M. Ratcliffe, Treasurer and P.M. 605; Pulford, S.D.; John Griffiths, I.P.M.; J. P. Platt, P.P.J.G.W.; Thornton, &c. Dancing and other amusements were the order of the day. After tea, on the motion of Bro. Platt, a vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Gracie, and to Bro. Fraser, who had been the chief promoters of the excursion, for the trouble they had taken, and the party returned by the regular train, arriving at Monk's Ferry about ten o'clock. The balance in hand, after paying expenses, will be devoted to the funds of the Cheshire Masonic Educational Institution, for the education of orphans of deceased members of the Order.

MASONIC PIC-NIC AT BOOTLE.

The spirit of emulation and independence by which the inhabitants of the neighbouring borough of Bootle are actuated extended a short time ago to the formation of a Masonic Lodge (No. 2473), holding its meetings on the first Thursday of the month at the Molyneux Assembly-rooms, Merton-road. The lodge was fortunate in having for its promoters some of the most efficient and zealous members of the Craft, thus assuring its prosperity, which has exceeded the expectations of its founders, the lodge already numbering nearly seventy members. Unfortunately for the ladies, the rules of Freemasonry not only preclude their being initiated into its mysteries, but the performance of Masonic duties frequently deprives them of the society of their husbands and sweethearts. As a small *solatium* for this exclusion and deprivation, it has recently become the custom (at all events with the majority of local lodges) to hold an annual picnic, at which both brethren and their friends of the gentler sex can attend, without infringing any of the regulations of the honourable and ancient fraternity. In observance of this much-honoured custom, the members of the Bootle Lodge held their first excursion and picnic on Wednesday, 19th inst., and a most enjoyable one it proved to be. The party, which consisted of about thirty brethren and as many ladies, left Lime-street Station in saloon carriages by the 10.45 a.m. express train for Chester, the ultimate destination being the Rope Ferry Pleasure-grounds, near Easton, which, after an exceedingly pleasant row up the picturesque river Dee, were reached shortly after one o'clock. The services of Bro. Bolland, of Chester, had been secured as caterer, which is a sufficient guarantee that the creature comforts were well provided for. A substantial if not sumptuous dinner having been satisfactorily disposed of (the appetites of the guests being apparently unimpaired by the journey), the chairman, Bro. S. E. Ibbs, W.M., proposed in felicitous terms the toasts of "The Queen" and "The Ladies," which having been duly honoured, the party dispersed for further

enjoyment. Some strolled about the grounds and along the banks of the river, enjoying the beautiful scenery, whilst others became votaries of the terpsichorean art, or engaged in the usual out-door pastimes. Owing to the celebration of Lord Grosvenor's majority at Easton Hill, the grounds were closed to the public; but there was no lack of enjoyment on that account, as the time of the pleasure-seekers was fully occupied in other amusements. Tea was served at five o'clock in the open air on the river bank, and at six the party embarked for the return journey, arriving safely home about nine o'clock, all much pleased with the day's "outing," and anxious for a repetition of it. Too much credit cannot be given to Bro. Ibbs, W.M., and his coadjutors, Bro. Wyatt, S.W.; Bro. Surley, J.W.; and Bro. M'Arthur, Treasurer, for the efficient and courteous manner in which the arrangements were carried out, the whole proceedings passing off without a single hitch. Bro. Burrows was in attendance with his photographic apparatus, and secured the "shadows" of several very effective groups, which will, no doubt, be in great request as pleasing mementos of the occasion.

MEMORIAL TO THE LATE REV R. J. F. THOMAS.

The late Rev. R. J. F. Thomas, vicar of Yeovil, was one of the most valued members of the Yeovil Lodge of Freemasons. He successively filled the principal offices, and was beloved and esteemed by every member. His death was deeply regretted by the members, in common with the whole of the inhabitants, and it was determined to raise a lasting memorial expressive of their feelings towards him. Bro. Shout, architect, of Yeovil and Wincanton, gratuitously prepared a design for an altar tomb to be erected over the vault in the cemetery, and the work was entrusted to Mr. Swatridge, marble mason, of Yeovil. The brethren also resolved to fix a monumental brass, appropriately inscribed, in St. John's Church, and Messrs Petter and Edgar, ironfounders, of Yeovil, were commissioned to carry out this portion of the work.

Saturday was appointed for the unveiling of the tomb, and the Committee deputed to carry out the arrangements invited the past and present officers of the lodge to witness the ceremony.

Obituary.

BRO. JOHN MEEARS.

The funeral of the late Mayor of Woodstock (Bro. John Meears), who died suddenly on the 19th inst., took place at Woodstock, with Masonic ceremonies, the deceased having been Treasurer of the Marlborough Lodge of Freemasons. At 3 o'clock the Masons from Oxford assembled in the town-hall, where they were met by the brethren of deceased's lodge, and at about half-past 3 they proceeded in procession, in their aprons and badges, to the residence of the deceased, where the members of the Volunteer Fire Brigade, and several representatives from the Foresters, of which body the deceased also was a member, had already arrived. A choir, principally composed of the singing men of New College, under the direction of Bro. Haliwell, was also present. The streets were thronged with spectators from different parts of the country, the deceased, who was 64 years old, and who had been twice Mayor of Woodstock, being highly respected, while the funeral was the first that had taken place in the province with full Masonic ceremonies. At the church adjoining the cemetery the Rev. M. Yuell, the curate of Woodstock, commenced the impressive service. On the termination of the Burial Service the brethren formed in a circle around the grave, and P.M. Brown, who conducted the Masonic arrangements, read the Burial Service generally used by Masons on the death of a deceased brother. At its conclusion the brethren, who each carried flowers and slips of acacia, dropped them on the coffin. The whole of the service was choral.

UNITED GRAND LODGE.

The following is the agenda of business to be transacted on Wednesday, 2nd September, 1874.

- The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 3rd June for confirmation.
- The M.W. Grand Master will propose a resolution, expressive of the regret felt by Grand Lodge at the death of the late Earl of Dalhousie, K.T., G.C.B., Past Deputy Grand Master, and its sense of the eminent services which he rendered to the Craft; and will further propose, that a vote of condolence be transmitted, on the same melancholy event, to the Grand Lodge of Scotland, of which the late lamented peer was Past Grand Master Mason.
- Report of the Lodge of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following Grants, viz:—
A brother of the [Royal Alfred Lodge, No. 780, Kew Bridge £100
The widow of a brother of the Universal Lodge, No. 181, London 100
The widow of a brother of the Lodge of Unanimity, No. 102, North Walsham 50
The widow of a brother of the Ionic Lodge, No. 227, London 200
The widow of a brother of the Robert Burns Lodge, No. 817, Sydney, New South Wales 50
- Report of the Board of General Purposes:—

"The Board of General Purposes have to report that their attention having been called to an announcement in a public newspaper of a meeting of a 'Club of Instruction,' to be held at the Hind's Head, Chiswell-street, at which the ceremony of Consecration was to be rehearsed by Bro. James Terry, and that of Installation by Bro. J. Beckett, Preceptor, they resolved that the brethren mentioned in the said announcement be summoned to attend the meeting of the Board in July. The brethren so summoned duly attended and answered the questions put to them with a view of ascertaining the nature of the so-called Club of Instruction. After a lengthened investigation the further consideration of the subject was deferred until the meeting of the Board in August, and Bro. Simpson, who, was stated had acted as Secretary, was also summoned to attend, and to produce all books, papers, and other documents relating to the Club. The whole facts having been arrived at, the Board was unanimously of opinion, that the so-called Charterhouse Club of Instruction, held at the Hind's Head, Chiswell-street, is a General Lodge of Instruction, within the terms of the Book of Constitution, page 88, and they resolved, that the said Lodge of Instruction having been held without the sanction of a regular warranted lodge, or other lawful authority, that notice of the times and place of meeting not having been given to the Grand Secretary, that regular minutes of meetings not having been kept, Bro. James Terry, who presided at the rehearsal of the ceremony of the Consecration of the lodge, Bro. J. Beckett, who acted as Preceptor, Bro. Gilbert, the landlord of the tavern, and Bro. Simpson, who acted as Secretary, have committed a serious breach of Masonic law, and have thereby incurred the censure of the Board. The said brethren were then called in, the above resolutions were read to them, they were censured accordingly, and cautioned as to the future.

"(Signed) PETER DE L. LONG,
"Vice President."

To the report is subjoined a statement of the Grand Lodge accounts at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 14th day of August, inst., showing a balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer £3,488 17s. 5d.; and in the hands of the Grand Secretary, for petty cash, £75; and for servants' wages, £95.

5. Memorial from the Prince of Wales Lodge No. 1,338, Auckland, New Zealand, for assistance to build a Masonic Hall.

NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS.

The "Freemason" of May 10th and 17th, 1873, (numbers 218 and 219) being out of print, the publisher will be glad to receive copies from brethren who may have them. Stamps will be sent on receipt.

COSMOPOLITAN MASONIC CALENDAR.

The attention of Secretaries, &c., is called to a circular which has been sent to each lodge and chapter, for information as to the place, day and months of meeting. We would urge upon our friends the necessity of an early reply, as no alterations or additions can be made, after Saturday, September 12th.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, September 4, 1874.

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

Saturday, August 29.

- Manchester Lodge of Instruction (179), Yorkshire Grey, 77, London-street, Fitzroy-square, at 8; Bro. H. Ash, Preceptor.
- Lily Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, Surrey.
- Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. G. Dilley, Preceptor.

Monday, August 31.

- Premier Red Cross Conclave, Masonic Hall, 68, Regent-st.
- Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction (1445), Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland, at 7; Bro. T. Austin, Preceptor.
- Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.
- Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.
- Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern, Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
- Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gotthell, Preceptor.
- British Oak Lodge of Instruction (813), Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.
- St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street (opposite the Pantheon), Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.
- Wellington Lodge of Instruction, White Swan Tavern, Deptford, at 8; Bro. C. G. Dilley, P.M. 1155, Preceptor.
- West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 10; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
- Metropolitan Mark Lodge of Instruction, Coach and Horses Hotel, 323, Strand, at 8.

Tuesday, September 1.

- Colonial Board, at 3.
- Lodge 1257, Grosvenor, Caledonian Hotel, Adelphi.
- " 1359, Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tavern, Commercial-road.
- " 1383, Friends in Council, 33, Golden-square.
- Chapter 169, Temperance, White Swan Tavern, Deptford.
- Mark Lodge 1, St. Mark's, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue.
- Yarborough Lodge of Instruction (554), Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8; Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.
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- Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30.

Wednesday, September 2.

- Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, at 6 for 7.
- New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8.
- Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
- Confidence Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
- Peckham Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham, at 8; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor.
- Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar.
- Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, Thicket Hotel, Anerley, at 7.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
- Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction (1288), Finsbury Park Tavern, Seven Sisters-road, N., at 8. Bro. P. Dickinson, Acting Preceptor.

- United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kenish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
- Southwark Lodge of Instruction, (879), Southwark Park Tavern, Southwark Park, at 8; Bro. Charles William Kent, Preceptor.

Thursday, September 3.

- Lodge 822, Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 1155, Excelsior, Sydney Arms, Lewisham-road.
- " 1178, Perfect Ashlar, Gregorian Arms, Bermondsey.
- " 1360, Royal Arthur, Duke of Edinburgh Hotel, New Wimbledon.
- " 1445, Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road N.

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

- Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Anglers Tavern, Bath-street, City-road; Bro. Stean, Preceptor.
- United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
- Whittington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern Holborn, at 8; Bro. Lewis Alexander, P.M. 188, Preceptor.
- Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
- Ebury Lodge of Instruction, Bro. Palmer's, 12, Pensonby-st., Millbank.
- Highgate Lodge of Instruction (1366), Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.

Friday, September 4.

- Lodge 1275, Star, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
- St. George's Lodge of Instruction (140), Globe Tavern, Royal-hill, Greenwich.
- Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
- Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, (749), Coach and Horses, Strand, at 8; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.
- Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.
- Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s, Freemasons' Hall, a 7.
- Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tavern, Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.
- Clapton Lodge of Instruction (1365), White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., Preceptor.
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- United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Antelope Tavern, Lorn-road, Brixton, at 7.
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- Doric Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8.
- Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8; Bro. P. M. West, Preceptor.
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MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, September 5, 1874.

Monday, August 31.

- Lodge 148, Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington, at 6.

Tuesday, September 1.

- Lodge 178, Antiquity, Royal Hotel, Wigan, at 6.30.
- " 995, Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverstone.
- " 1384, Equity, Walker's Commercial Hotel, Wigan near Warrington, at 6.
- " 1476, Blackpool, Clifton Arms Hotel, Blackpool.
- Chap. 203, St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.

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

Wednesday, September 2.

- Lodge 673, St. John's, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, 6.30.
- " 730, Ellesmere, Royal Oak Hotel, Chorley.
- " 1013, Royal Victoria, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
- " 1061, Triumph, Masonic Hall, Lytham.
- " 1413, West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Orkirk, at 6.
- " 1335, Lindsay, 20, King-street, Wigan.
- " 1354, Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Hall, Leigh.
- De Grey and Ripon Lodge of Instruction (1356), North Hill-street, Toumshill, at 7.30.

Thursday, September 3.
 age 249, Mariners', Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 1473, Bootle, Molyneux Assembly Rooms,
 Bootle, at 6.
 ap. 758, Bridgewater, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 6.
 Friday, September 4.
 age 680, Sefton, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 5.
 " 1264, Neptune, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 1375, Architect, Didsbury Hotel, Didsbury.
 " 1387, Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton-cum-
 Hardy.
 ap. 1086, Walton, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, at 6.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND VICINITY.

For the week ending Saturday, September 5, 1874.

All the Meetings take place at 8 o'clock.

Monday, August 31.

age 103, Union and Crown, 170, Buchanan-st.
 p. 122, Thetis, 35, James-street.

Tuesday, September 1.

age 34, St. John, St. John's Hall, Buchanan-st.
 68, Doric, 44, Church-street, Port Glasgow.
 73, Thistle and Rose, 170 Buchanan-st.
 87, Thistle, 12, Tron-gate.
 177, St. James, Masons' Hall, Coatbridge.
 233, Hamilton, Spalding's Hotel, Hamilton.
 406, St. John, Masonic Hall, Motherwell.

Wednesday, September 2.

age 21, Old St. John's, Freemasons' Hall, Lanark.
 117, St. Mary, Freemasons' Hall, Partick.
 128, St. John Shetleston, Freemasons' Hall,
 Shetleston.
 166, St. John, 26, Olive Hall, Airdrie.
 187, Shamrock and Thistle, 12, Tron-gate.

Thursday, September 3.

age 27, St. Mungo, 213, Buchanan-street.

Friday, September 4.

age 275, Shamrock and Thistle, 22, Struthers-street.
 360, Commercial, 19, Croy-place.
 408, Clyde, 170, Buchanan-st.
 175, St. John, St. John's Hall, Greenock.
 471, St. John, Stane Inn, Shotts.
 215, St. Andrew, Avondale Inn, Shockhaven.
 244, Lockhart St. John's, Freemasons' Hall, Carn-
 warth.
 427, St. Clair, Stane Inn, Shotts.
 551, Clydesdale, Sibbald Hotel, Larkhall.

Saturday, September 5.

age 544, St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, Bank-street,
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Craft Masonry.

PRESCOT.—*Lodge of Loyalty* (No. 86).—The usual monthly meeting of Lodge of Loyalty, No. 86, was held at the King's Arms, Prescott, on Wednesday, 26th ult., and Bro. J. W. J. Fowler, P.M., afterwards called attention to the fact that since their last monthly meeting, Bro. T. Sephton, who for an uninterrupted period of 25 years had been Tyler of the lodge, had been called away by death, after a long and severe illness. The deceased was well known, not only to the members of the old Lodge of Loyalty, but to the brethren in this district generally, and until disabled by sickness he was a most efficient officer. On the motion of Bro. Fowler a vote of condolence with the widow and family of the deceased was unanimously adopted, and ordered to be forwarded to them. Bro. Coward, who for some months past has temporarily discharged the duties of Tyler, was formally appointed to that office for the remainder of the year.

TOTTENHAM.—*High Cross Lodge* (No. 754).—Wednesday, 26th inst., was a red letter day with the members of the High Cross Lodge, held at the Seven Sisters' Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham. The occasion was fixed for the installation of Bro. J. Maller, the newly-elected W.M., and for the opening of the splendid room, built for the accommodation of the brethren and visitors by Bro. Oddy, the enterprising proprietor of the establishment. The hall is a fine apartment, 42 feet by 29 and 17 feet high, all inside measurement. On Wednesday evening, decorated as it was with choice flowers, and beautifully carpeted, the tables surrounded by nearly ninety brethren, many wearing jewels of the Craft, and the brilliant lighting bringing out all the details, the scene was certainly a very attractive one. The lodge was opened soon after two o'clock. The preliminary business on the agenda having been disposed of, the installation was proceeded with, Bro. J. Linzell, I.P.M., discharging the duties of Installing Master with great ability. The ceremony over, the W.M. appointed and invested his officers for the year. The next business gave unmixed satisfaction. It was the presentation of a jewel to Bro. T. Cunningham, the Worshipful Master of last year, and the exceedingly cordial manner in which he was greeted, on rising to receive the token of the brethren's esteem, proved that the gift was something more than a mere matter of form. Bro. Cunningham regarded it in that light. He said he was quite sure the jewel had been presented to him as an empty bauble, but as a sincere expression of the feelings they entertained towards him. He had not occupied the chair during the year of office with full satisfaction to himself. His deficiencies had manifested themselves on various occasions, but helping hands had always been near; and for the services rendered to him, culminating in the beautiful gift that day, he tendered his heartfelt thanks. He had now a very pleasing task to perform. He had been requested to ask Bro. Linzell to accept the full Masonic clothing suitable to his position as a Grand Officer. One of the brethren, recognising the exertions of Bro. Linzell to increase the prosperity of the High Cross Lodge and to benefit Freemasonry

generally, suggested that some slight mark of their appreciation should be offered to him. The idea was warmly taken up; the result was before them; and it was hoped that Bro. Linzell would live many years to wear the articles—indeed, that they would grow rusty in his service. Personally, he (Bro. Cunningham) was much indebted to Bro. Linzell for the aid he had given him during the past year, and therefore made the presentation with increased pleasure. Bro. Linzell (having been invested with the magnificent purple and gold clothing) returned thanks. He had been taken quite unawares. He had not expected any present, and felt proud of such a signal mark of their esteem towards him. Whatever he had done to raise the status of the High Cross Lodge, or to further Freemasonry in other directions, not been for his own aggrandisement. He had only been actuated with the desire to add to the comfort and welfare of his fellow men, and if he had succeeded, even to a small extent, the contemplation would afford a sufficient reward for his labours. Still the present was most gratifying to his feelings, and he trusted he should be spared many years to wear it in the discharge of his duties. Bro. Maller presided at the banquet, which was of a very superior character, and nothing was wanted to render it a perfect success. There was a large attendance. The various loyal toasts having been given and received with real Masonic ardour, Bro. Cunningham proposed the health of the W.M., and, referring to the splendid room in which they were assembled, prognosticated a most successful reign to the worthy brother who had succeeded him (the speaker) as the head of the lodge. Bro. Maller responded. He felt proud of having been unanimously elected to the high position he now occupied, and trusted his conduct would justify their choice, and merit their approbation. Next came the health of Bro. George Martin, who had been initiated that evening, and the new member briefly returned thanks. Bro. Linzell then gave the "Visitors," which included many prominent members of the metropolitan and provincial lodges. Cordial hospitality had always been a characteristic of the High Cross Lodge, and he had no reason to believe that the feeling would ever change. On behalf of that lodge he gave all the visiting brethren a most hearty welcome. Several of the visiting brethren returned thanks, expressing their high appreciation of the unusually friendly manner in which visitors were always treated at the High Cross Lodge, and promising to return favours received whenever opportunity offered. Bro. J. Medcalf expressed himself so pleased with the treatment the Hertford Lodge had received that he wished, on their behalf, to offer a Tyler's sword to the High Cross Lodge, as a memento of the visit. The gift was accepted. Bro. W. Hall said he was charged by Bro. Binckes, Secretary of the Boys' School, Wood Green, to express his regret that a long-standing engagement in Dorsetshire prevented his attendance that evening. He (Bro. Hall) was afraid he was not entitled to be described as a "good Mason," but, knowing that, without healthy bodies there could not be healthy minds, he laboured conscientiously as a medical man, to maintain the healthy condition of their bodies. A brother of the Beadon Lodge suggested that every Mason should become a life governor of one of the charities connected with the Craft. Bro. Edward Clarke spoke of the public-spirited Bro. Oddy as a man of whom the Craft ought to be proud. He had put his hand into his pockets to the extent of several hundreds of pounds, for the comfort of the brethren of the High Cross Lodge, and they had much to be thankful for. There was also a fine Masonic hall at Wood Green, and no parish around London could point to such magnificent rooms as Tottenham now possessed. Wood Green was only a small place, but the members of the Lewis Lodge were always ready to give a sincere welcome to any visiting brethren. [A telegram was here received from the Romford Lodge, wishing the officers and members of the High Cross Lodge health and prosperity, and the Romford Lodge received a special toasting for their expressions.] The health of the Past Masters of the High Cross Lodge followed, and was acknowledged by Bro. Cunningham, who gave "Bro. Linzell, the Installing Master."

Bro. Linzell returned thanks in suitable terms; and, with reference to the suggestion of the members becoming life governors, observed that the High Cross Lodge had always taken great interest in the Masonic charities. Some time ago Bro. Roberts—whose indefatigable exertions on behalf of Masonry were so well known—carried up no less than 29 life governorships, and the High Cross Lodge has now a society of its own, through which a life governorship was obtained every month, by the payment of small subscriptions. Again, when a Steward was sent up on behalf of the Girls' School, he took with him nearly £100, so that the High Cross Lodge could not be accused of neglecting the charities of the Craft. Bro. Roberts subsequently made an effective speech on the general position of the lodge, tracing its establishment and growth up to the present time. He congratulated the members on the progress that had been made; but, having obtained that magnificent room, they must not assume that the climax had been reached. On the contrary, much remained to be done. Tottenham was extending in size and population, and if the members put their shoulders to the wheel, with the sincere intention of advancing Freemasonry, the time would come when even the large hall in which they were assembled would be found too limited for the accommodation of the brethren. Bro. Cunningham proposed the "Health of Bro. Oddy," making special reference to his enterprise and kindness in building the new room for the accommodation of the High Cross Lodge. He was ever anxious to conduce to the comfort of those with whom he was associated, and his last effort had been most successfully inaugurated that evening. Bro. Oddy acknowledged the toast. He intimated his desire at all times to secure the comfort and pleasure of the brethren, and assured them that it would be his ambition, from time to time, to merit their good wishes. As regarded the new room, he had been his own architect and builder, so that, if there were any faults, they rested with himself, and did not attach to any other individual. Other toasts followed, and the most successful meeting ever held under the auspices of the High Cross Lodge was brought to a satisfactory termination.

LIVERPOOL.—*Hamer Lodge* (No. 1393).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday evening, the 25th ult., at the Clarence Hotel, Everton-road, Liverpool. Bro. R. H. Evans, W.M., presiding. The following officers and brethren were also present:—Bros. John Jones, I.P.M.; Henry Jackson, S.W.; John McCarthy, J.W.; Edward Dutch, S.D.; Thomas Large, J.D.; R. Price, I.G.; C. Tyrer, Treas.; and E. Wilson, Sec. Among the visitors were Bros. J. S. Russell, W.M. 292; O. R. Jones, 15; J. Vaughan, S.D. 86; J. Thomas, 203; T. Robinson, 249; T. H. Bibby, 673; J. Boyle, 823; Thomas Churton, 823; J. Whaites, 1035; A. Wylin, 1264; and others. The business on the programme was of an extensive character, six brethren being raised, two initiated, two joining members elected, and several gentlemen proposed for membership. At the conclusion of the business the W.M. presented Bro. John Jones, I.P.M., with a life governorship in the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, and an elegant marble timepiece, together with a pair of statuettes in bronze. The time piece bore the following inscription:—Presented to Bro. John Jones, I.P.M., by the officers and members of the Hamer Lodge No. 1393, as a token of their appreciation of his valuable services, Masonic ability, and private worth." The presentation was suitably acknowledged by Bro. Jones.

DAWLISH.—*Salem Lodge* (No. 1443).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, 26th ult., at the Town Hall, Dawlish, and was interesting as being the completion of the first year of its existence. The lodge was opened in due form by Bro. Short, W.M., assisted by his officers. After some routine business and balloting for several brethren as members, Mr. W. Discombe was introduced and initiated. The work was admirably done by the W.M. The chair was then occupied by Bro. T. C. Hallett, I.P.M. No. 303, Ben-volent, Teignmouth; and Bro. S. Loram, S.W., was presented to receive the benefit of installation.

Having been obligated, a board of Installed Masters was formed, amongst whom we observed the W.M., Bro. J. Mills, P.G.O., P.M. 1125, Tiverton; Bro. Wellsman, P.M. 858, South Middlesex; and Bro. Bodley, P.M. 39, St. John Baptist. The ceremony was performed in a faultless manner, the charges to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren, being given in a manner we have rarely heard surpassed. The W.M. appointed as his officers W. Ball, S.W.; G. B. Avant, J.W.; J. S. Whidborne, Treasurer and S.D.; H. L. Friend, Secretary; R. B. Ferris, J.D.; H. Hatchet, I.G. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet at Bro. Ball's, in the Strand. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given in excellent taste by the W.M., and in proposing "The Health of the P.G.M." a graceful allusion was made to the visit of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and the honour it had conferred on the Province. In the course of the evening a handsome jewel was presented to the I.P.M., Bro. Short, who returned thanks in a characteristically modest speech.

Scotland.

GLASGOW.—*Star Lodge* (No. 219) held their regular meeting on Monday, August 10th, Bro. J. Wilson, R.W.M., presiding. There was a very large attendance of members and visitors, the work consisted of one raising, which was ably performed by Bro. Wm. Phillips, R.W.M., of the new Lodge Clydesdale, and two passings, at which ceremony Bro. Bain, P.M. of 103 presided.

GLASGOW.—*St. Mary's Lodge* (No. 102)—met in their own hall, Buchanan-street, on the 10th inst. Bro. J. Mitchell, R.W.M.; J. Watson, D.M.; W. Gladsten, S.W.; J. Jameson, J.W.; Wm. Nelson, Sec. Visitors—Bros. Bell, and R. Grange, 3½; Basnett, 27; G. Weston, R.W.M.; Wheeler, Sec. of 73; J. Park, 137; J. Stuart, 408; and several others. The lodge having been opened in the first degree, and Bro. R. Murray having proved his proficiency therein, and being entrusted with the reward of merit, on the lodge being raised to the second degree, he was passed as a Fellow Craft by the R.W.M., who, on the conclusion of the ceremony, told the brethren that as a rule he objected to refreshment, but on this occasion if they would retire to the adjacent room, he should like as many as possible to stop to do honour to Bro. the Rev. G. Gordon Cuchrachan, who after an absence of 18 years in America, had come back to-night to re-visit this his mother lodge. This having been agreed to, at the subsequent meeting, after the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, Bro. G. Western, R.W.M. 73, replying on behalf of the Prov. Grand Lodge. The R.W.M. then proposed the "Health of their guest, Bro. the Rev. G. Gordon Cuchrachan," who they were pleased to welcome again to his mother lodge. The Rev. brother expressed his pleasure at receiving so cordial a welcome; he had that day been telling his son, that he was a stranger in his native city. 20 years ago, when he walked up the principal streets, he had every five minutes to acknowledge the salutation of some acquaintance; now he had pressed the streets three days without needing to bow once; but to-night the kindly greeting, not only of the sons of his mother lodge, but also of her visitors, told him that a brother Mason was never a stranger, and by the contrast he appreciated it the more. He then dwelt on the extension of the Masonic spirit in America, not only in the Craft lodges, but in chapters and commanderies. "The Masonic Press" having been given, Bro. Basset replied for the *News*, and Bro. Wheeler for *The Freemason*. He said that he attributed the satisfactory progress of the Masonic Orders in America, of which their brother had been speaking, to the greater number of Masonic publications that they supported. This opinion was fully corroborated by the Rev. brother. Bro. Wm. Bell, of 3½, responded for the visitors, G. Western, R.W.M. 73, proposed "Prosperity to Lodge St. Mark 102," speaking highly of the work he had that night seen them perform. Bro. Mitchell gracefully acknowledged the compliment, and then gave the "Parting Toast."

GLASGOW.—*St. Andrew's Chapter* (No. 69)—met on Tuesday, 11th inst., Comp. T. D. Humphries, Dr. Ph., Z, presiding. A lodge of Mark Masters was opened, and Bro. W. L. Ensor, of Lodge Tinwald, 1243, was affiliated, after which a Lodge of Excellent Masters was opened by T. D. Humphries, as M.E.M.; G. W. Wheeler, S.W.; J. G. Herron, S.W.; when Comp. Park, Z, 122, conferred that degree on Bro. Ensor. A Royal Arch Chapter was then opened, Comp. Humphries, Z; G. Heron, H.; Wm. Blackward, J. Oliver, S.E.; John Buchanan, acting N.; Wm. Thomas, T.; G. W. Wheeler, acting First S.; D. Pash, Second S.; D. B. Fleming, Third S. Visitor, J. Tweed, 73. Bro. Ensor was then duly exalted by Comp. Park to the Holy Royal Arch Degree.

GLASGOW.—*St. Mungo Encampment* (No. 1729)—An emergency meeting was held on Wednesday, August 12th, to confer the degree on Comps. Wm. Ledger, Ensor, J.P., of Dublin. The encampment was opened at 5 p.m. by Sir Knight R. Bell, the M.N.C., assisted by Sir Knights G. W. Wheeler, Recorder, acting as Prelate; D. B. Fleming, C.C.; J. Buchanan, S.C.; T. Leuttit, J.C.; G. B. Adams, first A. de C.; and Wm. Blackwood, W. The encampment was favoured by the presence of two distinguished visitors, Sir Knight George Kenning, P.P. of 48, Kemeys Tynte Preceptory, England, and Sir Knight Edwin Humphries, of the De Molay Commandery, Massachusetts. At the conclusion of the ceremonies, Sir Knight Wheeler expressed a hope that the visitors and the newly installed Sir Knight would kindly overlook any shortcomings, as it being an emergency meeting, and all the regular officers absent but the Commander and himself. It had not been performed with that precision they could have wished. Sir Knight Ensor thought the ceremony had been perfect, it had left an impression on his mind that would never be eradicated. Sir Knights Kenning and Humphries expressed the pleasure they had experienced in having an opportunity of visiting a Knight Templar Encampment in Scotland, and in seeing their mode of working.

Knights Templar.

PROVINCIAL GREAT PRIORY OF WORCESTERSHIRE.

This Provincial Great Priory met at Dudley, on the 21st ult., in the Preceptory of Richard de Vernon, when the late Provincial Sub-Priory, Sir Knight A. H. Royds (Provincial Great Prior of Lancashire), presided, in the absence of the Provincial Great Prior of Worcestershire, Sir Knight H. C. Vernon. The routine business of the Priory was transacted, and, on the resignation of office by Sir Knight A. H. Royds, Sir Knight R. Woolf, F.S.A., Past Grand Chamberlain, and past Deputy Grand Commander of Canada, was appointed Deputy Provincial Great Prior of Worcestershire. Other officers of the Priory were appointed, and the report of a committee on the subject of new bye-laws was received.

MASONIC CHURCH RESTORATION.—The ceremony of laying the foundation stone of the porch of Swanscombe Church, Kent, which is being restored by the Erasmus Wilson Lodge, No. 1464, was performed on Saturday afternoon by Professor Erasmus Wilson, the W.M. of the lodge. Swanscombe parish is in a pretty part of the country between Dartford and Gravesend, and bordering on the high road from London to Canterbury, and both the neighbourhood and the old church are rich in historic relics and associations. Professor Wilson was born at Greenhithe, and he has shown his regard for his native place by contributing over £2000 towards the general work of restoring the church. The ceremony was performed with full Masonic honours, and the guests of the Greenhithe Lodge included his Imperial Highness Prince Rhodocanakis, Grand Master of Greece, who wore the scarf of the 33rd degree, and several of the Grand Officers of the Province of Kent.

Bro. Haigh, of Regent-street, took an excellent photo, at an interesting point of the proceedings.

Bro. H. E. Knight, Worshipful Master of the Mount Moriah Lodge, 34, has been unanimously elected Alderman for the Ward of Cripplegate.

UNITED GRAND LODGE.

The Grand Lodge of Freemasons of England met on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, Bro. the Rev. John Hayshe, M.P., Provincial Grand Master of Devonshire, on the Throne. He was supported by Bros. H. D. Sandeman, District Grand Master of Bombay as Deputy Grand Master; Bro. Major-General Brownrigg, Provincial Grand Master of Surrey as Past Grand Master; Lord Henry Thynne, M.P., Senior Grand Warden; F. Patterson, Junior Grand Warden; and a very full lodge members from all parts of the kingdom.

Grand Lodge having been opened, the Grand Secretary (Bro. John Hervey) rose and said: Most Worshipful Acting Grand Master, I have got a letter from the Most Worshipful Grand Master to lay before the Grand Lodge, which I have received with great regret, and which I am sure will be received with dismay by every member of the Grand Lodge. I do not know, sir, that it will be necessary for me to preface the letter by any further observations, and with your permission, I will read it to Grand Lodge. It is dated from Nopton Hall, Lincolnshire, Sept. 1, 1874.—

"Dear Grand Secretary—I have to inform you that I find myself unable any longer to discharge the duties of Grand Master, and that it is therefore necessary that I should resign my office into the hands of the members of Grand Lodge. With the expression of my gratitude thanks for the favours which I have ever received from them, and of my regret for any inconvenience which my retirement may cause them,—I remain, yours faithfully, "RPO."

The reading of this letter caused the most profound sensation and astonishment in Grand Lodge, and for some moments a dead silence prevailed.

Bro. Aeneas J. McIntyre, Q.C., Grand Registrar, rose and said: Most Worshipful Acting Grand Master—I can assure you and Grand Lodge that it is with feelings of the deepest sorrow that I rise for the purpose of proposing a resolution which I feel confident Grand Lodge will adopt, because they have no alternative to adopt the resolution which I am about to propose. We all of us must feel exceedingly sorrowful that the Most Worshipful Grand Master, who had presided over the destinies of the Craft with such very great credit to himself and with such great advantage to our Order, should for reasons which must be most cogent, although I am unacquainted with what the reasons are—but I do know this, that they are entirely unconnected with the noble Order to which we belong—has felt it incumbent upon him to resign the high post which he has held with so distinguished honour, and to which, no doubt he would have been re-elected from year to year by the body over which he has presided so long and so well. Deeply as we regret the fact, which the Grand Master has felt it his duty to take, we must know—all who know him so well and love him so dearly—that he never would have taken that step unless there had been reasons so cogent to his mind, and therefore to our minds, as should induce him to lay his resignation before us. Into those reasons I am perfectly confident that there is no brother throughout this great Order to which we belong would seek to pry with impertinent curiosity (Hear, hear.) The Grand Master has his reasons for resigning. We can only express deep regret that he feels bound to take that course, and on departing from us as our duty let us recollect this—that whilst he presided over the Order to which we all belong, the advantage of the Craft, and with the greatest credit in high office which he held. Then, brethren, think, accepting as we must do, and that is I now move, that the resignation of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master be accepted by this Grand Lodge with the deepest feelings of regret, and in hope that in his retirement among us we shall still be able to look upon him, as we have done in years gone by, as a bright ornament of this great Order, which he presided. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. Rayman W. Stewart, Grand Secretary, motion, said it would be

lordship to know that he retired from his office with the esteem and love of every brother who belonged to the Order, and he might reiterate what was said, that they would still have the pleasure of his presence amongst them.

The Acting Grand Master, in putting the motion, said, if he expressed his own feelings, which were feelings of regret, he was sure they would be responded to most heartily. When the Grand Secretary read the Grand Master's letter, the feelings produced on his mind were those of the deepest sorrow and regret. (Hear, hear.) He could not possibly doubt, knowing as he did the character and conduct, the high conduct, of their late Grand Master, that he must have the most cogent reasons for adopting the plan that he had pursued. They would not think of prying into his reasons—his lordship had merely placed in their hands again that trust which they had so confidently reposed in him; and which they knew and felt he had carried out so as to gain the approbation and respect of every individual in the whole of this kingdom and every lodge under the English Constitution—certainly every member of this Grand Lodge. He (Bro. Huyshe) had no right to say a word more, and he thought he would best consult their feelings, as well as he certainly should consult his own, by merely saying he put it to them to carry the motion which had been proposed by Bro. McIntyre, and seconded by Bro. Stewart—that the resignation of the Grand Master be accepted, though in terms of the deepest regret.

The motion having been carried unanimously, The Grand Secretary again rose and said: Most Worshipful Grand Master—I have now to read a letter I have received from the Deputy Grand Master, The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon. It is dated Highclere Castle, Newbury, 1st September, 1874. It is as follows:

"Dear Sir and Brother—I have within the last twenty-four hours learned the intended resignation of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master. In common with the Craft I deeply regret it, but am bound to accept his decision. Under the circumstances the government of the Craft, as provided for in the Constitutions, devolves on His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, if he will accept the office. I hope His Royal Highness will be pleased to do so; but if otherwise, then the duty will devolve on me to take the necessary steps for the election of a new Grand Master. Pending the great and serious inconvenience which any lengthened period between the resignation of one Grand Master and the election of his successor must need be, and desiring as far as possible to abridge it, I will, if called upon, give instructions for the summoning of special meetings of the Grand Lodge for the nomination and election of a Grand Master at as early dates as are convenient and practicable. I greatly regret that very important business prevents my attendance in Grand Lodge to-morrow evening.—I remain, dear sir and brother, yours faithfully and fraternally.

"CARNARVON."

The Grand Secretary, having read the section from the Book of Constitutions applicable to the case, said it would now become necessary to appoint three members of Grand Lodge to wait upon and invite the Prince of Wales, as Past Grand Master, to act until a new election took place.

Bro. Tomkins, Grand Treasurer, after again expressing the feeling mentioned as entertained by the former speakers, of regret at the Grand Master's resignation, proposed that the Earl of Carnarvon (Deputy Grand Master), Bro. John Havers (Past Grand Warden), and Bro. Aeneas McIntyre (Grand Registrar) be deputed to wait upon his Royal Highness for the purpose.

Bro. John M. Clabon seconded the motion, which was put, and carried unanimously; Bro. Thomas Meggy first observing that, whereas it had been said by a previous speaker, that they had an alternative but to elect his Royal Highness, they would be most pleased to see his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales at the head of the Craft.

The motion was then carried unanimously. Bro. Havers also expressed the pleasure which a Grand Lodge would have in being presided over by his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales,

and, in the absence of Lord Carnarvon, accepted the office of one of the committee to wait upon the Prince of Wales. (Hear, hear, and cheers.)

The Acting Grand Master then said—It now devolves upon me to do what, I deeply regret to say, of course the Grand Master could not do, but it falls upon me to propose to you a resolution which stands upon the minutes here as coming from himself. I have therefore this resolution, which he himself has written, and which I will read to you as coming from himself. I am perfectly sure, when I say that, coming from the late Grand Master of England, you will receive it with that feeling of homage and deference which you always have paid to every word that proceeded from his lips. I am sure, therefore it will receive at your hands a most cordial acceptance. The resolution I have to propose is this—"That this Grand Lodge desires to express the sincere regret entertained by all the members of the Craft at the loss it has sustained by the death of the Right Hon. the Earl of Dalhousie, K.T., G.C.B. Past Deputy Grand Master, and to record on its minutes its high appreciation of the very eminent services rendered to Freemasonry by the late noble brother during a very lengthened period."

Bro. Hugh D. Sandeman, District Grand Master of Bombay: Most Worshipful Grand Master—This proposition you have just made comes under the category of many propositions which really only require seconding as a matter of form. Long speeches are obviously unnecessary in any case where apology or advocacy are not required. There must be many in this hall who have worked as Freemasons with the late Earl of Dalhousie, who knew him in his old days as Lord Panmure—probably before that as Fox Maule—and I think that there is no one in this Grand Lodge who would have the boldness to say that they have ever known any man whose heart was more entirely devoted to Masonry than was the late Earl of Dalhousie. Most Worshipful Grand Master, I would not like to make any further remarks, because I feel I should be in danger of making a long speech, after I have said that a long speech is unnecessary. I think that no words are necessary in this case, and I will therefore second the resolution.

The motion was then put and carried unanimously.

The Acting Grand Master again rose and said—I have now a further resolution emanating from the late Grand Master of England, similar in many respects to the last; but in this respect it differs, for we have to pass a vote of condolence with the Grand Lodge of Scotland, who have lost, in the decease of our late friend and brother the Earl of Dalhousie, a Past Grand Master Mason of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. I therefore propose the following motion—"Resolved, that this Grand Lodge also expresses its sincere condolence on the decease of the Right Hon. the Earl of Dalhousie, K.T., G.C.B., Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Mason of Scotland"—a brother not only eminent in the Craft, in which he had performed signal services, but who, by his sterling good sense and uncompromising honesty of purpose, had endeared himself to the whole of the fraternity, and whose work and exertions in the cause of Freemasonry were always highly appreciated. You all know that we owe a great debt of gratitude to our sister Grand Lodge of Scotland, and that we shall not allow an opportunity of this kind to pass by without offering our deep and fraternal regards on the great misfortune which has befallen her. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. H. D. Sandeman seconded the motion. This motion was also carried, and the Grand Lodge proceeded to the transaction of other Masonic business.

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EARLY GRAND ENCAMPMENT, SCOTLAND.

The quarterly convention of the Grand Council of the E. G. Encampment was held on Saturday, the 29th ultimo., at the Sun Hotel, Kilmarnock. The various E. G. Encampments were well represented, attributable, no doubt, to the annual election of Grand Officers, which takes place at the quarterly assembly of Grand Council. The Encampment being opened by the retiring M.N.C., Sir Knight Pollock, of Newmilns, who in relinquishing the commandery through declining health, does not again seek election. A vote of thanks was passed to the retiring Commander for the very able manner he has discharged his sometimes arduous duties during the year, and that his health would be entirely restored by a change of climate, so that his services might again be had by the E. G. Encampment.

Sir Knt. Pollock in a neat and appropriate speech thanked the Sir Knts. for the kind manner they had spoken of him, and regarding his services to the E. G., he would only say that he considered it his duty, and the duty of every Commander to work faithfully for the benefit of the E. G. If the G. A. of the Universe should spare him, he did not doubt but that he would place himself at their disposal again.

Before proceeding with the election Com. Dr. A. Cameron, who attended, was duly dubbed a Sir Knight of the Temple, by Sir Knt. Com. Martin, of Ayr, in his usual faultless style, thereafter the election commenced. The Sir Knights who were nominated being Sir Knights Dr. A. Cameron, of Glasgow, and J. Hodge, of Kilmarnock. The ballot being proceeded with, it was found that Sir Knt. Hodge, of Kilmarnock, was duly elected, having the majority of votes recorded in his favour.

The newly elected Most Noble Commander, Sir Knt. Hodge, was received by the assembled Sir Knights with acclamation, and passed under an "arch of steel." The interesting ceremony of installation was proceeded with, the officiating Commanders Pollock and Martin accomplishing the beautiful ceremony in a masterly manner. The other Grand Officers who were likewise installed, were Sir Knight Pollock, of Stewarton, as Deputy Grand Com., Sir Knight Martin, Grand Treasurer, and Sir Knight Clark, Kilmarnock, Grand Secretary.

The new Most Noble Commander, Sir Knight Hodge, having ascended the Throne, "more Majorum," addressed the assembled Sir Knights as follows—Most Noble Knights, the position you have placed me in, a position far above what I am properly qualified to fill, and for which great honour I beg sincerely to thank you. I cannot at this moment adequately convey to you my feelings, standing as I do in the most honourable position, as Grand Commander of the E. G. Encampment in Scotland. I need not observe that my services at all times will be placed at your disposal, that by untiring energy in the faithful discharge of those duties connected with my office, to merit from you that esteem and reliance my position requires. I only hope we may proceed as we have commenced, so that our relationship in the end, will have been profitable to all parties.

The Sir Knights thereafter adjourned to a cold collation.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The August meeting of the General Committee of this Institution was held on Thursday, 27th ult., at Freemasons' Hall. There was but a small attendance on this occasion, most of the brethren being out of town. Bro. Richard Spencer, V.P., took the chair, and was supported by Bros. T. F. Peacock, Griffiths Smith, Thomas W. White, Jesse Turner, H. Massey (Freemason), and R. Wentworth Little, Secretary.

The business before the Committee was merely formal, and after cheques had been signed for £1027 16s. 11d., and a notice of motion had been received as to a gratuity of 15 guineas to Miss Kernot, who discharged the duties of matron during Miss Jarwood's illness, the brethren adjourned.

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RESIGNATION OF THE GRAND MASTER.

Our many readers will share in the regret and astonishment with which Grand Lodge heard, on Wednesday evening, the announcement of the Marquess of Ripon's resignation of the Grand Mastership. As our distinguished brother gives no other reason, in his letter to the Grand Secretary; but that he "finds himself unable any longer to discharge the duties of Grand Master," we can only record the event, adding to it the expression of our heartfelt sorrow at such a separation from our noble and excellent brother. No Grand Mastership has ever opened with fairer promise of permanent well-being and successful administration, and we deeply deplore the loss of so able, and so high-minded a Master. We shall recur to the subject in our next. It will be seen by the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, that, in accordance with the Book of Constitution, our royal brother the Prince of Wales is to be requested, by a deputation of three of our most distinguished brothers, to act as Grand Master until the annual election.

THE SECRECY OF FREEMASONRY.

We said in a previous article, that, we should recur to the question of the "secrecy" of Freemasonry, as one of the great objections made against Freemasonry is, that it is a secret society. We therefore think it well to return to the subject to-day, and would call the attention of our readers, to a very able letter in another part of our impression, bearing on the same subject. That Freemasonry is and professes to be a secret society, is a fact which "nobody can deny."

But "non constat," that because we are a secret society, that therefore we are a bad society; or hurtful institution, or objectionable organization. In order to prove so sweeping an assertion—our opponents, who object to secrecy so much, and are fond of saying, "if there was any real good in Freemasonry it would not be kept secret," must go on to prove, that, all secrecy, and all secret societies, "ipso facto," by the very nature of the case, are utterly wrong—wrong that is alike objectively and subjectively, in the abstract and in the concrete. In the mouth of our Roman Catholic opponents, such arguments come with a very bad grace indeed. What are we to say, of their own secret society the "Jesuit Order"? On their own principles it is radically bad, utterly wrong and indefensible. Those of us who have given any attention to the history of the Jesuits, know well that "secrecy" is the foundation on which their whole organization depends. I leave out of the question the "Secreta Monita" to-day, but plenty of evidence is forthcoming, to prove that they have a secret proposition, a secret probation, a secret reception, a secret obligation, and secret "counsels." So much so is this the fact, that, as the Jesuits are also divided into classes or degrees, some writers have foolishly endeavoured to prove them to be a Masonic Order. And what are we to say of the secrets of the confessional? What of the secret conclave? Many other points of secrecy might be brought forward, in the Romish system, which as it seems to us, render the position of our Roman Catholic assailants untenable, as, on their own arguments, secret societies of all kind are ipso facto bad! If our Roman Catholic opponents reply, we fall back on the decision of Roman councils, and of Papal rescripts, by which secret societies are condemned, our answer is: granted, that you have a right to forbid your own laity joining secret societies, you can have no right to dictate to us. But before you even do so with your own "fideles," before that you excommunicate many of your most faithful sons, just remember the good old adage, "people who live in glass houses, should not throw stones," and be consistent as regards all secret societies, which you denounce as wrong, quæ secret societies. Assailants like Mr. Kerr, who base their objections against Freemasonry as a secret society, must, we presume alike take up the position, that all secret societies are bad in themselves! Mr. Kerr quotes a scripture text to prove his point, but we need hardly add, that, it is one of those violent and unworthy adaptations, which reflect little credit either on the moral honesty of the writer, or on the skill and truth of his "exegesis." "Come thou not into their secret," was never meant to be applied to the Masonic body. Thus then, we have to meet two classes of objections to secrecy as a characteristic of an Order like ours, and we will take them "seriatim." The Roman Catholic, forgetful of the beam in his own eye, sees only the mote that is in a Freemason's eye, and ignoring the fact that secrecy is not unknown to his own religious body, condemns us on that very ground! But in order to do so, as between man and man, and on moral grounds, he has in the first place to demonstrate clearly, that all secrecy

is objectionable, and all secret societies deemably bad. But unfortunately for him only can he not safely lay down such a proposition, but the whole history of the Christian Religion is against him, even on this very point. What was the *Disciplina Arcani*? It is an undoubted fact, that, in the early history of Christianity its religious teaching, and its most sacred secrets were sedulously guarded from the intrusion of the profane, and practised and taught in secret! If the mere fact of "secrecy" be objectionable, the objection must forcibly be traced to the earliest developments of Christianity itself, but the truth is, such a proposition can be accepted as an "universal," and the question of "secrecy" turns not upon secrecy really at all, but upon the object for which secrecy is used and maintained. States have a right, and it is their bounden duty to object and "surveiller," to use a French word, all secret societies whose real aim and end they deem to be incompatible either with the liberty of the subject, or the safety of the public. States often to interfere with secret political societies which use the cloak of secrecy, either to promote treasonable movements, or to promulgate seditious principles, in the body politic. No sane person, above all no true Freemason ever does or can approve of such societies, or abet them, or take part in their proceedings, or be affiliated to them, because they are in themselves opposed to the true teaching, the moral duty of all patriotic citizens, because they are condemned by the laws of the country to which we belong, or where for the moment reside. In their case secrecy is bad, most bad, "per se," and all such secret political associations, which seek to promote aims, or inculcate teaching, adverse to the peace and order and safety of society, or which are condemned, either "nominatim," or by the common law of the land, are to be shunned and to be disavowed by all honest men, and citizens wherever they may be. But Freemasonry, though a secret society, is not obnoxious in England, to the laws of the State, on the contrary, is expressly excepted by the legislative enactments bearing on secret societies. Secrecy is therefore recognised by the law as harmless and legal. What, then, can any man really say against Freemasonry on this score? It is recognised by the State, is excepted from the operation of an act directed against secret political societies, its non-political character is fully admitted and it is not as before the world, that what its secrecy may cover, whatever its secret tenets may be, it is a society whose object and end are not hurtful, but beneficial to society and to mankind. And if we know, in England, our Order is made of the highest and best in our land, in association with all classes of our fellow-countrymen. When we remember that men of the exalted position, the noblest birth, the highest education, the most true moral worth, are to avow themselves to be Freemasons, how much more than idle, how utterly childish is the objection, alike of our uneducated and of our educated and Presbyterian assailants.

political society, that our secrecy is in itself wrong, and lays our Order open to serious doubts and objections, that we must have some unworthy motives for retaining such secrecy, and that we are, in some mysterious way or the other, at the bottom of much of the mischief that goes on in the world. We can afford to smile at our impugnors, to shrug our shoulders at such imbecile attacks, and leaving our public works and acts to tell to others what our true principles are, we can safely maintain, without a doubt or a fear, that secrecy which time and tradition have thrown around our Order, and which we have inherited to-day from others, who, in their generation upheld with unwavering fidelity and devotion in all of secret organization and power, the unchanging tenets and constitution of our peaceable and loyal and world-wide Order. There are many other collateral issues, raised by these questions, which we shall propose to consider, ere long, at some convenient season.

THE PLYMOUTH QUESTION.

The correspondence which we publish to-day shows how much of doubt there still exists as to the facts of the case. Before any clear opinion can be formed or conclusion come to, we must ascertain, what is the correct state of affairs. Now it appears to us that the first point is to ascertain who actually laid down as a regulation, like a law of the Medes and Persians, that our soldier brethren must appear in "black coats, &c.?" Then the next question, was there any military prohibition of our soldier brethren marching in the procession. "Soldier Freemason" says the Major-General commanding at Plymouth only objected to the non-commissioned officers being ignored, and would not have objected to their appearing in uniform. Bro Col. Elliott says they were prohibited by the "Queen's Regulations," and "Leo" says that he knows that the Major-General commanding at Plymouth forbade them to appear altogether, and would not alter his decision. What, then, are the true facts of the case? When we have them, we can arrive perhaps at a proper conclusion as regards the whole subject.

Original Correspondence.

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

THE ROYAL VISIT TO PLYMOUTH.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In your report of the Masonic reception of H.R.H the Prince of Wales there were one or two inaccuracies, which I trust you will allow me to correct.

In the first place your reporter's estimate of the number of brethren present was far short of the mark. 1800 would have been a poor number indeed for the provinces of Devon and Cornwall to put into the field; the actual number was 2600 at least. Unfortunately we were not counted as we filed out of the Military Barracks, but we know that the procession was 700 yards in length; and again, the whole of the 500 seats provided in the Guildhall were occupied, while quite 100 brethren had to stand all the time. From both these sources we find that 500 is certainly within the total of those present on the auspicious occasion.

Again, you say "the route was well kept by the police." Now this was shamefully done, or

rather, was not done at all, for throughout the line of march the procession was seriously inconvenienced by the spectators crowding upon it, the police making no effort, except here and there, to keep the people back.

Let me pass on now to your account of the proceedings of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Devon, held at Plymouth on the 14th inst.

I was very glad to read Bro. Wood's remarks about the exclusion of the military brethren from the Masonic procession. The blame, however, does not rest on the committee of management, but on the military authorities. I was sorry, however, to see such a thorough soldier as Bro. Col. Elliott make so grave a mistake as to say that the prohibition, (which emanated from the General in command of the Western district—not from the Commander-in-Chief) was in compliance with the "Queen's Regulations." There is nothing whatever in those regulations bearing upon the subject. Soldiers of all grades are forbidden to institute or take part in processions for party or political purposes, but most certainly Masonic gatherings do not come under that head. The prohibition was most unjustifiable, and can only be characterised as a tyrannical act on the part of the chief military authority at Plymouth, which was excessively galling to to our gallant and worthy brethren, especially to the Royal Marines, for their commanding officer, knowing there was nothing in the code militaire to prevent it, had sanctioned their joining the procession. Great dissatisfaction was felt and expressed by all present who knew the state of affairs, and H.R.H. was disappointed (being a soldier himself) at the marked absence of the military element. Your Correspondent "Soldier Freemason" is quite wrong in supposing that a slur was cast upon our military brethren, for it was the fiat of the Major-General that stood in the way, and I am in a position to state that several attempts were made to induce him to withdraw his prohibition (but without success) by those who have the welfare of the non-commissioned officers at heart, and of whom I am proud to consider myself one.

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,
Leo.

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

Your correspondent "Soldier Freemason" is evidently not aware that it is a distinct military offence to appear in a public Masonic procession in uniform. The offence is appearing improperly dressed, and the punishment very heavy. Commanding officers look upon an apron or collar worn over a tunic much the same as a billycock hat, worn instead of a forage cap. An instance occurred at Dover, three or four years ago, which would show your correspondent what an escape he has had, and how thankful he ought to be that the regulations he complains of were laid down. He allows himself that the Major-General Commanding disapproved, and although he asserts that the Major-General would have consented for once, he does not bring any proof to show that this was known by the Devon and Cornwall Prov. Grand Lodges.

Yours fraternally,
P.G.D.

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In your impression of the 22nd Aug. you report, respecting the Royal visit to Plymouth, that the non-commissioned officers who are Freemasons, were prevented from appearing in the procession as soldiers, and you insert a letter from "Soldier Freemason," who appears much hurt that he with others were degraded and insulted, and alluded to the unfortunate affair respecting Father Cuffe's conduct, which was most reprehensible, as regards his treatment of Armourer-Sergeant Johnstone.

It is not, I think, very good taste to compare the conduct of the Romish Priest with that of the Major-General commanding in Plymouth—for red-tape has nothing to do with it.

Bro. Col. Elliot said "he was in a position to state that the order emanated from the Commander-in-chief, and that it was in compliance with the 'Queen's Regulations,' which prohibited non-commissioned officers from taking any part

in public demonstrations." Now, if "Soldier Freemason" is a true and loyal subject of Her Majesty the Queen and a true and faithful Freemason, he must not be angry at being kept from joining the Freemasons on that occasion, for he has declared, both as a soldier and a Freemason, that he will submit to all lawful authority. I trust, therefore, that "Soldier Freemason" will withdraw his remarks made in your paper, and that he will take the earliest opportunity to visit his own lodge, or a neighbouring lodge, as speedily as possible, and with manly boldness, as a British soldier, state he was wrong.

I also think, for the unity of the Craft, you should withdraw your note at the end of the letter of "Soldier Freemason," I think, had the matter been carefully thought over, the letter would never have been sent to *The Freemason*.

The law of the land forbids a Clerk in Holy Orders in the Established Church to become a Member of Parliament. I might say it is a hard thing to have such a restraint put upon me, but I never for a moment look upon it as a grievance. So our dear brother "Soldier Freemason" should not feel it a hardship to obey his Commander-in-chief, being sure that the regulation must be a wise one, though neither he nor I know the reason why. He cannot, however, take it as anything personal to himself, nor to his comrades in the army.

AUGUSTUS A. BAGSHAWE,
P.G.S.W. AND P.P.G.CH. DERBYSHIRE.

[We cannot agree with our excellent Bro. Bagshawe's view of the case; on the contrary, as our leader last week shows, feel that the question deserves to be thoroughly ventilated.]

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In the name of the military brethren of Plymouth, I beg to tender you their grateful thanks for the very kind manner in which you advanced our cause, the more so as we are suffering from what we consider a very great slight, as well as a deprivation of the great pleasure of meeting our Royal Brother at the Prov. Grand Lodge. That the Major General commanding this district was not averse to our taking part in the procession in uniform, is, I find, fully borne out by the fact that he sanctioned the Band of the Royal Artillery appearing in the procession and marching from Millbay Barracks, to the Guildhall, which it did, as well as the Band of the South Devon Militia.

If at the Prov. Grand Lodge Bro. Col. Elliott had answered the question fairly, he should have said that "officers, non-commissioned officers, and soldiers, are forbidden to institute, or take part in any meetings, demonstrations, or processions for party or political purposes, in barracks, quarters, camp, or elsewhere," and not have put it off on non-commissioned officers and soldiers; he should have quoted fairly or not at all.

But it seemed all of a piece. The soldiers were not wanted to spoil by their uniforms the respectability of the procession. Bro. Hughan states in his letter that the Committee "had no option but to require the brethren to assemble and take part in the procession, clothed according to the usual custom, thereby naturally prohibiting any from appearing in regimentals."

Now it is certainly not the custom in Plymouth for soldiers to attend their lodges in mufti, but they do almost invariably in the uniform of their respective regiments or corps, a fact well-known to the members of the Committee residing in Plymouth, and who must have stated to Bro. Hughan, that which they well knew to be not true, for I am sure Bro. Hughan is too old and good a Freemason to say anything but the truth in such a case, and therefore I cannot but presume that he was misinformed, and I should, as well as my comrades, be extremely glad if Bro. Hughan would state by whom he was so informed, in order that the affair may be thoroughly sifted, for we feel, sure, and that, too, bitterly, that we have not been treated as Masons and brethren, but rather as cowards and intruders in the Order.

Sincerely hoping that you will insert this in your next edition. I remain Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally and sincerely,
ANOTHER SOLDIER FREEMASON.

To the Editor of the Freemason.
Dear Sir and Brother.—

I hope you will kindly give the enclosed a place in your next number of *The Freemason*. I went a long way to Plymouth in order to be present at the Masonic reception of H.R.H. and you may imagine how disgusted I was when I found that my comrades in arms were prevented from joining in the procession. I, with others, endeavoured to get the prohibition cancelled. In the Plymouth garrison there were about 120 non-commissioned officers who are Masons, all of them very estimable men, and I know that all we who could put on a black coat for the occasion would have been delighted to have seen those sergeants and corporals walking side by side with us, and were very much disappointed at their absence.

Yours truly and fraternally,
AN OFFICER AND A P.P.J.G.W.

"WHAT BETTER THEME THAN MASONRY?"

To the Editor of the Freemason.
Dear Sir and Brother,
In your leader "On the Onward Progress of Freemasonry" in your last impression, I observe the following sentence—"What better theme than Masonry?" says a good old poetic brother, now, alas! no longer to the fore."

As the author of the Masonic song bearing the title quoted, I am, naturally enough, surprised to find myself referred to in the above named terms, for, whatever qualities may be credited to me by your contributor, as I am only now about to celebrate my jubilee, I do not think the second adjective altogether applicable, and as to the remainder of the sentence, it reads like a lament over one departed, which, I thank the G.A.O.T.U., is not yet my case.

Of course I presume your contributor really refers to my song, the title of which, "What better Theme, &c," I have always believed to be original, never having met with any similar words in any of my Masonic researches. If otherwise, and he will kindly inform me thereof, he will confer a favour which will quite satisfy me for the surprise his remarks have occasioned.

If, on the contrary, he does allude to me, I should wish it to be known, that if I am "no longer to the fore," I am not far in the rear, and am as ready for service in the vanguard of Freemasonry as ever.

Yours truly and fraternally,
JAMES STEVENS.
P.M., P.Z., &c.

Clapham, August 29, 1874.

[We apologise to our most excellent and worthy Bro. Stevens for taking away his due honours from him, and inadvertently consigning him to the "limbus poetarum." The truth is we made a slight "beefsteak," and confounded our living Bro. Stevens, with our defunct and regretted Bro. Carpenter. Will Bro. Stevens, on the Masonic principle of returning good for evil, favour us with a little "refrain" for the next *Freemason*.—ED.]

THE SECRECY OF FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the Freemason.
Dear Sir and Brother,
In my former letter I suggested that the first objection which can with any degree of reason be urged against Freemasonry arises from the fact of its being a secret society. In other words, that this is an inherent objection to any society, however innocent or even praiseworthy its objects may be, whose meetings are held in private, and whose members have a bond of union, known only to themselves, and kept concealed from the world at large.

Now if in reply to this broad assertion we ask, "What is the objection," or, why is there such objection? we get from some of our opponents, generally people of a pragmatical disposition, the same sort of answer as ladies sometimes give to the question asked by their male friends, "Why is smoking an ungentlemanly habit?" "Because it is." In other words, such persons entertain an objection which they cannot express in words, but which is sufficiently apparent to themselves, and valid enough to keep them out-

side the pale of our Order. And such a feeling ought by all means to be respected. God forbid that Masons above all men should mock at a difficulty, honestly felt and consistently regarded! But surely we may demand that an attempt should at least be made to formalise the objection, in order that we may, in our turn, have the opportunity of attempting a reply to it. Let me then state the objection thus, "Much mischief, political and religious, has been wrought by secret societies, therefore secret societies are mischievous." Now we will examine the logic of this reasoning presently, but first let us observe that it is "nihil ad rem." In granting that there are, and have been, at home and abroad, secret societies of men, banded together to promote civil and religious discord, Freemasonry has nothing in common with these. "But," pursues our objector, "Freemasonry abroad has been actually forbidden in some countries, because of its fomenting political strife; and as Freemasonry is one and indivisible, the stigma attaches to the whole body." To which we reply, "Freemasonry is one and indivisible in this sense only, a Freemason in London is a Freemason in Paris, or Vienna, or any where else. But each country has its distinct constitution, and if foreign Masons allow their Craft to be prostituted to civil purposes, it in no way affects us, whose Masonic constitution absolutely forbids anything of the kind. Nay, further; if any English Mason was visiting a lodge, say in Vienna, and he found that any plotting against the government were going on therein, it would be his bounden duty, as a Freemason, to leave that lodge at once, because he is bound not to propose, or in any way to encourage any act which may tend to subvert the peace and good order of society, and to render a due obedience to the laws of any state which may for a time become the place of his residence, or afford him its protection."

Let me now put the objection grounded on the secrecy of Freemasonry in a syllogistic form. It will run thus, "All secret societies are mischievous; Freemasonry is a secret society, therefore Freemasonry is mischievous." My good friend, I deny your major premiss. I have shown you that we have nothing to do with any mischief-plotting abroad; and to turn our eyes homewards, what secret societies are there here, absolutely unsuspected of any mischievous tendency! You must modify your major premiss, and so vitiate your conclusion. Granted that some secret societies are or have been troublesome in church or state, granted even Freemasonry abroad has been so abused in troublous times, we assert that there are many secret societies in England at the present time, not only illegal, but allowed and protected by the law. What are the Odd Fellows, Druids, Foresters, Good Templars, but secret societies? And has any one ever laid political or religious disturbance to their charge? On the contrary, are not their objects well known, and innocent, or even laudable? If members of Benefit or Temperance Societies may, without detriment to the commonwealth, league themselves together by the tie of a common secret and a solemn obligation, surely the Masonic body may do the same, whose object is not to receive a "quid pro quo" for their subscriptions, or to pick out one only virtue for practice, one only vice for abhorrence, but who are bound by the strongest ties to the fear of God, obedience to the laws, and the practice of every moral and social virtue. Nay more; if once political or religious discussion were admitted into our lodges, the very framework of our Order would fall to pieces, our obligations must be altered, our ceremonies re-modelled, our ancient charges abandoned, our exhortations and lectures scattered to the winds, in one word, Masonry would be Masonry no more. Of all men Masons have reason to cry, "Give peace in our time, O Lord," because when men are excited by the heat of religious or political animosity, they are not in a suitable frame of mind for the duties of a Masonic lodge. So then, we may triumphantly reply to all such objectors, "yes, Freemasonry is a secret society; its members, dispersed over the face of earth and water, need no letter of recommendation or introduction; wherever there is civilisation, there is Freemasonry, and there every Mason, however

poor, may find friends and a home." "Public secrets to the world;—we need not blush are harmless in every respect—but by do you take away the very charm and recondensation of Freemasonry, you destroy the mystery which binds brother to brother; you deprive our means of mutual intercommunication which no stranger intermeddeth. Who dares to raise any objection to a husband and or father and children, separated by the ties of life, communicating, if they choose, the use of a cypher, in order that the expression of secret thoughts might not become legible to any one in the world? Who finds fault with us Masons, in the North, South, and West, bound together by ties, strangers cannot comprehend, because we have the power of making ourselves known to each other, in a way which you cannot divine? is no secrecy in our objects, in the time and of our lodge's assembling, in our long rolls of members, in our fidelity to the constitutions and laws, in our brotherly concord and affection. Our only secret, dear to us as itself, is the chain whose links of magic sympathy bind us each to the other. Join us, become partakers of our secrets, work with us, explore our mysteries, become in sympathy with our spirit, so far as we are ourselves worthy of our Order, and we will find that, not for a moment, or by the breadth of one single hair, will you be a less faithful servant of God, a dutiful subject of the Queen, a less loving husband, a less tender father, a less firm and able friend, a less honest and upright man. Sir, as I write, I feel assured that these poor words of mine will awaken an echo in thousands of Masonic breasts, and that they will add testimony to mine that, though we would rather die, God helping us, rather than betray the secrets of our Order, yet, so far as we are concerned, we need no fear the publication of our secrets to the whole world. Nothing is said in a Masonic lodge which would raise a blush on the purest cheek; nothing done therein which the most scrupulous penitent need fear to acknowledge in the presence of his fellow-men. Nay, if strangers could be admitted within our walls, and witness there our labours begun in order, conducted in peace, and closed in harmony, the shame would be to our detriment, and the ready blush would mantle on the cheek among those who, in their ignorant prejudice, have censured that they which they knew not, and derided that which they did not understand.

Sir; there are other secrets besides those of Freemasonry, which the Roman Priest in the Confessional, forbidden by the laws of his church to be either husband or father, cannot fatherly comprehend; and the authorities of that church may with as much reason forbid the sacrifice of marriage, as the deep mysterious bond of fraternal love, as forbid her children to be sons, because we are bound together by ties which the church and the world have no power to sever.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,
P. PROV. G. C. OXON
CHAPLAIN AND SEC.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGES.

To the Editor of the Freemason.
Dear Sir and Brother,—

In your leader of the 22nd inst. again draw attention to the title "Grand Lodge" being applied to "Prov. Grand Lodges," I quite agree with you, that it is very objectionable.

Can you, however, be surprised at the error being made, when the chief organ of the *The Freemason*, in its reports of the meetings, uses the same incorrect title.

In those cases where the words of the title are given, I suppose, he (the speaker) might be held responsible, though even in this case would suggest, the editor might correct the error, but in many instances the title of Lodge is used when reference is being made to what takes place, and is not an extract from a speech.

In one report of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Devon (which indeed is a question).

Treasurer's report, "There was a balance in favour of the Grand Lodge of £209," again, "The Prov. Grand Master called the attention of the Grand Lodge," and "the cordial thanks of the Grand Lodge were given, the Mayor &c.," and "Bro. Latimer expressed his thanks for the resolution of the Grand Lodge."

Your reply, will, I presume, be that you inserted the report as it was received, but as you insert it without making any remark that it is communicated, your readers must hold you responsible, and I certainly think you should correct such mistakes, instead of countenancing them, even if you do not see your way to alter the title given, when reporting the actual words used by the speaker.

Yours fraternally,

M. J. M.

COSMOPOLITAN MASONIC CALENDAR.

The attention of Secretaries, &c., is called to a circular which has been sent to each lodge and chapter, for information as to the place, day and months of meeting. We would urge upon our friends the necessity of an early reply, as no alterations or additions can be made, after Saturday, September 12th.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, September 11, 1874.

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

Saturday, September 5.

General Committee, Boys' School at 4.
Chap 975, Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.

Manchester Lodge of Instruction (179), Yorkshire Grey, 77, London-street, Fitzroy-square, at 8; Bro. H. Ash, Preceptor.

Ily Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, Surrey.

Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. G. Dille, Preceptor.

Monday, September 7.

Lodge 144, St. Luke's, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue.
Mark Lodge 139, Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.

Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction (1445), Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland, at 7; Bro. T. Austin, Preceptor.

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

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

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

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

British Oak Lodge of Instruction (813), Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.

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

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

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

Metropolitan Mark Lodge of Instruction, Coach and Horses Hotel, 323, Strand, at 8.

Tuesday, September 8.

Lodge 167, St. John's, Holly Bush Tavern, Hampstead.
" 548, Wellington, White Swan Tavern, Deptford.
" 1269, Stanhope, Thicket Hotel, Anerley.
" 857, St. Mark's, Nap.

Ark Lodge 22, Southwark, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge.

Thorough Lodge of Instruction (554), Green Dragon Steppney, at 8; Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.

Manic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tavern, Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 8; Bro. Larham, Preceptor.

St. George's Lodge of Instruction (141), Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st., (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cotterburne, Preceptor.

Frederick William Lodge of Instruction (753), Lord's Hotel, Lord's Cricket Ground, St. John's-wood, at 8; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.

House Lodge of Instruction (860), King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. Crawley, Preceptor.

Specity Lodge of Instruction (65), Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st., Within, at 7.30; Bro. Bolton, W.M. 1217, Preceptor.

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

Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (55), Wheat-sheaf Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.
Percy Lodge of Instruction, Grapes Tavern, Little Windmill-street, W.
Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor.
Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30.

Wednesday, September 9.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.
Lodge 13, Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich.

" 15, Kent, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1228, Beacontree, Private Rooms, Leytonstone.
" 1306, St. John of Wapping, Gun Tavern, High-street, Wapping.

Chap. 1260, Hervey, Britannia Hotel, Walham-green.
New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8.

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

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.

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

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

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

Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction (1288), Finsbury Park Tavern, Seven Sisters'-road, N., at 8. Bro. P. Dickinson, Acting Preceptor.

United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales'-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.

Southwark Lodge of Instruction, (879), Southwark Park Tavern, Southwark Park, at 8; Bro. Charles William Kent, Preceptor.

Thursday, September 10.

Lodge 1076, Capper, Marine Hotel, Victoria Dock.
" 1288, Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tavern, Seven Sisters'-road.

" 1321, Emblematic, Tulse-hill Hotel, Tulse-hill.
Chap. 72, Royal Jubilee, Horns Tavern, Kennington.
" 619, Beadon, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue.

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

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

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

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

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

Ebury Lodge of Instruction, Bro. Palmer's, 12, Fensonby-st., Millbank.
Highgate Lodge of Instruction (1366), Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.

Friday, September 11:

Lodge 1420, Earl Spencer, Freemasons' Hotel, New Wandsworth.

St. George's Lodge of Instruction (140), Globe Tavern, Royal-hill, Greenwich.

Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.

Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, (749), Coach and Horses, Strand, at 8; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.

Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.

Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s, Freemasons' Hall, a 7.

Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tavern, Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.

Clapton Lodge of Instruction (1365), White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. James Brett, F.G.P., &c., Preceptor.

Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1298), the Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. W. F. Rogers, Precep.

Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-road, at 8; Comp. W. West Smith, Preceptor.

Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Bro. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.

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

United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Antelope Tavern, Lorn-road, Brixton, at 7.

St. James's Lodge of Instruction, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-road, Bermondsey, at 8; Bro. Howes, P.M., Preceptor.

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

Doric Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8.

Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales'-road, N.W., at 8; Bro. P. M. Wuest, Preceptor.

St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Rose Tavern, Fulham-road, S.W.
Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.
High Cross Lodge of Instruction (754), Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.

Union Club of Instruction, Windsor Castle, Victoria Station, at 8 p.m.; H. Ash, P.M., Instructor.
Burdett Courts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park, at 8; Bro. Geo. W. Verry, Preceptor.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE,

For the Week ending Saturday, September 12, 1874.

Monday, September 7.

Lodge 113, Unanimity, Bull Hotel Assembly Rooms, Preston.
" 1051, Rowley, Masonic Rooms, Lancaster.
" 1380, Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, near Liverpool, at 6.

Chap. 605, De Tabley, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, at 6.
Mark Lodge, No. 65, West Lancashire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.

Everton Lodge of Instruction (823), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 7.30.

Tuesday, September 8.

Lodge 241, Merchants', Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 5.
" 1250, Gilbert Greenall, Masonic Rooms, Warrington.

Chap. 613, Bridson, Masonic Hall, Southport, at 7.

Wednesday, September 9.

Lodge 281, Fortitude, Athenæum, Lancaster.
" 1052, Callender, Public Hall, Rusholme.
" 1094, Temple, Masonic Temple, at 6.
" 1356, De Grey and Ripon, 140, North Hill-street, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 6.

Chap. 673, St. John's, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.30.
St. John's Lodge of Instruction (673), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 8.

Neptune Lodge of Instruction (1264), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 7.

Thursday, September 10.

Lodge 216, Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, at 5.
" 333, Royal Preston, Victoria Garrison Hotel, Fulwood, near Preston.
" 1035, Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, at 6.

" 1213, Bridgewater, Cross Keys Hotel, Patricroft, near Manchester.

Chap. 220, Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, near Liverpool, at 5.

Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction (1182), 150, Park-lane, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 7.

Friday, September 11.

Lodge 1289, Rock, Rock Ferry Hotel, Rock Ferry, at 7.
Chap. 249, Mariners', Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.

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For the week ending Saturday, September 12, 1874.

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Monday, September 7.

Lodge 332, Union, 170, Buchanan-street.
" 129, St. Mirren, Moss-street, Paisley.
" 205, St. Winnoch, Eagle Inn, Lochwinnoch.
" 307, Union and Crown, Freemasons' Hall, Barrhead.

" 503, St. George, Odd Fellows' Hall, Helensburgh.

Tuesday, September 8.

Lodge 413, Athole, 213, Buchanan-st.
" 419, Neptune, 35, St. James-st., Kingstown.
" 441, Glasgow, 22, Struthers-street.
" 208, St. John, Olive Hall, Airdrie.
" 426, Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Renfrew.

Chap. 69, St. Andrew, 170, Buchanan-st.

Wednesday, September 9.

Lodge 333, St. George, 213, Buchanan-st.
510, Maryhill, Main-street, Maryhill.
Chap. 113, Parick, St. Mary's Hall, Parick.

Thursday, September 10.

Lodge 88, New Monkland, Montrose, Town Hall, Airdrie.
" 109, St. Marnock's, Crown Hotel, Kilmarnock.
Chap. 50, Glasgow, 213, Buchanan-street.

Friday, September 11.

Lodge 18, Kilwinning, Mission Hall, Dumbarton.
170, St. John's, Public Hall, Alexandria.
" 427, St. Clair, Masonic Hall, Cambusnethan.
Chap. 144, St. Rollox, Freemasons' Hall, Garngad-road.

Saturday, September 12.

Lodge 28, St. John's, Black Bull Inn, Kirkintilloch.
" 305, St. John's Woodhall, Masons' Hall, Holytown.

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SOUTHALL.—Acacia Lodge (No. 1309).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, August 22nd, at the Prince Alfred Hotel, Southall. Bro. Frederick Walters, P.G.P., Middlesex, P.M., and Secretary, opened the lodge. He in his usual good style, passed Bro. Upstone to the second degree, and raised Bros. Joseph Boyce and David Steinhauer 1326 to the third degree. Bro. E. W. Richardson, W.M., presented Bro. R. Limpus, P.P.G. Organist Middlesex, J.W. and W.M. elect, for installation, and he was duly installed as the W.M. of the lodge. He appointed as his officers, Bros. C. A. Ferrier, S.W.; C. G. Rushworth, J.W.; E. Sillifant, P.P.G.J.D. Middlesex, P.M., Treasurer; F. Walters, P.G.P. Middlesex, P.M., Secretary; J. H. Webster, S.D.; J. W. George, J.D.; E. W. Collins, I.G.; A. E. J. Budgett, M.C.; R. P. Tebb, W.S.; W. Y. Ising, P.M., Tyler. A vote of thanks (and the same to be entered on the minutes was unanimously accorded to Bro. F. Walters, P.G.P. Middlesex, P.M., and Secretary (the father of the lodge), for his excellent, correct, and impressive working of the installation ceremony, also for his valuable services rendered to the lodge as its Secretary. The bye laws underwent a careful revision, and the day of meeting was altered to the fourth Tuesday (original day in the Warrant) of the months of January, April, July and October. Several gentlemen were proposed for initiation. The lodge was closed. A good banquet followed. There were present besides those already named, Bros. C. Horsley, P.P.G Reg. Middlesex, P.M.; Isaac Boyce, and others. Amongst the visitors were noticed, Bros. W. Smeed P.P.G.J.W., Middlesex; E. W. Lott, P.P.G.J.W., Jersey; A. Greatrex, P.M. and Treas. 22.

PRINCE LEOPOLD LODGE (No. 1445).—On Thursday, 3rd September, the installation meeting of the above lodge was held at Bro. G. Townsend's, "Lrd Stanley," Sandringham-road, Kingsland. The lodge has been established only twelve months but from the progress it has made during that time, has fully justified the reasons for its establishment, contained in its petition for a warrant, that there was room for another lodge in the neighbourhood where it was proposed to be held. It was started under very favourable auspices, and had the support of several prominent Freemasons, among whom were no less distinguished Past Grand Officers the Bros. Joshua Nunn, and John Braddick Mackton. By the exertions of these, among other brethren, the warrant was obtained from the 1st Grand Master, the Marquis of Ripon, in September of last year it was consecrated. During the succeeding year, it made considerable progress, and the joining members and initiates have become very numerous. At the first anniversary, which was held on the 3rd inst., (as was announced, and as will be seen from the following report, the limit, placed by the bye-laws, on the brethren entering at the first sale of fees was reached. The working of the lodge during its existence has, we were informed, been everything that could be desired, under the presidency of the first W.M., Bro. Howe, an excellent example has been set to the whole roll of lodges. In the working and the

general conduct of business nothing has been omitted, which could tend to give the lodge weight or the Order influence. The proceedings of Thursday week, were in perfect keeping with the former instances of perfection and regularity, and the numerous brethren, who altogether mustered nearly sixty, openly admitted that the lodge was a credit to the Marquis of Ripon's authority. The lodge met at 4 o'clock, and was immediately opened by Bro. W. T. Howe, W.M., who was supported by his officers, members of the lodge, and visitors. Of the last, there were present in the course of the evening the following:—Bros. J. B. Monckton, P.G.D., President Board of General Purposes; John Hervey, Grand Sec.; H. G. Buss, G. Treas., Middlesex; W. Monckton, Prov. G.S.D. Kent; J. Terry, Prov. G.D.C. Herts.; R. Shackell, Prov. G. Pur. Hants.; E. P. Barlow, P.M. 15; Grime, P.M. 381; Stean, P.M. 212; Koch, P.M. 820; Mortlock, P.M. 186; Stephens, P.M. 1365; Frank, P.M. 212; Cunningham, P.M. 754; Massey, (Freemason) P.M. 619; Langridge, W.M. 874; Ashburner, W.M. 1278; Newbold, S.D. 1012; Preston, D.C. 1471; Grist, Marquis of Ripon; Fellows, Lion and Lamb, 192; Robinson, 65; Daley, 3; J. Green, J.W. 27; Wilson, 567; Larvon, 1365; Byfield, 1381; Moxon, 1298; Millen, 1349; and J. Badkim, 1365; After the usual preliminaries, Bro. Howe raised Bro. John Henry Vollum, and afterwards installed Bro. Frank Green, on presentation made to him for that purpose, in the W.M. chair. The brethren below that degree having been readmitted to the lodge, and the customary salutes having been given, Bro. Green invested his officers for the year as follows:—Bro. W. H. Myeis, W.M. 820, S.W.; Bro. F. Wilkins, J.W.; Bro. F. T. Howe, I.P.M., Treasurer; Bro. James Pinder, Secretary; Bro. W. F. Stevenson, S.D.; Bro. J. E. Simms, I.G.; Bro. J. Clark, D.C.; Bro. S. L. Green, W.S.; Bro. T. E. Goddard, W.S.; and Bro. Gilchrist, T. Bro. Howe then completed the ceremony with the delivery of the three addresses. Immediately afterwards, three candidates for initiation being in attendance, Bro. Green, W.M., commenced his duties, and initiated with great impressiveness and fluency Mr. F. Creed, Mr. J. C. Preston, and Mr. George Mowl into the threshold mysteries of Freemasonry. This ceremony completed, another interesting ceremony was performed, which was the presentation of two P.M. jewels, one to Bro. Howe, the I.P.M., and the other to Bro. Austin, who had acted as P.M., while Bro. Howe occupied the chair of the Lodge; and also a handsome engrossed vellum, framed and glazed, to Bro. Howe, recording his services to the lodge while he was W.M. In presenting these the W.M. said, Bro. P.M. Howe, one of the most pleasing and gratifying duties which could devolve upon me on behalf of the members of the Prince Leopold Lodge is what I am now commissioned to perform—to present you with this P.M. jewel; but before presenting it I will read the inscription on it. I feel that the addition of any words of my own to those I have just read would be altogether superfluous and uncalled for; but I may just observe that I do but express the sentiments of every member of the Prince Leopold Lodge when I say that we are confident that the jewel you have so worthily won you will no less worthily wear. May it remind you, for many years, of twelve months of hard labour, but labour which gained you the regard and esteem of everyone with whom you are connected. We wish to accompany that jewel with this testimonial, the written record of our fraternal regard; and we are confident that this slight recognition of our appreciation of the valuable services which you have rendered the lodge will be as acceptable to you as if it had taken the form of a costly presentation of plate. May it find a place in your house, Bro. Howe, many years, and may it there testify to your children's children the regard in which you are held. Bro. Howe: Brethren, your handsome gifts, and the very kind things you, W.M., have said of me have so taken me by surprise and robbed me of language that I feel quite at a loss for words, but let me assure you, brethren, that I shall never wear this jewel without thinking of

the present occasion, and the kind friends who made me these gifts. As to the extra token of your regard for me, believe me, I shall ever value it as one of the greatest of my treasures. I pray that the Great Architect of the Universe may bestow on each of you in your turn as happy a year of office as I have had. The W.M. again rose, and in presenting a Past Master's jewel to Bro. Austin, who had acted as P.M. during the year, said: Bro. Austin, it is a somewhat singular privilege to have the pleasure of presenting two Past Masters' jewels on the same occasion, but on behalf of the members of the Prince Leopold Lodge, I now present you with this jewel. I can only add the name of Bro. Thomas Austin has long been a household word among Freemasons, and it is a name as highly esteemed as it is widely known, and the members, one and all, of the Prince Leopold Lodge can only wish you health, long life and happiness to wear that jewel. Bro. Austin said: W. Master and brethren, I thank you very sincerely for this kind mark of your respect. I shall always esteem it as one of the happiest Masonic years that I have ever enjoyed. I thank you very sincerely. The W.M. said it was now his duty to refer to the position of the lodge, and to call the brethren's attention to a necessary alteration of the lodge fees, as authorised by the bye-laws, according to bye-law No. 19, when the members of the lodge reached the number of 30, the initiating and joining fees were to be raised. The number now exceeded 30, and he would therefore move the stipulated raising of those two fees. This having been seconded, was carried nem. con. The W.M. proposed that Bro. J. B. Monckton, P.G.S.D., be elected an honorary member of the lodge and referred to the great services he had rendered in securing the warrant for the lodge. He was sure that there was no name they would receive with greater pleasure on their books. Bro. Howe, I.P.M., seconded the motion, and said that in conjunction with Bro. Joshua Nunn, Bro. J. B. Monckton took an active part in obtaining the warrant. The motion was carried unanimously, and Bro. Monckton acknowledged the compliment. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren, after acting in lodge four hours and a half, adjourned to a splendid banquet, provided and personally superintended by Bro. G. Townsend, the proprietor of the Lord Stanley. At the conclusion of the repast the toasts were proposed as usual, The W.M., in proposing "The Prince of Wales, the Earl of Carnarvon, and the rest of the Grand Officers," said, in consequence of what took place at Grand Lodge last evening and with which you are no doubt all now familiar. I have to refrain to-night from the pleasure of giving "the Health of the Marquis of Ripon" as our own M.W.G.M. The circumstances connected with his withdrawal from the lodge are not for me nor you to enter upon. Suffice it for me to say that he has sent in his resignation, which has been accepted by Grand Lodge. We are therefore without a Grand Master, but in H.R.H., the Prince of Wales we have one who has ever shown, since he became connected with the institution, the greatest interest in the welfare and progress of the Craft. I need not remind you here of the great and increasing influence which Freemasonry now exercises throughout this country, nor of the high office which H.R.H. has filled in the Craft. Perhaps if we look a little in the future, we may recognise a still higher office which he may be called upon to fill. That he will fill it with honour to himself, and benefit to the Craft we may all be well assured. With regard to the Earl of Carnarvon, I regret I have to apologise to you on behalf of our Secretary, because on account of excess of modesty on his part, he forgot to send his lordship an invitation to be here to-night, if he had, no doubt his lordship would have been here, and would have shown what a thoroughly good Mason he is. Under those somewhat melancholy circumstances therefore, we have the more reason to congratulate ourselves that owing to the rash temerity and never failing confidence of our worthy brother Past Master, we have secured the presence here this evening of several of the Grand Officers, and although it would be, I know, an unbecoming on my part—not to say invidious

—proceeding to attempt in their presence to expatiate upon their merits individually and separately, at the same time I may, on behalf of the Leopold Lodge, assure them how deeply sensible we are of the honour they confer upon this lodge by their presence here this evening. Our Bro. J. B. Monckton, whom I am happy to congratulate on his being a member of the Prince Leopold Lodge, is one who has been so long a time connected with Freemasonry and the Grand Lodge, that he is now one of the highest officers in the lodge, and he fills a post which it is an honour for every member of the Craft to aspire to. I believe he is at the head of the Board of General Purposes, which exercises the greatest possible influence upon the Craft generally, throughout the country. Our Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary, we have seen here before, and have given him a welcome on previous occasions, but I am sure that he will receive none the less cordial a welcome on this occasion. I may say of him he is one of those who the more we see the more we want to see. Having said so much, I will, on behalf of the members of the Prince Leopold Lodge, thank our brother Grand Officers for being here this evening. The toast having been enthusiastically received, Bro. J. B. Monckton said:—A remark had often been made, but he had never felt its force more than he did at that moment, that it was easy to propose a toast, but difficult to respond to it; if, in his case, the difficulty had been increased by the over kind way in which the W.M. had spoken of the Grand Officers and the many things he had said in their and his own favour, he would, perhaps, get out of his difficulty by changing the venue and saying as little as possible of himself, and as much as possible of the W.M. Not very long ago they had talked together of Freemasonry, and the W.M. had asked him what he thought of his (the W.M.'s) going into the Craft. He told the W.M. what he sincerely thought—that if ever there was a man who ought to be a Freemason it was he. The W.M. did join Freemasonry, and what the brethren had seen that night, whether they were old Masons or young Masons, justified him (Bro. Monckton) in saying he defied them to be able to show that they had ever seen a Master installed into the chair do his work better than—he doubted whether they had seen it done as well as—the W.M. had done it that evening. The W.M. had told him beforehand, with a certain amount of modesty which he hardly knew what to make of, that he was going to perform the ceremony of initiation, but that he did not know whether his style of doing it would agree with that of the Emulation Lodge of Instruction. He (Bro. Monckton) could not see where the difference lay; in fact, he had never seen anything more completely, admirably, or masonically done, and could not conceive how it could be if the W.M. had been one of the preceptors of the Emulation (hear, hear). For the rest, he thought it only fair to say, as a good old Mason, that not only did the W.M. do well, but the subordinate officers did well, which was a very important point indeed. Masters often worked well, but a Warden, Deacon, or the Inner Guard made a mess of every thing. But in the Prince Leopold Lodge he had just seen the work done by every one in a clean, neat, businesslike, workmanlike manner. He congratulated the brethren who were instrumental in producing this result, and he felt it due to these brethren to pay this little tribute to the exertions of both the W.M. and his officers. Thanking the brethren for the toast, and also for his election as a member of the lodge, he was proud to recollect the very small share he had in assisting to get the warrant, but he was much more proud to see that the tree he had been slightly instrumental in planting had grown to be so capacious as this lodge had done (cheers). There were then loud cries for the Grand Secretary, which being persisted in, Bro. John Hervey said:—I appear to be pressed into the service, but I think it is rather in an unfair manner, because it is always understood that when a Grand Officer returns thanks for a toast his answer is final, and that no other should bore the lodge by a speech, but if I may say one or two words, I congratulate the lodge on its having progressed, and express the gratification I myself feel on seeing that it has pro-

gressed, in the manner it has in one short twelve-month. We met here only last year at this time for the purpose of consecrating this lodge. It was then a small twig, as it has been termed, I certainly was pleased and gratified at consecrating the lodge; I was pleased to think of, and to augur its future—to fancy, “in my mind’s eye,” that it would become a great tree in time, and to hope under the presidency of the then W.M. that it could not fail of success. Now I come here on its first anniversary; I see a gathering round this room that any old lodge in the Craft would be proud of. I see round the table not only old Masons, but I see a party of young Masons, many that I am totally unacquainted with, many that though now I am totally unacquainted with, at any rate I may look forward at some future period to be better known to; and I congratulate Bro. Howe, your I.P.M., upon the success which has crowned his exertions. I do therefore think I may fairly congratulate myself on the growth of this young twig, and which—well, I was going to say, which I had planted here. I congratulate myself, inasmuch as it is always a gratification to be associated with a society which from a small beginning takes large dimensions, and shows that by its intrinsic worth and merit it has grown to the size it now is. I will not weary you further, but I will say that it has afforded me very great satisfaction to be here to-night. I told Bro. Howe that nothing should prevent my being here. I determined nothing should prevent my being here to see what you had done, to congratulate the lodge on the success it has achieved, and to congratulate myself on having been the first, if I may so term it, I cannot say originator of the lodge, but at any rate the one who brought the lodge into existence, and to see it as it is now, flourishing, prosperous, and as I hope it will be for many years to come, carrying on the work of Freemasonry as our Bro. Monckton has told you, in an admirable manner. Bro. Howe, I.P.M., proposed “The Health of the W.M.,” and said he had had the pleasure of enjoying his friendship for many years. He also had had the honour of introducing him into Freemasonry, and could assure the brethren that he had watched with sincere pleasure the interest he had taken in that noble institution, and in all that concerned the Prince Leopold Lodge. The W.M. really assisted in laying its foundation stone; he had continued to help in its erection and he had now climbed to the top of the ladder to see that the roof was safe. He (Bro. Howe) could not pass by the present opportunity without congratulating the members of the lodge on placing its direction in the hands of so able and proficient a brother as Bro. Green. He knew he would do his duty as W.M. with honour and dignity, for he had the qualifications which were necessary for the highly important office. When at the end of his year of office they came to take stock (to use his own commercial phrase) of his work, he thought they would be able to say, in all sincerity, that the W.M. had discharged his duties to the advantage of the Order, and to his own lasting credit. The W.M. said: it would be impossible for me to return my thanks in anything like adequate language. I shall therefore compress the few words I have to say into as small a compass as possible. I can only assure you I am fully sensible of the compliment you have paid me, and the kind and cordial manner in which you have responded to the toast of my health. I can only assure you that I am deeply sensible of the responsibility I have undertaken, in conjunction with my officers. I am also deeply sensible that I shall fall far short of the requirements of a possessor of this chair. At the same time I can assure you my utmost efforts will be given to the duties connected with the office. It will be my highest pride and ambition to be able to hand over to my successor the warrant of the Prince Leopold Lodge in the same unsullied manner in which it has come into my hands. I can only hope that this night is somewhat of a promise of the future, and if I can struggle through my year of office with satisfaction to the officers and members of the lodge, I shall feel to have done so with credit to myself. Their approbation will be all that I shall seek for. Secure of that, I shall be secure

of what I strongly desire. I shall simply tell you, perhaps, in addition that I shall do all in my power not only to maintain the efficiency of the lodge but its dignity. I trust that I may at all events be excused for saying that much. Those who have been connected with the lodge during the last twelve months know I shall not make a tyrannical Master. But at the same time, I have such a high appreciation, not of what is due to myself, but what is due to the chair, to the office to which it has been your pleasure at the present time to appoint me, and with that feeling I trust you will allow me to repeat what I have already said, it will be my object to maintain the dignity of the chair. With the dignity of the chair, of course I couple the dignity of the lodge. Without the one, the other cannot proceed. Brethren, I beg to thank you very much for the kind manner in which you have responded to the toast of my health. The W.M. next proposed “The Visitors.” He said were it not that for the last twelve months, I have worn that jewel which is the emblem of equality, I should be almost tempted to describe the next toast as the toast of the evening, for I am sure that there is nothing that affords the members of the Prince Leopold Lodge a greater amount of satisfaction and gratification than having the pleasure of welcoming their visitors on such occasions as the present, and I hope that we may upon this occasion be permitted to indulge in a certain, if not a considerable amount of pride at seeing assembled around our board this evening, such a goodly array not only of visitors, but of what you may term the very luminaries of Freemasonry. We have here, brethren, not only several officers from Grand Lodge, but such a list of visitors as may well fill the bosom of any Master of a lodge with the utmost possible amount of pride. I may perhaps first of all be allowed to depart somewhat from the usual order of proceeding, so far as to ask your indulgence while I express my own personal and individual thanks to those kind friends and brethren, who have travelled so many hundreds of miles, as they have done, in order to support me on the present occasion. I may perhaps be permitted to refer in the first instance to my good brother, Walter Monckton, who has come I cannot say how many hundreds of miles from the very wilds of Western Kent. Well you laugh, brethren, but I can assure you that until the last few months there was no railway nearer to Bro. Monckton’s house than some nine miles, and he had to collect his most unnatural material and to send his most ungodly manufacture long distances before he could get it conveyed to a proper market. But I am happy to inform you that his untiring energy, and the London, Chatham and Dover Railway between them (laughter,) they have now managed to get a line within a very short distance of his house, and therefore it is as much due to the London Chatham and Dover Railway, as it is to anything else that we have been able to secure his presence here this evening. I also see near me, Bro. Grime, I.P.M. of a lodge in Lancashire, and Bro. Newbold, who has travelled all night in order to see the light of day here. I cannot express to them the deep sense that I entertain, myself, of their fraternal regard in travelling so far in order to be present here. I cannot pass over our Bro. Langridge, Master of Tunbridge Wells Lodge; and I must mention, with your permission, one of my very old friends, one who if I can look back through the vista of the past, I was going to say, to that time when I first came to London unknown, a poor boy from school, without a friend, without one to whom I was known in this vast metropolis, but Providence led me, through one friend whom I had, to make the acquaintance of Bro. Jats Davy. I am sure it is a source of the very greatest gratification, that having known him through all these years, I should have the pleasure of mentioning his name here to night, and of seeing him in his presence, how delighted I am to see him. I feel I trespass very considerably upon your time, but on such an occasion as this, I assure you will pardon reflections of this nature. There are numbers of brethren here to whom I should like to tender my unfeigned thanks for their presence, but I know the time is passing, and at the clock and

ough I do not mention them personally, here is one whom I am proud to see, and whom I must not pass over without mentioning. He is a friend of not so many years standing, but not the less a very valued friend indeed; I refer to Bro. Past Master Stephens. He was the first who took me by the hand on initiation. He does not know that he took me round the lodge, as he was the first to take me by the hand. As said before, I have trespassed very considerably on your time. I know you will very kindly pardon it. I will not delay longer or occupy more of your time, but simply conclude by king you to rise and drink with me "The health of our Visitors this Evening." Bro. Walter Mackon responded, and added his testimony to at already given of the excellent working of a lodge, as a proof of which he adduced the instance of the first W.M. of this lodge installing his successor. Several other toasts were proposed, and the "Tyler's Toast," brought the proceedings to a close, and the brethren then parted. The evening was enlivened with the very good singing, and Bro. Shelford, the organist of the lodge, accompanied the vocalists, with considerable ability, on the pianoforte.

HALLFORD.—Thames Valley Lodge (No. 1460).—The second regular meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, 5th inst., at the Ship Hotel, Hallford, near Shepperton, Middlesex, Bro. Colonel James Peters, W.M., in the chair, supported by Bro. P. E. H. Brette, D.D., S.W.; and Bro. Lieut. C. B. Elliott, R.N.R., J.W. The lodge having fully digested and passed the laws, the following brethren were unanimously elected joining members:—Bro. J. G. Marsh, P.P.G. Purst., Middlesex; Bro. Jewell Jones, 657; W. T. Howe, P.M., 445; and W. Smale, 192. The W.M. then vested the remainder of his officers as follows:—Bros. Wm. Paas, P.M. 28, Treas.; J. G. Marsh, P.M. 28 and 192, P.P.G. Purst., Sec.; Llewellyn Jones, S.D.; W. T. Howe, J.D.; W. Smale, I.G.; P. R. Hobson, D.C.; and W. Hunte Doyle, Steward. Bro. Woodstock was elected the Tyler of the lodge. The lodge being duly closed, the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, at which the esteemed first W.M. (Bro. Colonel James Peters) presided, Bro. the Rev. Dr. Brette and Bro. C. B. Elliott, Wardens, filling their respective positions. The W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts with much zest, particularly that of Bro. Colonel Francis Burdett, Provincial Grand Master of the Province, and the Grand Officers. This was responded to by Bro. Dr. Brette, P.G. Purst., and Bro. Marsh, P.P.G.P. The W.M. then gave "The Health of the Visitors," which was acknowledged by Bro. Charles Vernon Wood, Lodge 478, and P.G.D. Oxford, in a speech. "The Officers" and the "Tyler's Toast" concluded a most successful meeting of a new lodge, which promises to be amongst the foremost in the province.

Scotland.

SECRETION OF LODGE ST. VINCENT, 553.—The Masonic brethren in the West-end of Glasgow, who have long complained of the want of a lodge convenient to their homes, which would at the same time reflect credit on the city, and the portion of the city in which it should be located, have at length got over their prejudices, architectural and Masonic, and on Monday, September 2nd, a new hall and a new lodge were dedicated to the spread of Masonry. The interesting ceremony was very ably performed by Bro. F. A. Barrow, D.P.G.M. and Bro. D. Nelson, in the absence of the P.G.M., Bro. M. Nelson, presided. The Prov. Grand Master was opened by the following officers, Bros. W. P.G.M.; Baird, D.P.G.M.; T. Halket, J.W.; W. Phillips, P.G.J.W.; A. McTaggart, M.A., P.G.S.; J. Walker, P.G.T.; J. Macneil, P.G.S.D.; J. Balfour, P.G.D.C.; T. Halket, P.G.M.; J. Miller, P.G.D. of Music; and Bro. Hardie, P.G.I.G. The lodge room is a handsome hall, with folding doors in the centre, the entrance of a procession, as on this occasion, while there are small but convenient rooms opening on each side. The hall was richly decorated, having only been in the possession of the lodge for eight days, but when

the brethren had assembled and the new officers had taken their places, with the handsome clothing supplied by Bro. Kenning, the effect was very good. The Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened in due form, and the ceremonies commenced, the acting P.G.M., said, in consequence of the absence of both the Prov. G. Chaplains he would, rather unexpectedly, have to give the Oration himself, but seeing that for the last seven years, he had practically been at the head of the Masonic Order in the West of Scotland, he trusted he should be able to get through the task. He then briefly but eloquently traced the rise of Masonry, from the first rude huts of our forefathers till we got to the magnificent Temple of Solomon, and the introduction of Free or Speculative Masonry, stating that, while quite willing to uphold the present order of things, he considered the Master's Degree as only an innovation, and personally would prefer to see the old Order of Apprentices, Fellow Crafts, and Actual Superintendents. The Provincial Grand Lodge then perambulated the lodge, Bro. Phillips, the J.W., presenting the corn; again going round the lodge, Bro. Halket presented the wine; and on the third circuit, Bro. Baird, as D.P.G.M., presented the oil. As soon as the consecration was completed, Bro. Barrow proceeded to install the following brethren as the first officers of the Lodge St. Vincent, 553. Bros. R. McDugal, R.W.M.; M. Stark, D.M.; Thos. Walker, S.M.; Bastow, S.W.; Hamilton, J.W.; McClelland, T.; Halley, Secretary; Fletcher, S.D.; Best, J.D.; Neil Curry, I.G.; and Richard Lindsey, Tyler. Bro. McDugal thanked the D.P.G.M. and the rest of the P.G. Officers for their attendance, and promised that nothing should ever be done by him to make them regret the opening of this lodge. The choral part of the ceremony, on which so much depends, was most ably sustained by Bro. James Miller, P.M. 413, P.G.D. of M., who presided at the harmonium, and Bros. Gilchrist, Taggart, Dimslee, and Robertson. The Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed, and Bro. McDugal proceeded to open his own lodge, when applications were presented from fifteen gentlemen, and the lodge being unanimous in their favour, and they being all in attendance, were at once admitted. Bro. R. Stevens, of 419, acting as Principal Deacon, assisted by other visitors present. At the request of the R.W.M., his Deputy, Bro. Slack, then initiated these fifteen gentlemen in a style that proved that St. Vincent's Master has put the right man into office as his Deputy. He afterwards affiliated the members of the Provincial Grand Lodge as members of St. Vincent's. After an extraordinary amount of labour the lodge was called to refreshment. The toast list was gone into, the R.W.M. giving "The Queen and the Craft," "The Prince of Wales, the Patron of Scotch Masonry," "The Three Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Wales," was replied to by Bro. Barrow, the acting D.G.M., in his capacity of G.S.D. Bro. A. McTaggart, M.A., P.G.S., responded for the Provincial Grand Lodge in a very felicitous speech. Bro. Barrow, D.P.G.M., then gave "Prosperity to St. Vincent's Lodge, 553." In the course of his remarks, he said that, ten years ago, when he was residing in that district, he had tried to raise a lodge there, but, owing to the want of a proper place to meet in, he did not succeed, and he hoped their very successful opening would be the augury of still greater success; but they must look more to the quality of the materials for the building of the temple than the quantity. Their first stones appeared to be of good quality, but they must bear in mind that, although now a member of the lodge, still he should shortly have to visit it officially, and he hoped the P.G.S. would be able to report that, though the youngest they were the best working lodge in the Province. The R.W.M. in replying, said they would endeavour to profit by the advice of the D.P.G.M., and in order to secure good materials they had resolved to raise the fees above those of most of the lodges in the province. Bro. R. Stevens proposed "The Health of the Fifteen Initiates." Six of the brethren suitably acknowledged the compliment. The S.W. gave "The Visitors," which was responded to by Bro. Hardie, 3½. The J.W. gave "The Brethren who have assisted in the formation of the

Lodge," replied to Bro. Baird, of 3½, P.G.S.W., who promised to still do all in his power to ensure its success. Bro. H. J. Shields, 33°, of New York, replied to the toast of "Freemasonry all over the World." The next on the list was "Bro. Stark, D.M.," proposed by Bro. Best. The Master said he could not allow this to pass without informing the brethren that not only had they been indebted to Bro. Stark for the work to-night, but he had been working day and night for the past week, in order to secure the success that had to-night accompanied the opening of their hall, as well as the lodge. Bro. Stark said while grateful to the lodge for their good opinion, he felt that an apology was due to the candidates for having as far as possible curtailed the ceremony of their initiation. But he would promise them that when they came up for the second degree, he would take care that they had not a similar ground of complaint. "The Masonic Press," was then given, Bro. Wheeler acknowledged the compliment on behalf of *The Freemason*, and *Masonic Magazine*. The R.W.M. then gave "The P.M. of 354, who has so ably presided at the Harmonium." Bro. A. Arrick Smith, said it was always a pleasure to him to give his services to any lodge in the province. Bro. Stevens proposed "The Senior and Junior Wardens;" Bros. Bastow and Hamilton replied. "Happy to meet and sorry to part," was then given by the Chair, and the lodge was closed.

GLASGOW.—Thistle and Rose Lodge (No. 73) met on Tuesday, the 1st inst., at the Masonic Hall, Buchanan-street, G. Weston, R.W.M., in the chair; G. McDonald, I.P.M.; T. Stewart, D.M.; Wm. Walton, T.; K. Richard, Sec.; A. McLeod, S.W.; and J. Murray, as J.W. The lodge having been duly opened and the minutes read and confirmed, an application for admission was made, and the lodge being unanimous in favour of the candidate, Bro. W. B. Patterson, at the request of the R.W.M., initiated him in a very careful manner. The lodge having being raised, Bro. G. W. Wheeler passed a brother to the Second Degree.

GLASGOW.—Caledonian Railway Lodge (No. 354) met at 213, Buchanan-street, on Wednesday, 2nd inst., Bro. James Shaw in the chair, assisted by Bro. Buchanan, D.M.; A. Smith, I.P.M.; T. Stafford, S.W.; A. Sanderson, as J.W.; and W. B. Dunn, Secretary. The work consisted of an initiation by the R.W.M., which was worked in his best manner. The S.W. then proposed that Bro. G. W. Wheeler, of 73, who had often wrought for them, should be affiliated as an honorary member. The R.W.M. having seconded this, Bro. Wheeler was obligated, and then, at the request of the lodge, worked the Third Degree, Bro. A. A. Smith presiding at the harmonium, and thus adding to the solemnity of the ceremony. The lodge was then placed in the hands of the J.W. Bro. H. J. Shields, 33°, spoke to the sentiment of "Universal Freemasonry," detailing his experience in many parts of the globe. In replying for "The Visitors," Bro. Wm. Bell, of 3½, said how gratified he had been with the working, and Bro. J. Bannerman S.W. 73, expressed the pleasure he had felt in being present, and also thanked them for the honour they had conferred on his lodge by making his fellow office-bearer, Bro. Wheeler, an honorary member.

GLASGOW.—Union and Crown Lodge (No. 103) met on Monday, 31st ult., at 170, Buchanan-street, Bro. A. M. Wright presiding, and working the First Degree. Bro. W. B. Paterson then passed two brethren to the degree of Fellow Craft, after which Bro. Bain, P.M., raised a brother to the sublime degree of Master Mason. The lodge was then closed in ancient form.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Colds, Coughs, Shortness of Breath.—These corrective remedies are infallible for these pectoral complaints, which, neglected often end in Asthma, Bronchitis or Consumption. The Ointment well rubbed upon the chest and back, penetrating the skin, is carried directly to the lungs, whence it expels all impurities. All the blood in the body constantly passes through the lungs, and there all noxious particles tending to produce disease can be quickly, thoroughly and permanently neutralised, rendered harmless, or ejected from the system. In influenza and all chest complaints early curative measures are imperiously demanded. One day's delay may cause a protracted illness, one week's neglect may consign the diseased to destruction.—ADVT.

Mark Masonry.

ST. MARK'S LODGE (No. 1).—This lodge met on Tuesday, the 1st inst., at Masons' Hall, Basinghall-street, Bro. George Kenning, W.M., in the Chair. Bros. T. B. Yeoman, S.W., and George Newman, as J.W., in their respective chairs. Bro. Jelenger E. Symons, Lieut. R.N., Lodge 142, was advanced to this degree. It being the meeting for the installation of the new Master, Bro. H. C. Levander, M.A., and P.M., occupied the chair as Installing Master, assisted by the Rev. W. B. Church, M.A., and Bro. T. Burdett Yeoman, S.W. and Master Elect, was installed W.M. in the most able manner. The new W.M. then invested his officers as follows—Bros. T. E. Edmands, S.W.; Rev. P. E. H. Brette, D.D., J.W.; Charles Horsley, M.O.; E. H. Thiellay, S.O.; H. A. Dubois, J.O.; Rev. W. B. Church, M.A. P.G. Chaplain, Chaplain; H. C. Levander, M.A., Treas.; R. W. Little, P.M., G.M.O., Sec.; Rev. P.M. Holden, M.A., Reg. of Marks; George Newman, S.D.; W. E. Newton, J.D.; Wm. Stephens, I.G.; H. Parker, Organist; J. Gilbert, Tyler; Col. Francis Burdett, Prov. Grand Master for Middlesex and Surrey; J. G. Marsh, P.M., P.G.S. Works; Bro. F. Walters, P.M., P.G.S.D.; and other brethren being present. The business before the lodge having been concluded, the brethren retired to a sumptuous repast, prepared by Bro. Gosden, which was ably presided over by the W. Bro. T. Burdett Yeoman, W.M., and a most agreeable evening was the result. During the evening, a handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. J. G. Marsh, P.M., and P.G.T. Supt. of Works, for his services in the chair as W.M. during the year he presided.

THE RESIGNATION OF THE GRAND MASTER.

FROM THE "TIMES."

Some singular proceedings, which we reported on Thursday, at the Grand Lodge of Freemasons will have prepared our readers for a strange announcement. The Marquis of Ripon was, till Wednesday, Grand Master of the Freemasons of England. The offices of the Brotherhood are fanciful, but they are none the less positions of honour and of some social importance. That of Grand Master is, of course, the highest of all, and Lord Ripon had held it for three years with great satisfaction to the Craft and credit to himself. The Lodge met on Wednesday for the transaction of current business, when they were startled by the announcement that the Grand Master had resigned. In a brief letter, which states no reasons, Lord Ripon says that he finds himself unable any longer to discharge the duties of Grand Master, and that he is consequently compelled to resign. The Craft are reported to have received the announcement with dismay, and it may well have perplexed them. What should induce the Marquis of Ripon thus to withdraw, without apparent reason, from a position of dignity and influence, if not of real importance? How many of our readers can have surmised the strange answer? Lord Ripon has become a Roman Catholic! It is notorious that the Freemasons are under the especial ban of the Church of Rome. That Church tolerates no secret society, except that of the Jesuits; and the first sacrifice which would be demanded of a convert like Lord Ripon would be his withdrawal from the Craft. As the first pledge of his new obedience he has to abandon his honourable position in the Brotherhood, and to renounce a harmless and kindly association in which he might for years have held the foremost place. It was justly said that the reasons must have been overwhelming which could induce him to take so unwelcome a step, and they arise from nothing less than the important change in his religious convictions which we have stated.

Lord Ripon, it must be owned, is no ordinary convert. He has held high office in the State, and he was at one time deemed capable of the highest positions in public life. He is in the prime of life—in his forty-seventh year—and though he had in some respects disappointed

seems sometimes attractive to the unquestioned expectation, a considerable career might still have been before him. As Viscount Goderich he entered Parliament more than twenty years ago as a pronounced Radical, and then cherished that tendency to a speculative Socialism which possessors of great wealth. It is such a pleasant romance for a man who knows that in the ordinary course of things he will be the undisputed possessor of fifty thousand a year to imagine himself on a level with ordinary mortals! A little experience of life, however, dissipates this romantic tendency and Lord Ripon soon settled down into a sober Liberal, exemplary in his submission to the control of his successive leaders. After serving as Under-Secretary for the War Department and for India under the late Lord Herbert and Sir George Lewis, he was in 1863, as Lord De Grey, appointed Secretary of State for War. He held the office nearly three years, and in 1866, on the retirement of Lord Halifax, became Secretary of State for India. In Mr. Gladstone's Ministry of 1868 he held the dignified office of Lord President of the Council. Mr. Forster, who served as Vice-President, has often spoken handsomely of the work of his official chief; but the Lord President was chiefly conspicuous as head of the Joint High Commission by whom the Treaty of Washington was negotiated, and who arranged the terms under which the dispute respecting the Alabama was submitted to Arbitration. There is much to which exception must be taken in those negotiations; but the selection of Lord De Grey for so important a duty sufficiently indicates the favourable opinion which his colleagues were disposed to entertain of his capacity. His services in this character were, at all events, deemed worthy of some special recognition, and he was advanced to the dignity of a Marquis. His selection to preside over the Freemasons is an evidence of the social consideration which he commands, and his great wealth renders him an important member of the party to which he belongs, and of any association to which he may attach himself. He is, in short, one of the leading noblemen of England, who has discharged high political functions, and might have been called on to discharge them again. His sympathies have, at least in action, been given to the party of progress and enlightenment, and he would have been regarded until yesterday as a valuable member of the Liberal Party. This is the man who, in the full strength of his powers, has renounced his mental and moral freedom, and has submitted himself to the guidance of the Roman Catholic Priesthood. The first impression which will be produced on his friends and the public will be one of profound regret that such a career should have been thwarted, and that so much valuable influence is henceforth to be misused. Lord Ripon, we dare say, will still adhere to the party in whose service he has won his honours and his Marquisate. But a statesman who becomes a convert to Roman Catholicism forfeits at once the confidence of the English people. Such a step involves a complete abandonment of any claim to political or even social influence in the nation at large, and can only be regarded as betraying an irreparable weakness of character. To become a Roman Catholic and remain a thorough Englishman are—it cannot be disguised—almost incompatible conditions. We do not for a moment doubt that men who have been born and brought up in the Roman Catholic Faith may retain their creed as a harmless and colourless element in their opinions. But when a man in the prime of life abandons the Faith of Protestantism for that of Rome his mind must necessarily have undergone what to Englishmen can only seem a fatal demoralization. We submit to many things if we are born to them, which we would never endure if they were imposed on us for the first time. But that a statesman, a man who has had twenty years' experience of the world, who has held high official posts in England, and has been a prominent diplomatist, should submit himself to the yoke of the Roman Catholic Priesthood can only be due to some fatal obliquity of temperament. The principles of English life and of the Roman Catholic religion are very difficult to reconcile, and when a man delibe-

ately becomes a Roman Catholic he must held to accept distinctly the principles of new creed.

What, it will be asked, can be the cause which have been sufficiently powerful to induce a man of such experience and ability to abandon his moral independence? Lord Ripon has made no statement of his reasons, and it is impossible to be sure of the influences which have finally misled him. But it is, no doubt, most conspicuous illustration yet furnished of the force of some temptations which at the present day Roman Catholicism holds out even to intelligent minds. There are men who with enthusiasm at the outset of life indulge in speculations and visions of modern discords who are intoxicated by their novelty and attracted by their promises. But they discover afterwards while that they are being led into regions had never contemplated, and they are startled finding that they must be content with tentative conclusions. They were laudably ambitious to undertake the mountainous task which was proposed to them, but they were alarmed when they suddenly find themselves in mid air on the face of some difficult slope. This perplexity a guide appears, who offers indeed, to gratify their original ambition, to assure them of the safety they fear they have forfeited; and to commit themselves to his guidance, at all events, the least of the risks to them. They close their eyes, abandon individual enterprise, and submit to be led by the sole condition that they shall be guaranteed ultimate security. It is not a dignified or noble type of mind, but it is too common a type. Minds may, in fact, be divided into those which can and those which cannot stand alone. There is a large class who are born to be governed mentally and morally. If they happen to be under healthy government, all is well; but if they get loosed from their old moorings they find themselves drifting; they are at the mercy of the first pilot who will jump on board and steer the helm. It is the strength of the Roman Catholic Clergy that they are always ready to undertake this responsibility, but it is not a responsibility which they find so good a ship drifting in the hands of a Marquis of Ripon. It is a melancholy spectacle; but it indicates a weakness which is not an English characteristic, and though we may grudge to the Roman Catholic Clergy the Marquis's wealth and such social influence as he may retain, we may be sure that the many advantages he may bring to them will be only acquisition. Fountains Abbey passes more into Roman Catholic hands, but it is the defection of a stray peer which will mine the steady devotion of the English to a free and independent career of religious and political development.

FREEMASONRY IN SCOTLAND

How is it that in Scotland, the reputed home of the Craft, Freemasonry has not attained the status and repute among the social institutions that it has in England, Ireland, America, and the Continent? The question is often asked, but seems never to have been satisfactorily answered.

In some countries Freemasonry is, or has been, suppressed and persecuted by intolerant and jealous governments, but in Scotland, it is to suffer from too much toleration, both by the State and without. This dictum will, I know, be a strange one to advance in these days of limited freedom, and whose words must needs utter some unpalatable none the less wholesome truths.

I am not of those who would make a test *per se* of the standard of a man's respectability, nor am I, on the other hand, a believer in the aphorism that "money is the root of all evil." I take a middle course, and while admitting that a man may be eminently respectable and of high moral character, although even in poverty, I contend that money is, in a greater degree, indispensable to the carrying out of combined efforts for the advancement of works, and more particularly of the works of Freemasonry, and more particularly of the works of the poor.

of means, then, is in this respect, a want of vitality, and an obvious clog upon healthy action, and it is clear, that to bring individuals into an institution, who are either unable or unwilling to do anything for the promotion of the objects of the institution, says very little for the wisdom of their sponsors, and is a fatal thing for the institution itself. This suggests, then, the prime evil from which the Craft in Scotland appears to be suffering, and if a tree is to be judged of by its fruit, it is abundantly evident that Freemasonry in Scotland is *too cheap*.

This prime evil bring other evils in its train. What is cheaply had, is cheaply held, and under the absurdly low minimum fee permitted by the laws of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, many, very many, are admitted to the Order who have no desire, no intention, beyond the gratification of their curiosity, or their mere love of social intercourse, and in regard of whom Freemasonry may apply to itself the consolation to be obtained from this quotation "blessed are they that expect nothing for they shall not be disappointed." Thus also the grandeur and dignity inherent in all the ceremonials of Freemasonry, are sadly marred, if not even reduced to the level of burlesque in the hands of men, who either have not the ability to understand and work them as they ought to be understood and worked, or who fail to appreciate their teachings.

Again, in not one out of every ten lodges in Scotland, is there such a thing as an annual subscription levied, and in many cases where provision is made for such, so little do the members care for the objects of Freemasonry that they either fail or refuse to pay them. Indeed, I have known of cases in which the rights of membership have been deliberately forfeited in preference to paying a fee. The annual fees of membership, where they do exist, are, in correspondence with the fees for initiation, &c., miserably inadequate to any useful purpose, and the lodges in which it amounts to *ros. a year*, and is regularly paid, may be easily counted on the digits. In such circumstances the majority of lodges are dependent upon the initiation fees for their support, and what wonder that they are frequently induced to forget the dignity of the Order, in getting up emergent meetings to suit the convenience of some wished-for candidate, and in being in too great a hurry to snatch the fees, such as they are, to be very arching in their enquiries as to the character of their candidates. Hence it is that not only is Scotland itself, but England and Ireland also, plagued, by begging masons on the tramp, hailing from Scotch lodges, until the term "Scotch Mason" has become a bye word and a reproach, and stinks in the nostrils of our brethren in sister countries.

It would be unjust to ignore the fact, that my small acts of charity are done amongst us which do not find their way to the public notice. In some lodges a certain proportion of the fees to form a benevolent fund, and some Provincial Lodges have benevolent funds, subscribed by the daughter lodges, but these cases are an exception, and the sums dispensed are trifling, ranging from a few shillings to perhaps a couple of pounds, and as a necessary consequence, there is no system in it; indeed the only good ever done, is done through the personal exertions of individuals without reference to any organized fund. I am nearly forgetting that there is a Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund, out of which sometimes as much as £5 is dispensed each time. The operations on that fund are however to be rather restricted, so far as its utility is concerned, as I find the total amount raised from it for the nineteen months ending Nov., 1873, was £450 to 109 applicants, or at £4 4s. each, besides the handsome sum of £11 or about 3s. per week dispensed in casual charity. Indeed the principal object of this Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund seems to be to keep the Grand Lodge itself out of the bankruptcy Court, £3,650 out of a total of £39 being at present sunk in the debts of the August body.

There are many men in the Craft in Scotland, able and willing to make Freemasonry their business more than it is, if they would only put their shoulders to the wheel, and I am certain there are many others who could easily be

brought to take a more broad and comprehensive view of their duties as Freemasons, were they placed under a wholesome system, and it is to these two classes I address my arguments in the present paper, viz:—Raise the Grand Lodge minimum to at least £3 3s. In daughter lodges insist upon an annual subscription to correspond, and to be paid regularly by all recognized members. Let every Master and member of a lodge exercise due care and caution in their admissions, and rigorously use the right of excluding in all cases, where the results of their enquiry are not satisfactory. Let emergent meetings and the conferring of degrees at others than the intervals laid down by the laws of the Grand Lodge be vetoed, excepting under special permission from the Grand Lodge. These things done systematically the inert mass of dead matter, which at present oppresses the body politic and obstructs healthy growth would soon be quickened into life or would fall away altogether.

We have in Scotland, a saying, pithy though slightly vulgar, that "its an ill bird that fouls its own nest," and probably, some of my brethren in Scotland may be tempted to apply that saying to me; if so, I shall sincerely regret it. I know I have spoken fearlessly, because I feel strongly, but I have "nothing extenuate nor set down ought in malice," and if I have exposed a sore, it is with a view to its cure. I earnestly wish to be in sympathy with all who honestly and sincerely desire to place our Order in Scotland upon a higher platform than it occupies at present, and although they may not agree with me exactly as to the means to be adopted to that end, I ask them to remember that it is not in the multiplication of lodges, nor the increase of membership that our strength lies, but rather in the beauty of our work and the wisdom of our rulers; and that in these days, when we are attacked from without, however ignorant and unmeaning those attacks may be, it behoves us to put our house in order and to have something to show as the results of our organization.

In conclusion, I cannot do better than quote the words of our Past Grand Master, Earl of Rosslyn, addressed to the Grand Lodge Committee on a memorable occasion, viz.—"I hope you will do your best to make Freemasonry appear not merely a mysterious collection of phrases and no action, but a positive good that will be understood by the outer world—that will redound to the credit of Scotland, as well as to the credit of ourselves, as Masons. (Cheers.) Let us be able to point to our schools and to our orphanages, and to say that we had so much money which we have spent, and have so much money that we are spending, in the benefit of our fellow creatures. (Loud Applause.) If you help me in this, I assure you that you will make me a happy man; and you will only be helping me to put Masonry on that pinnacle which I and I am sure the whole of you would wish to see it."

SCOTICUS MASONICUS.

CHIT-CHAT ABOUT FREEMASONRY, FROM THE "TIMES."

It is not yet known whether the Prince of Wales will accept or refuse the Grand Mastership. But on his return the deputation nominated by Grand Lodge last Wednesday will wait upon him to ask his acceptance of the office. If he should consent to take it—and it is generally expected that he will—a Pro-Grand Master will no doubt be appointed, as is usually the case whenever Royalty is on the throne of the English Freemasons. Lord Carnarvon, the present Deputy Grand Master, will, it is expected, be appointed to the office, and the Duke of St. Albans or the Earl of Shrewsbury to the Deputy Grand Mastership. The other officers in Grand Lodge will remain as they are now, except that the Prince of Wales might introduce his brother, the Duke of Connaught, as Past Grand Master, in place of himself. If the Prince of Wales should not accept the Grand Mastership, he will hold that office by virtue of his position as Past Grand Master, till Grand Lodges can be called for the nomination, election, and installation. In this case, Lord Carnarvon would be unanimously elected, as he is very

popular among Freemasons. The Marquis of Ripon, as it is understood that he entirely withdraws from all Masonry, will, of course, resign his Provincial Grand Mastership of West Yorkshire and his Grand First Principalship in Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Freemasons. This latter office is always held by the Grand Master for the time being, but the Prince of Wales is not a Royal Arch Freemason, though if he accepts the Grand Mastership there will be no difficulty in exalting him to that branch of the Craft. The three principal Chairs in Grand Chapter are now held by the Marquis of Ripon, Lord Carnarvon, and Lord de Tabley; but if the Prince of Wales refused the Grand Mastership, and Lord Carnarvon were elected in the Marquis of Ripon's stead, he would take the First Principal's Chair, leaving either Lord de Tabley to be promoted to the second, and the third to be filled, or some other Freemason to be appointed to the second chair.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The General Committee of the Masonic Boys School met on Saturday last at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Henry Browne, V.P., presided. The other brethren present were H. C. Levander, Thomas W. White, Jesse Turner, Hyde Pullen, Collard Moutrie, Richard Spencer, F. Adlard, H. Massey (Freemason), and F. Binckes, Secretary.

A letter was read from the Marquis of Ripon, concerning Bro. Cluff's bequest, and regretting that his lordship could not meet Bros. Binckes and Little on the subject. Another letter was read from his lordship, authorising the alteration of the day for holding the anniversary festival of the Boys' School from the second Wednesday in March to the last Wednesday in June. The Committee deferred the consideration of Bro. Cluff's bequest till counsel's advice had been taken, and afterwards resolved that the annual festival should be held on the last Wednesday in June. Bro. Binckes announced that the Earl of Carnarvon, Deputy Grand Master, had, on Friday evening, most readily and cheerfully consented to take the chair at the next festival, which will be held on the 30th of June, 1875. General regret and astonishment were expressed at the Marquis of Ripon's retirement from the office of M.W.G.M., but at the same time no doubt was entertained that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales would accept it. The Committee, having sat an hour, adjourned.

Bro. William Worrell, W.M. 766, P.M. 1339, M.E.Z. 766, and W.M. Mark Lodge 104, has been appointed Secretary to the Royal Albert Orphan Asylum.

We regret to have to record the death of the son of our able Bro. D.M. Lyon, who perished with the ship "Mohawk," of Troon, supposed to have foundered in a cyclone between the American continent and the Bermuda Islands early in February last, on his voyage from Pensacola (Gulf of Florida) to the Clyde.

HONORARY DISTINCTION.—Bro. R. Wooff, F.S.A., of Malvern, Worcestershire, has received the French decoration of the Bronze Cross, for honorary services in the cause of the sick and wounded during the Franco-Prussian War.

SALE OF ARTISTIC JEWELLERY, &c.—Amongst the metropolitan jewellers of the highest class, the name of Mr. Richard Green, of 82, Strand, has long maintained a pre-eminence, which has been fairly gained by the beauty and artistic merits of his workmanship and originality of design. Purchasers have now an excellent opportunity of becoming possessors of some of these beautiful goods; the premises adjoining Mr. Green's are about to be rebuilt, and therefore he has resolved to sell off his admirable stock at the great reduction of 20 per cent. In addition to the stock of bracelets, brooches, rings, necklaces, necklets, &c., there is a large stock of plated goods, consisting of tea-services, centre-pieces, claret jugs, and inkstands, upon which the same great reduction will be made.

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Bro. MAGNUS ÖHRN, much thanked. The account of Swanscombe will appear next week.

Bro. Owen R. Ellis. Report arrived too late for insertion will appear next week.

The following stand over:—Reports of Lodge 1263, 51, and Provincial Grand Lodge of Somerset, 360, S.C.; Consecration of a New Lodge at Kitley, communication from H.M.G.

Virgins, Marriages and Deaths.

DEATH.

LYON.—At sea, in the ship "Mohawk," supposed to have foundered in February last, on the voyage from Penzance to the Clyde, David Murray, eldest son of Bro. D. M. Lyon.

The Freemason.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1874.

OUR LATE GRAND MASTER.

The week which has elapsed since the announcement of the resignation by the Master of Ripon of his high office of Grand Master of English Freemasonry, has only tended to increase the regret with which we first received the intelligence, which it was our unwelcome duty on Saturday to announce to the Craft dispersed throughout the world. At the time we were stunned by the suddenness of the resignation, and no one could profess to understand, or to surmise a reason for a step in itself apparently inexplicable. The *Times*, in a remarkable leader of Saturday, professes to give only explanation, an explanation which if correct, must be received by our entire Craft with equal surprise and regret. It is that "Lord Ripon has become a Roman Catholic." It is notorious that the Freemasons are the especial ban of the Church of Rome. The Church tolerates no secret society, except the Jesuits; and the first sacrifice which would be demanded of a convert like Lord Ripon would be his withdrawal from the Craft. The first pledge of his new obedience he abandoned his honourable position in the Brotherhood, and to renounce a harmless and association, in which he might for years have held the foremost place. It was just, that the reasons must have been overweighed which could induce him to take so unwelcome a step, and they arise from nothing more than the important change in his religious convictions which we have stated." The from which this sad extract is taken, and which is printed in another column, is a very remarkable one, and deserves attentive perusal, and the case alike temperately and unanswerable while we feel how great will be the regret of Freemasons on every account for this melancholy and ominous announcement, as a sad proof needed, of the antagonistic and irreconcilable tendencies of the Church of Rome to freedom of action and all liberty of thought. We feel, that justice requires of us a few words of grateful tribute to the services of our valued Grand Master. Freemasonry is just, and we must not allow our emotions of personal grief to

us forget the respect due to conscientious convictions on the one hand, or to erase from our memories what we owe as Freemasons to our late distinguished chief, on the other. Those of us who know Lord Ripon the best, and love him the most, are perfectly well aware that he always acts conscientiously, and therefore we feel that, though we may deplore the sacrifice he has made, we are bound to give him the utmost credit for honesty of purpose and uprightness of intention. Many reasons combine, we venture to think, irrespective of the real cause of Lord Ripon's resignation, to render that resignation to our Order a deeply regretted reality. Subsequently to the death of our good and favoured old Grand Master, Lord Zetland, our Order had, as it were, gladly accepted with an unanimity seldom before witnessed and were peaceably labouring under the most flourishing and effective régime of a most popular Grand Master. For Lord Ripon had been from the first, a most zealous Mason, and had been emphatically always a working Mason. He had not sought the light of Masonry, as some do apparently for the prestige it may impart, or the honour it may confer, but he threw himself from the outset amongst his brother Masons, was never so happy, as we have often heard him say, as when he found himself amongst them, and gained rapidly, alike by his earnestness and assiduity, the character of a good workman, an eloquent speaker, and a true brother. In West Yorkshire, where his earliest Masonic work was done, he earned the golden opinions of all, not only by that zeal for our Order, and his love for Freemasonry, and his appreciation of our principles which he evinced on all occasions, but by those many excellences of the mind and heart, which won him so many sincere friends, which remarkably characterized his Mastership in the Lodge of Truth, Huddersfield, and rendered him ever so welcome a visitor, and so valued a brother, amongst the energetic lodges of West Yorkshire. When Lord Mexborough passed away, a well known Mason of the old school, and endowed, as many Yorkshire brethren well remember, with many genial qualities, there was but one wish in West Yorkshire, that his successor should be our distinguished brother, Lord De Grey, as he was then called. How he ruled over that great province we need not recount to-day; its acts best illustrate, we think, his active and beneficent sway; but sure we are of this, that in no province of England, are the true principles of Freemasonry better realized and developed, than in that flourishing and populous district, lately under the personal guidance of Lord Ripon, and his zealous Deputy, Bro. Bentley Shaw. From what we know of the brethren of West Yorkshire, we feel certain that nothing will cause them greater grief or regret, than to be separated, as we fear the Church of Rome will compel them to be, from their loved and honoured Provincial Grand Master. Many an earnest Freemason in Yorkshire and elsewhere, will not be induced to think more kindly of a religious body, which in an age of toleration and liberty requires such an act of self-abnegation, and demands so painful a sacrifice. It is unneces-

sary for us to dilate upon Lord Ripon's public services, for they have been many and conspicuous; he has in fact, served the State as well as he has served Freemasonry, and the high title he now enjoys, is alike a proof of the public appreciation, and of his sovereign's approval. When, as we said before, Lord Zetland resigned on account of failing health, and the Marquis of Ripon was unanimously hailed as Grand Master, this admirable selection of Grand Lodge was greeted with the approbation of the entire Order, with a warmth and satisfaction seldom equalled and never exceeded. And since that time, as year has followed year, under Lord Ripon's firm and temperate administration, everything has gone well with us. He himself has presided over the deliberations of the great assembly of the Craft both with dignity and ability, and his rule of English Freemasonry has been marked from first to last by a firm maintenance of our landmarks, and yet a scrupulous regard for the rights of Grand Lodge. He has most truly given to our contented and prosperous Craft the highest satisfaction as an impartial administrator of his high office, and has offered to them, amid their present well-being, the happy prospect of many after years of peaceful progress, and unity, and concord. No cloud, so far, has dimmed our horizon, to darken our pathway, or alarm us with forebodings of some coming gloom. Never has English Freemasonry witnessed before such a spectacle of universal tranquility and contentment, of material prosperity, and of universal development. No one, moreover, who has perused the minutes of our Grand Lodge, or has taken part in its proceedings, but must have been struck with the high tone on all points of Masonic teaching, or duty, or toleration, which characterised so remarkably always Lord Ripon's addresses and decisions, "*ex cathedra*." His was truly an impartial rule, calm, firm, equable, and consistent, upholding with dignified earnestness the prerogatives of the Grand Master, and yet never losing sight of for one moment the unchanged privileges of Grand Lodge, or the inalienable right of Freemasons, under the wise provisions of our Book of Constitutions. The government of our exalted brother was indeed a purely constitutional government of Freemasonry, alike "*de facto*" and "*de jure*." And yet to-day we have only sorrowfully to record the premature and unforeseen close of his Masonic administration of the Grand Master's office, and the abrupt termination of so much good promise and such admitted efficiency. Despite much regret, both on personal and public grounds, that such a step should have been deemed needful, and that such a sacrifice should be required, we yet feel bound to record in the pages of *The Freemason* alike our fraternal grief, and our fraternal gratitude. For the memories of Lord Ripon's Grand Mastership, and of our exalted brother personally, will long linger, we do not hesitate to say, among the happiest traditions of our Order. We shall recall in years to come, what an example he set to all Freemasons amongst us, old or young, by his zeal and love for Freemasonry, and, though, alas! he now has left our Order, apparently under the claims of imperious proscription, yet amid obloquies very many, and assailants not a few,

even too, amid the childish and shameless persecution of the Church of Rome, some of us may gladly recollect, that, Freemasonry has had in our generation no truer advocate, no warmer admirer, and no more zealous friend, than our distinguished brother and late Grand Master, the Marquis of Ripon.

MR. KERR'S ATTACK UPON FREEMASONRY.

We have before us Mr. Kerr's pamphlet "*The Principles and Practices of Secret Societies opposed to Scripture and to Reason*," by the Rev. James Kerr, of Greenock, which we see has reached a second edition. We have perused it carefully and we must say at the outset that we have never read before so confused and illogical a compilation. As an attack upon Freemasonry it is absolutely puerile and harmless, contains nothing new as regards his complaints of our Order, is simply a "hash" of worthless authorities and may safely be left to the buttermilk and the trunkmaker, though it is ushered into the world with the "imprimatur" and approval of the "United Reformed Synods of Edinburgh and Glasgow." As Mr. Kerr is so fond of quoting texts of Scripture, we would respectfully remind him of one which talks about "blind leaders of the blind." For as the pamphlet has received the special thanks of the United Synod, we can only suppose they have little other profitable work to attend to, or they must be very hard up for something to talk about. A large part of the pamphlet consists of an attack on the Good Templars; on the Orangemen, and on the High Grades, or what are termed the Christian Degrees, so those portions of the pamphlet we leave unnoticed, to be answered in due season by those whom they concern, and simply confine ourselves to the defence of pure Freemasonry as we hold it and understand it. One little amusing fact we may notice ere we pass on, which is this, that Mr. Kerr's attack on the Orange lodges is based mainly on this, that these infatuated men, "*proh pudor*," actually recognize, and profess to uphold the "prelatic Church" of England. This little touch of a modern Reformed Presbyterian's nature is quite delicious. Mr. Kerr makes a violent assault on Freemasonry, which commences at page 18, and ends at page 36, and quotes from two professed authorities, the one being "*The Light of Masonry*," published at Dayton, Ohio, U.S., the other "*The Master Mason, &c.*" by Thomas Wilson, a Deserter from the Banners of Freemasonry," published, we are sorry to see, by Page and Gray, Saltmarket, Glasgow. "*Mackey's Lexicon*," Mr. Kerr tells us, has also been consulted, as well as "a number of other works," and "no substantial difference could be detected." And here we must beg to be permitted to remark, that, Mr. Kerr seems to have both a strange idea of the meaning of words, and of the intense importance of veracity in such statements as these, especially when made by a professed minister of religion. Mackey especially tells us at page 650 of his invaluable Lexicon, "Much of the ritual is esoteric, and not being permitted to be committed to writing is communicated only by oral instruction."

Mr. Kerr has therefore not been able to find in "Mackey," at any rate, any agreement or difference with the quotations given us from Mr. Thomas Wilson's publication. It seems a great pity that Mr. Kerr cannot see how important an element is truth in all such discussions. But, then, when we note that he complacently gives, as the illustration of his argument, some excerpts from Mr. Wilson's publication, and which he has greedily swallowed, like a "veritable gobemouche," as truly representing our Masonic ritual, from the work, too, of a person, on his own admission, be he real or imaginary, self perjured, we can only feel how very lax are Mr. Kerr's notions both of honour and morality. He dogmatically goes on to say "let no Christian dare to affirm that he can never rid himself of such an oath rashly taken" (that is the "obligation" given by Mr. Wilson) "and binding himself to things so unlawful." "Oaths are never binding," he continues most authoritatively, "when the fulfilment is unlawful." Dreadful sophistry! It would be amusing, were it not sad, to see a Jesuit professor and a Reformed Presbyterian, standing on the same low level, though curiously enough, it is not the first time in history, that "extremes" thus "meet," or that the Roman Church and the Presbyterian Kirk, have so to say, made common cause in promulgating the most baneful of all maxims, "the end justifies the means," in asserting the lawfulness of persecution, and in assailing us poor Freemasons. Here, as we see, Mr. Kerr with that peculiar absence of logic which distinguishes him, makes a "petitio principii," assumes that the "obligation" is unlawful, "per se," and then says practically "you should not keep it, you may break it," and offers the sanction of religion for such a proceeding. We need hardly now tell our readers, that when Mr. Kerr asserts that secret societies are opposed to scripture and to reason, the scripture he quotes from has nothing to do with the question, and the reason is certainly not "pure reason," but emphatically his own. We wish we could think that Mr. Kerr had seriously studied the difficult question he gives so ready an opinion upon, but our honest belief is, that the pamphlet is purely "sensational" in itself, and reflects little credit either on his scrupulousness as regards the authorities he uses, or of his charity towards his brethren. To our minds, it is only another striking example of credulity and intolerance combined. What is it that renders Freemasonry so distasteful both to the zealous Romanist on the one hand, and the stern Presbyterian on the other? Mr. Kerr seeks to give an answer to this query, from his Presbyterian point of view alone (for the good man would be horrified, we fancy, really to find himself with a Catholic ally), in five allegations. First he says Freemasonry is irreverent in its treatment of the Bible. Secondly, he alleges that Freemasonry is a rival to the Church (he means the Reformed Presbyterian Body), making itself a "saving" institution. Thirdly, he affirms that Freemasonry forms a spurious relationship between men, and commits positive injustice towards those who are non-Masons. Fourthly, Mr. Kerr declares that Freemasonry profanes the "Ordinance of the Oath." Fifthly, Mr. Kerr

solemnly announces that Freemasonry refuses admission to women. Serious charges, Master Shallow! but let us look into them:—In the first place we utterly deny that there is the slightest foundation for so shameful and unjust an accusation against our Order, that it treats God's Word irreverently; on the contrary, we affirm most conscientiously, after the experience of many years, that nowhere does the Inspired Volume receive more reverential treatment than it does in a Freemasons' Lodge and from Freemasons. Would that all professedly Christian teachers and expounders treated it as reverently. Mr. Kerr quotes in proof of his assertion, the Masonic use of two texts of Scripture, innocently adapted as they are, and as adaptations, necessarily purely "ad rem." But Mr. Kerr forgets that, while he charges us Freemasons with a very harmless adaptation of Holy Scripture, he has himself parodied, and offensively parodied, for his own purpose two other texts of Scripture, which have not and could not have the slightest bearing on Freemasonry and secret societies. II. In the next place, as regards "rivalry with the Reformed Presbyterians," we can only reply at once, Freemasonry would emphatically disclaim any such "soft impeachment," the more so, as Mr. Kerr's idea is a pure chimera, and founded on utter ignorance of our true tenets. For we do not hold that Freemasonry is a "saving institution," as Mr. Kerr calls it, or even "a religion," though we look upon Freemasonry as a handmaid to religion, and whatever some enthusiastic brethren have said or written, the Order never has held, nor does it hold such views to-day. As regards the alleged Masonic baptism which Mr. Kerr quotes as an illustration, we give it up at once; it is a hurtful excrement upon Freemasonry; though in use, we believe, and regret to believe, both in some continental countries and in America, it has never, so far as we are aware, received the slightest countenance under our three Grand Lodges. III. In Mr. Kerr's third allegation, he argues that Freemasonry forms a spurious relationship among men, and commits positive injustice to non-Masons. He quotes a supposed rule of a Royal Arch degree somewhere, of "promoting a companion Royal Arch Mason's political preferment in preference to another of equal qualifications." This is so palpably absurd on the face of it, that, we wonder Mr. Kerr, a canny Scotchman as no doubt he is, has allowed himself to be gammoned by such trash. There is no such rule in Royal Arch Masonry, and Freemasonry has no more to do with political questions than it has with religious controversies. We fancy we have seen the same rubbish before, and that it is one of the lies published against our American brethren at the time of the Morgan persecution. It is, indeed, a great pity that Mr. Kerr should be so very credulous, and should have evidently taken such little pains to obtain correct information before he wrote so diffusely and so verbosely on a subject of which he clearly understands nothing at all. IV. In his fourth objection Mr. Kerr states that Freemasonry profanes "the ordinance of the oath." We challenge Mr. Kerr's premise. We are, it is true, a secret society, and we have an "obligation;" but Freemasonry is recognised

by the State as a secret society, yet as perfectly harmless, and what the laws specially permit, cannot be illegal. We certainly are not bound to take Mr. Kerr's view, or the reformed Presbyterian Synod's view, of what constitutes an unlawful oath. Such views may have force for a reformed Presbyterian, but they have none for us, or indeed for any one else. V. And, lastly, Mr. Kerr objects that we do not receive women. Well, we do not, and that is the truth, and for once Mr. Kerr is correct, and charming as women are, as Burns sang so well of old, and as our Masonic poetry declares,

"No mortal can more
The Ladies adore,
Than a Free and an Accepted Mason,"

Yet we are inclined to think that, despite Mr. Kerr's thunder, we shall not receive them just yet. Do not our readers begin to breathe a little, after such a long-winded article, and after the dreadful assault is over? We are greatly amused, we confess, with Mr. Kerr's commendation of a past or incipient Presbyterian persecution of Freemasons in America, just as if the "gude mon" would like to see the same at "Auld Reekie," or in the city of the ever famous "Baillie Nicol Jarvie." But we fancy our friends over the border are a little too long-headed to mind either Roman Catholic interdicts or Presbyterian condemnations. We believe, on the contrary, that all such "cursings," synodical or ecclesiastical, like Balaam's of old, turn to blessings. Freemasonry cares nothing for Papal rescripts, or Presbyterian anathemas, but marches on her way calm and composed, trusting and tolerant, knowing the justice of her cause, the purity of her intentions, and believing that she symbolizes, in her imperfect embodiment even now, a future and happier hour of universal brotherhood, and peaceful unity for mankind.

Original Correspondence.

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

MASONIC RECEPTION AT PLYMOUTH AND THE MILITARY BROTHERN.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The exclusion of our military brethren from the grand Masonic procession which took place in Plymouth during the recent visit of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales has created so much feeling among the Masonic brethren of the three towns, that I should esteem it a favour if you will grant me space for a few words upon the subject. I have read with very great pleasure the article which appears in last week's *Freemason*. It is one with which the majority of Masons in this neighbourhood deeply sympathise, because they still feel, in spite of what has been said to the contrary, that our military brethren have been most unfairly treated, and that their exclusion from the procession was a deliberate act, and not the result either of a mistake or misunderstanding. This is not a mere hap-hazard statement, nor the outcome of the annoyance which the brethren in question might naturally feel under the circumstances, but it is based upon valid and substantial grounds, of which probably, a great deal more will yet be heard. Your correspondent "Soldier Brother" is not far wrong when he throws the responsibility of what you are charitably pleased to call an error, upon the Masonic authorities, that is to say, upon the Masonic Committee, whom he devolved the carrying out of the procession connected with the procession.

Let us see for a moment what are the facts of the case, and it will not be difficult, I think, to trace the source of the "error," so called. Some weeks before the procession took place, and long before the arrangements were matured, it was vaguely rumoured that the military brethren would be prohibited from taking part in the proceedings, but the statement was looked upon as so absurd, that little notice was taken of it. But bye-and-bye it gained ground, and at last there came a definite statement from the Committee, that the Queen's Regulations prohibited soldiers from joining in "party or political" processions, and that the Major-General Commanding could not relax them on this occasion. From the military authorities themselves no such order, so far as I am aware, was issued at all, but our soldier brethren acted upon the dictum of the Committee, and refrained from taking any part in the procession. But they naturally felt extremely sore upon the matter, and, refusing to believe that the Major-General Commanding was responsible for what occurred, Bro. the Rev. G. Oxley Oxland, W.M. of Metham Lodge, 1205, three-fourths of the members of which are service men, on their behalf asked for further information at the Prov. Grand Lodge meeting of Devon, which was held at Stonehouse, on the afternoon of the same day. Bro. Colonel Elliott in his reply, distinctly threw the entire responsibility on the Major-General Commanding, who, he said was bound by the Queen's Regulations, and could not allow military men to take part in a "party or political" procession.

But was this so? Is it probable? We can only judge from the surrounding circumstances. In the first place, can it be seriously contended that this was in any sense whatever, a party or political demonstration? In the second place, how can the General's order, excluding military men from the procession, be reconciled with the presence, in the procession, of two military bands in full military uniform? What is the inference to be drawn from this? Why, sir, that the General was never consulted at all on the matter, and that in the absence of further explanation, the Committee must rest under the stigma of having adopted a course of action which, as you have very properly put it, is a blunder, opposed to the true principles of Freemasonry. In a few weeks, sir, we are to have another Masonic demonstration, on the occasion of the visit of the Duke of Edinburgh to lay the memorial stone of a new wing to the Royal British Female Orphan Asylum, at Stoke, but in the meantime, let us sincerely hope that the present misunderstanding may be thoroughly cleared up, and that the success of the forthcoming demonstration may not be marred by a repetition of such an unfortunate blunder as that which has left behind it so much unpleasant feeling amongst a class of brethren who are a credit and an honour to the Masonic Order.

I am, Yours fraternally,
C.M., 1205.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—
In answer to your short "leader" and the various letters in *The Freemason* of to-day, permit me to say, that as a committee, we left the military part of the programme in the hands of our Brother Colonel Elliott (P.Prov.S.G.W. of Devon), and his report was adverse to the claims of our military brethren to walk in uniform. We were told as a committee by Bro. Elliott that non-commissioned officers would not be allowed to walk in the procession in uniform, and so we had no option in the matter. Doubtless, our good brother will kindly furnish you with his authority, so that we all may know why they were thus excluded from the procession, much to the regret of every member who took part in the imposing ceremony, and certainly at variance with all preceding processions in which I have had the honour to take part.

It resolved itself entirely into a question of military rules and regulations, or Bro. Colonel Elliott wrongly interpreted them, or the General to whom the brethren applied ought not to have refused permission to the military brethren who desired to attend in uniform.

Our "Soldier Freemasons" who have written

on the subject have done well to ventilate the grievance, and you have also done well by drawing attention to the matter. Let the question now be authoritatively decided, and let Bro. Colonel Elliott mention to whom he applied for permission, and who it was that refused him. I am bound to state that, as a committee, we were entirely guided by Colonel Elliott, and I feel sure he had full authority from the "powers that be" for the course he pursued.

Yours fraternally
WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.
Truro, September 5, 1874.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—
In the correspondence you have published relative to this matter, one point seems to have escaped notice—viz., although the Major-General commanding the western district prohibited non-commissioned officers from joining in the procession in uniform, yet they were permitted to attend the lodge at which the Prince of Wales presided. I entered the Guildhall at the same moment that a non-com. entered in uniform and Masonic clothing, there may have been many others present, but not being in a good situation, I am unable to state.

I cannot agree with "Leo" that the route was not well kept by the police. I consider their conduct was admirable. I noticed an ugly rush was being made by a large body of spectators near St. Andrew's Church, but the police with great tact immediately prevented them from breaking in on the procession. I did not experience the slightest commotion amongst the thousands of spectators.

Yours fraternally,
J. STROUD SHORT, P.M., 1443.

ROYAL BRETHREN.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,
Will you oblige some of your brethren and friends, by information on the following question, which is left by us for your decision, viz:—How many of Her Majesty's sons belong to the Masonic Order?

Do they all belong to it? If so, when was the Duke of Edinburgh initiated, &c.

Yours fraternally,
M., W., & L.

[Three of the sons of Her Majesty the Queen are members of our Order. Our Royal Brother the Prince of Wales, Prince Arthur the Duke of Connaught, and Prince Leopold. H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh is not yet a Freemason.—ED.]

FREEMASONS AND GOOD TEMPLARS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—
M.M. is drawing back from the terms of his original enquiry, which were, whether a Good Templar could be present at Masonic banquets, as such. The two last words contained the whole gist of the matter, but he omits them in his reply in your last number.

It matters not what tenets a brother may hold, so long as he conforms to our obligations, but M.M. must surely perceive that, for a Good Templar, even though he be a brother, to enter a lodge or attend a banquet, "as such" (i.e., as a Good Templar) would be to infringe upon our fundamental constitutions.

As I stated in my first letter, the language of his enquiry can bear no other interpretation than that which I have put upon it.

Apologising for again troubling you. I am
Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,
KEYSTONE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—
Referring to the letter in your last issue signed M.M., the previous correspondence on the subject, in my opinion there cannot be the slightest question as to whether a Good Templar may be a Freemason or attend the banquet of the Craft. The regulations for admittance of members are exceedingly liberal, and freedom of

opinion is allowed to all, except on certain fundamental doctrines, and Good Templarism cannot be one of these exceptions.

If, therefore, a Good Templar is qualified in other respects, one fact of his belonging to that Order would not prevent him becoming a Freemason, and as to his presence at the banquets, so long as he does not press his own opinions respecting the use of stimulants upon the brethren, he has as much right there as anyone else.

For more than two years I have been an abstainer, though I have not signed any pledge, and during that time I have regularly attended both lodges and banquets, as well as Provincial Grand Banquets, both in this province, and also in other provinces, but have never found any difficulty, or had any unpleasant remark made to me in consequence of my drinking the healths in water. If those round me do not agree with my opinions their good feeling prevents their saying anything that would be likely to interfere with my enjoyment, and I have no doubt "Good Templar" will find this his experience. So far as the Book of Constitutions is concerned, I think it would puzzle anyone to find a paragraph that would prevent a Good Templar from attending lodge or banquet, that is, of course, supposing him to be a Freemason.

Yours fraternally,
M.J.M.

FREEMASONRY IN NEW ZEALAND.

The annual installation of officers in the Westland Pacific Royal Arch Chapter of Freemasons, No. 1229, E.C., took place at the Masonic Hall, Hokitika, last evening. The ceremony was most impressively conducted throughout by Past Principal Lazar, who installed the following companions in their respective offices, viz:—J. Bevan, Z.; J. Hudson, H.; F. Eistler, J.; W. Ramsey, Scribe E.; C. Hill, Scribe N.; T. Bramwell, P.S.; M. Pollock, Treasurer; G. Benning and R. Fergusson, A.S.; G. Epping, Janitor. A large number of members of the Order were present, including the three Principals of the Kijwinning Chapter, E.C., and a number of visiting companions. At the conclusion of the ceremony, all present retired to Host Hudson's, where a most pleasant hour was spent, and the fullest gratification was expressed at the appointments to the several offices under the able superintendence of First Principal Bevan, who is surpassed only in Masonic knowledge and experience by Installing Principal, who may be termed the father of Freemasonry, not only on the West Coast, but likewise of New Zealand.

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For the Week ending Friday, September 18, 1874.

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

- Saturday, September 12.
- Lodge 1361, United Service, Greyhound, Richmond.
- " 1446, Mount Edgcombe, Swan Tavern, Batterses.
- Mark Lodge 144, Grosvenor, Caledonian Hotel, Adelphi.
- Manchester Lodge of Instruction (179), Yorkshire Grey, 77, London-street, Fitzroy-square, at 8; Bro. H. Ash, Preceptor.
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PORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

CHESTER.—*Angel Lodge* (No 51).—The bi-ly meeting of the *Angel Lodge*, on Tuesday, was availed of for the presentation of F. A. Cole of a Past Master's Jewel, subscribed for by the members, and the esteem in which the I.P.M. is held was evidenced by one of the largest gatherings of members and visitors that has ever been seen at any ordinary meeting of the lodge. In the unavoidable absence of R.W. the Prov. G.M. of the Province (Bro. Bagshawe), the presentation was made by W. Bro. R. Bolton-Barton, LL.D., Past G.M. for Western India, who, having expressed his regret at the cause of the P.G.M.'s absence, said, upon occasions like that verbosity is out of place. The very fact of Bro. Cole's presence there to receive, in a substantial form, the wishes of his brethren, showed that they recognised the zeal and good-fellowship with which he had carried out his duties as Master, and his general endeavour to promote the interests of the Craft. Dr. Barton then passed a eulogy upon Bro. Cole's private character. In placing the jewel upon Bro. Cole's breast, Dr. Barton expressed a hope that he might wear it for many years, and be an ornament to the lodge. Bro. Cole, in responding, expressed his heartfelt thanks to the brethren for their extreme kindness, and said he feared they had rather overrated his poor services. The jewel, which is a very handsome one, bore the following inscription:—"Presented to Past Master Fred. A. Cole, by his brethren of the *Angel Lodge* (No. 51), to testify his zeal for the Craft, and as a token of their esteem.—A.L. 1874."

WINDSOR.—*Etonian Lodge of St. John* (No. 771).—The first monthly meeting of the season was held on the 1st inst., at the Masonic Hall, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. G. W. V. who was supported by Bros. Bladon, Carter, J.W.; Strange, P.M., Secretary; S.D.; Crowhurst, J.D.; Cauvin, I.G.; G. W. V.; J. Wilson, P.M.; Mc Illwham, Duffield, Webster, W.S. Nicholes, Stollery, and Clay. Visitors: Bros. W.M. of Windsor Castle Lodge, 771; W.M. 771; Tolley, P.M. 771; W.M. 771; Powell, P.M. 771; Owens, 1501; and Chorley, J.D. 865. The meeting was also honoured by the presence of the P.G.M. of the province, Bro. the Rev. John Holme Brownrigg, M.A., Past Grand Master of England, who on entering the lodge was received and saluted in a manner according with his exalted rank. Preliminary business of the evening hav-

ing been disposed of, and the lodge opened in the second degree, Bro. Clay was, after the usual interrogation, entrusted with the pass grip and word leading from the second to the third degree and retired. The lodge was then opened in the third degree, and Bro. Clay raised to the degree of M.M. by the W.M., in such a manner as afterwards elicited universal congratulations from the brethren present. The lodge having been closed in the third and second degrees, the W.M. rose and expressed the very great pleasure it afforded him and the brethren of the lodge to be favoured on this occasion by the presence of the V.W.D.P.G.M., and in a few chosen words proposed that he should be elected an honorary member of the lodge, which was seconded by the S.W., Bro. Bladon. The V.W.D.P.G.M. in thanking the W.M. and the lodge for the compliment paid to him on this his first visit to the lodge, said he was much gratified by the way in which he had been received by the brethren, and also the excellent working of the W.M. and the officers; he impressed upon the brethren the necessity of upholding the high character of the lodge, which was in every respect worthy of the position of senior lodge in the province. The V.W.D.P.G.M. afterwards accepted the office of Chaplain to the lodge, an honour fully appreciated by the brethren, as the absence of a Chaplain has long been felt to be a serious and only drawback to the lodge. Brother Strange, P.M., Secretary, then proposed, and the W.M. seconded, that Bro. Biggs, the popular Grand Secretary of the Province, should also be elected an honorary member, which proposition, like the former, was carried unanimously. It would be impossible to find a province where the duties of Grand Secretary are better performed than they are in Berks and Bucks. Bro. Biggs' kindly disposition and general urbanity has gained a popularity to be envied. The remaining business on the agenda having been disposed of, and two propositions for initiations having been received, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the Castle Hotel for refreshment.

PERFECT ASHLAR LODGE, (No. 1178).—At the "Gregorian Arms" Tavern, 96, Jamaica-road, Bermondsey, on Thursday, September 3rd, this prosperous lodge held its regular meeting. Bro. John Henry Harnsworth, W.M., opened the lodge punctually at six o'clock. There were present during the evening Bro. C. Deakin, J.W.; F. H. Ebsworth, P.M., Treasurer; F. Walters, P.G.P., Middlesex, P.M., Secretary; J. Ruse, S. D.; J. A. Smith, I.G.; J. W. Avery, P.M., W.S.; Dr. J. Dixon, P.M.; J. W. Dudley, P.M.; J. S. Hood, J. G. Tanyer, W. May, F. Ware, P. Fry, F. Mordecai, A. Lewis, F. Garbett, &c. The visitors were Bro. J. G. Marsh, P.G.P., Middlesex, P.M. 28; E. Harris, P.M. and Treasurer, 73; T. Nicholson, 101, 1457; Lingood, I.G., 879; G. Wilton, 879; T. Blakey, P.P.G.A.D.C., Kent, P.M.; H. Cutress, and others. The minutes were read and unanimously confirmed. The ballot was unanimous in favour of the admission of the candidate for initiation. This being election night, the bye-laws were read. The S.W., Bro. J. H. Fudge, being too ill and unable to attend, sent a kind courteous letter to the members, in which he stated that through his ill health and the recent loss he had sustained by the death of his beloved wife, that for the present he must decline being elected W.M. All were sorry and disappointed at this decision. The elections took place and were declared to be unanimous in favour of Bro. C. Deakin, J.W., as W.M., and F. H. Ebsworth, P.M. and Treasurer, being re-elected Treasurer. Bro. W. Y. Laing, P.M. 45, Tyler, was, on a show of hands, declared to be re-elected Tyler. The usual notice of motion was given to vote five guineas from the lodge funds to purchase a Past Master's jewel, to be presented to the W.M., Bro. J. H. Harnsworth, as a slight recognition of his services rendered to the lodge during his year of office, and for the admirable manner he presided over the meetings as the Worshipful Master. The audit committee meeting was appointed to be held on Friday, September 18th, at Lodge House at 7 o'clock. A gentleman was proposed for initiation, and all the business being finished,

the lodge was closed and declared adjourned until Thursday, October 1st. A good banquet wound up a pleasant evening.

GREENWICH.—*Star Lodge* (No. 1275).—Installation Meeting.—At the Ship Hotel, Greenwich, on Friday, September 4th, the regular meeting of this prosperous lodge was held. There were present during the afternoon and evening Bros. T. R. Darke, W.M.; G. Pymm, S.W.; G. F. Guest, J.W.; Rev. G. R. P. Colles, Chaplain; J. Smith, P.G.P., P.M., Treasurer; F. Walters, P.G.P. Middlesex P.M.; J. J. Limebeer, S.D.; W. Kipps, J.D.; S. Marketis, as I.G.; R. W. Williams, Organist; W. Ough, P.G.M., P.M.; C. J. Hogg, P.G.S., P.M.; H. Keeble, P.M.; W. Okey, W. F. Gardiner, L. H. Williams, W. B. Woodman, J. Fox, J. Finch, E. Lane, H. W. Elmer, A. Tisley, A. C. Woodward, W. Hardman, F. B. Williams, H. Pratt, C. W. Williams, &c. Amongst the visitors we noticed—Bros. W. Smeed, P.P.G. J.W. Middlesex, P.M. 946, &c.; J. G. Marsh, P.P.G.P. Middlesex, P.M. 28, &c.; W. Hammond, P.G. Steward, Middlesex P.M. 201, W.M. 1326; E. W. Hubback, P.G.S., P.M. 58, P.M. 140; &c.; W. H. Waghorne, W.M. 946; W. Y. Laing, P.M. 45, F. Frampton, P.M. 87; J. Smith, P.M. 157; W. H. Stacy, 1239; W. Hilton, 135; A. C. Burrell, S.W. 1446; J. Jeffeie, 1351; A. M. Thomas, 134; J. Hyman, 188; C. A. Rose, 1446, &c. The minutes were read and unanimously confirmed. Ballots were unanimous in favour of all the candidates for initiation. Mr. William Hardman being in attendance was introduced and initiated into Freemasonry. Bros. L. H. Williams and H. W. Elmer were raised to the third degree. Bros. J. Smith, P.G.P., P.M., took the chair, and installed Bro. George Pymm, S.W. and W.M. elect, as the Worshipful Master. The officers appointed are Bros. J. J. Limebeer, S.W.; H. J. Green, J.W.; J. Smith, P.G.P., P.M., Treasurer; (reinvested for fifth time). F. Walters, P.G.P., Middlesex, P.M., Secretary; (reinvested for sixth time), Rev. G. R. P. Coles, Chaplain; (reinvested), R. W. Williams, S.D.; C. W. Williams, J.D.; W. Bell, J. G.; W. B. Woodman, M.C.; J. Gilbert, P.G. Tyler, Middlesex, Tyler. The work, as usual here, was done in an admirable manner. A letter of condolence was unanimously voted and sent to the widow of the late Bro. Edwin Townshend, who had died since the last meeting. A handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. T. R. Darke, P.M., for his efficient services rendered to the lodge during his year of office. Several propositions for candidates for initiation were received. The fees were altered for initiation from five to seven guineas. Joining, from two to three guineas. Visitors from five to ten shillings and sixpence on ordinary nights, and ten to fifteen shillings and sixpence on the installation nights. The usual splendid banquet followed.

LIVERPOOL.—*De Grey and Ripon Lodge* (No. 1356).—This influential and flourishing lodge met on Wednesday, 9th inst., under the presidency of its new Master, Bro. E. O. C. Rothwell, who gave the several degrees in a most masterly manner, reflecting great credit upon himself and lodge, whose chair he most ably filled. Amongst other important business the principal and most interesting part was the presentation of a very handsome gold Organist's jewel to Bro. Veale, for his energy and good services rendered to this lodge, since its formation. The W.M. in presenting the jewel, testified most feelingly the kind services rendered by Bro. Veale for some years, not only to this lodge, but to the Craft in Liverpool, as Organist, and hoped he would live many years to wear it, as an honour to the lodge and himself. Bro. Veale thanked the W.M. and lodge in his usual courteous manner, and after the other less important business, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony, the brethren retired for refreshment, and closed a most pleasant and satisfactory meeting. We hear it is the intention of this lodge to apply for a change in its name; we should advise the brethren, if such is done, to choose the name of "Amity," for a more friendly and well-worked lodge, does not, nor cannot exist in the province of West Lancashire.

Royal Arch.

SUTTON.—*Frederick Chapter of Unity* (No. 452).—A convocation of the above chapter was held on Tuesday evening, at the Station Hotel, Sutton, Surrey, when there were present, Comps. James Glaisher, F.R.S.; Magnus Ohren, James Robins, Walter Spencer, W. G. Davis, Charles H. Edmonds, Charles Pawley, and visitors, John Boyd, P.Z. 145, &c.; H. Potter, 829, and H. Massey (*Freemason*), P.Z. 619. Comp. James Glaisher, M.E.Z., presided, and with the able assistance of Comp. Boyd, who acted as N. and P.S., exalted Bro. George Wright, 452, into Royal Arch Masonry. Comp. Ohren having moved for an alteration in the days of meeting of the chapter, the companions carried a change of day to the third Tuesdays in April and October. Comp. Glaisher stated that he was always ready in the cause of Masonry to attend and do any work that might be required of him, but that meeting in September was not so convenient to the companions generally. Hence it was that at the September meeting, very few companions usually could be got together, and as it was essential to the impressive performance of the ceremony of exaltation as many companions should be got together as possible, it became advisable to consider what day was most suitable to the general body. He thought that by the third Tuesday in October most London people had returned to town from their holidays, and the holding of the meetings of the chapter on that day met with his entire approval. Comp. John Boyd installed Comp. Magnus Ohren, in the M.E.Z. chair. The officers for the year then stood as follows:—Magnus Ohren, M.E.Z.; E. A. Baber, H.; W. Sugg, J.; W. S. Waterman, S.E.; H. E. Francis, S.N.; Arthur J. Dickinson, P.S.; J. W. Sugg, 1st A.; W. G. Davis, 2nd A.; Walter Spencer, Std.; James Robins, P.Z., Treasurer; and C. T. Speight, Janitor, Companion W. G. Davis proposed Bro. James Charles Campbell as a candidate for exaltation at the next meeting of the chapter, after which the companions closed down and adjourned to an admirable supper, provided by Comp. Potter, the proprietor of the Station Hotel. This having been partaken of and thoroughly enjoyed, grace was rendered in due time, and the M.E.Z. proposed the toasts which fall to the share of the First Principal. After "The Queen and R. A. Masonry" had been honoured His Excellency said it was usual on these occasions to give the Grand Z. of the Order. Unfortunately at the present moment they were without a Grand representative; but there were Second and Third Principals who remained firm to their duty, and those companions he would, with the permission of the companions, couple with the next toast. With them he would join the present and past Grand Principals of the Order. He was sorry that Companion Glaisher had been compelled to leave, because as a Past Grand Officer he should have called on him to respond to the toast. He had invited some other Grand Officers, but business or absence from town prevented them from accepting his invitation. Comp. James Robins, P.Z. and Treasurer, then proposed "The M.E.Z.," whom he welcomed on his attaining the distinguished position of First Principal of the chapter. Not being so fluent a speaker as their M.E.Z., he hardly knew how to express himself, but he could not help saying that the position of First Principal was one of such dignity, that any one must be proud of it, and Comp. Ohren thoroughly deserved it. He was known so well both in lodge and chapter as a good worker, and an excellent Mason, that it was a benefit conferred on the chapter to have him for president. Therefore both their First Principal and the chapter were to be congratulated. His year of office would be a pleasant one, and no doubt during that time there would be a considerable accession to the number of the members. They had an earnest of this in another candidate having been proposed for exaltation at the next meeting. When Comp. Ohren left the chair, they would possibly number some nine or ten more. They were wanted, and a little zeal, if it could be imparted, would be a gain to all. The M.E.Z. having thanked Comp. Robins, and the companions, said he knew he was in a respon-

sible position. At their last meeting, when they so kindly elected him, he was, unfortunately, on a bed of sickness, but it was a great pleasure to him to know that he had been unanimously chosen. He had now passed through every office in the chapter, and as Comp. Robins had intimated, he had done his best to carry on the duties of those offices. He felt a great interest in the chapter. It was not the first time he had filled the Z. chair in a chapter, having before been First Principal in his mother chapter (the *Britannic*). That was a winter chapter, but the *Frederick* was a summer chapter, and it was with great pleasure that he left the city to come down to the beautiful neighbourhood of Sutton to spend a few hours twice a year. The meetings were always pleasurable ones, and it was with great delight that he met the companions. He looked forward with much confidence to a successful year, and he would assure them that his best energies would be devoted to the prosperity of the chapter. The M.E.Z. next gave "The newly-exalted Companion." It was an important toast, because it was important to get new members. There were always members leaving the chapters, and of course if new ones did not come in, the chapters must necessarily die out. No efforts of the few who might stay in the chapters would be sufficient to keep them going. But there was another point which was of great importance, the character of members admitted into the R.A. In Craft Masonry brethren were admitted from the representation of a single brother; but in the chapter brethren were received from lodges, where they had all an opportunity of judging what sort of people they were. If they thought there was anything about those brethren which would render them unfit to join the degree no companions of the Order would propose them. As a chapter they rather selected the members of the lodge, and it was not every brother who presented himself as a candidate would be received. When he was received, however, and was a member among them, they knew he was one of whom they might be proud. Companion Wright was one of these, and it was in that light they received him. Comp. Wright in reply said, after thanking the M.E.Z. and companions for the toast, that it had given him much pleasure to be exalted as a R.A. Mason, and especially with the impressiveness of the ceremony. He trusted that the further he went in Freemasonry, the more he would like it. The M.E.Z. next proposed "The Visitors," whom he said they always warmly received; he was happy to see on this occasion they were favoured with the presence of Comp. Boyd, P.Z., of the Prudent Brethren Chapter, Comp. Massey, P.Z. of the Beadon Chapter, and Comp. Potter of the High Cross Chapter. He was particularly grateful also for their presence, as they had all assisted him in carrying out the duties of the Chapter, for it was a curious fact, that owing to the day on which they now met—and this was the reason he had for proposing the alteration of the day in future—a great number of the members were away on their holidays, consequently, five companions who were to have been that day invested had written excuses for absence. Without the visitors therefore they could not have got on with their work; but with them they had done it in such a way as to have called forth from the candidate for exaltation his approval of its impressiveness. It was a great pleasure to him (the M.E.Z.) to see it had been well performed. Comp. Boyd said it was always gratifying to him to visit a chapter, but that gratification was much enhanced when he found he could be of any service in rendering any portion of their splendid ceremonies. Comp. Massey also responded in similar terms. The M.E.Z. then proposed "The P.Z.'s," and in doing so said again he was sorry that, from the unavoidable circumstances to which he had already alluded, so many were absent. They had however Comp. Robins, their Treasurer, present, and he should therefore couple his name with the toast. They were very thankful to the Treasurer for the way in which he kept their accounts, and the companions knew how well he had done it, and how much he deserved any honours that had been placed upon him. Companions would

think it was not much trouble to keep the accounts, and that all a Treasurer had to do was to receive the money; but there were many duties connected with the position, and if the accounts were properly kept they entailed the expenditure of a great deal of time and attention. Companion Robins discharged his duties in the most efficient and conscientious manner, in order that he might have his accounts in such form that any one might examine them without finding any difficulty. They would have an account next April, and all the companions who were of the Finance Committee would find the accounts kept most admirably. They had a handsome balance in hand, which showed not only were the accounts well kept by the Treasurer, but that he also keeps the companions within bounds. Companion Robins replied, and contrasted the present prosperous condition with what it was some past days that he remembered. He looked with favour on the alteration in the days of meeting which had been made that evening. In regard to the balance they had he could not say it was large, but still there was a balance, which was a grand thing, considering their subscription was small. This was very satisfactory. As trouble being attached to his office, he was certainly particular about the accounts, and at one of their meetings it took him half the following day to put the accounts in proper order. He hoped that when the Finance Committee met in April, they would find everything in apple-pie order. He also hoped that the prosperity of the chapter would continue. Companion C. T. Speight gave the "Janitor's Toast," and the companions returned to town after spending a delightful evening.

Mark Masonry.

PANNURE LODGE (No. 139).—The Installation Meeting of this prosperous Lodge was held at the Balham Hotel, Balham, on Monday evening the 7th instant. In consequence of the absence of the V.W. Bro. James Stevens, P.G.O., the first W.M. of this Lodge, the duties of installing Master were specially undertaken by the V.W. Bro. Frederick Binckes, P.G.J.W. and Grand Secretary of the Order, who promptly opened the Lodge at the hour appointed. Amongst the brethren present were the W.M., Bro. G. Lilley, Bros. H. F. Huntley, P.M., Poore, S.W., Pulman, M.O., Trusler, S.O., Spiegel, Walmsley, Gibbs, Grant, G. Neal, and Rosenburgh, Visitors. The following brethren were duly advanced into the Order, viz., Bros. Cook, Vinnal, Larham, and Walmsley. Bro. Thomas Poore was then duly installed into the Chair of A. with all perfect ceremony and in the usual able and gratifying manner with which Bro. Binckes conducts the work of Mark Masonry. The newly-installed W.M., having previously invested his I.P.M. Bro. Lilley, and decorated both Bros. Lilley and H. F. Huntley with the P.M. Jewel of the Lodge, appointed and invested his officers as follows, viz., Bros. Payne, S.W., Pulman, J.W.; H. Huntley, P.M., Treasurer; Pulman, Sec. and Reg. of Marks; Trusler, M.O.; Larham, S.O.; W. Poore, J.O.; Larner, S.D.; Spiegel, J.D.; Walmsley, I.C. Cook and Vinnal, Stewards; Groat, Tyler. Having been suggested that one of the new prepared tracing boards should be provided for the lodge, and it being desired to preserve the funds of the lodge for another laudable purpose, the brethren present contributed a sufficient sum, and the Grand Secretary promised that the board should be at once forwarded. The lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous repast, prepared in a most liberal manner by Bro. Lilley, I.P.M., the host, which was admirably served. Subsequently the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly proposed, and Bro. Binckes supplemented the toast of thanks recorded in open lodge by a most excellent speech in response to the toast "The Installing Master." The W.M.'s health was drunk with much enthusiasm, Bro. Poore having rendered himself particularly popular amongst Mark Masonry brethren, and which he has

the ritual of the Order, and the effective manner which he carries out all his duties, both Craft and Mark degrees. In acknowledging compliment, the W.M. expressed his thanks to the lodge for all the kindness and consideration which had been extended to him in his progress towards the exalted position he now had the privilege to hold, and assured the brethren his continued exertions in the discharge of duties of his office. Bro. H. F. Huntley acted on behalf of Past Masters Stevens, Ley, and himself, regretting the unavoidable absence of Bro. Stevens, who, whilst enjoying holiday, had nevertheless used his influence to secure the valuable services of Bro. Binckes on this occasion, so that the interests of the lodge might not suffer, and who, he (Bro. Huntley) felt certain, would, when he heard of the successful meeting, feel equal gratification and regret. The newly advanced brethren actively responded to the special toast referred to them, and each expressed great satisfaction with the ceremony through which they had passed. To "The Visitors," Bros. Neal and Edinburgh made earnest replies, and the remaining toasts were suitably responded to. The King's proceedings were enlivened by some excellent singing, and the brethren separated in peace and harmony.

Scotland.

CONSECRATION OF A NEW LODGE IN GLASGOW.

On Monday, September 17th, the Provincial and Lodge of Glasgow met in the Southside Assembly Rooms, Crown-street, Glasgow, for the purpose of consecrating the Clydesdale Lodge, No. 556. Bro. F. A. Barrow, D.P.G.M., presided, assisted by Bros. Halkett, as S.W.; Wilson, J.W.; McFaggart, M.A., P.G.S.; Baker, P.G.T.; Balfour, P.G.D.C.; Fraser, M.; and several other well-known brethren.

The hall, which is a handsome new building, opened some nine months since, as a concert hall, and was well adapted for the consecration ceremonies, there being ample room for the circumambulations with the consecrating elements.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master delivered an address on the "Mission of Masonry," dwelling particularly on the duties of the officers of the new lodge.

At the conclusion of the consecration ceremony, the Deputy Prov. Grand Master proceeded to install the first officers of the lodge, the newly installed Master, having thanked the Prov. Grand Master, and his officers for attending to consecrate the lodge, and the officers, the Provincial Grand Lodge closed in due form.

Bro. Phillips then opened the Clydesdale Lodge, and congratulated the members upon the auspicious under which they had met, and added to the fact that in addition to many of the most influential Masons of the various lodges in Glasgow, there were present the Masd deputations from 116 and 347, Rutherglen, Pollokshaws, and eight of the officers of the lodge, all the way from Dreghorn, in Ayrshire. Bro. W.M. then, at the request of the lodge, and the officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge, as honorary members.

The lodge was then called off to refreshment. The toast having been paid to the toast of Queen and the Craft "The Prince of Grand Patron of the Order in Scotland." Three Grand Lodges, and the "Provincial Lodge of Glasgow." Bro. Barrow, in reply to the last toast, said that the Provincial Lodge of Glasgow was not only the most influential in Scotland, but without vanity he could say it was the most influential. And it only remains for the members and the lodges to make more influential in the Grand Lodge. There had been some danger of that body being the "Grand Lodge of Edinburgh," and the Grand Lodge of the Kingdom, and for the new lodge, in conjunction with the West of Scotland, to do their duty in the Craft at large, by attending at all

Grand Lodge, as well as Provincial Grand Lodge meetings. He was desirous of seeing the honour and dignity of the Craft fully maintained, and he thought they might with advantage take a lesson from the Grand Lodge of England. Let them carefully enquire into the character of every person who offered as candidates for the Order, for though Masonry was calculated to make every man who joined it a better man than he was before, yet for the permanent good of the Order they should see they had good materials to work upon. Before sitting down he would propose "Prosperity to Lodge Clydesdale, No. 556."

Bro. Phillips said he had for some years been trying to get a lodge established on the South side of the river, and having at length succeeded, he would take care that nothing on his part should be wanting to make it a credit to the Craft.

The next toast was "The Press," proposed by Bro. Miller, R.W.M. 87. He said they owed much to the Press; to night it was well represented as they had three gentlemen present. Bro. Bassett replied for the *Masonic News* and Bro. Wheeler, for himself and Bro. Jonge, on behalf of the *Freemason* and *Masonic Magazine*. In the course of his remarks he said as they had gone through the fire of heart, hand and pocket, he hoped all present would support the papers there represented, daily, weekly, fortnightly, and monthly, with heart, hand and pocket.

Bro. Bain, P.M. 103, proposed "The Health of the New Master, Bro. Phillips," giving some sound advice as to the conducting the business of a lodge.

The R.W.M. in reply, alluded to his having already filled the chair of 275, for five years, and the experience thus gained he would try to use for the benefit of the Clydesdale Lodge.

Bro. Wheeler proposed "The Wardens, and other office-bearers." The S.W. replied, and gave "The Visitors." Bro. Miller, R.W.M. 87, replied, and gave "Mrs. Phillips," who was worthy of being a Mason's wife, and proved herself a true helpmate to the R.W.M. in all his labours Masonic and otherwise.

The choir sang "Here's a Health to all good Lassies," the R.W.M. having gracefully acknowledged the compliment to one whom he could truly designate as his better half. The final toast "Happy to meet and sorry to part, but happy to meet again," was then given, and the brethren separated.

OPENING OF A NEW LODGE AT KILSYTH.

On Friday, September 4th, the Stewart Lodge, No. 547, was formally opened at Kilsyth, by a Deputation from the Provincial Grand Lodge of Dumbartonshire. The charter had been granted some months since, but owing to the unsettled state of trade in the district, they had delayed the opening ceremonies. The brethren had not been idle, however, and their showy Stuart Tartan sashes and aprons, and the handsome set of lodge jewels, with their Tartan collars, supplied by Bro. G. Kenning, from his Glasgow house, were admired by all present. The drive from Croy Station, through a very picturesque scenery, was a very pleasant preparative to the ceremony, while the keen air furnished the visitors with an appetite, the best sauce, for the substantial repast that awaited their arrival at Bro. Robinson's Hotel, for with considerate kindness they had made refreshment precede labour. Having crossed the market place to the old hall, the Provincial Grand Lodge of Dumbartonshire was opened by the following officers; Bros. John McLeish, R.W.M. 321, P.G.S.D. acting P.G.M.; James Marshland, R.W.M. 503, P.G.J.D. as P.G.S.W.; Wm. Ferguson, R.W.M. 543, P.G.S.; as P.G.J.W.; Alex. Denny, P.G. Sec.; A. S. McBride, R.W.M. 170, P.G.C.; J. Wigans, P.G.I.G. The acting P.G.M. having opened the lodge, informed the brethren that there was no necessity for consecrating the hall, as it had been consecrated many years ago for No. 39, St. John's Kilsyth. He should therefore formally constitute the lodge and then install the officers. The P.G.S. having read the documents, the following brethren were

then installed into their respective offices: Bros. R. Miller, P.M. of 39, as R.W.M. of 547; S. Hamilton, D.M.; Johnstone, S.M.; Paul Black, S.W.; James McDonald, J.W.; J. Livingstone, Sec.; J. Robinson, Treas.; Wm. Heller, S.D.; R. McPhun, J.D.; J. Brown, S.S.; Wm. Lindsay, J.S.; Alex. White, I.G.; and James Black, Tyler. The R.W.M. having thanked the officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge for their kindness in coming over to install them, proposed that they should all be now affiliated as Honorary Members; this having been done, Bro. McBride, P.G.C., returned thanks for the honour thus conferred on them. Bro. Livingstone then said, as they had three brethren over from Glasgow to visit them, and they were all good workers in the cause, he thought they should also be affiliated. Bro. Robinson, Treasurer, having seconded this, it was carried nem con, and the P.G.M., at the request of the R.W.M., obligated as members of Lodge 547, Bros. Wm. Phillips, R.W.M. 556, P.G.I.G. of Glasgow province; Wm. Bassett, 27; and G. W. Wheeler, 73. Bro. Phillips returned thanks for the unexpected kindness. A procession was then formed, preceded by the band, and a splendid banner of the Athol 384, Kirk. Until 4 o'clock, they perambulated the principal streets of the town; on returning to the market-place, they opened up for the Prov. G. L. to pass through their ranks. The lodge was then called to refreshment. Bro. McLeish responded for the Provincial Grand Lodge of Dumbartonshire, the next sentiment was Bro. Denny, the P.G.S., the Sec. of the Stewart, 547, testifying to the kindness and attention with which their communications had been received. Bro. Denny gracefully acknowledged the compliment. The next sentiment was "The Masonic Press," responded to by Bro. Bassett for the *Masonic News*, and Bro. Wheeler for *The Freemason*, and *Masonic Magazine*. Bro. Wheeler then proposed "Prosperity to the Stewart Lodge, 547." Bro. Miller in reply, said for many years he had been studying Masonry, and being now again in the chair he would try to make the new lodge a credit to the old Craft, and should be most pleased to do all in his power to impart Masonic light as far as possible, both in the lodge and out of it, if the members would only try to learn. He then proposed the "Athol Kirkwhillick Lodge" which had materially assisted them in their starting. Bro. Kent briefly replied. As the train will not wait for anyone, the visitors took their departure, the band and a deputation of the brethren accompanying them beyond the precincts of the town on their homeward journey.

GLASGOW.—St. George's Lodge (No. 333).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held in St. Mark's Hall on Wednesday, the 9th instant. Bro. Winton, R.W.M., presiding; assisted by Bro. McFarlan, S.M., J. Finley, S.W., J. Forsyth, J.W., and McIntyre, Sec. The lodge having been duly opened, and the minutes of the last regular meeting and also those of an emergency, passed. Bro. Bryon applied for leave to be passed and raised, as he was about to sail for America within a week. The lodge having granted his request, was then raised to the 2nd degree, and Bro. G. W. Wheeler, at the R.W.M.'s request, passed Bro. Bryon to the Fellow Craft, and on the lodge being opened to the 3rd degree raised him to the sublime degree of a Master Mason.

GLASGOW.—Clyde Lodge (No. 408).—This lodge held an emergency meeting on Friday, the 17th instant, when two candidates were passed and raised. Bro. D. Dawson in the chair, who was assisted in the work by R. Mitchell, D.M., J. McGaw, S.W., J. Stewart, J.W., J. Harper, Treasurer.

GLASGOW.—Union Lodge (No. 332).—This lodge held its regular meeting at 170, Buchanan-street, on Monday, the 7th instant. S. B. McNair in the chair. An application on behalf of the Lodge Clyde 408 was made for the initiation of a candidate, which was granted, and the gentleman initiated. The lodge was then raised, and Bro. McNair proceeded to pass one brother to the degree of Fellow Craft, the lodge was then closed.

the interest taken in the matter by his Royal Highness, which alone is sufficient reward to Bro. Deller for his trouble and care in the matter, at the same time his thoughtfulness has applied what has hitherto been wanting, viz:—poligree wheat for use for all Masonic purposes. Any brother wishing to keep up the breed, may have a few grains on application.

OUR MASONIC CHARITIES.

At the installation of the W.M. of the Stour Valley Lodge, on the 10th inst., the D.P.G.M. of Suffolk took occasion to refer to a scheme submitted to the Provincial Grand Lodge at its meeting at Lowestoft, by the P.G.J.W. of Suffolk, for concentrating the action of the several lodges in the province, in behalf of resident candidates for the benefits of the Masonic charities. He (the D.P.G.M.) would take upon himself to say that if the scheme of the Senior Warden was not at once adopted at that Provincial meeting, it was not from any hesitation on the part of the brethren to admit the importance and desirableness of its object, but from an unreasonable wish to have time to digest the details for its organization. The brethren of the Stour Valley Lodge would be glad to hear that it had since engaged the special attention of the Prov. Grand Master, and the brethren might be prepared for the issue of a commission from him for the careful revision of the subject, with a view to a renewal of its discussion at the Provincial Grand Lodge next year.

A similar scheme had been debated by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex, and a resolution unanimously passed to appoint a committee "to consider the best mode of promoting unity of action in the province." The Prov. G.M. also suggested, and the suggestion met with a hearty response from the brethren present, that the Masonic Charities might be materially benefited by the formation of funds, small monthly subscriptions, for the purchase a time to time of Life Governorships.

ANNUAL BANQUET OF THE HERVEY LODGE (No. 1260).

The summer banquet of the Hervey Lodge was held on Wednesday, in the picturesque gardens attached to the well known "Crown" Hotel, at Bourne. A more beautiful spot for an "annual" fête could not have been selected. It is now more than half a dozen years ago, that Shirley had said, in the *Gardener's Magazine*, "The Bourne Gardens are the most finished, the most beautiful and most tasteful of any I have entered." Since then, nothing that refined could suggest and liberal expenditure has been wanting on the part of the proprietor, Bro. Benningfield, to render them still more perfect. Amongst the brethren present, we noticed, Bros. C. Darby, W.M.; Harrison, Sec.; G. King, junior, P.M. and Sec.; Henry Angworth, S.D.; E. King, senior, P.M.; W. Leck, Southwood, Kingcombe, P. Sandi-ward, Vine, Batter, Bigwood, and Speight, Bros. Wright, W.M. 1153; Green, J.W. Williams, 453; Ballard, 511; and Saunders, nearly the whole of whom were accompanied by their wives and sisters. After the usual W.M. proposed the "Queen and the Staff," and the other usual Masonic toasts. P.M., Bro. G. King, then proposed the health of the Worshipful Master, "congratulating him on the prosperity of the Hervey Lodge, and the new idea he had inaugurated by inviting the wives and sisters of the brethren to share of their festivity. The W.M. made a noble reply, and proposed "The Visitors," which Bro. Wright, W.M. 1153, responded to. Bro. M. then proposed "The Past Masters of the Lodge," which was acknowledged by the senior. The next toast was that of the Banquet Committee," coupling with the name of Bro. Southwood, who, the W.M. observed, bore the heat and burden of labour in arranging all the details of the banquet, whose taste and tact they were so much indebted for the success which had crowned it. Bro. Southwood replied, and the last toast "The Hervey Lodge" was given by Bro. G. King, jun., and acknowledged by the W.M. We must not

omit to notice that the expense of the orchestral music, the exquisite menus (had expressly from Paris) and the novel bon bons, each containing an elegant fan, or some other appropriate present for the ladies, was borne by individual members of the lodge, and the entire arrangements were devised, that a most enjoyable day was spent by the brethren and their friends, at a less expense to the lodge than would have been incurred at an ordinary banquet within its walls.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The monthly meeting of the Committee of this Institution was held on Wednesday, at Freemason's Hall, Bro. Henry Browse in the chair. There were also present Bros. James Brett, C. A. Cuttebrune, J. Constable, L. Stean, Thomas Cubitt, Thomas W. White, Hyde Pullen, James Stevens, H. M. Levy, F. Adlard, F. Kent, and others. Bro. James Terry (Secretary), having read the minutes, which were put and confirmed, several applications from both males and females to be placed on the list for election were received; and the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman.

Obituary.

BRO. JAMES MASON.

We copy the following from a local paper:—We sincerely regret to have to record the death of Bro. James Mason, master mariner, of Fort Elizabeth, which sad event occurred with fearful suddenness on Tuesday afternoon, May 12th. Deceased was occupied about his usual business at his hotel at Kinkel Bush during the day and appeared to be in good health. In the afternoon he was greatly irritated by one of his servants, who, instead of preparing dinner for the expected passengers per Cobb & Co.'s cart, had got drunk and entirely neglected his duties, so that at the last moment deceased had himself to set energetically to work, and labouring under considerable excitement at the time, it is supposed that one of the vessels of the heart suddenly burst, as he fell down dead without the slightest warning being apparent of his approaching end. Captain Mason was a man greatly respected for his kindly disposition and bluff good humoured manner. His early life was spent at sea, and among other vessels he commanded the *Alexandra* and *Hero* of the Nile, both of which vessels were regular traders to this port, and, with Captain Mason in charge, were favourite passenger ships. Some fifteen years ago he settled down in Port Elizabeth by opening the Masonic Hotel, which he conducted until three or four years since, when, on leaving on a visit to England, he made it over to Mr. Steinman. On his return he kept a hotel at the North-end of this town for a short time, but afterwards, having purchased the Kinkel Bush Hotel, went to reside therein, and at the time of his death was driving a good business. Captain Mason was a member of the Masonic Lodge of Good Will, and his funeral, which took place yesterday, was conducted with Masonic honours, a large number of the brethren attending to pay their last tribute of respect to the memory of a departed and worthy brother.

The Great City Lodge of Instruction (No. 1426), have made arrangements for resuming their meetings, every Thursday evening, commencing on the 24th inst., at 6.30 p.m., at the offices of The London Warehousemen's Association, 111, Cheapside, entrance in Honey-lane, opposite Bow Church.

IT IS AS UNWISE, as it is dangerous, to shut your eyes to the approach of disease. In preserving health, as in making money, there must be no slackness of purpose, or the chance may slip away and never be recalled. Glandular swellings about the throat, neuralgia, rheumatism, gout, lumbago, and other diseases affecting the glands, muscles, and nerves, are permanently eradicated by Holloway's healing, anti-febrile, and soothing Unguent. Skin diseases and superficial or deeper seated sores soon lose their angry and painful character under its cooling, beneficial action. Holloway's Pills have never been administered either by hospital or private practitioners, in dyspepsia or liver complaint, without producing the desired result.—ADVT.

THE STRONG FOUNDATION.

A Poem composed for the occasion of the Masonic gathering at Wilmington, Delaware, June 12, 1874 and respectfully dedicated to Most Worshipful J. P. Allmond, Esq., Grand Master of Delaware.

By Bro. Rob Morris.

[The Temple built by Solomon, after standing 420 years was totally destroyed by the Chaldeans under Nebuchadnezzar. Its successor, erected by Zerubbabel, stood nearly 500 years. It was taken down by Herod, and replaced by a third. The Temple of Herod after standing about 100 years, was destroyed by the Romans under Titus. The Mosk of Omar, occupying the original site of those three edifices, has stood about 1200 years.]

But amidst all these changes, covering nearly thirty centuries, the foundations laid by the builders of Solomon, have remained unmoved. Composed of weighty stones, artistically laid together, each designated by the private mark of its quarrymen—the stones anchored together, and to the sides of Mount Moriah, by bars of iron and lead, the great foundation wall, 1000 feet thick, and 1500 feet long, stands, after defying alike the ravages of barbarians, and the force of the earthquakes, and the silent effects of time, for 300 years. And so it will stand, until the fiat of the Grand Architect of the Universe shall declare "time shall be no longer!"

It is so with the system of Freemasonry. Its foundations composed of the grandest principles ever communicated by God to man, stand as they ever have stood unmoved amidst all the changes of time. Lodges and Grand Lodges may perish, the opposition of evil men may raze our halls and temples to the ground, our Order may be villified and made unpopular by war from without, and the evil conduct of unworthy brethren within, but our foundation "standeth sure, having this seal,—the Lord knoweth them that are His!"

When the appointed time had come,
And Israel from his mountain home
Come up, by Solomon's command,
To lay, in state, the corner-stone
And build the temple high and grand,
An edifice that God would own,—
The monarch by a just Decree,
Thus set the law eternally:—

Lay the foundations deep! the fane
May not, to distant age remain;
The tooth of time may gnaw its side;
The foe deface its golden pride;
Pillar, Pillaster, height and base,
May mingle in one foul disgrace;—
But with foundations deep and wise,
Other and nobler works will rise,
And, till the earth in ruin sink,
Some structure crown Moriah's brink!

The people bowed obedient head;
Hiram, the Architect, began,
By long and wise experience led—
How sadly to our spirits come
The memories of that good man's doom!
To justify the Monarch's plan:
From mighty quarries raised the rock
In Ashlars huge and weighty drew,—
See, yet, they rise upon the view,
In spite of time and earthquakes' shock!
Until there stood as yet there stands,
The grandest pile of human hands;
A sure foundation, deep and wise,
On which the noblest works may rise.

Craftsmen! ye build but for a day,
Unless these precepts you obey!
How oft we see within our land,
A structure reared upon the sand!
Its walls—magnificent they rise;
Its towers they pierce the very skies;
Crowds, through its portals eager press,
Beauty and rank its altar grace,
And,—then the storm has blown,—'tis gone
From turret-top to corner-stone!

Craftsmen! the lessons heed and keep,—
Lay your Foundations wise and deep!

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The Freemason,

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1874.

SCOTTISH FREEMASONRY.

We have been struck, as we think all our readers will have been, with a very able letter, which appeared in our impression of Sept. 12th, signed "Scoticus Masonicus." That letter is marked, in our opinion, not only by much ability and power, but by an especially straightforward way of placing the true state of the case before all thoughtful and zealous Freemasons. For, to say the truth, the state of Scottish Freemasonry has long been a subject of deep regret to many of our readers over the border. We have long felt how very unsatisfactory and anomalous was the position alike of the lodges and brethren in that fine country, and where so many good Masons do undoubtedly reside. Why are we to be so regular, and careful and precise, in England? Why are we to be so well managed and so financially prosperous, when just across the borderline, if we wish to see anything of Masonry, we find a completely different state of things, which in some respects is a matter of deep astonishment and deeper regret to us "Cannie Southrons"? Now "Scoticus Masonicus," give us the true key to the weakness and deficiency of Scottish Masonry. If it be true that his view is not a novel one, as we have alluded to it more than once ourselves, and our able Bro. Hughan has done the same, we yet never before remember to have seen the real state of the case put so lucidly, so forcibly, and so convincingly. But how in truth can Scottish Masonry or any other Masonry flourish under such a mistaken system? In the first place, financially, it is utterly wrong. The Scotch Lodges, and the Scotch Grand Lodge are living on their capital, not upon their income. Their "increment" of returns is very small indeed, and all that the Grand Lodge has to depend upon are the fees of office, small amounts for registration, &c., and the payments for new warrants, not many. The private lodges have no income except what arises from the initiation fees, which in many lodges are ludicrously small. Hence, in order "to make the two ends meet," they have to have

recourse to frequent "emergency" lodges for initiation, and this hurried system precludes necessarily any very strict enquiry into character, and many brethren are initiated, and passed, and raised in Scotland, who never visit their mother lodge again, and from whom that lodge receives no further alimant of any kind. It is true that lodges in Scotland can have an annual subscription, if they will, but we fancy "Scoticus Masonicus" is right when he says you can count on your fingers those lodges which do so, as the Scottish Masonic mind is very much averse to an annual subscription. The consequence is that all Masonic charity is dwarfed and stunted in Scotland to a degree quite out of character with its kind-hearted people, and above all with the real wishes and intentions of our many warm-hearted brethren there. Scottish Masonry has no benevolent fund, of any value or importance, to show as a proof of the zeal and sincerity of its members. It has a benevolent fund, which however, is, as it were, rather a God-send to the financially crippled condition of the Grand Lodge, than available for any effective purpose of Masonic benevolence. The simple fact that in nineteen months it distributes £450 to 109 applicants, an average of £4.10 each, besides £11 disbursed in casual charities, speaks volumes as to the dormant condition of Scottish Masonic Charity. Some of the Provincial Grand Lodges have also benevolent funds, but the sums they distribute are alike so small and casual. We in England have our remembrances of applicants for relief, travelling from lodge to lodge, who, in nine cases out of ten, were Scotch Masons, and who, having been made Masons for a very small sum originally, and who, clearly ought never to have been admitted into our Order at all, had become Masonic vagrants. All the Northern provinces of England, and indeed the Midland, can testify to the same state of affairs, equally prevalent, and equally deplorable. It is said, there is grievance without reform, no ailment without cure. So we say to day to the Grand Lodge of Scotland, reform at once your present weak and defective system. Make all the members of Scottish Masonry pay a subscription to a lodge, and the fact of being a subscribing member to a lodge be the test of admission to Grand Lodge. Let each Levy annually a payment from each lodge we do, to be divided between your general purposes and your fund of benevolence, and will soon reap the benefit of the change, and a truer system of Masonry generally, and returning financial prosperity. It may be, there are some difficulties in the way, but the Scottish Grand Lodge only will adopt the motto "obsta principiis," it will ere long animate Scottish Masonry with a better system and a higher tone altogether of work and duty.

APPROACHING ELECTIONS OF
BOYS' AND GIRLS' SCHOOLS.

We have received the voting papers for the next election of these excellent institutions, and we think that our remarks on the case contain may not be uninteresting to our readers. At the election of 1874, the

to be filled up. At the April election this year, we may remember, 16 girls were elected from a list of 31 candidates. Of the 29 candidates for the October election, 14 are applicants for the first time. It is also important to note, that of these 29 candidates, 11 are from London, and 18 are from the provinces; and of these provinces, Kent has 3, East Lancashire 2, Hampshire and Isle of Wight 2, and Suffolk 2 candidates; while South Wales, Devon, Lincolnshire, South Africa, Staffordshire, Calcutta, Cornwall, Surrey, and Warwickshire, put forward 1 candidate each. For the Boys' School election, October 12th, out of 44 candidates, 13 are to be elected. At the last election, 15 boys were elected, out of 52 candidates. Of the 44 candidates for election in October, 18 apply for the first time. It is also instructive to remember that of these 44 candidates, 14 are from London, and 30 from the provinces. Hampshire and the Isle of Wight have 3 candidates, East Lancashire 2, West Yorkshire 2, Durham 2, Kent 2, Devonshire 2, North Wales and Salop 2, and St. Helena, Gibraltar, East Indies, Foreign Stations, Lincolnshire, Hong Kong, Gloucestershire, Oxfordshire, Derbyshire, Dorsetshire, Cambridgeshire, Norfolk, Cumberland, Northamptonshire, and South Wales 1 each. Now these, both as regards the Girls' and Boys' Schools, are very remarkable facts and figures, and suggest some special considerations, which, on an early occasion, we may think well to advert to. But today we will content ourselves with observing how very incontestably these voting papers convince us of the need and importance—may we not say the increasing need of these educational institutions of ours? The present position of our Order is one of unprecedented material prosperity, and numerical increase, but that very prosperity, and that very increase inevitably bring upon us still more abounding claims on our active Masonic sympathy and charity. May 1774 and 1875 witness the same unflagging zeal, and the same meritorious efforts on behalf of these two admirable institutions, the Boys' and Girls' Schools.

OUR LATE GRAND MASTER.

(COMMUNICATED).

Little indeed did Freemasons in general, or even those assembled to hear the letter of the Marquis of Ripon, conceive the severity of the blow which had fallen upon them, and how that the truth is known in its entirety, a shock seems almost too great to be endured. The resignation alone of a Grand Master, who by his zeal for Masonry, unabated while he filled one of the highest offices of the State, and by his courtesy and affability towards those with whom he became officially connected, endeared himself to all his brethren, and gained a strong hold upon their affection and esteem, could have been received with feelings of the deepest sorrow, but when we learn that the man who so heartily deplores has been occasioned the alliance of our noble brother with the enemies of the Craft, whose undying love for our Order has from time to time prompted them to publish the most unjustifiable calumnies, and to utter the grossest perversions of the truth concerning us, then indeed the magnitude of our grief is increased tenfold, our sorrow is deepened with lamentation, and we are strained to cry out with the sweet singer of Israel, "How are the mighty fallen!" The importance of the occurrence can hardly be over-

rated. For the first time since the establishment of the Grand Lodge in 1717 has the Ruler of our Order become a Roman Catholic, and surrendered his moral liberty, that right so dear to and jealously guarded by Englishmen in general, to the keeping of his leaders in religion. And what is ostensibly the first sacrifice which they demand of their convert? It is nothing less than that he should sever himself from a body of men whose watchwords are charity and benevolence, whose aim and boast is to do good to their fellow creatures, and who are in possession of certain secrets which, for the purpose of keeping out unwelcome visitors and preventing the intrusion of impostors, they are in the habit of communicating in a peculiar manner. Verily, we Freemasons must be a dangerous lot! The help which we afford to those in distress—not, be it remembered, to members of our community alone—is called in question by the intolerant Church of Rome; our forms and ceremonies, harmless and unproductive of ill as our opponents know them to be, are stigmatized as unlawful and irreligious; and our instruction, for the most part conveyed in parables, as was the custom of One whose wisdom and goodness not even our slanderous assailants dare deny, is denounced by them as ungodly and impure. We cannot do better than quote the well known and forcible words of our Rev. Brother Osmond Dakeyne, which, though delivered thirty years ago, are still perfect in their truthful representation of an Institution "founded on the purest principles of piety and virtue." The speaker was referring to the charges which were then, as now, unjustly brought against us, and he proceeds—"Disloyal! Why at the very moment when Professor Robinson published his book, who were the heads of our Order; The chivalrous Earl of Moira, George, Prince of Wales, and Edward, Duke of Kent! Disloyal! Was not George the Fourth our Grand Master! Was not William the Fourth our brother and patron! Our last Grand Master was a Royal Duke! The Duke of York was one of our brotherhood. The King of Hanover is a Freemason. Would all these Princes have belonged to a disloyal society! Are we conspirators to overthrow settled institutions? Who is the present head of the army? The Duke of Wellington!—aye, the Duke of Wellington is a Freemason! Are we irreligious? The Archbishop of Canterbury, the Primate of all England, is a Freemason, and was once Master of Bristol lodge!" And these words, as they then were, in their bold enunciation of the truth, can at the present time be supplemented by many other royal and notable names, as witnesses to the loyalty to Throne and State, and the freedom from irreligion, nay more, the actual tendency to religious feeling which prevails in the working of our Lodges. Latterly the Romish Church, apparently afraid of the gigantic strides which Freemasonry has been making, and jealous of the wholesome teachings which it inculcates in its assemblies, has been by no means unsparing in its misrepresentation and attempts at coercion. Witness the uncalculated refusal of Mr. Cuffe to perform the burial service over the remains of a Member of our fraternity, and the scandalous and wholesale vilification of the *Westminster Review*. And now that by a blow in the dark, as it were, our head has been taken from us, it behoves us to consider what we should do. Shall we tamely submit to the aspersions of our foes, and quietly endure their slander and evil speaking? No! However much we grieve for what appears to us as the defection of the highest member of our Craft, it is our duty by earnest perseverance in our lawful work and steadfast adherence to the principles of our Order to refute the utterance of calumny, to "put to silence the ignorance of foolish men," and to prove to the world that Freemasons are loyal, honourable, and generous, and practise those sublime precepts which in other words they profess:—"Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the King."

H. M. G.

[We publish this as we have received it, wishing to allow all free discussion within certain limits.—Ed.]

Original Correspondence.

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

THE ROYAL VISIT TO PLYMOUTH.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have recently had my attention drawn to various articles and letters in the *Freemason* on the unfortunate exclusion from the Masonic procession of the non-commissioned officer brethren, on the occasion of the Royal visit to Plymouth last month:—

The two questions to be answered you say are: 1st. Who laid down as a regulation that our soldier brethren must appear in black coats, &c? 2nd. Was there any military prohibition of our soldier brethren marching in the procession?

In answer to the first of these questions, I should say no one laid down such a regulation. The committee numbered amongst its members more than one who knew full well the value to Masonry of these intellectual and highly disciplined brethren, the N.-C. officers of the army, and the regulations laid down by the committee to establish—wisely enough I think—a uniformity in the dress, were intended to apply to the civilian brethren alone, for it was well known by the committee, some of whom had been for many years connected with the service, that whilst to general officers commanding discretion is given by the Queen's regulations, to permit officers to wear plain clothes, no such discretionary power is given to extend the indulgence to N.-C. officers or men.

The custom of the service requires that soldiers shall appear in the public streets properly dressed in their uniforms. Your correspondent P.G.D. is quite right; it would be a military offence for an officer, N. C. officer, or private soldier to appear in a procession, with Masonic regalia worn over his uniform, unless previous permission had been obtained for his so appearing. Such permission has been accorded to the military on former occasions, and the committee had no doubt that the same indulgence would have been extended on the occasion referred to.

They universally regretted the absence of their military brethren.

Very fraternally yours,

J. ELLIOTT, Colonel,
P.P.G.H. & P.S.G.W. Devon.

Stonehouse, Devon, 9th September, 1874.

[Since the above was in type, we have received another and explanatory letter from Bro. Col. Elliott, of the letter we have just given, which we will print next week, as we have no spare space for it, unfortunately, this week, our columns being much crowded, and many communications having to stand over.—Ed.]

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Whatever may have been the alleged cause of the non-appearance of the military brethren at the recent Masonic public procession at Plymouth. I cannot help thinking that some of your correspondents on the subject have not viewed the matter quite in its right light.

The Queen's Regulations and Orders for the Army used to contain a paragraph forbidding officers and soldiers from belonging to secret societies. This has now disappeared, but in the present edition (31st Dec., 1873) you will find the following—"Soldiers are not to be permitted to go beyond the precincts of their barracks unless properly dressed." A Masonic apron, or collar, or badge, or jewel, is nowhere laid down as a part of their dress.

It appears that the Committee required the brethren to "take part in the procession," clothed according to the usual custom, this I take it was intended to refer not only to what is generally known amongst us as "Masonic Clothing," but also to the remaining portion of the usual proper attire of a Mason, when attending Masonic duty, black and white.

A man properly appearing in uniform and also wearing Masonic badges, is an anomaly, the combination of the two dresses involves a combination of two separate and distinct capacities. They are not Masons because they are soldiers, nor are they soldiers because they are Masons, and it is not in accordance with the fitness of things that the brethren should appear in public dressed as soldiers.

We feel quite sure that there has been no intention on the part of Bro. Hughan or the Committee to snub the Military Brethren, and I trust that the latter, on thinking over the matter, will see that as soldiers they could not have joined the procession, except in a manner not permitted by the regulations of the service, viz., in civilians' clothes, and I feel sure too that His Royal Highness's disappointment at their absence would give place to an unqualified approval of their conduct, on learning that their absence was caused by their disinclination to infringe the Queen's Regulations.

I have attended lodges in uniform with Masonic clothing superadded, but I should feel it wrong to appear in public in the combined uniforms, greatly as I honour both. My own experience tends to prove that instead of soldiers being looked down upon by the civilian brethren, they are everywhere regarded with the highest esteem, and civilians may in most cases learn a lesson from the simple, earnest, careful, and straightforward business-like manner in which our soldier brethren go about their work as Masons.

Yours fraternally,

C.B.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Supplementing "Leo's" letter in the *Freemason* of the 5th inst., I beg to say I have now before me the programmes of two Devon Provincial Grand Lodge meetings held at Barnstable on the 13th May, 1840, and 14th June, 1848, in each of which there is a foot-note to the "Order of Procession," in the following words—"The Brethren will be expected to appear in proper clothing, and to wear white gloves. Naval and Military Officers are requested to appear in their uniforms, and the Clergy in their gowns, with the hood appertaining to their Academic Degrees."

Clearly then, at the dates given, our Soldier Freemasons were not prohibited from appearing in Masonic processions by the "Queen's Regulations," or by the manifesto of either the Commander-in-Chief, or the General in command of the Western Counties. We are glad to observe from "Leo's" letter that no fault, with reference to the grievance, is attributable to the Committee of Management of the late magnificent gathering, but from whatever source the prohibition may have come (and we trust the source will be clearly traced), we are quite sure that all civilian masons must, and do, most sincerely sympathise with their military brethren in the harsh and unmerited treatment to which they have been subjected, and in the bitter disappointment they have been called upon to suffer.

Yours fraternally,

A DEVONSHIRE MASON

LODGE MINUTE BOOKS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

I enclose verbatim copy of a circular issued by the Prov. G. Secretary of West Lancashire. Will you kindly inform me if there is any power on the part of the Prov. G.M. to compel the W.M. of a lodge in his province, to send the minutes to a certain address, where they are to be retained for a week or more, much to the dissatisfaction of the lodge?

Yours fraternally,

AN OLD P.M.

"To the W.M. of Lodge No.—

"Worshipful Sir and Brother,—

"You are requested by the R.W.P.G.M. to send the Minute Book of your lodge by the 28th day of September next, securely packed and sealed, to the Masonic Hall, 22, Hope-street,

Liverpool, (addressed to me), for examination by the R.W.P.G.M., and his examining officers. When the examination has taken place, and the books signed by the R.W.P.G.M., they will be returned at the Prov. Grand Lodge, on the 7th October, for which purpose it will be necessary for you to attend and receive back your Minute Book, or send some brother authorised to receive it.

"I remain yours fraternally,

"H. S. ALPASS,

"Prov. Grand Secretary.

"331, Park-road, August 25th, 1874."

[We are of opinion that the W.M. and lodge are bound to produce the Minute Book, &c., on the requisition of the P.G.M., at the place and special time stated, but the Book of Constitutions does not provide for such property being left. The W.M. has full power to take them away again, as they are the private property of the lodge.—ED.]

SECRECY OF FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

You say in your leader of 5th inst., "that Freemasonry is, and professes to be, a 'secret society,' is a fact which, 'nobody can deny.'" Now, with all due respect, I do deny it. We as Freemasons are not a secret society. It is quite true we have secret words and signs, known only to the initiated, but that does not make us a secret society—and I have always maintained it—I have said, and I repeat, that any just and upright man properly introduced and vouched for as a respectable man, will be received in any lodge in England, without enquiry as to his religious or political opinions. How then can this be called joining a secret society? I see that you propose to refer to the subject again "at some convenient season." When you do so, pray do not call Freemasons a secret society.

Yours fraternally,

MAGNUS OHREN,
P.M. and P.Z.

OUR LATE GRAND MASTER.

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Providing the Most Hon. the Marquis of Ripon does not communicate with those lodges of which he is honorary member, what course are those lodges to take. I am a member of a lodge of which he is honorary member; and perhaps you can inform me what to do under the peculiar circumstances.

By giving your opinion, or ventilating the subject in the *Freemason* you will oblige,
Yours faithfully and fraternally.

W.M.

[Probably, Lord Ripon will formally withdraw from all his Masonic obligations, till then it is clearly premature to take any steps in the matter of an honorary membership.—ED.]

Cultum in Parbo, or Masonic Notes and Queries.

RABBINICAL LITERATURE.

I have been expecting a further communication from the indefatigable Masonic student, Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C., &c., and delayed thanking him for his interesting communication in the *Freemason* of August 22nd, in the hope that he would discover some more particulars respecting "Rabbinical Literature."

1. I remember most distinctly seeing in a work—Dr. Mackay's *Magnum Opus* I think (*Encyclopædia of Masonry*), that some English translations of the Talmud appeared in 1711, and one portion alluded to the "*Hiram Abiff* Legend."

I have searched without success so far for the paragraph, but will try again.

2. The information respecting Dr. Plot's Staffordshire, 1686, and 1st edition of Bro. Elias

Ashmole's life, agrees my own researches, and I am glad to find Bro. Woodford confirms our previous statements as to the dates.

3. The "Masonic Notes and Queries" ought to be a well used department by the Craft.

WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

THE NEW PORCH OF SWANSCOMBE CHURCH.

By the courtesy of Bro. Magnus Ohren we are enabled to give the following detailed account of the proceedings:—

A very interesting ceremony took place at Swanscombe, Kent, on Saturday last, when the memorial stone of the New Porch, which is being built by the "Erasmus Wilson" Lodge of Freemasons, was laid with full Masonic honours by their Worshipful Master. The circumstances attending the gathering were altogether exceptional, and attracted a large number of distinguished Masons and visitors, amongst whom was noticed Prince Rhodocanakis, Grand Master of Greece; the Provincial Grand Secretary; the Provincial Grand Superintendent of Works; and other Past Provincial Grand Officers. The Provincial Grand Master of Kent (Viscount Holmesdale), and his Deputy, W. Bro. Eastes, were unavoidably absent. The brethren assembled in their lodge room, at the Pier Hotel, at one o'clock, and then adjourned to Swanscombe, and having formed procession in the Rectory Grounds, proceeded to attend Divine Service at the Parish Church in the following order:—

The Tyler with drawn sword.

Brethren not members of any lodge in the County of Kent, two and two.

Brethren of Kentish Lodges, two and two.
Brethren of the Erasmus Wilson Lodge, two and two.

The Choral Director, Bro. Buckham,

The Architect with the Plans, Bro. Biguell,
Cornucopia with Corn and Vessel with Coins,

—Bro. Treasurer

Two Ewers with Wine and Oil,—The Deacons.

The Malle; and Trowel,—The Secretary.

The Junior Warden, with Column and Plumb Rule

The Senior Warden, with Column and Level

The Chaplain bearing the Volume of the Sacred

Law on a velvet cushion.

Provincial Secretary of Kent.

The Worshipful Master, Erasmus Wilson, with

the Square,

Past Masters.

Service at the church by the Rector, the Rev. T.

H. Candy, B.D., consisted of the usual evening

service, to which was added two beautiful de-

dicatory prayers. The first lesson, 1 Kings, viii.

22 to 53 verse, was read by Bro. the Rev. C. A.

James, M.A., of Stone, and the second lesson,

Heb. vi. by the Rev. T. Blackburn, B.A., of

Greenhithe. Two more appropriate chapters it

would have been difficult to find in the whole of

the sacred volume.

During the laying of the stone by the W.M. the

following Hymn was sung:—

Here, Great God, to-day we offer

Of Thine own to Thee;

And for Thine acceptance proffer,

All unworthy

Hearts and minds and hands and voices,

In our choicest Melody.

Yea, we know Thy Love rejoices

O'er each work of Thine

Thou didst ears and hands and voices

For Thy praise combine,

Craftman's art and music's measure

For Thy pleasure didst design.

Honour, glory, might and merit,

Thine shall ever be;

Father, Son and Holy Spirit

Blessed Trinity!

Of the best that Thou hast given,

Earth and Heaven render Thee!

Amen.

The stone being lowered with three distinct

stops, the W.M. standing on the East of the

stone bearing the Square, H.I.H. Prince Rhodo-

canakis, the Grand Master of Greece, on his right

hand. The Wardens went to the level, and

with them the Level.

The W.M. having proved the stone by the Mallet, Trowel and Square, the Wardens by the Level and Plumb Rule, it was pronounced all laid, the Deacons presented the Ewers containing the wine and oil to the W.M., which were poured out conformably to Ancient custom.

The Chaplain then offered a prayer and pronounced the Benediction, the proceedings being closed with the following Hymn:—

Praise to Thee, O! Master—Builder,
Maker of the Earth and Skies,
Praise to Thee, in whom Thy Temple,
Fity framed, together lies;
Praise to Thee, Eternal Spirit;
Binding all their lives in one,
Till our earthly praise be ended
And the eternal Song begun. Amen.

The ceremony being concluded the Worshipful Master addressed a few remarks full of deep feeling and congratulation to the Rector on the restoration of the Church. He expressed a hope that around its Altar an ever increasing throng of worshippers would assemble to sing praises to God whom they had that day delighted to honour with their work. He hoped that love, peace, and harmony would continue to tempt all who were engaged in carrying on the work in the Church. The work for which they assembled that day had given them all great assurance, and in the name of the Brethren of Erasmus Wilson Lodge, he bade him an affectionate farewell.

The Rector (who seemed highly gratified) gratefully acknowledged the kindness of the W.M. and Brethren of the Erasmus Wilson Lodge in undertaking the work they had brought to such a happy conclusion that day.

A photograph of the members of the lodge was then taken by Messrs. Watkins and Haigh, 113, Regent-street, London.

The brethren and visitors, accompanied by the ladies, then repaired to the marquee in the story grounds, where luncheon was served by Messrs. Wingrove, of the Pier Hotel, Greenhithe; the brethren afterwards returning to Greenhithe to close the lodge.

The stone bore the following inscription:—
This stone was laid and the Porch rebuilt, 1874, by the brethren of the Erasmus Wilson Lodge, Freemasons, No. 1464, as a tribute of affection to their First Master, Erasmus Wilson, Esq.

The mallet used in laying the stone was kindly lent for the occasion by the Lodge of St. Andrew, and was the one given to Sir Christopher Wren by Charles the Second, having been used by his Majesty on the occasion of his laying the foundation stone of St. Paul's Cathedral, London. A silver trowel was presented to the retiring Master, on which was engraved the following inscription:—

Presented to Professor Erasmus Wilson, Esq., First Master of the Erasmus Wilson Lodge, No. 1464, by the brethren of the Erasmus Wilson Lodge, on the occasion of his laying the foundation stone in the Porch of Swanscombe Church, Kent, Saturday, August 29th, 1874. The stone being lowered to its resting place, a bottle was placed underneath it, containing the following mementoes:—
A silver coin of the current year; a silver coin of the current year; a copy of the "Times"; a copy of the "Greenhithe Magazine"; a piece of vellum, on which was inscribed the particulars relative to the laying of the foundation stone; and a list of the brethren of the Erasmus Wilson Lodge who assisted at the ceremony. The erection of the Porch, as well as the restoration of the church, is being carried out in the direction of Bro. Jabez Bignell, architect, who presented to Erasmus Wilson, on the occasion of the laying of the stone, a beautiful perspective of the new Porch.

The arrangements for carrying out the ceremony were entrusted to Bro. F. C. W. Atkinson, Treasurer, and Bro. A. Keep, Hon. Sec. The lodge whose efforts were most successful, whose services will long be remembered with gratitude, not only by the brethren of their lodge, but by all who were present and shared the benefit of their labours.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SOMERSET.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Somerset, on visit to Lodges Nos. 41, 53, and 379, was held in Bath, on the 4th inst. The brethren assembled at the Freemasons' Hall, Old Orchard-street, at noon, and transacted the business of the meeting. The following is a list of the officers appointed:—
P.G.S.W., Bro. Lieutenant-General H. E. Doherty, P.M. 53 and W.M. 503; P.G.J.W., C. E. Davis, P.M. 379; P. G. Chaplain, Shackleton, J.W. 437; P.G. Chaplain, Mules, W.M. 1197; P.G. Treasurer, E. T. Bayne, P.M. 53; P.G.R., J. B. Colthurst, P.M. 437; P.G. Secretary, R. C. Else, P.M. 291; P.G.S.D., Carey, P.M. 41; P.G.J.D., J. B. Milborne, P.M. 325; P.G.S. Works, J. A. Bright, P.M. 772; P.G.D. Cer., G. Rugg, P.M. 914; Assist. do. J. H. Holloway, P.M. 446; P.G.S.B., J. S. Cottrell, P.M. 285; P.G.S. W. Drayton, P.M. 446; P.G.P. H. Leaker, P.M. 906; Assist. do. B. Cox, P.M. 1222; P.G. Tyler, Woodward, 291; Assist. do., R. Carter, 653; P.G.S. Samuel Dyer, 261; Pitt, 53; Colonel England, 53; G. Faulkner, 41; and Clark, 41.

At the conclusion of the business, the brethren repaired to the Assembly Rooms, where they partook of dinner, which was supplied by Messrs. Fortt and Son. A numerous company of brethren was present.

The Earl of Carnarvon, R.W.P.G.M., presided, and was supported, amongst others, by Captain Bridges, V.W.D.P.G.M.; the Rev. W. Shackleton P.G.C.; Bros. the Rev. M. J. S. Mules, P.G.C., C. Hutton Gregory (of London), P.G., Lieut.-General Doherty, P.G.S.W., C. E. Davis, P.G.J.W.; J. D. Colthurst, P.G.R.; E. T. Payne, P.G. Treasurer; R. C. Else, P.G. Secretary; R. Carey, P.G.S.D.; J. D. Milborn, P.G.J.D.; J. R. Rugg, P.G.S. Works; Major Vaughan Jenkins, P.M.; J. V. Cottrell, P.G.S.B.; D. Bright, P.G.D.C.; H. Leaker, P.G.P.; B. Cox, P.G.A.P.; G. Help, P.M. 53; Major Preston, W.M. 41; E. E. Phillips, W.M. 379; F. Binckes, P.G.S.; John Rubie, P.P.G.J.W.; R. D. Commins, P.P.G.R.W.; T. Wilton, P.P.G.J.W.; T. P. Ashley, P.P.G.J.W.; C. W. Oliver, P.P.G.J.W.; W. Smith, P.P.J.D.; Herniman, P.P.G.S.W.; J. F. Inskip, P.P.G.J.W.; J. Heame, W.M.; A. E. Bailey, P.M.; E. Down, W.M.; J. P. Estridge, F. R. Prieaux, P.G. Secretary, W. Hodges, P.G.D.C., &c., &c. Letters apologising for not being present were received from Bro. Earl Methuen, Bros. Goldney (Chippenham), the Rev. C. R. Davy, D. Bush, W. W. Beach, and many others.

At the conclusion of the meal, the noble Chairman proposed the toasts of "The Queen and Craft," and "H.R.H. Prince of Wales, K.G., P.G.M. of England."

The Right Hon. Lord Carnarvon said that he found himself for the first time in great difficulty in proposing the toast of the "Grand Master of England," as there was no Grand Master at present in existence. All the brethren had no doubt heard that the Marquis of Ripon had tendered his resignation as the M.W. Grand Master of England on Wednesday last, and that resignation had been accepted. He greatly regretted the fact of that resignation, but he thought it was not for the Grand Lodge or any other body of Masons to inquire into the resignation which Lord Ripon had thought fit to specify, but whilst regretting so unusual a course, which he believed to be so unusual as to be unprecedented in the annals of Masonry; yet, extraordinary as the present state of affairs is, he believed that whatever powers existed and whatever functions had to be performed, they all devolved upon him. But whilst those functions continued to exist he was glad to say that although there existed no Grand Master of England there was a past Grand Master, in the person of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, than whom no one had taken a more lively interest in Masonry. He had therefore undertaken to convey to H.R.H. the desire of the members of the Grand Lodge that he should entertain their request to assume those powers which now devolved upon him. It would be for his Royal Highness to exercise his own discretion; but it

was a duty as agreeable to himself as he felt it was consonant with the wishes of the whole Craft, whether in London or in the country, that his Royal Highness should be requested to assume the duties.

General Doherty then gave the toasts of "The R.W.D. Grand Master of England, the Earl of Carnarvon, and the rest of the Grand Officers, past and present," and "The R.W.P.G.M. of Somerset, the Earl of Carnarvon." The toast was received with due Masonic honours.

The healths of "The V.W.D.P.G.M. of Somerset, Captain H. Bridges, and the rest of the P.G. Officers, past and present," and "The Visiting Brethren," were both proposed by Earl Carnarvon, and duly acknowledged. The Earl Carnarvon then vacated the chair, having to leave the city, and in the absence of D.C.D., Bro. General Doherty took the chair. Bro. Binckes (of London) acknowledged the toast of "The Masonic Charities." The other toasts were "The W.M.'s, Wardens, and Brethren of the Bath Lodges, Nos. 41, 53, and 379," "The W.M.'s, Wardens, and Brethren of the other Lodges in the Province," "The Stewards," "The Secretary," and finally "The Tyler's Toast." The whole of the arrangements were entrusted to the following gentlemen on behalf of the three Bath lodges:—J. W. Preston, W.M.; T. Wilton, P.P.G.J.W.; J. Rubie, P.P.G.J.W.; R. Carey, P.M.; George Helps, W.M.; R. D. Commins, P.P.G.S.W.; J. M. Shum, P.P.G.S.W.; H. E. Doherty, P.P.S.G.D.; C. Phillips, W.M.; C. E. Davis, P.M.; H. Gore, S.W.; and H. C. Hopkins.

CONSECRATION OF ST. ELETH LODGE (No. 1488) AT AMLWCH.

It will be gratifying to the Masonic Fraternity at home and abroad, to find that the tenets and principles of the Craft are so rapidly extending, and that the number of lodges, and the members of those lodges, continue steadily to increase. We record, with much pleasure, the opening of a new lodge in a somewhat remote corner of the Island of Anglesey. This forms the third in the county, of which its scattered population numbers less than 60,000. It had been announced by circular and otherwise that the R.W. Bro. Sir Watkin Williams Wynne, Bart., M.P., P.G.M., would inaugurate and consecrate a Masonic Lodge at Amlwch, to be called "The Saint Eleth, No. 1488," on Thursday, the third day of September, 1874. In the warrant obtained from the Grand Lodge of London, the following names appear, Bros. R. T. Philips, W.M. Designate; B. Roose, S.W. Designate; H. Hills, J.W. Designate. Every possible preparation had been made for the auspicious event, and the weather, which was beautiful and bright, seemed to conspire with all other contingencies in making the day joyous and happy. A number of Masons, and a crowd of non-Masons were waiting, with considerable anxiety, the arrival of the two o'clock train, by which the R.W.P.G.M. and other distinguished brethren were to come. It came at last. The Provincial Grand Officers, and a goodly number of the brethren, proceeded forthwith to the Castle Hotel, where the lodge is to be held. In due time the Consecrating Officer, Bro. Dr. Goldsborough, took the chair, appointed S. and J.W.'s pro. tem., and opened the lodge in the three degrees.

After preliminary arrangements the R.W.P.G.M. Master and P.G. Officers having entered, Sir Watkin opened the Provincial Grand Lodge, and the beautiful and impressive ceremony of consecration was proceeded with in a most solemn and effective manner. It was enlivened by music, consisting of a voluntary, Ps. cxxxiii. (St. Stephen's), a number of suitable responses, and an anthem, prior to installation and investment of W.M. and officers, Bro. Thomas, of Bangor, ably presiding at the harmonium.

The R.W.P.G.M. having closed the Provincial Grand Lodge, the following brethren were by unanimous consent installed to preside over the destiny of the newly-opened Lodge St. Eleth, No. 1488.—Bros. R. T. Philips, S.W. 1113, J.W. 755, and W.M. 1488; B. Roose, J.D. 1113, and S.W. 1488; Charles H. Hills, I.G.

1113, and J.W. 1488; James Treweek, 1113, 957, Sec. 1488; E. M. Jones, 597, and S.D. 1488; Charles S. Dyer, 597, and J.D. 1488; Rev. Henry Lloyd, 1113, and Chaplain 1488; John Hughes, 1113, and I.G. 1488; Thomas Richard, 1113, and Steward 1488; Thomas F. Evans, Treas. 1488.

The presiding, or consecrating Bro., Dr. Goldsborough, shone as much in this as in the former part, and after all charges, and other details had been gone through, the Craft Lodge was closed in due form.

The brethren then formed into procession, in full regalia, and in the usual Masonic fashion, from the lodge room to the Dinorben Arms, 53 in number. Their respective names, not including those already mentioned in connection with the new lodge are herein subjoined.—Bros. Sir. W. W. Wynn, Bart., M.P., P.G. 17, R.W.P.G.M. of North Wales and Shropshire; Dr. W. G. Goldsborough, P.M. 202, 998, P. Prov. G.S.W. of North Wales and Shropshire, and P.M. of 1113, 1143, &c.; Wm. Bulkeley Hughes, M.P., P. Prov. G.S.W., and W.M. St. Tudno, 775; Charles Hunker, P.G.M.G. Aberdeenshire East, and P.G.W. of Greece; Charles Dutton, P.S.G.W. Cheshire; T. C. Roden, P.M. 43, 482, 606, and 755, P. Prov. S.G.W. Warwick; John Peters, P.G.S.D., P.M. and Treasurer 597, Comp. 241; J. B. Hyde, P.G. Tyler; J. B. Boucher, W.M. 117; W. L. Banks, W.M. Eastern Division; Thomas Hathaway, P.G.S.; George L. Woodley, P.G.S.W.; J. Lloyd Griffith, P.M., Sec. 597, 1113; John K. Elias, 1113; Dr. Wynne Williams, I.G. 384; John Mason Hadden, I.G. 755; William Jarvis, I.G. St. David's, 384; R. Rowlands, S.D. 384; Watson Robinson, W.M. 384; D. Cameron, 384; William Pritchard, 384; A. F. Snelson, St. Cybi, S.D. 597; John Ellis, W.M. 597; J. Phillips, 597; William Jones, 597; Owen R. Ellis, J.W. pro. tem. 597; O. W. Jones, B.A., S.W. and Chaplain 597; A. Jones Brereton, S.W. 1477; Alfred E. J. Watson, St. Tudno 755; W. S. Penny, S.D. 755; T. R. Peel, St. David's, Sec. 1147; David R. Davies, 1264; John R. Wilson, 1182; John H. Wilson, 1182; R. H. Williams, Anglesey, P.M. and Chaplain 1113; A. Walker, St. Oswald, 1124; James Neven, Segontium, 606; J. H. Warrington, Anglesey, 1113; Wm. Evans, P.M. 1113; Rev. T. Lloyd Kyffin, J.W. 1113; Salmon, M.M.; Sir Watkin, 1477.

The procession was watched by a numerous concourse of spectators, to whom it would seem the chief source of attraction was "Sir Watkin," who, we may state, never appeared more princely in his life. The dinner was provided by the Misses Hughes, and could hardly be surpassed in any respect. The tables were literally groaning under their heavy burden of delicacies, in quantity abundant, in quality excellent, and extremely well prepared. The blessing having been asked by the Rev. O. W. Jones, B.A., Chaplain 597, there was a general set to, each one vying with his neighbour in the enjoyment of the several dishes.

Dessert being well-nigh over, and the Prov. Grand Officers and others having to depart by the 7 p.m. train, Sir Watkin, who presided, commenced with the usual Masonic toasts as follows—

After a brief address, "The Queen and the Craft," response, "God Save the Queen," lustily sung. "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales," heir-apparent to the Crown, &c., responded to with Masonic honours. "God Bless the Prince of Wales," sung with remarkable spirit.

The "Grand Lodge of England," coupled with the G.M. of the Masonic fraternity in this country. The R.W.P.G.M. expressed his deepest regret, that, owing to some reasons of which he did not venture, as yet, to express an opinion, that distinguished nobleman had resigned the office he so honourably held for a number of years. He had been faithful in the execution of his Masonic duties, and unquestionably had done much good as regards individual cases of charity, and the Order in general. He (Sir Watkin) trusted that good fellowship, charity, and the other virtues inculcated by the Craft

had not been disturbed by his somewhat sudden and unexpected resignation. At present, H.R. Highness the Prince of Wales was nominally acting in that high capacity. He, however, had great pleasure in proposing as a toast, the health of Lord Ripon, Lord Carnarvon, and prosperity to the Grand Lodge of England, responded to Masonically.

Bro. Bulkeley Hughes, M.P., P.P.G.S. &c. then rose to propose the health of Sir Watkin. He highly eulogised his career throughout, as a Christian and as a Mason; always overflowing with those excellent virtues commended and binding upon every individual member of the brotherhood. It did not matter in what circle his noble friend and brother turned, he always added grace, dignity, and lustre to it. He was verily a Prince in Wales. He (Bro. W. B. Hughes) hoped the brethren would all unite in drinking his jolly good health, and he trusted that his valuable life would be long spared to him, and that they should see another Sir Watkin, in time to come, occupying the same prominent position, which he held now.

"Can Sir Watkin?" by Bro. Cletter Jones.

Sir Watkin in responding, observed that he had visited most parts of North Wales, and hoped this would not be his last visit to Amlwch. After expressing his gratification at the reception he had received from the brethren, and his heartfelt joy at the progress Masonry was making in this province, as well as in other places—new lodges multiplying—old lodges flourishing, &c., &c. He proposed the health of Provincial G. Officers, coupling with the toast Bro. W. B. Hughes, M.P., &c.

Bro. B. Hughes delivered a very telling and appropriate response. His reasons for coming to Amlwch on this occasion and embracing membership in so many lodges, were to do good to his fellow men, to elevate his fellow creatures to a standard, if possible, of every moral and social virtue. He was, like his worthy and noble friend, proud to see so many new lodges coming into existence. They could never, in his opinion, become too numerous. He would like to see a lodge in every parish, if it were possible, as the pure principles of Masonry could not possibly be too widely disseminated; there was but one grand object in view, and if all the brethren worked together, and pulled together, that could be achieved.

"The prosperity of the Lodge of St. Eleth, coupled with the W.M., Bro. R. T. Phillips and Officers." After a few congratulatory expressions, it was announced that time, tide, and the train, "would wait for no one."

The W.M. responded in brief, but very suitable terms, and before resuming his seat, proposed the health of Lady Wynne, which was received with enthusiasm. Sir Watkin responded in behalf of his lady.

The next toast, proposed from the chair, was "The R.W.P.G.M. of East Aberdeenshire, and P.G.W. of Greece, Bro. Charles Hunker." Sir Watkin thanked him most cordially for his much esteemed presence at the first gathering of the St. Eleth Lodge. Toast drank with Masonic honours.

This celebrated gentleman responded, thanking the R.W.P.G. Master of North Wales and Shropshire, and the brethren all, for the great kindness they had shown him. He was glad to find a Masonic lodge founded, and established, he hoped, at Amlwch; and sincerely trusted it would prosper.

This brought the chief Masonic toasts to a close, as it was well-nigh train-time. Sir Watkin was escorted to the station by the brethren, a great crowd following in the wake.

The few who returned to the banquet room, spent a couple of very pleasant hours in social toasts, songs, and recitations,—thanks to the hostesses forming not the least prominent feature of the concluding scene. Bro. Treweek responded in her behalf. This rather lengthy report must come to an end, with the half untold; but from has been already stated, it will easily be understood that this inauguration meeting of the St. Eleth Lodge proved a great success in every respect, and augurs well for its future.

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METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, September 25, 1874.

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

Saturday, September 19.

Red Cross Conclave Villiers, Northumberland Arms Hotel, Isleworth.

Manchester Lodge of Instruction (179), Yorkshire Grey, 77, London-street, Fitzroy-square, at 8; Bro. H. Ash, Preceptor.

Lily Lodge of Instruction (810), Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, Surrey.

Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. G. Dilley, Preceptor.

Monday, September 21.

Lodge 901, City of London, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st.

Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction (1445), Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland, at 7; Bro. T. Austin, Preceptor.

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

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

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

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

British Oak Lodge of Instruction (813), Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.

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

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

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

Metropolitan Mark Lodge of Instruction, Coach and Horses Hotel, 243, Strand, at 8.

Tuesday, September 22.

Audit Committee Girls' School, at 4.

Lodge 186, Industry, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue.

" 255, Harmony, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond.

" 1158, Southern Star, Montpellier Tavern, Walworth.

Yarborough Lodge of Instruction (554), Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8; Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.

Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tavern, Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 8; Bro. Latham, Preceptor.

Faith Lodge of Instruction (141), Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st., (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Preceptor.

Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Lord's Hotel, Lord's Cricket Ground, St. John's-wood, at 8; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction (860), King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. Crawley, Preceptor.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction (65), Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st., Within, at 7.30; Bro. Bolton, W.M. 1217, Preceptor.

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

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

Percy Lodge of Instruction, Grapes Tavern, Little Windmill-street, W.

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

Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30.

Wednesday, September 23.

Lodge of Benevolence, at 6.

Lodge 507, United Pilgrims, Horns Tavern, Kennington.

" 753, Prince Frederick William, Knights of St. John Hotel, St. John's Wood.

" 754, High Cross, Seven Sisters' Tavern, Page-green, Tottenham.

" 1056, Victoria, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.

Chap. 907, Royal Albert, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane.

Red Cross Conclave 15, St. Andrew, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue.

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

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

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.

Peckham Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham, at 8; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor.
 Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar.
 Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, Thicket Hotel, Anerley, at 7.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
 Insbury Park Lodge of Instruction (1288), Finsbury Park Tavern, Seven Sisters-road, N., at 8. Bro. P. Dickinson, Acting Preceptor.
 United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
 Southwark Lodge of Instruction, (879), Southwark Park Tavern, Southwark Park, at 8; Bro. Charles William Kent, Preceptor.
 Albion Lodge of Instruction (975), Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.

Thursday, September 24.

General Committee, Girls' School at 4.
 Neptune Lodge of Instruction, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st. at 6.5.
 Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st. at 7.06.
 William Preston, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.
 1421, Langthorne, Swaa Hotel, Stratford.
 Northumberland Lodge 118, Northumberland.
 Yorkshire Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham Court-road, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 Jolly Anglers' Tavern, Bath-street, City-road; Bro. Stean, Preceptor.
 Three Cranes, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
 Crown Tavern, Holborn, at 8; Bro. Lewis Alexander, P.M. 188, Preceptor.
 Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
 Palmer's, 12, Pensonby-st., Millbank.
 Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.

Friday, September 25.

Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.
 Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 Globe Tavern, Royal-hill, Greenwich.
 Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
 Coach and Horses, Strand, at 8; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.
 Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.
 Victoria Tavern, Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.
 White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., Preceptor.
 The Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. W. F. Rogers, Preceptor.
 Comp. W. West Smith, Preceptor.
 Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Bro. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.
 Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8.
 Antelope Tavern, Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Antelope Tavern, Lorn-road, Brixton, at 7.
 New Tanners' Arms, Grange-road, Bermondsey, at 8; Bro. Howes, P.M., Preceptor.
 Silver Lion, Kenyon-fields, Poplar, at 7; Bro. D. S. Potts, Preceptor.
 Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8.
 Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8; Bro. P. M. Wuest, Preceptor.
 Rose Tavern, Aldham-road, S.W.
 Bull-faced Stag Hotel, Beckhurst-hill, at 8.
 Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.
 Windsor Castle, Victoria Station, at 8 p.m.; H. Ash, P.M., Instructor.
 Approach Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park, at 8; Bro. Geo. Verry, Preceptor.

MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

The Week ending Saturday, September 26, 1874.

Monday, September 21.

Unity, Masonic Hall, Southampton.
 Clifton Arms Hotel, Blackpool.
 Lodge of Instruction (823), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 7.30.
 Tuesday, September 22.
 Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helen's.
 Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston, at 4.
 Fidelity, Bull Hotel, Poulton-le-Fylde.
 Hamer, Clarence Hotel, Everton-road, Liverpool, at 6.

721, Grosvenor, Masonic Rooms, Chester, at 6.30.
 1094, Temple Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
 Mark Lodge, Joppa, Hamilton-square, Birkenhead.
 Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.

Wednesday, September 23.

St. George's, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, at 4.
 86, Loyalty, Assembly Rooms, Prescott, at 6.
 220, Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, near Liverpool, at 3.
 484, Faith, Gerard's Arms Inn, Ashton-le-Willow, at 5.
 580, Harmony, Wheatheaf Inn, Ormskirk, at 5.
 724, Derby, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 758, Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 6.
 1325, Stanley, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool, at 6.
 Chapter 1052, Callender, Public Hall, Russholme.
 St. John's Lodge of Instruction (673), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 8.
 Neptune Lodge of Instruction (1264), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 7.
 De Grey and Ripon Lodge of Instruction (1356), 80, North Hill-street, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 7.30.

Thursday, September 24.

Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
 950, Hesketh, Royal Hotel, Dock-street, Fleetwood.
 1032, Townley Parker, Howard's Arms, Whittle-le-Springs.
 1070, Starkie, Black Horse Hotel, Kirkham.
 1313, Fernor, Masonic Hall, Southport, at 7.
 292, Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
 1086, Walton, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, at 6.
 Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction (1182), 150 Park-lane, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 7.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND VICINITY.

For the week ending Saturday, September 26, 1874. All the Meetings take place at 8 o'clock.

Monday, September 21.

Union, 170, Buchanan-street.
 370, Renfrew Kilwinning, Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Paisley.
 St. Mungo Encampment of Knights Templar, 213, Buchanan-st.

Tuesday, September 22.

Athole, 213, Buchanan-st.
 67, Cathedral, 22, Struthers-street.

Wednesday, September 23.

St. John's, Black Bull Inn, Carlisle.
 505, Burns St. Mary, Harford.
 510, Maryhill, 167, Main-street, Maryhill.
 All the Chapters in the Province meet for the election of Officers for the ensuing year.

Thursday, September 24.

Govan, Portland Hall, Govan.
 547, Stewart, Freemasons' Hall, Market-place, Kilsyth.

Friday, September 25.

St. Bride's, Freemasons' Hall, Douglas.
 153, Royal Arch, Town Hall, Pollokshaws.
 236, St. John's, Firth Inn, Carnwarth.
 347, St. John's, Old Council Hall, Rutherglen.

Saturday, September 26.

St. John's, Black Bull Inn, Kirkinilloch.

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At a meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge, recently held at Landport, it was unanimously resolved that a Committee be appointed for the purpose of raising a fund, to provide a suitable memorial to our late deeply-lamented Bro. Stebbing.

In pursuance of the foregoing resolution, a meeting was held at Southampton, which was largely attended, when the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:—

"That the Lodges and Chapters of the Province and Freemasons generally be solicited to subscribe to a fund, to be appropriated as the Committee shall determine, for the benefit of the Widow of our late lamented Bro. J. R. Stebbing, whose circumstances at the time of his decease render this appeal absolutely necessary."

"That copies of these resolutions be forwarded to each Lodge and Chapter in the Province, inviting their co-operation, as well as that of Brethren and Companions generally, in obtaining subscriptions to the fund."

"That a circular stating the circumstances be also transmitted to all other Lodges and Chapters in England."

The name of the late Bro. J. R. Stebbing is so well known in all Masonic circles that it seems unnecessary to set forth at length his long and valuable services. For many years he was a constant attendant at Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, assisting the interests of the Brethren and Companions. He was Vice-President of the Board of General Purposes in 1861, 1862 and 1863, and also an active member of the Building Committee of the present Freemasons' Hall, London.

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Craft Masonry.

PLYMOUTH.—*Lodge of Fortitude* (No. 105).—The above lodge met on Monday evening, 15th inst., at the Huyshe Masonic Temple, there was a full attendance of the brethren, Bro. Robert B. Twose, W.M., was supplied by the whole of his officers. The lodge opened by the W.M., and the minutes having read and approved, W. Bro. James Stevens, W.M. of Great City Lodge, and a member of the Lodge of Fortitude, being present, by the W.M., occupied the chair of K.S., for the purpose of performing the ceremonies in the first and second degrees. Brother Griffin passed to the degree of F.C., Brother Stevens (the acting W.M.) concluding the immense ceremony by delivering the lengthy oration on geometry peculiar to this portion of the craft working. Mr. John S. Roach, after being duly balloted for and accepted as a member of Freemasonry, was introduced in an appropriate manner and duly initiated into the Order, as proposed by V.W. Bro. S. Jew, and seconded by James Rowe, P.M., Secretary. On the proposition of Brother John Northey, seconded by the Senior Warden, a ballot then took place for Bro. John S. Gray, of Loyalty Lodge, Plymouth, as a joining member; and Bro. Robert B. Twose, W.M., who was in attendance, was admitted. After reading the chair, and on its being resumed by Bro. Robert B. Twose, W.M.; the thanks of the lodge were voted by acclamation to W. Bro. James Stevens for his interesting services on the occasion, in acknowledging which he expressed his pleasure and gratification in having the opportunity to attend the lodge, and the honour which had been accorded to him in being requested to perform the ceremonies. The same were also most cordially passed to V.W. Bro. S. Jew, for the very efficient manner in which he had performed the onerous duties devolved upon him at the recent Masonic demonstration.

He (Bro. Jew) has also taken a very active part in assisting the Deputy Provincial Grand Master in collecting subscriptions for the building of the new wing to the Royal British Orphan Asylum. At the supper, the usual toasts were given, and altogether a most pleasant evening was passed.

PLYMOUTH.—*St. John's Lodge*, (No. 221).—The 15th meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 16th inst., at the Commercial Hotel, at seven o'clock in the evening. There was a very large attendance of members of the lodge, and amongst the visitors was Samuel Walker, of Radcliffe, who had been active Mason for 42 years, and now in receipt of the receipt of an annuity from the Benevolent Institution. The lodge opened promptly at 6 o'clock, every member present, viz., Bro. W. H. J. Jones, Bro. Grime, S.W.; Bro. Rutter, J.W.; and a large array of Past Masters, including G. P. Brockbank, P. Prov. S.G.D., and Bro. Entwisle, P. Prov. Superintendent of

Works, and Bro. J. W. Taylor, Prov. G. Organist. The lodge having been opened, and ordinary business transacted, proceeded to the third degree, when Bros. Aldred and Stead were raised to the degree of Master Mason by Bro. Entwisle, the concluding portion of the ceremony being very effectively rendered by Bro. Thomas Mitchell, an old Past Master of the lodge. At the proceedings subsequent to the banquet, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, and in reply to the "Masonic Charities," Bro. Brockbank announced that he had now twenty members in that lodge who had become life subscribers or governors to one or more of these institutions, and that he had succeeded in obtaining the services of one brother in the lodge to serve as Steward for each of the charities for 1875, viz., Bro. Rutter for the Benevolent Institution, Bro. Green for the Boys' School, and Bro. Entwisle for the Girls' School. The pleasure of the brethren was greatly enhanced by the musical treat given by many of the number who, under the able guidance of Bro. Taylor, Director of Ceremonies, and Bro. Staton, Organist, contributed materially to the enjoyment of a very pleasant and happy re-union.

PARNMURE LODGE (No. 720).—This lodge met for its duties at the Balham Hotel, Balham, on Monday evening last, when there were present, Bro. Henry Payne, W.M.; C. Pulman, S.W.; W. Withall, S.W.; G. Lilley, Treasurer; Henry F. Huntley, P.M., Secretary; D. Trusler, S.D.; Thomas Poore, P.M.; James Stevens, P.M. and W.M. 1426; B. Richardson, Smith, C. P. McKay, W. Cole, T. Kirtland, T. Broadbridge, T. E. Biddlecome, and Dr. Moore. The following visitors also attended:—W. Steedman, 754, F.M.; Geo. Mead, 1328, W.M.; and E. A. Frances, 4. The minutes of the last lodge meeting, and of the lodge of emergency, were read and confirmed. Bro. C. P. McKay was passed, having been initiated at the previous meeting. Bros. J. E. Biddlecome and T. Kirtland were raised. A discussion then took place with respect to the arranging of the proposed musical portion of the ceremonies, but the question was adjourned. Two propositions were received for initiation at the next meeting. Among the other Masonic business which came under the consideration of the lodge was the granting of Boys' votes to Bro. Stevens for the son of a late P.M. of the lodge, which was agreed to. There were no toasts nor songs at the banquet, held at the close of the meeting, and the whole of the proceedings terminated at a comparatively early hour.

WALTHAM NEW TOWN.—*King Harold Lodge* (No. 1327) held its monthly meeting on the 15th September, at the Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town. There was a numerous attendance of the brethren. The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Middleton was passed to the second degree. The election of the W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler for the ensuing year then took place. Bro. Charles Lacy, P.M., P.G.J.D. Herts, was elected as W.M. Bro. Barwick, who has filled the office of Treasurer since the foundation of the lodge in 1870, was re-elected. Bro. Steedman was re-elected Tyler. A Past Master's jewel, together with five guineas to purchase a life vote in one of the Masonic charities was voted to Bro. J. K. Young, the W.M., who has, during his year of office, given entire satisfaction, both as regards the management of the lodge, and also the zeal and ability with which he performed the several duties of his office. A Past Master's jewel was voted for Bro. W. C. Barnes, junior, who served the office of W.M. in the King Harold Lodge for ten months in the years 1871-2, and who worked very energetically in the formation of the lodge, but was obliged to resign before serving his full year, in consequence of being about to settle in Canada. The death of Bro. James Martin Austin, proprietor of the Swan and Pike Inn, Enfield Lock, on the 26th ult., was announced to the lodge, and the Secretary was instructed to address a letter of condolence to Mrs. Austin, expressing the regret and sympathy of the King Harold Lodge at her recent sad loss. The business of the meeting was

brought to a close, and the lodge was closed in perfect harmony. The brethren present were Bro. J. K. Young, W.M.; Bro. J. W. H. Evans, S.W.; Bro. W. Gilbert, J.W.; Bro. E. West, P.M.; P.P.G.S.D. Herts; Bro. C. Lacy, P.M., P.G.J.D. Herts, the W.M. elect; Bro. E. Parker, P.M., P.P.G.P. Herts; Bro. James Barwick, Treasurer; Bro. Thos. Reilly, Sec.; Bro. W. Moony, S.D.; Bro. Tydeman, J.D.; Bro. Holmes, I.G.; Bro. Steedman, Tyler; Bro. Calvert, Cole, Cox, Creed, Bull, Eversfield, Fisher, Hodges, Jacobs, Kent, Imrie, Leemsden, Middleton, Malcolm, Noyes, Pritchett, Price, Sheldon, Skinner, Shepherd, Robinson, Soul, and Wyatt.

LEYTONSTONE.—*Beacontree Lodge* (No. 1228).—The last meeting of the season of the above lodge was held in the Masonic Rooms, Red Lion Hotel, Leytonstone, on Monday last, on which occasion Bro. W. Mundy was installed in the chair of K.S. The ceremony was efficiently performed by Bro. Alcock, P.M. of the lodge. Mr. Jas. Gallagher was subsequently initiated into the mysteries of the Order by the newly installed W.M., in a most impressive manner. At the close of the business the brethren adjourned for refreshment, and sat down to an excellent repast, prepared by the host, Bro. Thos. Barford, in the best style. The lodge was honoured by a goodly attendance of visitors, among them Bro. Hervey, Grand Secretary.

IVY LODGE (No. 1441).—The brethren belonging to this youthful and vigorous offshoot of Metropolitan Freemasonry, were summoned to attend to their duties on Tuesday, the 15th inst., at the Windsor Castle Tavern, Southwark Bridge-road, on repairing to which hostelry the brethren were gratified to find that during the recess, the spirited proprietor, Bro. Block, had made some extensive and very much wanted improvements in the lodge accommodation, which is now equal to all which is likely to be demanded for some years to come. The lodge on this occasion was announced for 6.30, and the officers and candidates were particularly requested to be punctual in their attendance, a request, which we regret, was not more rigidly attended to, the consequence being that the W.M. was unable to proceed to the duties of the evening until nearly eight o'clock, and although only the second and third ceremonies were worked, owing to the scrupulous and careful manner in which every candidate receives his various degrees in the Ivy Lodge, it was long after ten o'clock before the lodge was closed, and considerably after eleven before the cold collation which succeeded could possibly be served. We hope some pressure will be put on future candidates to obviate this unseemly delay. We have before now, in these columns, bore cheerful testimony to the excellence of the working of the Ivy Lodge, by Bro. Charles Smith, W.M., and his talented officers. The working of the two degrees this evening was up to the former high standard, being listened to with the greatest interest by many brethren to whom every syllable uttered was as familiar to them as their own names. The ceremonies were beautifully rendered, the various candidates for the third degree, as we have already stated, being separately introduced. Propositions of fresh candidates were made before the lodge was closed. Besides the W.M., there were present Bros. G. Mattock, S.W.; J. J. Cattle, J.W.; E. Thurkle, Treasurer; C. S. Jolly, W.M. 87, Secretary; C. F. Poupard, S.D.; L. Cornelison, J.D.; and many others. Also Bros. J. Ashwell, 22; Laing, P.M.; 45; E. Harris, P.M. and Treasurer, 73; G. Morris, P.M. 73; W. M. Robinson, 87; E. Farwig, 189; W. P. Drew, 749; D. S. Stewart, 1158; C. C. King, 1321; and others.

Knights Templar.

PRESCOT.—*William de la More Encampment*.—A conclave of the Knights of this encampment was held at the New Court House, Prescott, on Thursday, the 17th inst., when there was a good attendance of the members of the conclave. Amongst those present were Sir Knights J. W. J. Fowler, P.E. Preceptor; G. Turner,

P.E. Preceptor; Richard Brown, Prelate; J. K. Smith, Constable; R. Young, Marshall; T. Ashmore, Registrar; J. Wood, Treasurer; P. H. Whittaker, Almoner; H. Nelson, Sub-Marshal. The encampment was opened at five o'clock, and after the minutes had been read and passed, the following candidates were installed members of the Order:—Comps. W. J. Thomson, Robert Corke, Wm. Tyrer, and C. D. Turton. Sir Knight J. K. Smith, was unanimously elected E. Preceptor for the ensuing year, and Sir Knight Wood was also re-elected Treasurer for the ensuing year. After five candidates had been proposed for installation, the encampment was closed, and the Knights sat down to an excellent banquet.

Red Cross of Constantine.

LIVERPOOL.—*Walton Conclave* (No. 97).—The annual assembly of this conclave for the enthronement of M.P. Sovereign and investment of officers, was held on Monday, 14th September, at the usual place of meeting at Kirkdale. The Chivalric Knights mustered at seven o'clock, and the conclave was duly formed. The M.P. Sovereign, Eminent Sir Knight J. C. Lunt, occupied the throne, surrounded and assisted by the following officers:—Em. Sir Knt. Thos. Ashmore, P.S.; Sir Knts. Jesse Banning, Viceroy, Eusebius, M.P.S. elect; Revd. T. W. Richardson, H.P.; Wm. Quayle, Rec., G. E. Hanmer, S.B., M. Williamson, Sentinel. Amongst the visitors were Ill. Sir Knt. J. Kellett Smith, M.D., Deputy Intendant General for West Lancashire; Em. Sir Knt. Thos. Clark, M.P.S. 55; Em. Sir Knt. J. T. Callow, M.P.S. 77; Sir Knts. J. Skeaf, Org. and Rec. 55 and 77; J. McCarthy, J.G. 77; Wm. Cottrell, V.E. 77; H. Jackson, S.G. 77; and others. After some other business, Sir Knight Jesse Banning, who had been elected at the last conclave for the throne of M.P.S. for the ensuing twelve months, as also Rev. Sir Knight T. W. Richardson, the Viceroy Eusebius elect, received the superior grades appertaining to their offices, and were respectively installed in their seats of honour by Ill. Sir Knight J. Kellett Smith, the Deputy Int. Gen. for West Lancashire, assisted by Em. Sir Knight Thos. Ashmore, P.S., and the M.P.S. of the conclaves 55 and 77. The officers for the next twelve months were appointed and invested as follows:—Sir Knts. W. Quayle, S.G.; G. E. Hanmer, J.G.; W. Dwelly, H.P.; J. C. Lunt, P.S., Treasurer; Hayner, Recorder; R. William, Prefect; J. Atherton, Stand. B.; W. H. Beardwood, Herald; M. Williamson, Sentinel. After the receiving hearty good wishes from representatives of Conclaves Nos. 55 and 77, the newly-enthroned M.P.S. directed the conclave to be closed, and the assembled Sir Knights adjourned to the refectory for refreshment.

Scotland.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE, RENFREWSHIRE, EAST.—This body assembled on Saturday, Sept. 19, at Paisley, in the hall of the Renfrew County Kilwinning Lodge No. 370. The lodge was opened at 5 p.m. by Colonel Campbell, of Blythswood. P.G.M.; Oliver McGregor, P.G.S. W.; Caldwell, J.G.W.; J. Jack, P.G.S., and a good attendance of Masters and Wardens of the province. The lodge having been opened in due form, the P.G.M. addressed the brethren, informing them that as he was about to leave Scotland for some time, and was desirous to ensure the good working of the province, and see that the lodges were properly visited as soon as possible after their next election, he had called this special meeting to nominate those officers which, by the constitution, he had the right of appointing, leaving the P.G.L. to elect the others at their next regular meeting. Some of the officers had now been in harness for a long time, and were desirous of being relieved, he had therefore to announce that he had appointed the following brethren to office for the ensuing year:—Henry Lee Harvey, of Castle Temple, as D.P.G.M.; Capt. F. McDonald, R.W.M. 205, as P.G.S. M.; Bro. O. McGregor had long and honourably filled the office of S.W., he would now, as

he had wished be relieved of those onerous duties, place Bro. Caldwell, the present J.W. in the post of P.G.S.W. This would enable him to reward one of the best working Masons in Scotland, one who he was glad had become the Master of a lodge in the province, thus enabling him to give him an office that he knew he would adorn, namely, that of P.G.J.W., (Cheers.) The Chaplain, Bro. Stephens, he re-appointed, and the only other officer he would appoint was the Secretary. They all knew how well Bro. Jackson had filled the office for the last eight years; he could not induce him to retain it, but at a very short notice he had been enabled to find a most efficient successor in the person of Bro. R. L. Henderson, of 370, whom they all knew and respected. These brethren were then installed into office, except the D.P.G.M., who was not present. Arrangements were then made for the visitation of the 14 lodges in the provinces. The bye-laws of the Marie Stuart, 341, and the East Kilbride Lodge, were then passed, and the P.G.M. gave a cheque for £10 to the Benevolent Fund. Bro. Proctor reported that his lodge, by an entertainment they got up, had realised £24 for the widow of the late Chaplain. This being all the business, the P.G.M. favoured the P.G.L. with a highly interesting sketch of the work in which he was about to engage, which necessitated his leaving; this was to join one of the scientific parties sent out to examine and report on the Transit of Venus. He would start on Monday to proceed to Egypt. He then, in a familiar and lucid style, explained the nature of the various modes of observation that would be employed by the different sections of observers sent out by our own and other Governments, the modes of correcting those observations, and dwelt on the good to be derived from those investigations, not only in a purely scientific sense, but also the shipping and commercial interests of the community. The P.G.S.W. moved the thanks of the lodge to the P.G.M. for the very instructive lecture he had given them; they would now read with additional interest the accounts they would from time to time see in the papers, knowing they had their respected P.G.M. out there exploring; seconded by the P.G.J.W. There being nothing further offered for the good of Masonry, the lodge was closed in due and ancient form.

LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE OF THE BARNCLUITH RAILWAY BRIDGE AT HAMILTON.

On Tuesday, September 15th, the ancient Burgh of Hamilton and the adjacent villages presented an animated appearance, it having been announced that the foundation stone of the Barncluith Bridge was to be laid with Masonic honours.

The bridge, when completed, will be a handsome, as well as solid, structure. It has four arches of 72ft. span. The line, although only two and a half miles in length, has presented many engineering difficulties, and will cost no less than £250,000. The bridge is close to the mouth of a tunnel that passes under the Duke of Hamilton's deer forest, and facing Barncluith Terrace, close to the mansion of Lady Ruthven, who, with the *élite* of the ladies of Hamilton and district, were accommodated with seats on a raised platform at the mouth of the tunnel, forming, with the gardens, a picturesque background.

The platform had been erected by Bro. Scott, of Mother Kilwinning, No. 0, the contractor for the whole railway, who defrayed the whole of the expenses of the day's proceedings, including the holiday, with an extra day's pay to the whole of the workmen on the line.

The Masonic ceremonial was under the charge of Lodge Kilwinning Hamilton, No. 7, who met and opened their lodge in their own hall. Lodge Hamilton No. 233, met in Waddle's Hall, while the Provincial Grand Lodge of the Middle Ward of Lanarkshire assembled in Bro. Spalding's Commercial Hotel, from whence each, preceded by a band, proceeded to the Town Hall, where the various lodges from the surrounding towns had assembled.

The procession left the Town Hall at three p.m., in the following order of lodges;—557,

551, 544, 437, 424, 406, 347, 306, 305, 244, 233, 177, 153, 118, 114, 88, 73, 40, 31, 20. Then Mother Kilwinning, No. 0, headed by Bro. Scott, the contractor, and Bro. Tweed, P.J.W., the Provost Baillie, and Town Councillor of Hamilton. The working tools were borne by Bros. Purday, Allen, Scott, and Henderson, of No. 7. The weather, which had been stormy, now cleared up, and when the procession arrived at the bridge, which is about one mile out of the town, the sun shone out as if to bless the undertaking. On reaching the entrance to Barncluith Valley, the ranks opened out for the Provincial Lodge, No. 7, to pass through their midst. Bro. John Clark Forrest, P.G.S.M., then laid the stone with the usual Masonic ceremonial, Bro. Graham, Chaplain of No. 7, offering up the prayer, and the band playing appropriate music. At the conclusion, the cheers from the Masons were loud and hearty, while the labourers gave others—not in the programme—for the Freemasons, and also for Bro. Scott, their employer.

Brother Forrest then said—Ladies and Gentlemen,—I have now the pleasure to declare this stone duly laid—

Deep in the quarries of the stone
Amid vast heaps of other rock,
In darkness hid, to art unknown,
We found this rude and shapeless block.
Now shaped by art, its roughness gone,
And fit this noble work to grace;
We lay it here, a corner-stone,
Chosen and sure, in proper place.
Within this stone there lies concealed
What future ages may disclose,
The sacred truths to us reveal'd
By Him who fell by ruthless foes;
On Him this corner stone we build,
To Him this edifice erect,
And still until this work's fulfill'd,
May heaven the workmen's ways direct.

This is no ordinary occasion. We are assembled to-day for the purpose of laying the corner stone of the Barncluith Bridge—of a splendid work of art—which is in course of erection for the Caledonian Railway Company by that celebrated contractor, Mr. Scott, of Ibrox Holm. Mr. Scott is no apprentice. He is a trustworthy Master Mason, who has had much experience in successfully carrying through many contracts, the following amongst others:—The Busby Railway, Habbies Howe Water Works, Barthead Water Works, Fife and Kinross Railway, Monklands Railway, Peebles and Broughton Railway, Albert Dock, Leith; Graving Dock, Govan; and Douglas and Muirkirk Railway. This structure is the first railway bridge which has ever spanned the River Avon, and it will be the connecting link between Hamilton on the Clydesdale Branch and the main line of the Caledonian Railway. So soon as it is completed and the short line of railway opened from the present Hamilton terminus to Fernegate, we will have direct communication with every place of any consequence in Scotland and England. I dare not venture to attempt a description of all the bridges in this neighbourhood. We have the famous old Roman Bridge at Orbiston, reminding us forcibly of the words of King Solomon—"There is nothing new under the sun." We have the comparatively new and improved one over the River Clyde at Bothwell which took the place of the old "Bothwell Brig" of the times of the Covenanters; but what Scotsman is there who has not indelibly impressed upon his heart a faithful history of these stirring times. Within a short distance we have several across the Avon, which are worthy of notice. The old Hamilton Bridge was erected about the eleventh century, by a body of masons from Lesmahagow, in consequence, it is said, of a monk of that place having been drowned in attempting to ford the river on his return from Hamilton. The masons of Lesmahagow were then skilled beyond others as builders; and it is recorded that they travelled from one district of Scotland to another, and erected many handsome bridges which have long withstood the ravages of time. The present Avon Bridge of the Castle Road dates from 1844. The bridge was erected at Ross in a structure of iron and masonry.

It was renewed a few years ago by the present proprietor, and forms a very beautiful object in the landscape. The new stone bridge at Châtelerault was built by the late Duke of Hamilton to whose memory was erected the temple containing his bust, which now overlooks us, and we need not wonder at its strength and picturesque appearance when we recollect that the late noble Duke was a Master Mason, and that he held the office of Provincial Grand Master of the Middle Ward of the County of Lanark, and that the 10th Duke was Grand Master Mason of Scotland. Ladies and gentlemen, we are standing within a few paces of Cadzow Forest, and quite close to the ruins of the old Castle, celebrated in history as the resting-place of Queen Mary on her way from Lochleven Castle to the disastrous battle field of Langside. I wonder whether any of you regret that you did not live at the time

When princely Hamilton's abode
Ennobled Cadzow's Gothic towers,

When—

The song went round, the goblet flowed,
And revel sped the laughing hours.

These are said to have been good old times; but, ladies and gentlemen, we live in happier days; our lot has been cast under a brighter sun. Who would wish to "call back" the troublous times when

Proudly the chieftain marked his clan,
On greenwood lap, all careless thrown,
Yet missed his eye the boldest man
That bore the name of Hamilton.

I am sure it is the universal wish that the Fernegate Branch will turn out to be a profitable investment to the Caledonian Railway Company. I am certain it will confer great advantages on the general public—be the means of largely increasing the profits of many of our townsmen, and of developing the hidden resources of this immediate neighbourhood. It will be invaluable to the Lesmahagow mineral district, as it will give a shorter route to the present markets in the West of Scotland, and by the aid of the proposed East Kilbride Branch, will open up new markets in that thriving locality. I hope the people of Lesmahagow will be well repaid for the benefits conferred by the building of the Hamilton bridge 700 years ago. I will only add that it is to Mr. Scott and Mr. Best that we are indebted for the very comfortable arrangements, and for the success of this day's proceedings. The whole expense has been borne by Mr. Scott, and I ask you to join with me in wishing that, when this contract is completed, and when he has paid every man his due, he may give a comfortable balance to send to his banker.

Provost Dykes addressed the meeting, thanking the Freemasons for having done him and the Council the honour of inviting them to be present, and congratulating them on the highly satisfactory way in which the whole of the proceedings had been conducted. He also bore testimony to the satisfactory way in which Bro. Scott was executing the work and the peaceable and orderly manner in which the whole of his workmen conducted themselves, giving himself and the rest of the magistrates very little trouble.

Bro. Scott briefly acknowledged the compliment paid to him.

The procession then returned in inverted order to the Town Hall.

The banquet took place in the Masonic Hall, property of No. 7, and about 120 brethren dined on an excellent repast, prepared by Mr. Minto, the viands, wines, and liquors, being all of first-class quality.

Bro. Mackay, as Acting Master of No. 7, presided, having on his right Bros. Scott and Forrest, P.G.S.M., who in a eloquent speech thanked on behalf of the Provincial Grand Lodge.

Bro. D. Mitchell proposed "The Visitors," which was responded to in a humorous speech by Bro. Wm. Forrest, of 31, who feelingly spoke of the presentation he had received the preceding day at Wishaw.

Bro. Scott then presented the handsome silver trowel with which he had laid the stone to Bro. John Clark Forrest, P.G.S.M., who said he would treasure it, and hand it down to his children as an heirloom.

"The Army, Navy, and Reserve Forces," was given in a highly eulogistic speech by Bro. Spalding, S.W., and responded to by Bros. Main and Chaplain.

The Lord of the Manor (the Duke of Hamilton) was proposed by Bro. Best, and enthusiastically received.

Bro. Dr. Robertson, in a neat speech, proposed the Provost, Magistrates, and Town Council." The R.W.M., Bro. Mackay, who is Treasurer of the Board, was called upon to reply, which he did in a brief, but pointed speech.

Bro. Forrest, P.G.S.M., then gave "Bro. W. Scott, the guest of the evening," alluding not only to his good qualities as a Mason, but also to his liberality as an employer, and that exhibited this day, by defraying all the expenses attending the demonstration.

Bro. Scott, who, on rising, was greeted with loud cheers, said he only had to do his duty in that state of life in which he had been placed, and for the sake of the old lodge, Mother Kilwinning, he was glad that his conduct had gained him the approbation of his brother Masons.

"The Caledonian Railway Company" was given by Bro. Nesbet; after which

"The Health of the Acting Master of No. 7, Bro. Mackay," who briefly acknowledged the compliment.

The Tyler's toast concluded a very happy day's proceedings, everything having gone off without the slightest hitch in the programme.

We should mention that Bros. Dr. Robertson, D. Mitchell, D. Wright, W. Dunlop, McCalbin, and Gardner, by their singing, and Bro. Schrider, by presiding at the organ, in the Town Hall, and at the harmonium in the evening, contributed much to the enjoyment of the mental part of the feast.

WISHAW.—PRESENTATION TO BRO. FORREST.

On Monday evening the brethren of "St. Mary's," Coltness (No. 31), met in Bro. Scott's Hall, where they were joined by influential deputations from "St. Clair's," Cambusnethan (427), and "St. John's," Woodhall, Holytown (305). Shortly after seven o'clock the lodge was opened in due form, after which Bro. Gilchrist, R.W.M. of "St. Mary's," issued instructions for the lodge to be formed into marching order, and to proceed to Wishaw House, there to meet Bro. Forrest, and accompany him back to the lodge-room, where he was to be presented with a mark of the esteem in which he was held by the brethren of the Craft. On leaving the hall, the procession was headed by the Clydesdale instrumental band, and as they marched through the policies of Wishaw House as shades of evening were beginning to close, the strains of music, as they re-echoed through the woods and gleas, had a grand and pleasing effect. On approaching Wishaw House the brethren were received by Bro. Forrest, who expressed regret at the absence of Mr. and Mrs. Russell, who happened to be from home; and would, he said, had they been present, heartily accorded the welcome to the Craft which he now humbly offered. Bro. Forrest then passed a high eulogy on Mr. and Mrs. Russell for the uniform kindness they had always shown to himself since they came to reside at Wishaw House, and also for their readiness in giving the public an opportunity of enjoyment by admitting them to the grounds. Three cheers were then given for Mr. and Mrs. Russell and family, after which the procession was re-formed, joined by Bro. Forrest, and marched back to the lodge-room to the inspiring strains of the "Merry Masons." When the lodge-room was again entered, after certain preliminaries that are only known to the members of the "mystic tie," the usual loyal and patriotic toasts were proposed and responded to with all the enthusiastic characteristics of the Order; after which Bro. Gilchrist, R.W.M., rose to propose the

toast of the evening, and, in a neat speech, presented Bro. Forrest with a full equipment of Masonic regalia, tastefully decorated with gold and silver embroidery, in which were beautifully wrought his initials and the name and number of his lodge; also a handsome silver-mounted walking cane, bearing the following inscription:—"Presented to Bro. Wm. Forrest, P.M. Lodge "St. Mary's," No. 31, by the R.W.M., office bearers, and brethren of said lodge, as a mark of esteem and respect.—14th September, 1874." The whole of the articles, which were from Bros. G. Kenning's Glasgow establishment, were greatly admired for the highly artistic style in which they were executed.

In making the presentation, Bro. Gilchrist said that in representing "St. Mary's" on this auspicious occasion, although the feeble, he hoped to be the faithful, interpreter of their sentiments. He had known Bro. Forrest for a long period of years, and he had always found him to be the pioneer of everything that was likely to advance the interest of "St. Mary's" Lodge, and also to extend the general advantages that accrue from Masonry. (Cheers.) He then proposed the health of Bro. Forrest, which was responded to with Masonic honours.

Bro. Forrest, on rising to reply, was received with loud and prolonged cheers. Words failed him, he said, to express himself in terms sufficiently eloquent for the honour that had been conferred upon him on this occasion. They had made him a proud man—(cheers) not only by the handsome and tangible token of esteem with which they had presented him, but with their appearance there that night in such large numbers in response to the invitation of the committee to meet in his honour. (Applause.) He was not a hand, he said, at framing neat speeches, but only spoke out from the heart whatever happened to be uppermost, and he could not deny the pride and pleasure he experienced in being thus recognised for any little interest he had taken in the affairs of "St. Mary's," Coltness. Some of the pleasantest evenings of his life had been spent in a Masonic Lodge, and a large proportion of those were spent in the Lodge that was now met to do him honour. (Cheers.) The most of those who formed the local lodge when first he was connected with Masonry in Wishaw were now no more, but the great Architect of the Universe had been pleased to spare him to a good old age, and from the result of that evening and former marks of approbation he had received from the Craft, he was sure that he would be pardoned when he said that his life had been spent—"not without honour." (Cheers.) He again thanked them for the handsome token of their esteem, and said that while it was God's will to spare him he would always look upon the gifts with a happy remembrance of the brethren of "St. Mary's," Coltness. (Applause.)

The next toast was that of "St. Clair's," Cambusnethan, to which Bro. Smith, R.W.M., replied, in the course of which he complimented Bro. Forrest on the active interest he had always shown in anything pertaining to the advancement of Freemasonry, and concluded by hoping that their venerable brother might be spared to wear out to rags the handsome regalia with which he that night had been presented, and he was sure "St. Mary's" would be happy to present him with another set. (Applause.)

In reply to the toast of "St. John's," Woodhall, (Holytown), Bro. M'Murdo, R.W.M., also paid a tribute to Bro. Forrest. After an acquaintance, he said, extending over a long course of years, he had never known Bro. Forrest to deviate from what he considered his duty to the ancient and honourable Order with which they were all connected. "St. Mary's," Coltness, he said, in thus honouring Bro. Forrest, was doing honour to herself, as he (Bro. Forrest) had been instrumental in a high degree in bringing about that happy state of prosperity which was now a characteristic of the Lodge. (Cheers.)

The rest of the evening was spent in song and sentiment, and the company broke up at a seasonable hour, after spending a most enjoyable evening.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CHESHIRE.

By command of Bro. the Right Hon. Lord de Tabley, R.W.P.G.M., a Provincial Grand Lodge of the Masonic brethren in Cheshire was held on Thursday, the 17th inst., in the Town Hall of the ancient city of Chester. No larger gathering of the brethren of the province of Cheshire has ever been held; and if any proof of the vitality and progress were wanted by outsiders, they were abundantly furnished, not only in the mere numerical strength of the assembly, but also by the most influential nature of the gathering. Every one of the 37 lodges under Bro. Lord de Tabley's jurisdiction was represented on the occasion. No. 721 (Independence, Chester) sending 50 brethren, and No. 477 (Mersey, Birkenhead) no fewer than 48 brethren—and the total number of those who were present could not have been fewer than about 400, these included upwards of 80 W.M.s and P.M.'s, a brilliant array of P.G. officers, and a strong muster of Wardens and other officers.

The use of the Town Hall had been kindly given by the Corporation of Chester, and about one o'clock the Craft lodges assembled in the council chamber, to receive the P.G.M. and P.G. Lodge, which they did with the usual honours. Bro. the Rt. Hon. Lord de Tabley, R.W.P.G.M. was accompanied by a numerous assemblage of Provincial Grand Officers of his own and other provinces, and a large gathering of members of the various lodges in the province.

After the Provincial Grand Lodge had been opened, and letters of apology for non-attendance from several distinguished brethren had been read, the roll of lodges was called by the P.G. Sec., Bro. E. H. Griffiths. He also read the minutes of previous P.G. Lodge, held at Altrincham, and a special P.G. Lodge held at Knutsford, in September last; in connection with the laying of the foundation stone of the new college there. The minutes having been confirmed, Bro. Jackson, Assistant P.G. Treasurer, submitted the annual accounts, from which it appears that there was a balance to the credit of the Fund of Benevolence, amounting to £1402 18s. 1d., and to the Provincial Grand Lodge of upwards of £363 5s. 8d. After the accounts had been passed, the P.G. Sec. read a letter from Bro. Bland, P.G. Treasurer, resigning his office, in consequence of ill health, after holding the appointment for upwards of a quarter of a century.

The R.W.P.G.M. (Bro Lord de Tabley) said he would now address a few words to the brethren of his province with respect to the state and progress of Masonry during the past year, its present condition, and also refer to its future prospects. Those words, however, must be very few, because he was present that day at the Provincial Grand Lodge meeting in disobedience to his medical adviser's orders, and for this reason he must also apologise for not taking his usual place at the banquet. He could hardly address them on the state of Masonry without mentioning what must be a subject of the deepest regret to the whole Craft throughout the kingdom, namely, the retirement of their late Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Marquis of Ripon. Into the reasons for that retirement it was not for him or the brethren to inquire, far less to judge; but in the regret which that retirement had occasioned, let them not forget the eminent services which his lordship had rendered to the Craft, not only during the short time he presided over them as Grand Master, but also during the series of years when, as Deputy Grand Master, he so ably and zealously supported Lord Zetland, their late Grand Master. He was certain that their thanks for those valuable past services would follow the Marquis of Ripon into the retirement to which he had gone. Referring to the affairs of the province, his lordship said he had only to continue the same congratulatory strain which it had been his good fortune to address to them in previous years during his Masonic rule. The very large assembly over which he had the honour of presiding that day sufficiently indicated the flourishing state of Masonry in the province of Cheshire. Every lodge in that

province was represented there—several of them most numerous—and every lodge, he felt convinced, came there actuated by a spirit of good fellowship, and determined to do the best which could be done, not only to promote the welfare of their own individual lodges, but of Freemasonry generally, and the great and sacred cause of charity. The retirement of Bro. Bland, the P.G. Treasurer, his lordship said, must be a matter of great regret to every one who had known him during his long service as P.G. Treasurer, and he was sure that a vote of thanks, which he was about to submit, would be heartily passed to Bro. Bland for his valuable services in the past. During the period of his Provincial Grand Mastership, his lordship said, the efforts of that province in the cause of charity had been most successful. He had only held the office for nine years, yet during that time they had carried 18 candidates to their various Masonic charities. This had only been accomplished by the hearty co-operation of every lodge in the province, and he therefore trusted this co-operation would continue, for by acting together they were always sure to carry their candidates, whilst by acting separately they must very frequently fail. The lodges of the province had, as a rule, acted very energetically in the cause of charity. When he first assumed office, scarcely a lodge had votes for the charities, but now most of them had, and he would specially refer to the Cestrian Lodge, held in Chester, which had made most zealous and liberal exertions, greatly aided by Bro. Williams, of that lodge. Last year he (the P.G.M.) suggested the propriety of their making a Masonic gift to the Chester Cathedral, now undergoing restoration, and the subscriptions for that object had been most liberally contributed by almost every lodge in the province. Already £363 had been raised; and as other contributions had yet to come, he had no doubt about £400 would be realised, with which to make a gift to the ancient cathedral which would be worthy of the Craft. If the Provincial Grand Lodge approved, they would be able to present either a pulpit or a font, but it would be necessary to consult Mr. Gilbert Scott, the architect, as to the style; and he would suggest that Bros. Griffiths, Dutton, and Lloyd should be appointed a Committee to consult with the Dean of Chester as to the form and details of the gift. In conclusion, he thanked the brethren from his heart for the constant support which he had received at their hands, and hoped when he got over his present weakness he might long be able and have the honour of presiding over them. His lordship, before sitting down, formally moved that Bro. Bland's resignation as P.G. Treas. be accepted, and that the thanks of the P.G. Lodge be conveyed to him for his past services.

The motion was seconded by Bro. Dutton, and carried unanimously. Bro. J. Jackson was appointed P.G. Treasurer, and Bros. E. H. Griffiths, Dutton, and Horatio Lloyd were appointed a deputation to wait upon the Dean of Chester with respect to the proposed Masonic gift.

Bro. Lord de Tabley next moved that the salary of the P.G. Sec. (Bro. Griffiths) should be increased to £80 per year, a proposal, he was sure, which would meet with the entire approval of the brethren. When they remembered the amount of work which Bro. Griffiths had now to perform, and the zeal, courtesy, and kindness with which he discharged his duties, he was sure every one would agree with the propriety of the increase. When Bro. Griffiths was appointed, in 1839, there was only 17 lodges; but now, in 1874, there were no fewer than 37 lodges. The number of members then was 413, but they had now increased to 1550, thus greatly increasing the work and responsibility of their P.G. Sec.

Bro. Gilbert, W.M. of the Cestrian Lodge, seconded the proposition, which was carried by acclamation, the vote being suitably acknowledged by Bro. Griffiths.

Bro. Captain Cope then moved that the sum of 150 guineas be voted to the funds of the Masonic Institution for Boys, for the purpose of constituting the R.W.D.P.G.M., Bro. George Cornwall Legh, a vice-patron in perpetuity of that institution.—Bro. Dutton seconded the

motion, which was also carried without a dissentient voice.

Bro. F. Binckes, Sec. to the Boys' School, acknowledged the handsome gift in very appropriate and eloquent terms.

On the motion of Bro. Cope, seconded by Bro. Dutton, the sum of £100 was also voted for the purpose of making the D.G.M. a vice-patron of the Royal Institution for Aged Freemasons.

The R.W.P.G.M. then appointed the following as his officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Horatio Lloyd, P.S.G.W.; William Bulley, P.J.G.W. Rey R. Hodgson and Rev. J. Lomax, P.G. Chaplains; J. Wood, P.G. Reg.; F. Jackson, P.G. Treas.; E. H. Griffiths, P.G. Sec.; James Salmon, P.G.S.D.; G. Burrows, P.G.J.D.; W. Blackshaw, P.G.S. of W.; Wilmot Eardley, P.G.D.C.; R. Newhouse, P.G.A.D.C.; R. Worrall, P.G.S.B.; T. H. Kirk, P.G.O.; William Greatrix, P.G. Pur.; J. Swindells, P.G. Tyler; J. J. Cunnah, W. Johnson, J. Knox, T. M. Lockwood, W. Matthews, S. Spencer, P.G. Stewards.

The P.G.M. then presented a very handsome chronometer and appendages to Bro. J. P. Platt, P.P.J.G.W., subscribed by a number of brethren in the province, in recognition of his valuable and successful efforts in connection with the Masonic charities. Bro. Platt suitably acknowledged the presentation.

A charity jewel was subsequently presented to Bro. Williams, one of the P.M.'s of the Cestrian Lodge, in acknowledgement of his having filled the office of Steward to one of the London Masonic charities.

After the business of the P.G. Lodge had been concluded, the brethren walked in procession to attend divine service at the Cathedral, the musical portion of the service being rendered by the cathedral choir, under the direction of Bro. Kirk, the P.G.O. Mr. Gunton and Mr. Irons presided at the organ. The musical service comprised the processional hymn "Onward, Christian Soldiers," the "Magnificat," and "Nunc Dimittis," being "Tours" in F, and the anthem was Dr. S. S. Westley's "Blessed be the God and Father." The sermon was preached by Bro. the Rev. J. Lomax, one of the P.G. Chaplains, the text being taken from Romans xii., 5, "So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another." A collection was made at the close in aid of the Chester Infirmary and the Provincial Fund of Benevolence.

After the service about 250 brethren sat down to a banquet at the Town Hall, provided by Bro. Bolland, of Chester. In the absence of the P.G.M., Bro. Horatio Lloyd, P.G.S.W., presided, and after the toast of "The Queen" had been proposed and cordially responded, he gave "The Health of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales and Earl of Chester, M.W. Past Grand Master of England; the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family." In doing so, he expressed a hope that when His Royal Highness returned to this country he would give a favourable answer to the request to become the Grand Master, so that the brethren might again have a royal scion at the head of the Order. It was a good thing for Masonry to have a member of the Royal Family at its head, and no one better could be found than the Prince of Wales.

The P.G.S.W. next gave "The R.W. of the Grand Lodge of England," and added that he could only follow the remarks which had been made that day by the P.G.M. with respect to the retirement of the Marquis of Ripon. They must remember him as an able and efficient Grand Master, and for the great services he had rendered to the Craft in that capacity, as well as in his position as D.G.M., they must all very much regret his loss, and he hoped that his successor might fulfil the duties of that high office as well as he had done.

Bro. Latham, Past Grand Deacon of England, responded to the toast, and remarked that their hour of danger and difficulty was not far off, and he hoped that the brethren would be able to say with what feelings of dismay they had received the tidings of the resignation of the Grand Master, and that they would be able to say one single word in support of the institution.—Bro. Dutton seconded the

believed sincerely that the same feelings which had actuated him from boyhood—namely, of speaking as he thought, and acting on sincere convictions—had actuated his lordship in the case. Still, he (Bro. Latham) could not but wonder that the first mandate, which seems to have come from the Vatican, did not in some measure shake his lordship's resolution. When he found that the first condition of leaving his office was that he must say farewell to a society of which he must have never known anything but good, which was a great promoter of charity, he might well have hesitated in the step which he had taken. He had a more intimate knowledge of the Craft than any one in England, and he must have known that there was no moral or social reason why he should become disassociated with it. By the mandate he had received he had to say "good bye" to those with whom he had been intimately associated for many years; and his severance of ties was conveyed in a letter which was so short as to appear positively discourteous. In this letter there was not one word of desire for the welfare of the Craft, nor any expression or regret—the only expression of feeling which it contained being the hope that his brethren would not be inconvenienced by his resignation, but without one word of sympathy. He (Bro. Latham) was there to return thanks for a body without a head. All they wanted now, however, was time and opportunity to recruit their forces. He hoped the Earl of Chester would accept the offer made to him of presiding over the Craft, but if he and his advisers thought it better for the Craft that one so near the throne should not sit on the Masonic throne of this country, but continue to occupy the present position which he held, he (Bro. Latham) still there remained plenty of true and noble men to take the Grand Mastership—men like the Earl of the Province of Cheshire—who were perfectly able to preside over the Craft, under whose presidency the Grand Lodge would not lose its lustre, nor the Craft generally lose the glory of its name for charity and benevolence, gained under the presidency of him whose sense they now deplored.

The toast of "The Right Hon. Lord de Mabley, R.W.P.G.M.," and others of a Masonic nature, were subsequently given. Excellent music was furnished during the evening by Messrs. Halliday, Knowles, and Cuzner, and Mr. Lane, the accompaniments being played by Bro. Clark, P.G.O.

THE MARQUIS OF RIPON AND THE CRAFT.

However much Protestant readers and brethren regret the perversion of the Marquis of Ripon, it is quite clear according to the fundamental principles of Freemasonry—unconcerned with questions of a religious or political nature—that the individual right of following a special form of worship cannot be violated. The Grand Master of Freemasons in England somewhat curtly conveyed his resignation to the Grand Lodge, and however suggestive the apology to those acquainted with the forms and procedure common to perverts, it was, as the Marquis says, "caviare to the general." Yet, if we consider these spectral appearances happening now and again in a century, of the falling off of a man from a brave and honest profession of arms, we need not dismay us. On the other hand every shallowness of modern political Jesuits is something to be wondering at! Great jubilation has been entertained in the Roman Catholic camp upon the important conquest of an income; for to the conqueror the compromise of a soul or two can be nothing to his chief holds the keys of Heaven and hence to them, judiciously, or otherwise, by the pervert's conscience with purgatorial asbestos, warranted to preserve

"the delighted spirit
To bathe in fiery floods,"
Others little or nothing.

The fact remaining that the gain to Romanists is represented on the present occasion as exactly equal to zero. Of course the loss of the Marquis of Ripon is transferred—

his brother Pius IX. of Rome is now his master—to him and his subordinates he owes an allegiance if he be sought of a man, which should be, in truth undivided. It is, in fact, impossible to temporize with Rome—but it is equally impossible to avoid such occurrences as the present. That, however, Freemasonry is likely to suffer cannot be entertained for a moment. The present state of things will ultimately do more good than harm. The secession of an individual, however distinguished, is after all only the secession of an individual, and, for my part, if our late Grand Master finds comfort environed by the sophistries of the Jesuits, I wish him a good *viaticum* and a happy deliverance.

Sep. 18, 1874.

CRYPTONIMUS.

THE NEW MASONIC HALL, HOBART TOWN.

One of the handsomest buildings recently erected in Hobart Town is the above hall. It is situated next the Savings Bank in Murray-street. The foundation stone was laid on Thursday, the 20th March, 1873, by His Excellency the Governor, in the presence of a large muster of the members of the Order and visitors. It has been erected from plans and specifications furnished by Mr. H. Hunter, architect; Mr. J. Gregory being the builder, and the handsome edifice, now nearly completed, reflects great credit on him.

The style of the building is Italian, of a plain and unpretending character, and is of brown stone, relieved with white dressings or mouldings. The entrance is from Murray-street, and is approached by a flight of seven stone steps, leading to a lobby and spacious entrance hall, 25ft. x 9ft. The ground floor consists of a fine banqueting hall, 33ft. x 25ft., with a height of 14ft. 6in., with a handsome panelled ceiling; off the banqueting room is a library and reading room, 20ft. x 16ft.; committee room, 15ft. 3in. x 12ft. 9in. The domestic offices are all below, and are fitted with every requisite comfort and convenience. Under the grand staircase is a lavatory, &c. The top floor comprises a spacious landing, robing room, 16ft. 6in. x 15ft. 3in., ante room, 20ft. x 16ft. The lodge room is a very fine chamber, 20ft. high, and 43ft. x 25ft. It has a handsomely encircled cornice and panelled ceiling, with a frieze of cornice and Masonic emblems. The room is lighted by five windows, and from the centre flower a 72 burner gas light, specially imported from England, will be suspended. At one end of the hall is a raised platform, on which the Master of the lodge sits. The Ionic pillars are beautifully got up, as also are the Corinthian and Doric pillars. The tympanum of the pediment over the entrance has the all-seeing eye in the centre on a shield, surrounded by handsomely carved foliage, interlaced with Masonic emblems, the same being introduced throughout the building wherever convenient. The whole of the plaster work is specially worthy of mention; the cornices and mouldings in the chief room reflect great credit on the workmen, and were done by three brothers named Paton.

The furniture to be used will be that belonging to the Tasmanian Operative Lodge, 345, I.C., which meets at Riley's Hotel in Murray-street.

When the building is finished and opened it will be one of the handsomest Masonic halls in the colonies, and reflects great credit on the spirited and enterprising gentlemen who conceived the idea of building such a hall, and have so successfully carried out their undertaking.

Germany possesses at the present time 325 Masonic lodges, with altogether about 30,000 members, under eight German Grand Lodges of different rites, of which three are at Berlin, and the others are those of Saxony, Hamburg (the oldest in Germany), Frankfort-on-the-Maine, Baireuth, and Hesse.

Obituary.

BRO. SAMUEL SOMERVILLE.

The grave closed, on the 18th inst., over the remains of an old Mason who was much respected and beloved in Edinburgh. Bro. Dr. Samuel Somerville, Hart-street, Treasurer of the Royal College of Physicians, whose sudden death on Saturday last cast a deep gloom over a wide circle of friends and patients. The place of interment was the family vault at Carnwath, and the funeral was attended by the President, Council and Fellows of the College in their official costume, and by a large train of friends and acquaintances, as well from Edinburgh as from the Upper Ward of Lanarkshire. The funeral service was conducted by the Very Reverend the Dean of Edinburgh. Bro. Dr. Somerville was the representative of the ancient family of Somerville of Ampherlaw, near Carnwath, and was held in high estimation in that neighbourhood, both as an improving proprietor and a most honourable and upright man. As Treasurer of the College of Physicians, he proved himself an excellent man of business, and had the gratification of knowing that the institution had attained unprecedented prosperity during his tenure of office. Every one acquainted with him well knew his gentlemanly bearing and his genial and unobtrusive manner. But his more immediate friends alone knew how deep were his feelings and attachments, and how anxious he was to consult their welfare. To some of them, indeed, his loss can never be replaced. Bro. Dr. Somerville had attained to the highest degree in Freemasonry, and was greatly esteemed by the brethren. He also represented in Scotland the Grand Lodge of Ireland. In politics he was a staunch Tory of the old school, as he was delighted to declare all his forefathers had been before him. The immediate cause of his death was found to be the rupture of an aneurism in the chest, and he passed away without any struggle.

BRO. JAMES HAMER.

On Friday, 18th inst., Bro. James Hamer, for many years closely identified with Masonry in Liverpool and district, died at his house in Crown-street, Liverpool, after a serious illness, which lasted for exactly seven weeks. Our deceased brother was conspicuously known for eleven years as P.G. Treas. of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Lancashire, and for many years he was familiarly known to the brethren as P.M. of several lodges, P.Z. of more than one chapter, and P.M. of a local Mark Lodge. The deceased was for 34 years a Mason in Liverpool, and during the whole of his Masonic career he endeared himself to every brother in the district, as much by his Masonic zeal and ability as well as by his invariable courtesy and brotherly feeling. He was for some time identified with the Liverpool Licensed Victuallers' Association as chairman, and therefore he will for some time be very much missed in many circles. His funeral, which took place on Tuesday, was of a private nature.

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The following stands over:—Report of Lodge 1378.

ERRATUM.—In our report of the Consecration of St. Elth Lodge last week, the name of Bro. Capt. Chas. Hunter, P.G.M. East Aberdeenshire, P.G.W. Greece, was erroneously printed "Hunker."

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 1874.

PROPOSED ROYAL SCOTTISH MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

In our last week's impression we stated, that, up to the present time, no really worthy manifestation of Scottish Masonic benevolence had made itself known or felt, which state of things we deeply deprecated, as injurious to the prestige of Scottish Freemasonry, and certainly not in accordance with the real views and wishes of our warm-hearted brethren across the border. Since then, our attention has been called to a prospectus and a letter, which we print in another column, and certain suggested rules and regulations for a proposed "Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution." We not only offer to such a proposal our warm support and hearty encouragement, but our ever ready and liberal publisher will give, we understand, one hundred guineas, as proprietor of *The Freemason*, to the fund, if it shall be successfully floated and established. The proposed Benevolent Institution includes within its scope and end:—First, the maintaining, clothing, and educating the sons and daughters of Freemasons, as well as the clothing and supporting aged and decayed Freemasons and the widows of Freemasons. That such benevolent association is both wanted, and important to Scottish Freemasons and Scottish Freemasonry, we do not hesitate at once to say, and therefore we warmly welcome such an effort, and though we do not pledge ourselves, to day, the endorsement of all the suggested rules and regulations, or the proposed "modus operandi" we shall be sincerely glad if in the main the ideas of the benevolent and fraternal promote are carried out, and Scottish Masonry is able to hail the commencement of an effective benevolent institution, with such commendable aims. Scottish Freemasons are men of much sagacity, a business habits, and well able to manage their affairs, and all we would venture to say to day don't waste time or money about any mere tentative schemes, especially those in which both question of supply and demand, and success and failure most largely enter, but seek at once to raise funds which will enable you to be the good work of educating the orphan, and aiding the necessitous. We have said.

a true teaching of Freemasonry is best ways manifested to the outer world in works philanthropy and labours of love. Whatever we may say, or however others may hold forth upon the social charms of Freemasonry, though we do not deny their importance, we ought not to assert that no profession of Freemasonry can be real, and no system of Freemasonry can be sound, where no effort is made to put into effective practice that which we have been taught is the distinguishing characteristic of a Freemason's heart—charity. The benevolent offerings of Freemasons, the schools they maintain, the asylums we raise, the annuities we grant, the relief we provide; all these demonstrate to those who doubt, to those who are, alike, that Freemasonry is not merely a passing pageant of an hour, but symbolizes its great organization, certain sound and efficient principles which tend greatly to the welfare of society, the happiness of Freemasons, the peace and prosperity of the human race. A better reply to our many assailants, no more response to the voice of slander and obloquy, can be offered than that which says to the impugner, or the contemptuous, to all who undervalue the value of Freemasonry, "Si queris, circumspecte." So then, to-day, we hail this effort of good brethren across the border, as, emphatically, "a move in the right direction." We trust that all success may attend their initiatory efforts, and that we may congratulate the Craft of Scotland on possessing a benevolent institution, which in its principles and practice, its laws and regulations, its labours and its success, will lastingly credit to Scottish Freemasonry. As we said before, we do not necessarily pledge ourselves on merely an "ex-parte" suggestion of the proposed regulations, to accept them as the laws of the Medes and Persians, as we think it justly probable that some modifications may be introduced before the Scottish Benevolent Institution is working, or workable. But we wish all possible access to it and to its zealous promoters, and are glad to be allowed to be the medium of announcing the proffered donation of our worthy energetic publisher. May our anticipations be realised, and the proposed Scottish Benevolent Masonic Institution become an established

sioned officers, at Plymouth, and that they have a right to complain, if, indeed, there be such a thing as equality in Freemasonry, or if the practice of Freemasonry is to accord with its professions. Every letter that has been transmitted to us only serves to shew, how very perverse has been, indeed this sad "contretemps," where everything else seems to have been so perfectly, and so happily arranged. We confess that, despite all the letters we have perused, we do not yet see it clearly proved that any military prohibition took place whatever. Bro. Col. Elliott all but distinctly states that no such prohibition was given, and though he quotes our gallant Bro. Capt. Shanks as stating that such permission was refused, he does not say so himself. "Leo," no doubt, also states the same, and perhaps "Leo" will favour us with the evidence on which he bases his statement. Nothing has as yet been brought forward which, to our minds, decisively contradicts the clear assertion of "Soldier Freemason," at the beginning of the controversy, that the Major-General commanding did not object to the non-commissioned officers marching in the procession in uniform, but, as they were altogether ignored, he did naturally object to their appearing in "coloured clothes." We are glad to see that Bro. Col. Elliott confirms our statement that permission has been accorded to officers and non-commissioned officers to march in Masonic processions, with Masonic clothing over their uniforms. We ourselves saw the foundation stone of the lighthouse at Europa Point, Gibraltar, laid by the Governor and Lieutenant-General Commanding, though, alas, now many years ago, in the presence of the Provincial Grand Master, Dr. Burrows, and a large number of Freemasons, and many officers and non-commissioned officers, with their Masonic clothing over their military clothing; and, as we understand several other precedents of the same usage can be brought forward, we feel that, if a Masonic procession, to meet our brother, the Prince of Wales, is to be considered a "a party or political procession," the sooner an authoritative decision on the subject is obtained, the better. We shall recur to the subject before very long, and finally.

PROPOSED SCOTTISH ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT FUND.

We have been requested to publish the following letter and short prospectus:—

KILLMORE LODGE, KIRKCUWAN, 1874,

Sir and Brother,—

The want of a Scottish Masonic Benevolent Institution has been long and keenly felt by many a Brother of the Order. In other sections of the United Kingdom, as also in foreign countries, such Institutions flourish and abound. Why then should the Freemasons of Scotland deny themselves that true exposition of "Charity," which all, from the first moment that they become Freemasons, so earnestly profess to admire?

Whence arises the fact that Scotland, alone of the different portions of Great Britain, is so wanting in its duty towards God, its neighbour, and itself?

Is it apathy? Is it unwillingness? Is it inability? Far be it from any one to say so. We have many great monuments of Scottish benevolence throughout the land. Our fellow countrymen are actuated by as high principles

as any other nation. The real reason is that no scheme sufficiently certain and comprehensive has hitherto been brought forward. The short and full prospectuses enclosed will clearly explain their aims, and it is earnestly hoped by the promoter and those brethren who have so kindly given him their aid, that the scheme herein drawn out may, fully satisfy the acknowledged want.

To prevent confusion in arrangement, the several plans and systems have been carefully drawn out and based on similar plans of similar Institutions in other countries, especially England; so that the feasibility of the design and its practicability is amply evidenced by existing Institutions.

The scheme as worked out at present, will, of course, be the one to be followed out until a sufficient number of donors and annual subscribers can be obtained to form a General Court. At this Court it can be determined whether the scheme should be carried out *in toto*, or whether revisions should be made.

These preliminaries being gone through it will be our duty to bring the proposed Institution before Grand Lodge, officially, so that we may obtain its assistance and patronage. I say officially, as most of the members of Grand Lodge individually will have all information at once, and their co-operation obtained where possible.

What we at once seek to gain is the sympathy of our brethren, both in Scotland and in the Colonies holding under the Scottish Constitution, whether rich or whether poor. As will be seen by looking over the short prospectus, every opportunity is given for the wealthy to give of their abundance, while measures have been devised whereby the poorer brethren, either *individually or collectively*, can, out of their penury, contribute their widow's mite.

At first we only ask the brethren who approve of the scheme to send their names and amounts of donations or subscriptions to the appointed agents, collectors, secretaries, &c, so that a General Court might be summoned when sufficient members have signified their assent to the proposal. The short prospectus will show how we seek to carry out and combine the several branches in one Scottish Masonic Benevolent Institution, how we propose to maintain the same; as well as our estimates of probable expenses and receipts. It is, in fact, a general view of the whole scheme.

The full prospectus will show the details in every branch, as deduced from the following sources, viz.: Boys' School, Girls' School, Asylum for Widows and Decayed Masons, England; The Lancashire Benevolent Institution; the Irish General Masonic Charity, likewise several smaller works, the qualifications for candidates in all branches and other general rules.

It is earnestly hoped that those brethren who are able, will give Annual Subscriptions as well as larger Donations, as it is proposed to use all the Donations as Capital and to leave said Capital to accumulate to a sufficiently large sum to carry out the scheme on an extended scale.

The Annual Subscriptions will be Revenue to maintain the Institution in all its branches. This is fully described in the short prospectus.

Earnestly hoping for your assistance,

I am, Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

GEO. R. HARRIOTT,

Prov. G.M. Wigtown and Kirkcudbright,
Originator and Promoter of the Scheme.

SHORT PROSPECTUS OF PROPOSED ROYAL SCOTTISH MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

NOTES.

N.B.—All information as to officers of institution, qualifications of candidates in each of the several branches, and other miscellaneous information, to be seen in the full prospectus, to be issued shortly to every lodge, province, &c., holding under Scotch rule.

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ROYAL VISIT TO PLYMOUTH.

In many letters we weekly publish, demonstrate unmistakably that the subject has still of interest for our readers, and is not by means yet fully settled. Indeed, in one instance, the evidence becomes more conflicting than the week's *Freemason*, though we also think there is now to be discerned the possibility of an arrival at a pretty general understanding where the blame actually lies, of this great and, we repeat, of this very great blunder. Our correspondent indeed, (Brother Curteis, I presume), seems to deprecate the editorial footnote appended to the original letter of "A Soldier Freemason." But despite Brother Curteis's remarks, we adhere to our original opinion, that a mistake never was made than in this opinion of our brethren, the non-commissioned

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N.B.—Under the meaning of the word maintain is meant lodging, feeding, and clothing.

2. To provide halls in connection with the several Scotch Universities, where students, sons, as above, of aged and decayed Masons, may be maintained and receive instruction; to keep them in their University career, to pay University and professors' fees, with a small annual sum as pocket money.

3. To provide an asylum for the aged and distressed Masons of good character, and their widows, also maintain them in the asylum, or to grant annuities to them, as laid down in the full prospectus.

ESTIMATES OF ERECTION, &c.

It is estimated that out of the number of Scottish Masons, both in Scotland and in the Colonies, as well as those Scotchmen now living in England and Ireland, we might reckon on 5,000 people subscribing their half-guineas per annum. Say, £2,650 per annum.

That this could be supplemented by annual subscriptions from Grand Lodge, Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter, Chapter General of Temple, Supreme Council 33°, Consistories, 31°, 32°, 30°, Chapter of Rose Croix, Royal Order. Say, £100. Total, £2,750 per annum. This to be annual revenue.

Note.—The larger donations to be as capital.

That it be resolved that no capital be touched until at least £12,000 or £15,000 shall have accumulated.

No doubt many brethren might, on first sight, be deterred from promoting this scheme, for fear of failure from the magnitude of the design; it is right, therefore, that the promoters should inform the brethren at large that it is not their intention to take up all the branches of the institution at once, or even to carry out too far the branches which are considered most urgent.

As has been already stated, the annual subscriptions are to be considered revenue, this then will be all the money available to start the institution, the larger donations having to accumulate as capital.

It has been estimated, and is earnestly hoped, that at least 5,000 brethren will contribute their half guinea; this gives an annual income of £2,650. We trust that Grand Lodge and the other ruling Masonic bodies will contribute at least £100 yearly, if not more; this, then, would give £2,750 to work upon.

Considering that schools in Scotland are so fully developed, we propose at first to pass on to the cases of advanced students seeking University education and maintenance, and to the relief of the aged and widows. As no building is to be proceeded with till £12,000 or £15,000 has accumulated, no colleges, halls, or asylums are to be built.

The following is the proposition at first starting:—

1st.—To rent a house at one of the Universities, as a college hall on a small scale, say to take 10 or 15 students; from statements and

accounts of similar institutions it is estimated that with careful administration this would cost about £1,800 or £1,900 per annum, leaving a balance of, say, £850 for 'general management and for annuities, as laid down in the full prospectus, for a limited number of widows and aged.

2nd.—As the Universities of Edinburgh and Glasgow are situated in towns where land and houses would naturally be very expensive, it is presumed that the General Court would fix on Aberdeen or St Andrew's for the site of their first college hall, and if, after a time, as funds increase, students display great ability in particular branches, such as medicine, &c., a limited number of out-students so gifted might be allowed certain sums annually to go to Universities where such specialities are particularly attended to, provided only that the character of the student when first admitted to the college hall is good enough to warrant the General Committee in placing such confidence in said student.

The following brethren have consented to receive names, donations, and subscriptions:—

J. Laurie, Esq., Grand Secretary of Scotland, Interim Secretary of Proposed Benevolent Institution.

Geo. R. Harriot, Esq., Provincial G.M. Wigtown and Kirkcudbright, Killiemore Lodge, Kirkcowan, Wigtownshire, and No. 4, Howard place, St. Andrew's, Fife.

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Capt. G. Shanks, Recruiting Service, Greenock.

A. J. Douglas, Esq., Lockerbie House, Dumfriesshire.

Original Correspondence.

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

THE ROYAL VISIT TO PLYMOUTH.

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have read, with considerable attention, the various letters which have from time to time appeared in your valuable paper on this subject, and I have no doubt but that a categorical reply from Bro. Col. Elliott, as suggested by Bro. Hughan's last letter, would, or ought to, clear the whole matter up, but I am afraid such an answer is not likely to be seen in your columns. In the first place, I think Bro. Hughan is in error in stating that the military part of the programme was left in the hands of Col. Elliott. I recollect his being asked to seek permission for the use of the military barracks where the brethren assembled, and to make arrangements for the attendance of a military band, but nothing further.

In the second place, Bro. Col. Elliott is a Mason, but, above all, a soldier, and, although in his zeal for the Craft, and with a view to alleviate that heart-burning which appears to exist amongst the military brethren, he mentioned to the Provincial Grand Lodge that the order prohibiting their forming part of the Masonic procession emanated from the Commander-in-chief, there can be no doubt that he was scarcely warranted, from a military point of view, in doing so, and that for him to divulge in a public paper the authority from which he derived his information would be a breach of his professional duties.

Dealing with the matter upon its merits, I cannot but express an opinion that your foot note to the letter of "A Soldier Freemason," in your issue of the 22nd ult., was somewhat hasty, and unwarranted by the actual circumstances of the case.

I was one of the General Committee appointed to carry out the arrangements for the reception of our Royal Brother, and I also formed one of

the Sub-Committee who framed the obnoxious regulations, and I must say that I do not shrink from the responsibility of having done so.

The W.M. and P.M. (a retired naval officer) were also members of both committees. The question was fully ventilated at several meetings, and if "C.M., 1205," and the other brethren who feel "extremely sore" upon the point, would only act consistently with their Masonic obligation, and have some belief in the truthfulness of their brethren, we should not be exposing to the "unistructured world" the melancholy spectacle of one brother accusing another of falsehood.

That the General commanding the district did take it into his head that this was one of the cases to which the Queen's Regulations referred there can be no doubt, and although I believe, and I know many of the committee share my opinion, that the General's views were wrong, there was no alternative but to bow to his decision.

The regulations as to dress were framed solely for the purpose of avoiding the incongruity of the brethren appearing in white hats, &c., &c., certainly not for the purpose of excluding our military brethren, whom we should have been very pleased to have seen amongst us.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

J. EDWARD CURTIS,

W.M. Lodge Sincerity (189).

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

I notice a letter from the W. Bro. Col. Elliott, (P.P.W.S.G.W. for Devon) in the *Freemason* of to-day; but as an editorial note is attached stating a further communication is to be published next week, I shall reserve my statement of the matter until after its issue.

Certainly no one who took part in the splendid reception to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, was otherwise than sorry at the absence of our non-commissioned officers in the procession, and I acknowledge that you, Bro. Editor, have a perfect right to request an explanation of the apparent mistaken regulation, as the organ of the British Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons.

W. J. HUGHAN.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I wish to ask, in order to promote the cause of a full, fair inquiry into the reason of the exclusion of our non-commissioned officer brethren from the procession at Plymouth. Is it true that a request was sent by the non-commissioned officers to the Committee to ask for permission to march in the procession, and that such letter has never been answered?

I am, Dear Sir and Brother, Yours fraternally,
EMERITUS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am somewhat pleased that the letter sent to you by me last week did not reach you in time for publication, inasmuch as had it stood side by side with that of Bro. William James HUGHAN, dated 5th September, without further explanation from me, the two would have been to your readers confusing and inexplicable.

Unhappily my avocations took me much out of Plymouth about the time that the Committee were holding their meetings, and I fear I attended but three of those meetings, at only one of which do I remember meeting Bro. HUGHAN.

The only part of the programme entrusted to me was to secure the use of the Mill Bay Barracks as a place of assembly for the brethren, and to apply for the regimental bands. When asked to take upon myself this latter duty, I did mention to the Committee that but a few weeks previous to that time, the authorities had refused to sanction the volunteer band marching in a procession of "Odd Fellows," and that the officer who made the request was referred to sec. 6, par. 44, of the Queen's Regulations. I did not thereby infer that the meetings were to be held, but

as I was not prepared for a refusal in one case, I did not feel quite sure in the other.

Further than I have herein explained, the military part of the programme was not left in my hands. The Committee were never told by me that non-commissioned officers would not be allowed to walk in the procession: they could never have been told so; for it was not until my return from Cornwall, on the day immediately preceding the Masonic procession, that I learnt from Bro. Capt. Shanks that such permission had been refused.

Bro. Hughan requires that I shall mention to whom I applied for permission, and who it was that refused me. I was never deputed by the Committee to ask such a question, hence I never applied, and was never refused.

What I stated in the Provincial Grand Lodge was strictly true. The statement was intended as a privileged communication for the information solely of the brethren present. I was not prepared to see my words repeated, and in some cases mis-quoted, in the *Freemason* newspaper; for, as an officer on full pay in the service, I am amenable to the Queen's Regulations and Orders for the Army, and a reference to sec. 6, par. 45 and 46, will explain why I would rather not have had my words published.

As an individual brother, I desire to thank you for the opportunity thus afforded me of replying to the various letters in your paper on the subject of the Royal Visit to Plymouth. I confess, I should have felt better pleased had some of your correspondents practised a little more of that "Charity which thinketh no evil," and of which we hear so much, in the proper time and in the proper place.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother, Yours fraternally,
J. ELLIOTT, Colonel,
P.P.G.H. and P.P.S.G.W. of Devon.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In reading the correspondence relative to the recent Masonic procession here, one cannot but be struck with the regret expressed by all those taking part therein, at the exclusion of the military brethren. That they have not received from the hands of the committee such consideration as their case deserves, will, I think, be amply illustrated by the following few words. As soon as the military brethren found out that they were not to be allowed to attend the procession, they applied to the W.M. of their Lodge, 1205, and requested him to endeavour to induce the committee to make arrangements, whereby they might be enabled to attend the meeting of the United Provincial Grand Lodges of Devon and Cornwall, and he promised to do his best on their behalf, as he thought it but a reasonable request, and one that, under the circumstances, the committee would comply with. But they were disagreeably surprised when they were informed that the committee had declined to make any arrangement for their benefit. One of the Past Masters on the committee, however, stated that if the military brethren presented themselves after the procession had filed in they would be admitted if vouched for, if there was room; but another P.M. of 1205, asked the Director of the Ceremonies for Devonshire, (prior to the procession marching off) whether this would be permitted, and he said most distinctly, no; no one would be allowed to enter the hall unless they walked in the procession.

Such are the true facts of the case, and the military brethren, from no fault of their own, found themselves shut out both from the procession and the meeting.

Can the committee justify their conduct in this matter?

Yours fraternally,
A SOLDIER FREEMASON,
AND A PAST MASTER.

Plymouth, 19th Sept., 1874.

ORDER OF THE TEMPLE AND MALTA.
To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I and many others, equally wishful to submit to the will and give undivided support to the powers that be, have been waiting very patiently for some time expecting to hear, see, or realise some advantage to the Order—either

particular or general—by the alterations made in the statutes, consequent on the acceptance of office by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as Grand Master of the Order.

Having, like others, been disappointed in my humble and modest expectations, I am very much dissatisfied, for I have not realised, nor can I see, or hear, that any advantage has accrued to the Order, or to anyone connected with it, by the alteration, but, on the contrary, I find that much dissatisfaction prevails amongst the Sir Knights, wherever I go.

What was the origin and object of the alteration I have never understood, nor seen, or heard it explained. I should like to know and understand the motive for the alteration which has proved so disastrous. Will some one in authority favour your readers with an explanation?

Why alter the titles? Is it more dignified or proper to say:—

- Great Priory than Grand Conclave.
- Preceptory than Encampment.
- Preceptor than Commander.
- Constable than Captain?

Why, indeed? Is there either beauty, use, or reason in the new titles? One gentleman of some eminence recently remarked, on his appointment as Prov. Constable, "I have been a magistrate of this county and borough for many years, but never was a constable until now. It looks like coming down a peg."

Why abolish past rank?

What has been gained by the alteration? Has anyone gained by it? Is anyone better for it?

Is the Order any better for it? So far as I know the Sir Knights are neither benefited nor pleased. The number of subscribing Sir Knights has decreased, and many of those who have not actually resigned are so indifferent to the consequences that they don't care whether the Order sinks or swims, as at present constituted and worked, and only keep their membership from a love to the old statutes and working, to which they assert, and, with great confidence, we shall have to come back. Meantime, they pay and grumble, but do not attend the meetings, or interest themselves as they used to do.

In Lancashire, once a stronghold of Knight Templarism, the result of the alteration is absolutely painful, as I witnessed at the Provincial Priory Meeting recently held at Preston, when there was not more than half the number present that usually attend these annual gatherings. Had it not been that the Eminent Prior is much loved and respected by the Sir Knights of the province, he might have had difficulty in finding a sufficient number in attendance willing to accept the empty honour—the badge of office for the year.

My object in writing to you is to ascertain, if possible, the feeling of the Sir Knights, and the state of the obnoxious part of the statutes. If the alterations have created half the dissatisfaction elsewhere, as in the Province of Lancashire, the sooner our rulers retrace their steps the better.

The Lancashire Sir Knights are resolved to seek an alteration, and have appointed a committee to consider the following suggestions of an eminent member of the Order, and one who took a very active interest in the recent alterations, but who, finding he made a mistake, now "thinks something should be done as soon as possible to retrace our steps," and is ready to do all he can to help us. His suggestions are:—

1. That a committee be appointed to consider the alterations made in the statutes of the Order, and say which they disapprove of.
2. That the alterations disapproved of be embodied in a memorial.
3. That the committee be requested to draw up a memorial for each encampment.
4. That each encampment be requested to get the memorial signed by the whole of its members.
5. That an interview be sought with the Right Hon. the Earl of Limerick.
6. That a deputation be appointed to present the memorials and discuss the subject with the Great Prior.

What is the state of the country? Perhaps our excellent Grand Vice-Chancellor will tell us through your columns. I should like to see a comparative statistical and financial statement.

P. E. C.

MEMORIALS OF THE MASONIC UNION OF 1813.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you kindly allow me to thank you for the kind reference to my forthcoming "Memorials of the Masonic Union of 1813," and also to state that in consequence of the full hundred not being applied for (in Great Britain), it is not my intention to issue a list of subscribers with the work; and not having the time to solicit the co-operation of Masonic students, I must leave the disposal of the few not applied for, until after the publication of the volume, the completion of which has been delayed a few weeks, to include the whole of the "Book of Constitutions" of 1815.

It is my intention to dedicate the work to the brethren of the lodges and chapters, who have been so good as to elect me one of their honorary members.

W. J. HUGHAN.

"H. M. G." AND "OUR LATE GRAND MASTER."

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,

Bro. "H. M. G.," in the *Freemason* of Sept. 19th, says, "For the first time since the establishment of the Grand Lodge in 1717, has the ruler of our Order become a Roman Catholic, and surrendered his moral liberty."

Many may consider, from this statement, that we have never had a Grand Master since 1717 who was a Roman Catholic, whereas I presume, the writer simply means to note the fact that not one of our Grand Masters has become a Roman Catholic during his Grand Mastership who was a Protestant previously. The latter may be true, although it is scarcely susceptible of proof now, but that we have had a Roman Catholic Grand Master heretofore is proved from the fact that Lord Petre, who was Grand Master from 1722 to 1776, was a warm adherent of that religious body, and "he held his faith without bigotry, and by his liberality and worth, won the esteem of all parties," so we are told by one of his biographers. We are also told that Lord Petre was considered for some time "as the head of the Roman Catholic body in this country." Bro. Preston dedicated his "Illustrations of Masonry" to his Lordship, and we have had few Grand Masters who equalled that nobleman as Ruler of our ancient Craft. It is just probable that other Grand Masters were also Roman Catholics. In claiming for ourselves liberty of conscience, let us not make too much noise in the world when others claim a like privilege, though they differ from us, and whilst to us it appears impossible to discuss how any one can be a *Freemason* and a *Roman Catholic*, others seem to have solved the question, and yet still remained members of our fraternity. What reasons there are for a Grand Master resigning now, when one of his predecessors was a member of the same religious sect, would be a curious study.

W. J. HUGHAN.

FREEMASONRY IN THE ARMY.

The following is part of a letter which appears in the *Broad Arrow*, signed "In Hoc Signo Vinces":—"On the occasion of the visit of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales to Plymouth recently, to open the new Guildhall, the Provincial Grand Lodges of the Cornwall and Devon Freemasons, taking advantage of the presence of their Royal Brother amongst them, united to give him a loyal and fraternal welcome. The Masonic fraternity is now, as indeed it has ever been, in great favour with the higher class of the non-commissioned officers of the army, who not only are an acquisition to the lodges, but, from their intelligence and experience, an ornament to the Craft. This is the case in nearly all garrison towns, and Plymouth is no exception to the rule,

Being a large town, the number of non-commissioned officers (members of the fraternity) is very great indeed, and the wish to join their civilian brethren in bidding welcome to their illustrious visitor was not only natural but commendable. Accordingly, as in duty bound, they requested permission from the General commanding to take part in the demonstration. But imagine their disappointment, when, in reply, they were informed that as it would be an infringement of the Queen's Regulations, permission could not be accorded them. The blow was indeed a hard one, not only to those immediately concerned, but to hundreds of their civilian friends, who never for a moment anticipated such a result. Since then I have looked up the "Regulations," and, notwithstanding a very diligent search, failed to discover anything sufficient to warrant the authorities to prohibiting the non-commissioned officers from joining the demonstration. Paragraph 44, Section 6, reads as follows:—"Officers, non-commissioned officers, and soldiers are forbidden to institute or take part in any meetings, demonstrations, or processions, for party or political purposes, in barracks, quarters, camp, or elsewhere." Freemasonry, as all the world knows, excludes from its midst all questions of party or politics; its principles are universal, and it is about the only secret society recognised by the State. Then, surely, this cannot be the foundation of such an Order; or if it is, how will the following incongruities be reconciled?—the same authorities that ignored the non-commissioned officers lent an entire barracks to the brotherhood on the occasion, for the purpose of meeting, &c.; with full concurrence from the same source, two military bands marched with the procession to and from the Guildhall, and among the many hundreds black-coated and aproned, I recognised several army officers of distinction. Now if the above quoted paragraph was sufficient to influence the powers that be in the case of the non-commissioned officers, was it not anything but consistent in them to sanction or countenance what, under the circumstances, would be, not only a glaring irregularity, but a gross violation of the "Queen's Regulations?" on the other hand, if the loan of the barracks and regimental bands to the Freemasons, and the fact of the military officers (who concealed their profession by wearing a black coat) walking in the procession, was in accordance with the spirit of the Regulations, then the prohibitory order to the non-commissioned officers can be construed into nothing less than an insult to their position, and a slur on the coat they wear. Hitherto a soldier has been proud of his uniform, and justly so; but if his red coat debars him from appearing in society, simply because it is a red one, is it not more than likely he may begin to feel ashamed of it? The army is not what it once was, and with respect to the non-commissioned officers the change is marvellous. Education and intelligence have replaced loud-toned ignorance and tyranny, and it is a well-known fact that that particular class is chiefly responsible for the maintenance of good order and discipline in the Service, a fact that unfortunately does not seem to be recognised in the proper quarter. Why, then, should soldiers be treated like serfs and not men?

Dulcum in Parbo, or Masonic Notes and Queries.

RABBINICAL LITERATURE AND MASONIC LEGENDS.

In reading the *Voice of Masonry* (Chicago) for September, I was much pleased to peruse a racy article by our indefatigable Brother Jacob Norton, and also several other able communications from well known Masonic writers. Bro. Norton refers to the Rev. Dr. George Oliver's last work, in which that distinguished Mason mentions that the legend of the "third degree" is to be found in a work printed in 1715, from a MS. found in the Cambridge Library, entitled "Idle Hebrew Tales from the Jewish Targums." It is just possible that I noticed this allusion to the legend in one of Dr. Oliver's

works, and not in Dr. Mackay's Grand *Encyclopaedia*, as I fancied. Would our Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, M.A., P.G.C., kindly institute a search in the British Museum for the "Hebrew Tales," and thus add to the many kind and valued aids to the Masonic studies of
W. J. HUGHAN.

"A. M. G. D."

These initials have been used lately, and said to be in some way descriptive of Roman Catholicism. Will your Editor kindly explain them to me and to others of your readers who know them not.

REVIRESCO.

[They mean, "Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam."—Ed.]

BRO. FINDEL.

I see that Bro. Findel in his new work, "Geist und Form der Freimaurerei," makes the following very important statement, at page 288, in a foot note:—

"In 1641 John Amos Comenius went to England, out of whose didactic works Bro. Anderson introduced many passages almost word for word into his Book of Constitutions."

Will my able brother Findel furnish me with the references to the didactic works of Comenius, and whence these passages are taken, as his statement is one of the most important I have seen for a long time. I may add that Bro. Hughan agrees with me in this opinion, and either of us will feel deeply obliged to Bro. Findel to favour us with references to the identical passages in Comenius's works.

A. F. A. WOODFORD, P.G.C.

FREEMASONRY IN JAMAICA.

The consecration of the Caledonian Lodge (No. 554), took place on Tuesday, the 4th August, at 2 o'clock p.m., at Port Maria. The ceremony was performed by the R. W. W. G. Astwood, acting P.G.M. (by deputation) for the R. W. S. Constantine Burke, P.G.M. for Scotland, who was unavoidably prevented from attending, assisted by Brother the Revd. M. G. Constantine, who acted as Prov. Grand Chaplain. The ceremony of dedication being ended, the R. W. acting P.G.M. called on Bro. B. Mortimer Dias, acting Grand Director of Ceremonies (who very ably performed the duties assigned to him), to read the proclamation constituting the lodge. The acting P.G.M. afterwards installed the following Officers:—Christian Legget Hider, W. Master; Isaac Gomez Mesquita, D.M.; Thomas Gordon Black, S.W.; Thaddeus Constantine Dias, J.W.; Douglas Newell Berwick, Sec.; Amos DaCosta Levy, S.D.; Alexander Reid, J.D.; Henry Hire, I.G.; Jacob A. Hinds, Tyler. The officers, in appropriate terms, severally returned thanks, and the lodge was closed in the usual way.

At eight o'clock, p.m., the brethren re-assembled at the Court House, where a grand display of the good things of this life was provided, to which ample justice was done.—The usual loyal and patriotic toasts were proposed by the newly-installed Master. Other toasts were proposed during the evening and suitable replies made to each. Thus ended a day long to be remembered in Port Maria.

Masonic Tidings.

STAR LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, (No. 1275).—The anniversary banquet of this flourishing lodge will be held at the lodge house, "The Marquis of Granby," New Cross Road, on Friday, the 2nd of October, 1873. Tickets, 4s. each, may be obtained of the Stewards on any of the previous lodge meetings.

The Etonian Lodge of St. John, hitherto meeting at the Royal Adelaide Hotel, Windsor, on the Tuesday nearest full moon, will in future be held at the Masonic Hall, Windsor, on the first Tuesday in the month.

We regret to announce that the Grand Lodge of Brazil has lost a very worthy and zealous

brother, the "Vicomte de Monte Ferriera," who had attained the highest honour of Freemasonry, and died recently deeply regretted by his brethren, at the age of 78.

The ceremony of installation will be rehearsed in the Confidence Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch Lane, Cannon-street, E.C., on Wednesday, the 30th inst., at eight p.m., by Bro. John Constable, W.M. 185.

MARK MASOWRY.—The Provincial Grand Mark Master of the new Mark Province of Sussex, will be installed by the Right Hon. the Earl of Limerick, D.G.M.M., acting for the Right Hon. Earl Percy, G.M.M., on the 23rd prox., and the new P.G.M.M. of Lincolnshire will be installed by the R. W. Bro. Romaine Callender, M.P., on the 29th prox.

The Chigwell Lodge, No. 453, will meet on Saturday, 27th Sept., for the last time this season, at the Castle, Woodford, when our worthy Brother Hogard, P.M. of 205, will be installed into the chair of K.S., he having been unanimously elected to that high office at the last lodge meeting.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked at the Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, on Monday evening next, the 28th inst., at 7 prompt, the following brethren taking part:—W.M., Beckett; S.W., Solonio; J.W. Peary; and Bros. Barker, Crutch, Crawley, Wheeler, Cadett, Bentley, Saul, Morrison, &c. This will be the last meeting of the lodge at the St. John's-gate, previous to its removal, by permission of the W.M. of the parent lodge (No. 45), to P.M. Maples's, the Crown Tavern, Clerkenwell-green, on Monday, Oct. 5th.

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METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, October 3, 1874.

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

Saturday, September 26.

Manchester Lodge of Instruction (179), Yorkshire Grey, 77, London-street, Fitzroy-square, at 8; Bro. H. Ash, Preceptor.

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

Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. G. Dilley, Preceptor. Banquet.

Monday, September 28.

Lodge 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.

Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction (445), Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland, at 7; Bro. T. Austin, Preceptor.

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

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

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

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

British Oak Lodge of Instruction (813), Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.

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

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

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

Metropolitan Mark Lodge of Instruction, Coach and Horses Hotel, 323, Strand, at 8.

Tuesday, September 29.

Yarborough Lodge of Instruction (554), Green Dragon Steepy, at 8; Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.

Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tavern, Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 8; Bro. Larham, Preceptor.

Faith Lodge of Instruction (141), Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st., (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottelmann, Preceptor.

Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Lord's Hotel, Lord's Cricket Ground, St. John's-wood, at 8; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction (860), King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. Crawley, Preceptor.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction (65), Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st., Within, at 7.30; Bro. Bolton, W.M. 1227, Preceptor.

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

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

Percy Lodge of Instruction, Grapes Tavern, Little Windmill-street, W.

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

Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30.

Wednesday, September 30.

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

Chap. 822, Lily of Richmond, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond.

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

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

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.

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

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

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

Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction (1288), Finsbury Park Tavern, Seven Sisters'-road, N., at 8. Bro. P. Dickinson, Acting Preceptor.

United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.

Southwark Lodge of Instruction, (879), Southwark Park Tavern, Southwark Park, at 8; Bro. Charles William Kent, Preceptor.

Dalston Lodge of Instruction (975), Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.

Thursday, October 1.

Lodge 27, Egyptian, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.

" 45, Strong Man, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell.

" 192, Lion and Lamb, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.

" 227, Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

" 1538, La Tolerance, Freemasons' Hall.

" 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.

" 742, Crystal Palace, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.

" 822, Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall.

" 1178, Perfect Ashlar, Gregorian Arms, Bermondsey.

" 1351, St. Clements Dances, 265 Strand.

" 1360, Royal Arthur, Duke of Edinburgh Tavern, New Wimbledon.

" 1445, Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road.

Mark Lodge 3, Keystone, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Highgate Lodge of Instruction (1366), Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.

Friday, October 2.

Lodge 709, Florence Nightingale, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich.

" 890, Hornsey, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.

" 1489, Marquess of Ripon, Metropolitan Societies Asylum, Balls Pond-road.

Mark Lodge 8, Thistle, Caledonian Hotel, Adelphi.

St. George's Lodge of Instruction (140), Globe Tavern, Royal-hill, Greenwich.

Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.

Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, (749), Lyceum Tavern, 354 Strand, at 8; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.

Fanmore Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.

Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s, Freemasons' Hall, a 7.

Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tavern, Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.

Clapton Lodge of Instruction (1365), White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., Preceptor.

Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1293), the Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. W. F. Rogers, Precep.

Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-road, at 8; Comp. W. West Smith, Preceptor.

Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Bro. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.

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

United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Antelope Tavern, Lorn-road, Brixton, at 7.

St. James's Lodge of Instruction, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-road, Bermondsey, at 8; Bro. Howes, P.M., Preceptor.

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

Doric Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8.

Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8; Bro. P. M. Wuest, Preceptor.

St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Ross Tavern, Fulham-road, S.W.

Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.

High Cross Lodge of Instruction (754), Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.

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

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

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE,

For the Week ending Saturday, October 3, 1874.

Monday, September 28.

Lodge 148, Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington, at 6.30

Chap. 241, Friendship, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 5.

Tuesday, September 29.

Lodge 178, Antiquity, Royal Hotel, Wigan, at 6.30.

" 1384, Equity, Walker's Commercial Hotel, Widnes, near Liverpool, at 6.

Chap. 721, Grosvenor, Masonic Rooms, Eastgate-row, Chester, at 6.30.

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

Wednesday, September 30.

Lodge 1061, Triumph, Masonic Hall, Lytham at 7.

Alpass Encampment, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 5.

St. John's Lodge of Instruction (673), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8.

Thursday, October 1.

Lodge 249, Mariners', Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.

" 1473, Bootle, Molyneux Assembly Rooms, Bootle, at 6.

Chap. 758, Bridgewater, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 6.

Friday, October 2.

Lodge 680, Sefton, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 5.

" 1264, Neptune, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.

" 1375, Architect, Didsbury Hotel, Didsbury.

" 1387, Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton-cum-Hardy.

" 1086, Walton, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, at 6.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND VICINITY.

For the week ending Saturday, October 3, 1874.

All the Meetings take place at 8 o'clock.

Monday, September 28.

Lodge 103, Union and Crown, 170, Buchanan-st.

" 219, Star, 12, Trongate.

" 362, St. Clair, 25, Robertson-street.

" 541, Marie Stuart, Watson's Academy, Langside-road, Crosshill.

Chap. 122, Thetis, 35, St. James-street.

Tuesday, September 29.

" 426, Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Renfrew;

" 73, Caledonian Unity, 170, Buchanan-street.

Chap. 117, Govan, Portland Hall, Govan.

Wednesday, September 30.

Red Cross Conclave 114, Glasgow, 213, Buchanan-street.

Thursday, October 1.

Lodge 27, St. Mungo, 213, Buchanan-street.

" 465, St. Andrew's, Masons' Hall, Garngad-road.

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At a meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge, recently held at Landport, it was unanimously resolved that a Committee be appointed for the purpose of raising a fund, to provide a suitable memorial to our late deeply-lamented Bro. Stebbing.

In pursuance of the foregoing resolution, a meeting was held at Southampton, which was largely attended, when the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:—

"That the Lodges and Chapters of the Province and Freemasons generally be solicited to subscribe to a fund, to be appropriated as the Committee shall determine, for the benefit of the Widow of our late lamented Bro. J. R. Stebbing, whose circumstances at the time of his decease render this appeal absolutely necessary."

"That copies of these resolutions be forwarded to each Lodge and Chapter in the Province, inviting their co-operation, as well as that of Brethren and Companions generally, in obtaining subscriptions to the fund."

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PORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

BURDETT COUTTS LODGE (No. 1278)—
 Friday, 17th ult., was a high day among the
 members of this energetic young lodge; it was
 day of the year, the day for installing the
 officer to rule over the lodge during the suc-
 ceeding twelve months, and the members made
 most of it, not only coming themselves, and
 singing in good time, but hailing their brethren
 from other lodges to come and witness their
 strength and ability. It is not every lodge that has
 good fortune to possess so widely esteemed
 and munificent a patron as the Burdett Coutts
 Lodge. The worthy Baroness, after whom the
 lodge is named, is not a patroness in name only,
 but *de facto* evidence of which will now be
 presented before the lodge, in the shape of
 very elegant Masonic chairs in wainscot,
 elaborately wrought in the typical style
 appropriate to its situation in the lodge, while
 seats and arm pads, in green velvet, produce
 a pleasing contrast to the colour of the wood,
 each chair bears, in addition, the arms of
 the Baroness emblazoned on it. The formal
 installation of these chairs has not yet been
 completed but it will take place shortly, as will be
 evident from a letter which was read in the
 course of the evening from Col. Burdett, P.G.M.
 of Middlesex, when we have little doubt that
 the lodge will make the ceremony the occasion
 of a very high day indeed. The lodge is held
 at the Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Vic-
 toria Park, where they occupy a very comfort-
 able suite of rooms, and we could not but
 be struck on Thursday the care which had evi-
 dently been taken with the preparation of the
 room. The lodge met at three o'clock,
 the chair was taken by the W.M., Bro.
 John Ashburner, supported by Bro.
 Harris, S.W., W.M. elect; Bro W. J.
 Hill, J.W.; Bro. J. Terry, Treasurer; Bro.
 G. Verry, Secretary; Bro. W. Toye, S.D.;
 Bro. W. Hill, D.C.; Bro. C. K. Crouch.
 Bro. A. Lazarus, Steward; and a large
 number of the brethren. Among the visitors
 were G. Secretary, Bro. John Hervey; Bro.
 P.G. Treasurer for Middlesex Bro.
 Coles, P.M. 23; Bro. R. Chitson, 1348;
 Bro. W. Leage, 55; Bro. Sims, 65 Bro.
 Gardner, 1445; Bro. Jennings, Yarborough;
 Bro. G. Kent, 1297; Bro. Cotter, 554 Bro.
 Brown, 554; Bro. Horne, P.M. 1445. Bro.
 Brown, 832; and Bro. Davis, 959. The mis-
 sions were ably undertaken by Bro.
 Brown, Org. 554, 933, and 174. After the
 reading of the minutes of the preceding
 year and the presentation of the report of
 the Audit Committee, Bro. Isaac Davis was
 raised to the third degree, and Bro. Verridge
 was raised to the second degree, the
 ceremonies being very ably performed by
 Bro. W.M., Bro. Ashburner. The business of
 the lodge having been thus far disposed of, Bro.
 Harris, the S.W. of the past year, was
 installed by the immediate P.M., Bro. Lloyd,
 W.M. for installation, and having taken
 the customary obligations, a board of Installed
 Masters was formed, and Bro. Harris was pre-
 sented and installed into the chair of S.S.; and
 the brethren had returned to the lodge, he

was proclaimed and saluted in the usual form,
 the whole ceremony being performed, and the
 customary address subsequently delivered by
 Bro. Ashburner in an admirable manner. The
 following is the list of officers appointed by the
 W.M.:—S.W., Bro. W. J. Crutch; J.W., Bro.
 W. Toye; Treasurer, Bro. J. Terry; Secretary,
 Bro. G. W. Verry (reappointed for the fifth
 time); S.D., Bro. C. K. Crouch, J.D., Bro.
 J. W. Hill; I.G., Bro. A. Lazarus; D.C., Bro.
 W. T. Christian; W.S., Bro. M. Gross. A
 handsome Past Master's jewel, voted by the
 lodge, was presented to Bro. Ashburner by the
 W.M., who, in investing him with it, expressed
 the high appreciation in which the recipient was
 held by the whole of the members, and trusted
 that he would live to enjoy his honours for many
 years to come. Bro. Ashburner having returned
 thanks, the Secretary, Bro. Verry, read a letter
 from Col. Burdett, Prov. Grand Master for
 Middlesex, regretting that his absence from town
 prevented his being present at this occasion; but
 stated that his return would take place in Oc-
 tober, when he would immediately communicate
 with the Baroness and request her to fix as early
 a day as possible for the presentation of the
 chairs. The Secretary having read a number
 of letters, some announcing resignations of
 members, and a much larger number of propo-
 sitions for joining members, the business of the
 evening was brought to an end, when the lodge
 was closed in due form, and the brethren after-
 wards reassembled at the banquet table, and sat
 down to a sumptuous repast served by mine host
 of the Approach Tavern. On the removal of the
 cloth the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were pro-
 posed. On the health of the Past Grand Master,
 the Prince of Wales, the Deputy Grand Master,
 the Earl of Carnarvon, and the rest of the Grand
 Officers Past and Present, being proposed, cou-
 pled with the name of Bro. John Hervey, Grand
 Secretary, the Consecrating Master of the lodge,
 Bro. Hervey, rose and said: Worshipful Master,
 Bro. Wardens, and Brethren, I am afraid that I
 must interpose my dull notes instead of those
 exquisite tones which we have heard produced
 by the manipulation of our Brother Organist,
 although I am sure you would rather listen to
 him than to me. But time is on the wing, and
 I will, therefore, at once thank you in the name
 of the Past Grand Officers for the cordial man-
 ner in which this toast has been proposed and re-
 sponded to. I am sure it must be a matter of
 regret that you have not been able to propose
 the health of the Grand Master of the Order.
 We have no right to make any comment upon
 the resignation of the Grand Master, but of one
 thing I am sure, that it was a source of deep
 regret to the Craft, deep regret to the Masonic
 world at large, when we found so excellent a
 Grand Master suddenly taken from us. When
 one who has been at the head of affairs for a
 considerable time, and was so much acquainted
 with the requirements of his office, leaves us,
 we cannot look forward to the business of Free-
 masonry being carried on with the same aptitude
 as it has been carried on for some time past. I
 am sure that the brethren will treasure up glo-
 rious recollections of the Past Grand Master, the
 Marquis of Ripon, and deeply regret his de-
 parture. For myself I must always regret it,
 because his knowledge and advice were a great
 assistance to me in the office that I have held for
 some time. And now, if I may venture to
 allude to myself, I would thank you for myself
 for the manner in which the toast has been
 received. It has been my lot, although not a
 married man, to have a great many children;
 and I have been visiting my various families for
 the last few days, and I am glad to see that they
 are all flourishing. It is, of course, Worshipful
 Master, very difficult when visiting lodges you
 have consecrated at very short intervals to make
 speeches which will not trench on another.
 Now I have been making speeches congratulating
 lodges I have consecrated very frequently lately
 on the progress they have made in a short time.
 I congratulated Bro. Howe the other day for the
 manner in which his lodge had progressed under
 him in the year of his office, and I did but short
 justice to the members of the lodge for the
 manner in which they supported him. At the
 Mount Edgcumbe Lodge we sat down some

seventy,—and I was squeezed into a very small
 space, though we managed to get on very well
 —and I congratulated that lodge on the success
 that had attended their exertions. The same
 thing happened only two evenings ago at the
 Doric Chapter, and the duty meets me again
 this evening now that I am amongst you. It is
 now five years ago that the Burdett Coutts Lodge
 was launched into existence, and I can truly say
 to you—say it with all sincerity—that I am ex-
 tremely glad to see such a congregation around
 the table as I see this night, and to see the good
 working of the lodge, and I congratulate the
 Immediate Past Master on the way in which he
 installed his successor. Brethren, I am sorry
 that Col. Burdett is not here, to do as he has
 done—what he has uniformly done before—I
 am sorry that he is not here to return thanks for
 the Grand Officers in the kindly and hearty
 manner which he has; but if I cannot express
 myself in such glowing terms, I can be as sincere,
 and I thank you for the cordial manner in which
 the toast has been received. I am glad to see
 your prosperity, and I wish you every success in
 the future. Bro. Ashburner, I.P.M.: Brethren,
 when you hear the sound of the gavel from this
 side of the chair, you know the toast that is to
 follow—that it is the health of your Master.
 It is a pleasing duty to me who have this evening
 attained to the dignity of a P.M., to propose this
 toast; and I sincerely hope that our W.M. for
 the ensuing year will have as successful a term
 of office as I have had, not only in the numbers,
 but in the working, of the brethren. At the
 same time I congratulate the W.M. on being my
 immediate successor in this lodge. My Brother
 Hervey has given a partial history of the lodge.
 He has mentioned having installed Bro. Terry,
 the first W.M., into the chair, who, before we
 finish our evening's gratifications, will himself
 give you the history of the lodge. Bro. Ash-
 burner went on to say, that the lodge was in a
 very prosperous condition, and that though they
 were rather far east, and somewhat out of the
 immediate circle of metropolitan Freemasonry,
 there was no doubt, from the success they had
 had in the past, that they would continue to
 progress and flourish; and that if the brethren
 would support their present Worshipful Master
 as they had supported him (Bro. Ashburner)—
 as he was sure they would do—there was no fear
 of Bro. Harris not having an equally successful
 year with that which the speaker had enjoyed.
 The Worshipful Master: I rise to return you
 thanks for the kind manner in which you have
 drunk my health. I assure you that I shall
 perform the duties of my high position to the
 best of my ability, and if the officers and brethren
 will accord to me the same measure of assistance
 and support as they have given to my predecessor,
 I have no doubt that my year's office will be a
 very pleasant one. I thank you very much for
 the kind and cordial manner in which this toast
 has been received. The next toast I have to
 propose is that of the Past Masters', and I will
 thank you to be up standing, and drink the health
 of Bro. Terry, Bro. Lloyd, and Bro. Ashburner.
 Bro. Ashburner: As your Immediate Past Mas-
 ter, I rise to thank you for the very kind manner
 in which you have received the health of the
 Past Masters. I assure you I feel very proud of
 the position, so proud that I do not know how
 to find words to express that pride. I thank you
 for the very kind words spoken and the good
 feeling evinced on this occasion; and I hope that
 I shall see many of the brethren who are now
 travelling in the track that I have trod reach at
 last the position of Masters and Past Masters.
 During the past five years, circumstances unfore-
 seen had compelled me to drop out of the lodge.
 I trust those cases have been to their benefit,
 I trust it has not been to their loss. I think we
 may take it that this is now one of the most
 successful lodges at this end of London. What
 we have done may have been by slow steps, but
 I trust we have found them sure. The speaker
 then adverted to the great success of the Prince
 Leopold Lodge, commenting in terms of praise
 on the zeal and assiduity with which Bro. Howe
 had worked for that lodge. He trusted that
 their own lodge would maintain its position
 under their present Master, who was
 an operative as well as a specu-

lative Mason, and concluded by again thanking the brethren for the assistance they had rendered him in his year of office. Various other toasts usual at lodge banquets having been proposed and responded to, the chairman proposed success to the Masonic Institutions, coupling the toast with Bro. Terry's name. Bro. Terry: In rising to respond to the toast of the Masonic Institutions I do so w'th a very affectionate remembrance of the Burdett Coutts lodge. We are only five years old, but during that time we have not forgotten the Masonic charities. Our worthy Secretary, Bro. Verry took in a list of £216. Now that is not an inconsiderable sum. This year S. D. Crouch went up, and he took a list of between £70 and £80, so that we have contributed some £300. In commenting on the progress of the Institutions, Bro. Terry alluded to the very rapid progress that Freemasonry itself was making in the country, stating that from the first of January in this year 5980 Masons have been made up to the present time, which showed them that they wanted 5980 more subscribers to the Masonic Institutions. They had joined a society of men who are banded together for certain charitable purposes, and they ought to have the opportunity afforded them of contributing to the good work. They appealed to the brethren present to do all they could for the Institutions in the coming year. They did not want this to be an ordinary lodge, they wanted it to be a superlative lodge. They had done well in the past, but in acting for the future they must not lose sight of the fact that they took their name from an honourable lady who was honoured among other qualities for her munificent charity; and he was sure that they would one and all do their best to obtain the same reputation for the lodge that bore her name. He trusted that it would not be long before they had an opportunity of entertaining the Baroness. There had been a long delay, but they had now hopes that an early day would be fixed by their patroness for the formal presentation of their beautiful chairs to the lodge, and he trusted that every member of the lodge would feel it his bounden duty to be present on that occasion. Bro. Terry concluded with some general remarks upon the merits of the lodge, the efficiency of its officers, and the pleasure he felt at the presence of the Grand Officers and other eminent Masons who had favoured them with their company on this occasion. Various other toasts were proposed and ably responded to—the whole being interspersed with very enjoyable songs, and the company separated at a late hour after having spent a very pleasant evening.

Mark Masonry.

LEICESTER.—*Fowke Lodge* (No. 19).—The regular bi-monthly meeting of this very flourishing lodge, was held at the Masonic Hall, Leicester, on Thursday, September 24th, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. James Malcolm McAlister, Mark Prov. Grand Secretary, who was well supported by a numerous attendance of officers and brethren. Amongst those present were Bros. A. M. Dunn, P.M., P.P.G. J.W.; L. S. Partridge, P.M., Prov. J.G.W.; Wm. Weare, I.P.M.; G. Toller, jun., S.W.; W. Sculthorpe, M.O.; W. H. Garner, Treasurer; F. J. Baines, Secretary; F. A. Wykes, J. T. Thorp, R. Waite, J. Edmunds, Steward, G. B. Atkins, and A. Sargeant. The minutes having been confirmed, the ballot was taken for Bros. Orlando Law, and S. Knight, as candidates for advancement, both of whom were unanimously elected, and being present were duly admitted to the degree of Mark Man, and afterwards advanced to that of Mark Master. The ceremony of advancement was performed, and the explanatory lecture of the degree delivered by the W.M., Bro. McAlister, in the most perfect manner, and the duties of the various subordinate offices discharged in the efficient style for which this lodge has now become noted. A candidate for advancement was proposed, and some business of a routine character transacted, after which the lodge was closed, and the brethren partook of refreshment. The subsequent proceedings were much enlivened by the excellent singing of Bros. Wykes, Sargeant, Edmunds, and others.

Red Cross of Constantine.

PREMIER CONCLAVE.—This Order continues to spread throughout the globe, as an example of which there are now four conclaves in New Zealand, all established within a year or two. The Original or Premier Conclave of England met at the Regent Masonic Hall, Regent-street, on the 31st ult., but many of its members were out of town. Bro. Harrison was admitted as a Guard of the Conclave, and subsequently the Mount Carmel Sanctuary and Commandery were opened, and Sir Knts. J. C. Parkinson, F. W. H. Ramsay, M.D., F.R.S., H. Parker, A. Moore, T. Kingston, and Rev. P. M. Holden, were duly created K.H.S. and Knts. of St. John the Evangelist. A banquet followed the proceedings of the day.

On Tuesday, the 22nd September, the opening meeting of the Bard of Avon Conclave (No. 99) was held at the same place, the following Knts. being present, J. C. Parkinson, G. Examiner, M.P.S. Designate; Dr. Ramsay, Viceroy Designate; R. Wentworth Little, G. Treas.; H. C. Levander, G.H.C.; Rev. E. Brette, D.D., G.A.R.; J. G. Marsh, P.G.A.; Rev. J. M. Vaughan, G.S.P.; Hyde Pullen, Viceroy Bective Conclave, No. 2a, T. W. White, G. Preceptor, and R. W. Stewart, G.H.A. Bros. R. G. Glover, P.M. 181, Prov. J.G.D. Middlesex; Major C. Harding, P.M. 231, Rev. A. Hall, Frank Richardson, W. G. Goodliffe, and W. H. Smith were installed as Knts. of the Order. The conclave was then dedicated, and the Officers were elected or appointed. Sir Knt. Parkinson presided at the banquet.

Scotland.

GLASGOW.—*Scotia Lodge* (No. 178).—Annual Picnic.—On Tuesday, Sept. 15th, the brethren of this lodge, with their wives and sweethearts, held their annual holiday. The morning was unpropitious, but a goodly number assembled under the guidance of the committee, consisting of Bros. Mathison, I.P.M., Sinclair, P.M.; Gardner, S.W.; Salt, J.W.; Jews, S.M.; Higgins, Sec.; King, T.; and Smith, Steward. Proceeding by rail to Greenock, they took lunch, and halted till the weather cleared up, when an omnibus conveyed the brethren to Largs, a deputation of the brethren of No. 173, coming in a carriage and pair to meet them. On arriving at St. John's Hall, the two lodges dined together; the weather not allowing of the proposed drive to Fairlie Glen, they again took the omnibus to Greenock, where Bro. Prince had a substantial tea awaiting them. Dancing was then commenced, and kept up with such spirit that the railway bell sounded in vain, it being less attractive than the *belles* of the ball.

GLASGOW.—*Lodge St. George* (No. 333) held an emergency meeting on Monday, Sept. 21st, in St. Mark's Hall; Bro. J. Winton, R.W.M.; J. McFarlane, D.M., as S.W.; J. Forsyth, J.W.; and J. MacIntyre, Secretary. A petition was presented from a gentleman who was about to go abroad, and the ballot having proved unanimous in his favour, it was moved and carried that he be allowed to receive the three degrees. At the requisition of the lodge, Bro. Wheeler, 73, conferred these upon the candidate. At the conclusion of the ceremony, Bro. McFarlane moved, and the R.W.M. seconded, a motion that in consequence of the services of Bro. Wheeler on this as well as on former occasions, he be affiliated an honorary member of the lodge. He also proposed that Bro. Lloyd, of 456, who had shown a great interest in the lodge should be admitted. Both propositions were carried with acclamation, and the brethren affiliated. There being no further business the R.W.M. proceeded to close the lodge in due form.

GLASGOW.—*St. Mungo Encampment*.—The annual meeting for the election of officers took place on Monday, Sept. 21st, Sir Knight R. Bell, E.C., in the chair, supported by H. J. Sheild, R.C., Captain Shanks, F. Bates, and G. W. Wheeler, Recorder. After the encampment had been opened in due form, the Recorder read the minutes of the last meeting and explained that the circumstances under which their pre-

sent M.E.C. had determined to retire, led to there being two Sir Knights put in nomination for the post of E.C. On the vote of the encampment being taken, Captain J. E. Shanks, 18, was declared duly elected E.C., and the following Sir Knights as his office bearers for the ensuing year:—J. O. Park, C.G.; S. Scott, R.; F. Bates, T.; Rev. J. C. Stewart, Prelate; J. Johnson, M.; C. MacKenzie, 1st A.D.C.; J. Louttit, 2nd A.D.C.; C. McClannachan, 1st W.; G. McAlister, 2nd W.; J. May, C.C.; T. W. Brownlie, D.C.; W. P. Watson, J.C.; D. B. Fleming, D of Music; R. Muir, S.B.; J. Forrest, S.B.; and John McDade, Sentinel. There being no other business, the encampment was closed in due form.

GLASGOW.—ROYAL ARCH MEETINGS.

This has been a busy week in Glasgow, in Royal Arch Masonry, all the chapters having met for election and installation of officers.

CHAPTER 50, held their annual meeting in St. Mark's Hall on September 23rd, for the election and installation of officers for the ensuing year. The following companions were unanimously elected, and had the honour of being installed by M.E. Comp. F. A. Barrow, P.G.Z., (who expressed the pleasure he felt in attending to instal the officers of his mother chapter). James Miller, Z., was re-elected; Wm. Bell, H.; F. J. Mitchell, J.; P. Agnew, T.; James Louttit, Scribe E. re-elected; J. Mann, W.; and Colin McKenzie, Principal Sojourner, were then installed.

CHAPTER 69 met in Killwinning Hall, 170, Buchanan-street, on the 23rd ult and proceeded to elect as their officers Comps. Dr. T. D. Humphries, re-elected for the fourth time; G. Herron, H., re-elected; D. B. Fleming, J.; Wm. Thomas, T., re-elected; J. M. Oliver, S.E., re-elected; Jas. Gibbon, N.; George Robinson, 1st S.; J. H. Fash, 2nd S.; R. Prout, 3rd S.; D. Ramsay, Janitor. The chapter then adjourned, while No. 73 proceeded with their election.

CHAPTER No. 73 met in the Killwinning Hall under Comp. G. MacDonald, Z., and unanimously elected the following companions as officers for the year:—G. W. Wheeler, Z.; John Tweed, H.; J. Steward, J.; J. Bannerman, T.; Jas. Balfour S.E., re-elected; A. McKie, N.; W. B. Patterson, 1st S.; G. Murray, 2nd S.; Wm. McGregor, 3rd S.; Thos. Yules, Captain of the Vails, and Wm. Jamison, Janitor. A deputation of members, accompanied by all the officers of Chapter 144, then appeared, and asked permission for their officers to be installed, as they had been disappointed in obtaining the services of the companions whom they had expected to instal them. This was at once granted, and Comp. Wheeler requested Comp. A. McTaggart, M.A., P.G.S.E., to instal them. The P.G.S.E. said it would have given him much pleasure, as a member of 73, to have complied with the request of their First Principal, but as, owing to the three chapters meeting, his time had expired, and he knew that their P.Z. was fully competent to the task. He must ask them to permit him to retire. The officers of No. 144 were then introduced, having been previously elected in their own hall in the Garngad-road. The following is the list:—Jas. Annand, Z.; J. McLeish, H., re-elected; G. McAllum, J., re-elected; J. W. Rothenm, T.; Jas. Both, S.E.; A. Heron, N.; Jas. Appleyard, 1st S.; J. Morrison, 2nd S.; Jas. Mills, 3rd S.; J. Hughes, Janitor; Comp. J. Balfour, Scribe E. and P.Z. of 73, then proceeded to instal all the officers of the three Chapters in a most efficient manner. Comp. T. D. Humphries, who was seated as H., then addressed the united chapters, thanking the members of 69 for their confidence in him in thus for the fourth time placing him in the proud position, and pledging himself to do the best in his power to carry out the principles of Royal Ach Masonry. Comp. James Annand, seated at J., thanked the members of 144. They were the youngest chapter in the Province, and their 1st Z. had left not only them but the country. Their late Z., Comp. R. Bell, had worthily fled the chair since his departure, and he wished he could have induced him to have continued or another year, but having decided otherwise he would do his best to deserve their favour. Comp. G. W. Wheeler could not boast of four years' experience in the office like

mp. Humphries; but he had now filled every ce in a chapter inside the door, and trusted should not bring discredit on that of Z. He sidered it a very high honour to sit in that ir at this meeting of the three chapters. two fellow First Principals had been pleased speak of his efforts in both their chapters; it been a source of pride to him to be able to useful to his companions in those Chapters; had rewarded him by honorary membership, now giving him the place of honour. This ting he considered an auspicious omen; they here the emblem of the Order, the Equi- al Triangle, with the Three Chapters, while three Principals of each might represent the le Tau. He hoped that the three Chap- would be even more friendly united than were at present; to effect that he would vest a meeting of the Principals, to completely tify their work. And they might get others o-operate, as at present, out of the twelve ters in the province, these were not two that ed precisely alike. Companions who, like from his connection with the *Freemason*, to visit all those chapters, and frequently o assist in the work, found it very annoying, ot at all conducive to the general welfare he Order. Comp. Annand, Z. 144, pro- and Comp. Humphries, 469, seconded the s of the three chapters to Comp. Balfour, e excellent way in which he had performed nstallation ceremonies, and that the same ecorded by their respective Scribe E.'s. p. Wheeler, on putting it, observed that p. Balfour was deserving of thanks, not only s services to-night, but for his readiness at nes to assist any chapter in any part of work. This was carried by acclamation. s. Wheeler, Humphries, and Annand, then f the chapter, the companions adjourning freshment to the Small Hall, where Comp. der presided as chairman, with Humphries onand as Croupiers.

AFTER 67, according to dispensation the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter and, held their meeting for election and ation on Friday, 23th inst, at 22, Struthers- , Calton. The chapter was opened inoyal Arch degree, and the nominations at previous meetings read. The nomination be not holding good, David French was nominated for that office. The following being read over individually, were declared elected for the year:—Comps. James Z.; John Cunningham, H.; John J.; David French, Scribe E.; John Mason, James Wood, Treasurer; David Ronald, Soj.; John Nagle, Second Soj.; James , Third Soj.; Andrew Crawford, Janitor. Halkett, M.E.Z., 13, installed the office- in a most solemn and impressive r. Comp. James Duthie then thanked mpanions for re-electing him, and said ery effort would be made by him for the f the chapter, and hoped that his office- would not be wanting in supporting id doing all that they could to add to the g prosperity of the Cathedral Chapter. returned thanks to his past office-bearers mpanions, who had been regular in their nce, supporting the work of the past ad remarked those of them who he had failed to do what they ought to have red they were in honour bound to do. Duthie, P.Z., returned thanks to Com- Halkett for services rendered on the pre- sation to the Cathedral R.A.C. Comp. said it gave him very great pleasure to to-night, and wished success to the working of the chapter. There being her business the chapter was closed in d ancient form, James Duthie, P.Z.; unningham, P.H.; John Main, P.J.; mpanions standing to order. The Masters Lodge was opened, with Brother Right W. Master, in the char, Bro. S. W.; Bro. Main, J. W. There to business of this degree the brethren illed from labour to refreshment. The yal toasts, with song and sentiment, were til the brethren were called from refresh- ck) to labour, and the lodge was closed and ancient form by Bros. Duthie, and Main.

FREEMASONRY AND ROMAN CATHOLICISM:

COMMUNICATED.

[We print the following communication, on the principle of allowing free discussion of all passing events affecting Freemasonry, but we are by no means prepared to say that we should endorse all the arguments of our able correspondent—Ed.]

The perversion of the Marquis of Ripon, the Grand Master of the Order of Freemasons, to Roman Catholicism has naturally enough, in the present "dead season" of politics, given rise to a good deal of comment in the press; but comparatively little attention has been drawn to Freemasonry, in the sense of its being a "secret society," and as such lying under the curse of the Church of Rome. Papal fulminations of the most malignant type are ever and anon being hurled against secret societies in general, and the society of Freemasons in particular; anathemas fierce, and spiteful, are continually being launched from the Romish pulpit by the subordinates of Pius IX. against institutions of this class; and, to crown the terror and rage, the threat of excommunication is made ever to ring in the ears of those worshipping within the pale of the church—hanging over them like the sword of Damocles—should they attempt to join the brotherhood of any so-called secret institution. No exception is apparently made either on account of the religious nature or the beneficent results of many of these societies: Orangemen and Ribbonmen(?)—Freemasons and Odd Fellows—Good Templars and Philanthropists, who may meet in private to disburse bounties to the poor, are under the ban of the Romish Church; every society,—in short, which likens itself to the Church of Rome, in its exemplary strict seclusion—burrowing like a mole in the earth—is vehemently denounced as being projects established and promulgated by the Evil One. With the exception of societies such as the "International," or may we venture to add, the "Home Rule" order, which have political objects to serve and if possible accomplish, there are very few "secret" bodies, at least in this country, which keep their light under a bushel, and none less so than the venerable Order of "Free, Antient, and Accepted Masons." From time immemorial the Craft has borne an irreproachable character, both in public and private. Its members have all along been the trusty friends of truth and true religion. In troublous times they lent powerful aid to stem the tide of infidelity and error, and the Church of Rome perceiving that the foundation upon which Masonry rested was heavenly in design, made strenuous efforts to overthrow it. Monarchs, who were little more than underlings of the reigning Pope, were directed to stamp out the Order, and persecution against the Craft followed. But extermination proved impossible, and the last and only course Rome could pursue was to "curse it with an awful curse." This, then, is the secret of the spite and enmity which the Church of Rome bears towards Freemasonry, and hence it is that no Roman Catholic dare enter into its brotherhood. Freemasonry is not a "secret" society in the commonly understood meaning of the term; it is more of the character of a select society. In corroboration of this statement we quote the following from an excellent work entitled, "Freemasonry and its Jurisprudence," written by an influential member of the Order, Brother Chalmers I. Paton, Edinburgh:—

"If the term [secret society] refers, as, perhaps, in strict language, it should, to those associations whose designs are concealed from the public eye, or whose members are unknown, which produce their results in darkness, or whose operations are carefully hidden from the public gaze, a definition which will be appropriate to many political clubs and revolutionary combinations in despotic countries, where reform, if it is at all to be effected, must be effected by secret combinations—then clearly Freemasonry is not a secret society. Its design is not only publicly proclaimed, but is vaunted by its disciples as something to be venerated; its disciples are known, for its membership is considered an

honour to be coveted; it works for a result of which it boasts—the civilization and refinement of man, the amelioration of his condition, and the reformation of his manners. But it by a secret society is meant—and this is the most popular understanding of the term—a society in which there is a certain amount of knowledge, whether it be of methods of recognition, or of legendary and traditional learning, which is imparted to those only who have passed through an established form of initiation, the form itself being also concealed or esoteric, then in this sense is Freemasonry undoubtedly a secret society. Now, this secrecy is inherent in it, existing with it from its foundation, and secured to it by its ancient landmarks. If divested of its secret character it would lose its identity, and would cease to be Freemasonry."

It is abundantly evident from the foregoing that the secrecy of Freemasonry applies solely to "the methods of recognition amongst the brethren," and that it has no significance or object in drawing a cordon—as understood by the Romish Church—to exclude all free-born moral-living men of whatever creed, political or ecclesiastical. Lord Ripon's secession, therefore, from the ranks of the Freemasons—in itself a comparatively trivial matter to the Craft, as within its extensive membership are princes of the blood royal, who will gladly and can worthily fill the Grand Master's chair—demonstrates in a marked degree, let it be said—and that secretly wrought—the bitter malevolence of the Church of Rome against a society which, in its spirit and practice is a useful and munificent public institution. Hoary with antiquity, it has won worldwide reverence, and in proof of its vitality it is at the present day stronger in its muster roll than at any period of its long history. Hence it is invulnerable against the thunderbolts of Rome, the greatest and grossest secret society in Christendom.

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ROME AND FREEMASONRY.

While lamenting the recent event which will for ever associate the hitherto honoured name of Ripon with that of renegade, I cannot conceive that the present moment is one to be employed in vain regrets for our lost Grand Master, or in attempts to magnify the services which he is supposed to have rendered to the Craft. It is precisely because Lord Ripon sat upon the throne of English Freemasonry that we, as English Freemasons, have a right to judge him by his acts, and it is generally admitted that his perversion to the Church of Rome acquires all its sinister significance from the very fact of his rank in our Order. It therefore becomes our imperative duty to review with frankness and without fear, all the circumstances relating to this melancholy fact in which such dear and sacred interests are as those which appertain to Freemasonry are indubitably involved. There can scarcely be a lingering doubt in the mind of any thinking man that the abruptness of the Marquis of Ripon's resignation was but part and parcel of a deep laid plan to strike a treacherous blow at an Institution for which up to the very eve of his secession, the noble lord professed so profound a veneration, "Freemasonry was a fortress of which Lord Ripon was Governor," says one of your contemporaries, and how did he repay this boundless confidence? By doing the work of our inveterate enemy in secret, for as the same journal remarks, a man's religious convictions are as rarely changed in a single night as the colour of his hair; hence the fatal conclusion is irresistibly forced upon us, that our late Grand Master maintained his bond of brotherhood with the Craft, and sought its highest honours in order that his open defection, on the eve of our great national Masonic assemblage, might inflict upon us a stronger and deadlier blow.

In this connection it is impossible to avoid alluding to certain rumours of a startling character, which are at present rife amongst the fraternity generally, but more especially amongst metropolitan brethren. It is asserted that the Councils of the Craft in this country have for years been directed by a brother who is affiliated

to the society of the Jesuits, and who even holds some position in that pernicious association. If this be so, much that has appeared to be mysterious in the course of recent events becomes unfortunately but too comprehensible; that such a terrible suspicion should hang like the sword of Damocles over the head of a possibly innocent man, is in itself a misfortune, but it is an infinitely graver matter should there be even a scintilla of truth in the rumour. With the Machiavellian principles of Jesuitism, Freemasonry wages an eternal war, because light and darkness cannot mingle, and it is therefore fearful to contemplate that there may be within our midst a member whose talents and influence are used to undermine our strength. Unhappily history is full of the records of similar treasuries, and it behoves us to be on our guard, and to watch with jealousy the efforts of any brother who may seek to dominate our affairs in future. Lord Ripon's withdrawal into the shade of the Vatican will not have been made in vain, should it awaken English Freemasons from the apathy and lethargy into which a course of unbroken success has plunged them at the present moment.

VERBUM SAT SAPIENTI.

[We print the above, as we have received it, without note or comment.—Ed.]

OUR NEW ROYAL GRAND MASTER

The announcement that our Royal Brother, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, has signified his willingness to accept the vacant office of Grand Master is one of the greatest importance to the Craft all over the world. Its effects will be felt throughout the wide domain of Freemasonry in a most salutary manner; thus out of evil T.G.A.O. T.U. in his own time chooses to bring forth good. The event is one of the happiest significance at a period when Christendom is rent and torn with the machinations of the unscrupulous Society of Jesuits, and it further shows the nobility of the Prince's mind and his willingness to give all assurance of the sincerity of his Masonic faith. Nor will the new Grand Master prove an idle administrator, the energy which he has shown in conducting the ceremonials of an august court will only find additional scope for exercise, now he has voluntarily accepted the greatest charitable throne in the world.

Ever since his Royal Highness joined the Masonic body, he has markedly evinced his cordial assent to its noble doctrines, and his general carriage as a man and a citizen have shown him to be very deeply penetrated by the truths of its principles. In no way has he belied the promise of the careful training he received at the hands of his regretted father, and in him English, or rather British Freemasons, will find an able, urbane, firm, and thoroughly conscientious chief. As a thorough Englishman, he will be welcome to everyone, and while the Masonic Throne sheds an historic glory about him, his own modesty of character will adorn that throne. Long may he continue to rule over the Craft.

CRYPTONYMUS.

THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The General Committee of the Girls' School held a meeting on last Thursday afternoon at the Freemason's Hall, when the chair was occupied by Bro. H. Browse, Vice President. There were also present T. F. Peacock, Griffiths Smith, Walter Wellsman, C. H. Finney, Richard Spencer, and T. W. White. The minutes of the last General Committee Meeting, held on August 27, were read for the purpose of verification, after which the minutes of the House Committee Meeting of the 17th instant were read. Three petitions having been read were approved by the meeting, which separated after passing a vote of thanks to the chairman.

An emergency meeting of the Neptune Lodge No. 22, will be held at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, on Thursday next, at 5 p.m.; when the following gentleman (amongst others),—who attended before the Lord Mayor, a week or so back, to thank the police for their attention to him whilst viewing the sights of London—will be initiated:—Mr. Hajeebboy Hormasjee Shroff, Justice of the Peace and Member of Bombay Corporation.

CONSECRATION OF THE METROPOLITAN LODGE, NO. 1507.

Truly Freemasonry is spreading rapidly, and there is small matter of surprise that such a "good hater" of the Craft as the Pope should do all in his power, however ineffectual his efforts may be, to diminish its influence, by depriving it of an influential head. His tactics however in this respect have been faulty, for our loss has been our gain—losing a Marquis we have gained a Prince. We have now the pleasing duty before us of recording the establishment and consecration of another lodge, which will hold its meetings at the rooms of the Metropolitan Club, at No. 269, Pentonville-road, King's-cross. The ceremony of consecration was performed on Monday, the 28th ult. by our V.W. Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary, assisted by W. Bro. James Brett, P.M. and P.G.P.; P.Z. and P.G. D.C., and Bro. Robert Wentworth Little, P.M., P.G. Secretary, Middlesex, P.Z. and G.S.E. Middlesex, the musical arrangements being under the direction of Bro. George Garratt, P.M. There was a large attendance of well-known and experienced Masons, among whom we noticed Bros. C. B. Payne, P.M. 27; S. R. Maples, S.W. 1260; J. C. Dwarber, J. Willing, P.M. 55; E. Sayer, High Cross, 765; W. Dixon, 1107; W. Bury Clark, 186; Guest, 753; W. Stephens, 1366; Byng, 935 Frost, 228, 704, 860; J. Storey, I.P.M. 1107, P.G. Superintendent of Works, Kent, P.P.G. Steward; J. B. Edwards, 861, 1107; E. Pidduck, 1107; E. Legg, 851; R. Meacock, 361; C. Reuter, 1107; T. Cunningham, 754; Brown, 275; Massey (*Freemason*), and W. Norris, 1489.

The brethren present having entered the lodge room in procession, the Consecrating Master took the Master's chair, supported by Bros. Brett as S.W., and Bro. Stephens as J.W., Bro. Little officiating as D.C. The lodge having been opened in the three degrees, the presiding officer addressed the brethren on the nature of the meeting, and the formal business of constituting the petitioning brethren into a regular lodge was transacted in due form, after which Bro. James Brett delivered an oration upon the nature and principles of the Institution, which was followed by the more solemn part of the ceremony, which was performed in a most impressive manner by Bros. Hervey and Little.

Bro. Hervey:—Brethren, we have met here on a pleasant and peculiar occasion; pleasant because we are adding a new lodge to the Craft, and under peculiar circumstances, because it is well known to all present that our late Grand Master has seceded from the Order, and has been succeeded by the Prince of Wales; and it is a peculiar circumstance that this lodge should be the first consecrated under the new regime, and I think that the members of 1507 may on some future occasion be gratified to think that it is the first that has been consecrated under the Mastership of the Prince of Wales. And this is the first opportunity I have had of congratulating the brethren on the fact, that though abandoned under very peculiar circumstances by our late head, we are not utterly abandoned by the great, when the Heir-apparent to the Crown can assume the head and leadership of our Order and preside over us. And I think it is gratifying under many considerations. However, it is trenching—to allude to circumstances which have just happened—trenching too nearly upon the tenets of our Order to allude further to this subject. The discussion of religion and politics is eschewed among us; and I should be very sorry if, in my position, I infringed that very wholesome tenet, I am sure—and I address myself more particularly to those who promote this lodge—I am sure they will do what I always recommend to the officers of lodges that I consecrate—to look more to the quality of their candidates than to their numbers. It is necessary that we should have increase of numbers in the Craft and recruits in its service, but, brethren, we had better be a small number of good men, than a large number of indifferent men; and, therefore I recommend the W.M. to be very careful whom he admits to candidature, as one black sheep will spoil the whole lodge.

We all know what damage one discreditable man does a lodge, and, therefore, it is not only for the benefit of the Craft in general, but also for the comfort of the lodge in particular, that I recommend great caution in the selection of members. Generally speaking brethren are too anxious to increase their numbers, and, perhaps, too anxious to increase their funds. I do hope, I feel confident, that this will not actuate the members of this lodge. I always refer to this when I can, because it is not a thing that can be enjoined forcibly on a lodge; a man of low rank is a far better candidate for our society when he has a high character and fair fame, than he would be if he were a nobleman, with all the faults which would render him an annoyance to those with whom he was associated. I do not want to allude to this too strictly; it is a friendly warning to the members of the lodge, and I trust it may be profitable.

On the conclusion of the address, the Consecrating Master proceeded to install Bro. James Willing as W.M. of the lodge, he having been recommended for that position in the petition, and appointed to it by the Warrant of the Grand Master. The principal officers also named in the warrant, were Bros. J. J. Michael, S.W., and Thos. Williams, J.W. On the proposition of the W.M., seconded by the S.W., the ballot was taken for the appointment of Bro. Rose, as Treasurer, and found to be unanimous in his favor. The other officers appointed were Bro. Tims, Sec.; Child, S.D.; Kingham, J.D.; Douglas, I.G.; and Fowler, D.C. On a show of hands Bro. Daly was elected Tyler of the lodge. All these were invested by Bro. Hervey, who in so doing addressed to each a few kindly words of advice and encouragement in reference to the duties they had undertaken to perform.

On the conclusion of the ceremony, the W.M. rose and said, brethren, before we proceed farther I have to propose that the cordial and hearty thanks of the lodge be tendered to our V.W. Bro. Hervey, for the able manner in which he has performed the impressive ceremonies which you have witnessed this evening, that our thanks be given in like manner to our W. Bro. James Brett, and to Bro. R.W. Little for the ability and zeal with which they have rendered their very efficient assistance to the Consecrating Master. I propose that a record to this effect be placed upon the minutes of the lodge, and I further propose that Bro. Hervey, Bro. Brett, and Bro. Little be elected honorary members of the Metropolitan Lodge. I am sure that you will all agree with me that the work of this evening has been nobly done, and I trust that we may frequently have the pleasure of receiving these brethren at our meetings. The proposition having been seconded by the J.W., was put and carried *unanimously*.

Bro. Hervey:—Worshipful Master, and brethren, I do not know whether my two friends desire me to speak for them. (Yes, yes). I assure you in the name of Bro. Brett, Bro. Little and myself, we thank you cordially for the compliment you have paid us. We came down here with very great pleasure to add a new lodge to the long roll of lodges in the English Craft, and if the ceremony, as far as I am concerned, has gone off well be assured the assistance of Bros. Little and Brett produced that effect, as I am confident they would have done it much better themselves. I am very glad to do it, and I am sure I speak the sentiments of the two brethren who stand up with me.

The W.M. then proposed that the thanks of the lodge be given in like manner to Bro. Garratt and Bro. Stephens, for their services, which having been carried, was briefly responded to by the two brethren named, and a number of propositions for candidates and initiates having been read and referred to the Secretary, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony, and the brethren adjourned to the Midland Hotel, where a elegant banquet was served by M. Suchet, the manager of the refreshment department, who deserves great praise for his anxiety to promote the comfort of the brethren. At the conclusion of the banquet, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were drank, all being spoken to with considerable spirit.

W. Master:—I have no wish, brethren, to intrude upon your time, but this night I have

pose now is not an ordinary one. I need not be time by explaining that which, though very interesting to us, is known to all of you at His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales has accepted the Grand Mastership of the Craft, and he now occupies the proud position of being elected to be head of the Order. For although we are pleased to see him at the head of the Craft, we are independent of every man, wherever he comes from—from the east or from the west of England; what we require is a head of the necessary knowledge for the government of the Craft, and one who will also promote its interests. I give you the M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Most Excellent M. Elect. (This toast having been received with great applause, the W.M. concluded.) The next toast on the list is the M., the Earl of Carnarvon, and the rest of the Grand Officers Past and Present. We amongst us to night several Grand Officers to whom we are greatly indebted for the success which has attended the proceedings of the day, and we are also further indebted to the Consecrating Master for the information and advice he has given as to what we ought to do and what we ought to do to promote the good of the Craft generally and the comfort of our members in particular. It is difficult for us to do them that amount of honour which is due, our best method of showing that we value what we have heard will be to act on it. I give you the Grand Officers, Past and Present, coupled with the names of Bro. H. Brett, Bro. Little, Bro. Storey.

Brett:—There appears to be some understanding between Bro. Hervey and the W.M., to give me an opportunity of making a long speech. I do not comprehend the arrangement, but I, V.M., and brethren, I do feel myself obliged, inasmuch as my friend the Grand Master allows me to respond to the toast of the Grand Officers, present and past. I shall not do as I may perhaps have thought of doing, retirement of our late Grand Master, the Marquis of Ripon, because so much has been said about it, but my duty and pleasure are to thank for the Earl of Carnarvon, the present Grand Master, and I say this, that had he been called into the position which H.R.H. the Prince of Wales graciously pleased to accept—had the Marquis of Carnarvon been called in that position, I should have been very proud to have such a man at our head, and I am not fearful of a great man has left us, and because he has done something which has not been done before, and that the action will have any damaging effect whatever on the progress of Freemasonry. Brethren, I think it is a very great thing that we have the Prince of Wales, or rather, as he has graciously accepted the Grand Mastership of the Craft. Of course, I am not going to talk of politics, and of course, we must not talk of religion, but I do say that the Prince of Wales has pleased the Craft very much in coming to us, for his own sake, as well as for ours. Brethren, allow me to say, in returning thanks to the Grand Officers, and for those who have done greater justice to the toast than I could always be happy to do what we can to do (for a good cause), accept our best thanks for what you have done us.

Hervey:—Brethren, it is one of the duties of the Consecrating Master to propose to the Master of the lodge, which he has brought into existence, and it is with pleasure this evening that I avail myself of this privilege, and propose the health of the W.M. I have had the gratification to place him in the chair, and I may still have one more place in the chair, even after himself, I say this, that it has given me very great gratification to have had the privilege of proposing the Metropolitan Lodge this evening, and I give those few words of advice which I have given to my good friends on my right, whose place I have now the privilege to propose. It is of course not a constant thing that we should be a lodge to consecrate, or a lodge to instal under the circumstances which

I have just described; but when these circumstances offer themselves, it is a gratifying thing to have a lodge to consecrate, and a Master to instal, the more so when you feel that that Master will do justice to the position in which he is placed. I know, brethren, that the story I am telling is an oft-told tale, I know that I cannot bring to your minds any new facts, but I know you will feel that we have all come, not only to meet here at a dinner, but to meet in good fellowship the Master, Wardens, and brethren of the Metropolitan Lodge. Brethren, there must be something more than mere personal acquaintance derived from meeting in a lodge which is induced by the Masonic Craft, because we find (and I will appeal to you whether such is not the fact), whether when we meet a gentleman in ordinary society, and we find out by some casual observation that he is a brother, there is not a feeling extended towards him that he is one to whom we may more willingly and more confidently express our thoughts than we should do to a perfect stranger. Now that is a feeling that I know pervades every Mason, that is a feeling which we all equally entertain, and which I hope we may entertain for years to come. Now I will say one word with regard to the Metropolitan Lodge. With the assistance of some of my good friends about the table, we have done our best to launch it into existence in a fair and successful manner; we have not thrown our Craft on her beam ends as was the case with a Brazilian frigate some time ago, but in a fair way it has been launched without hitch, that it may swim over the waters in a happy and prosperous state. I give you W.M., Bro. Willing, and success to the lodge.

The W.M.:—Most Worshipful Bro. Hervey, and brethren all should feel some diffidence in answering to this toast, were I not sure that it is meant more for the lodge than for the Master. The Master is only thought of as the brother who holds for a time a legitimate control over the other brethren of the lodge. At least, I think it should be so; a Master should not arrogate all the importance to himself; his individuality should be sunk, and he should be thought of as the representative of his lodge, and his merit be measured by the manner in which he represents it. I think that we were very fortunate in getting our warrant upon the first application. I trust that we may continue in the way we have commenced. We are all under deep obligations to Bro. Hervey, Bro. Little, and Bro. Brett, and shall always be very glad to see them amongst us. I thank you all for the very cordial manner in which this toast has been received. I have now a toast to propose which I call the toast of the evening, and that is the health of the Installing Master, and those brethren who assisted him. Now we all know how difficult it must be to get away from those manifold duties that they are so constantly occupied with, and we are much indebted to them for expressing their willingness to come and perform the ceremony for us, the more so that though we desired to form a lodge, we were not people generally known. We have, by their good offices been formed into a lodge, and I can assure them that we will do our best to merit their approval. The little knowledge we have we shall strive to increase, we shall strive to advance the tenets of Freemasonry. I think that is the feeling of every one of our members. We wish to be corrected when we are wrong; but when we are doing well we certainly like to be patted on the back. I say, under these circumstances, we are very much obliged to Bro. Hervey, Bro. Little, Bro. Garratt, and Bro. Stephens. What the consecration and installation would have been without them I leave you to guess.

Bro. Hervey:—Worshipful Master and Brethren, Bro. Little has just said that I am the "coming man." I really thought that I was "come;" one does not know what one is, and I cannot understand how it is that people take a different view of one's position to oneself. However, I wish that people would take a different view of my position because I feel it is rather a solemn one. I am very much obliged to you for proposing the health of myself and the brethren who have assisted me to bring this

lodge into being, and feel very much gratified that what we have done has met with the approval of the brethren. We are gratified with the very kind and cordial feeling expressed at the table; we thank you most cordially from the bottom of our hearts.

The health of the visitors was then proposed by the W.M., and responded to by Bro. Dwarber, Bro. Stephens, Bro. Garratt, and Bro. Storey.

The health of the Officers was then proposed from the Chair, and responded to by the J.W.

"Success to the Masonic Charities" was then proposed from the Chair, coupled with the name of Bro. Robert Wentworth Little, the Secretary of the Girls' School, who replied in a very able speech, which we regret that our limited space will not admit of reporting verbatim. He said that if he were addressing a lodge of novices he might be tempted to dwell upon the past and present history of the Craft, and following those who had preceded him, refer to events that had recently passed. They might congratulate themselves that they had at their head the future head of this great country; but the universal Craft was not dependent upon the Prince of Wales, nor upon any lord, however influential; but the principles of Freemasonry were the main basis upon which they relied, and to which they must look for future success, intimately connected with which were the Masonic Charities. No man could point the finger of scorn at Freemasonry so long as their great charities existed. The principles of Freemasonry culminated in the one word "charity," and he trusted that the lodge, of which Bro. Willing was the First Master, would never forget that they were based upon that principle, and must forward it to the best of their power.

"The Press" was then proposed by the W.M., which was briefly responded to by Bro. Massey, after which followed the Tyler's Toast, and the brethren separated, after a meeting which cannot be described otherwise than as eminently successful.

Obituary.

BRO. W. D. MOORE.

We regret to announce the death of Bro. William Dennis Moore, Town Clerk of Exeter, who died on the 22nd ult., at Penzance, in his seventieth year, surviving his wife only one month.

Bro. Moore was a distinguished Freemason as well as a distinguished volunteer officer and citizen. He occupied the position of Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Devon in the years 1866-7, and was present at the Grand Masonic Demonstration in honour of the Prince of Wales at Plymouth last month. He was initiated into Masonry in 1829, and filled the various minor offices. He acted as Provincial Grand Secretary in the year of his initiation, and continued to act in the same capacity until the latter part of 1866, when he was installed D.P.G.M. His valuable services as Provincial Grand Secretary were twice the subject of substantial marks of recognition by the Province—first, in 1856, by the presentation of a beautiful silver salver and flagon, weighing together nearly 200 ozs., and again in 1866, by a testimonial consisting of the full paraphernalia of his rank, including the jewel of D.P.G.M. in solid gold.

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ERRATA.—In our last, in the report of the meeting of the P.G.L. of Renfrewshire East, the name of the new J. W. was omitted. It is Bro. J. D. Porteous, R.W.M. of 541 and P.M. of 360; further on in the same report his name is erroneously spelt Proctor instead of Porteous.

The following stand over.—Communications from J.H.W.; J.O.; W.L.A.; W.D.; H.L.; G.C.; R.W.; W.C.; and W.G. Reports of Prov. Grand Lodge of Cumberland; Lodges 1101, Reading; 360, Glasgow; Chapter 1, Edinburgh; Royal Arch Mariners' Lodge, Bolton; St. John's Mark Lodge, Bolton; Supreme Council of Scotland.

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1874.

OUR ROYAL GRAND MASTER.

WE congratulate the Craft everywhere on the acceptance by our Royal Brother, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, of the high office of Grand Master of English Freemasonry. This intelligence, which was communicated officially by the Grand Secretary to the press and the Order on Saturday, will be hailed with pleasure by our entire brotherhood. It is a fact in itself which must be a matter of sincere congratulation to all who belong to our English Craft. Popular as our Royal Brother ever has been, and ever will be, by his many genial qualities and kindly sympathies, he has manifested himself, on more than one occasion, a warm and zealous Freemason. Some of us will remember a speech he made at Dublin,—and he has repeated since then his hearty attachment and earnest goodwill to the Craft. So we feel we are warranted in expressing the hopes of our Order, that, this acceptance of temporary office may be but the beginning of a long and happy connection, and official and fraternal relationship between our Grand Master and the entire Order. As Freemasons are habitually and emphatically loyal, they will rejoice to think that not only the Heir Apparent to the Throne, but the Son of their Sovereign and Grandson of their Royal Brother the Duke of Kent, has accepted the "Curule Chair" in the Grand Lodge of that great institution, which since 1813, has nearly trebled the number of its lodges and members. If in the last few weeks, since Lord Ripon's hurried resignation, our good English Fraternity has been alike depressed and perplexed, with memories of the past, and anticipations for the future, henceforth, all fears and

doubts are at an end, and the announcement we make to-day, while it smooths and soothes the entire pathway and the abiding excitement of Freemasonry, will be greeted by our widespread organization with every feeling that loyalty can suggest and gratification can supply. We shall find in this welcome intelligence too, we are disposed to think the best answer to many heated and irrational adversaries, whose arguments and whose language against our peaceable and tolerant Order are alike most illogical and unjustifiable. For at a time when we have been officially accused, in long-winded manifestoes, and in lugubrious allocutions of grief and grievances, by the authorities of one special religious body, of being "socialists," "revolutionists," "conspirators," and what not besides, the Heir Apparent to the English Throne does not hesitate graciously to cast in his lot with us, and avows himself willing, as our laws provide, to assume the Grand Mastership of our inculcated Fraternity. May all peace and prosperity accompany his Royal Rule of our Craft, and may we all rally round him in these hours of doubt and depression, as faithful and true-hearted brethren, gladly recognizing his love for our Order in this his ready acceptance of his constitutional position, and unanimately hailing his auspicious advent to the throne of English Freemasonry.

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PRESS AND LORD RIPON.

We are indebted to our contemporary, the *Derby Mercury*, for the reprint of a portion of the last utterance on the subject of Freemasonry of our old antagonist the *Westminster Gazette* and a very choice specimen it is, alike of the rowdy language and vulgarity of thought and feeling, in which that habitual offender sees fit often to indulge. Of course, such a fact as Lord Ripon's resignation was, as they say "not to that truly Christian journal, which, if represents, bona fide, the taste and temper of the Roman Catholic Church in this country, can only add, we are heartily sorry for the Roman Catholic Church. The article is entitled, it seems, "Freemasonry de Profundis" (one feels the poetic language and witicism the writer forcibly), and it is of course highly complimentary to Lord Ripon, and highly precipitatory of Freemasonry. Like our contemporary, we think well to print this striking portion of a very original leader, feeling how much credit it does to the mind of him who imagined it, and, like our contemporary, we so mainly for the amusement of the brethren. But we confess our merriment is accompanied with regret, deep regret, that we should have record such an event in our pages. Let us hear what this well instructed scribe says. Alluded to Lord Ripon's resignation he thus hurls forth:—

The event is, in more ways than one, a knock down blow to that immoral and irreligious institution whose pernicious influences we had no unfrequent occasion to denounce. The principal morning papers, evidently favorable to Freemasonry, has no better eulogy give than stating that it is "harmless and kindly." In point of fact, it is neither that an advocate can say no more of its nature, that its case, even among its friends, is so decided. The great crown of its merit is its puerility—and there is no other merit in its nature.

us than that which selects Freemasonry for a sphere of action—is impotently gnashing its teeth at the loss of so important a decoy-duck to their late Grand Master. It is astonishing, indeed, that a Peer of England, and a statesman of true and tried capacity, should, in this nineteenth century, so far demean himself as to assume the cap, bells, and motley of a Freemason; that he should do such violence to his reading and learning as to support, by his presence and influence, an imposture which would not deceive the village schoolmaster of the olden time; and, by taking part in its blasphemous proceedings, outrage at once the faith, however feeble, of a Christian, and the instincts, however dim, of a gentleman. Protestantism, in its so-called liberality, however, permits all this, and more; and it is only when the English Saul, by conversion to Catholicism, becomes in deed and thought a Paul, that the enormity of such an anomaly becomes vitally apparent. It is a favourite pastime with the Radical press writers to pit the weight and moral strength of Freemasonry against those of Catholicism. The two influences are, indeed, antagonistic, inasmuch as the one is the religion of light and love, while the other is the Craft of the Evil One. When Freemasons persuade a dignitary of the Catholic Church to accept the honours now repudiated by the archbishops of Ripon we will give them leave to press their joy and exultation in the most wild terms. In the meantime, they must admit *lens volens*, that their ignoble institution has received a slight, and a blow of the most mortifying and serious character.

Fine writing all this, "my masters," but what does it all amount to? Lord Ripon has renounced the Romish Church and renounced Freemasonry. Voila tout! We may all of us deplore the loss of a valued friend, or regret the absence of a gallant leader. We may grieve to think that one who once loved our Craft so much, and ruled it so well, should have so unexpectedly and hurriedly wished us a "long farewell;" but we do not see that anything else can be the "outcome" of an act over which the Roman Catholic Church has been shouting in such jubilant strains. Freemasonry itself not changed or affected in the slightest degree by Lord Ripon's resignation and confession. Freemasonry is still exactly where it is; and what it was, governed by its own good sense, proceeding on its own tolerant course, and either weakened by Lord Ripon's surrender of his high office, nor intimidated by the menaces, nor wayed by the exultations of the Church of Rome. One foolish person talks, we see, of the Freemasons being "persecutors of the Roman Catholic Church." And another, equally charitable and veracious, talks of Freemasonry being the craft of the Evil One.' We presume this remark is intended as a joke, and is meant to be like the Roman alliteration by the use of the word "craft." We feel sure Freemasons will appreciate this exuberant wit. The simple truth of the above extract is as nice a specimen of a Roman Catholic "Billingsgate," "pur et simple," as we have for some time seen. It is, perhaps, as well that we do not print the whole article, as we are inclined to think, what we have already before our brethren is more than quite sufficient for them to be able to form a pretty correct estimate both of the truthfulness and good feeling of the writer. Certainly it does require a great amount—to use a slang word not common to-day—of "cheek" for a Roman Catholic to talk of Freemasons being "persecutors," and to dub our peaceful and benevolent the "Craft of the Evil One." We had

always understood—but "one lives and learns," we admit—that, the "Craft of the Evil One" was shown forth in all those labours and works of confusion, hatred, cruelty, and evil, which fill our fair world with so many sad crimes, and leaves such mournful traces and disfigurements on the stained pages of humanity's eventful annals. When a person is brought up before a judge—for many of the serious crimes now common against the person or the laws of the realm—the old form of indictment runs that he or she does it "by the instigation of the devil." But it is something quite new to us to be told, that a society whose outward manifestations are ever marked by deeds of charity, philanthropy, and goodwill, can have anything to do with "the Father of Lies," and the tempter to "envy, hatred, malice, and all uncharitableness," to dreadful sinfulness, and to hateful criminality. We are somewhat anxious to know what the writer in the Westminster Gazette really considers to be the "Craft of the Evil One." As far as we can make out his peculiar logic, it is, because Freemasonry is somehow, as he fancies, hostile to the Church of Rome. Freemasonry cares nothing for the Church of Rome, has nothing to do with her; and if the Church of Rome would only leave Freemasonry alone, she may communicate "with bell, book, and candle" as many people as she pleases. We repeat, Freemasonry has nothing to do with religious bodies, or the soothing process of interdicts and excommunications "major" and "minor;" and reprobating persecutions of every kind for conscience sake, wishes to know as little about such hateful performances as possible. In this respect she is somewhat like the memorable "Jackdaw of Rheims," who according to his canonical chronicler was none the worse, but rather the better for the abbot's indignant maledictions. But one alarming feature in this controversy must force itself even on the attention of the most thoughtless. It is that love of persecution, that spirit of intolerance, which still lingers in the Church of Rome, and which would find vent, if it only could. When in our peaceful England, this good old tolerant land of ours, such are the violent expressions and unchristian sentiments of its leaders, its press, and its episcopal rulers, what need we wonder that in other countries Roman Catholic intolerance and persecution seem to be running riot just now? Yet the records of past ages give us sad proofs where this intolerant spirit has often led even good men to. What else fouded that "institutio detestabilis," the Inquisition? What else brought about the expulsion of the Jews from Spain, and their horrible treatment in the sacred name of religion? What caused the massacres of the "Neuvos Christianos," the auto-da-fes of Seville, Madrid, Lisbon, Goa, and numberless other places, black spots on the chronicle of time? What hurried on the massacre of the Huguenots on St. Bartholomew's Day? What degraded the reign of Queen Mary, in this country, with the tortures and deaths of numberless victims? What else has made human blood to flow and human life to perish, but this terrible and insatiable spirit of religious persecution? And if those dark days are over, and those execrable crimes can be no more repeated, it is

very alarming to note that their unchanged spirit endures, if evidenced, happily only now by childish edicts and irrational anathemas.

Original Correspondence.

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

ROYAL VISIT TO PLYMOUTH.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

To "begin at the beginning," the account of the Masonic reception of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales at Plymouth, appeared in the *Freemason* for August 22nd, at p. 503, under the heading "The Royal Visit to Plymouth." In the report of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Devon, which was held at Stonehouse, (Plymouth), on the same day (the 14th August), the following occurs in the *Freemason* of same date, at p. 105: "Bro. Wood, P.M. 421, said there was a very strong feeling amongst some of our military brethren in consequence of their having been, for some reason or the other, prohibited from attending the procession of that day," &c., &c. "Bro. Colonel Elliott said he was in a position to state that the Order emanated from the Commander-in-Chief, and that it was in compliance with the Queen's Regulations, which prohibited non-commissioned officers from taking any part in public demonstrations." In the *Freemason* there also appeared an appreciative leader by you, in which the complaint is noted of the "Soldier Freemason," and in which you expressed the hope that it was "susceptible of friendly and fraternal explanation."

The "Soldier Freemason" states that "the executive of the Devon and Cornwall United Prov. G. Lodges may seek to escape deserved censure by throwing the onus on the Major-General Commanding, who actually did refuse to approve of our attendance at the demonstration, but, I am in a position to state positively, that, if we had not been completely ignored in the programme before alluded to, he would have unhesitatingly given his consent on this occasion." Your foot-note expressed "deep regret that any foolish Masonic red-tape should have hindered our soldier brethren from joining in the procession."

The *Freemason* for August 29th, contained another leader by you on the subject, in which you stated that the sooner, therefore, such a serious blunder is acknowledged, and rectified for the future, the better for all parties concerned, and strongly upheld the complaint of our military brethren; and from your most extensive experience of Masonic processions at home and abroad, a more able exponent of their claims could not be found. You also alluded to the remarks made by Bro. Colonel Elliott at the Prov. G. Lodge of Devon (the first time that excellent brother was alluded to by name in the *Freemason*, excepting in the report of the reception).

I also inserted a letter, stating that I understood the military brethren were prohibited from appearing in uniform, because it was found to be contrary to the Queen's Regulations, but I also stated such an interpretation had been unheard of before, and was quite contrary to Masonic custom.

In the *Freemason* for Sept. 5th, a short editorial notice was inserted, in which you wisely observed, "Before any clear opinion can be formed or conclusion come to, we must ascertain, what is the correct state of affairs." Then followed a temperate and evidently well considered letter by Bro. "Leo," who positively declares the "blame does not rest on the committee of management, but on the military authorities," and who furnishes us with most important facts which can doubtless be verified. Bro. "Leo," I hope, will not hesitate to enable you as Editor, to seek the proof for his statements, and thus ease the minds of our friends, the military brethren, whose exclusion on any other grounds than those explained by Bro. "Leo," would be most un-masonic and unmilitary, and yet it is on other grounds that Bro. Colonel Elliott defended the prohibition of brethren walking in the procession

in uniform! Were the "Queen's Regulations" altered in respect to processions, since the public procession of the Prov. G. Lodge of Devon, which took place before the "Royal Reception," or is it one law for ordinary Masonic processions, and another for Royal receptions? Bro. "Leo," and the Editor of the *Freemason* say emphatically that the Queen's Regulations "do not bear upon the subject." Bro. Colonel Elliott is said to have declared at the Prov. G. Lodge of Devon, that it was in consequence of these regulations that the prohibition was declared! Who is right? Then a brother signing himself "P.G.D." states that it is "a distinct military offence to appear in a public Masonic procession in uniform." Who our brother is we know not, but as he takes the view propounded by Bro. Colonel Elliott, we must look upon him as opposed to Bro. Leo's explanation. It is strange however that he has only now mentioned the illegality of the military brethren appearing in uniform at Masonic processions, though he states the punishment for such an offence is "very heavy," he ought therefore to have warned our friends from their customary attendance at Masonic processions long before this, and thus assisted them in keeping the law, the columns of *The Freemason* being ever open to such kind and friendly communications. Bro. the Rev. Augustus A. Bagshawe, in a letter following "P.G.D." argues, we think fairly, from the explanation offered by Bro. Colonel Elliott at the Prov. Grand Lodge, for if the Commander-in-Chief did object to the procession, clearly no "Soldier Freemasons" should have attended. We think, Bro. Editor, you did not quite see the aim of Bro. Bagshawe's letter, or your note would not have been appended in opposition to this position.

"Another Soldier Freemason" also writes on the matter, and says, what is quite correct, that two military bands appeared in the procession (not as Masons) in uniform. He also asked me by whom I was informed as to the uniform being objected to, &c., which I did in the *Freemason* for Sept. 12th. "An Officer and a P.P.J.G.W." states that he travelled a long way to take part in the procession, and was disgusted to find his comrades in arms were excluded. He also affirms that he "with others, endeavoured to get the prohibition cancelled," thereby agreeing with Bro. "Leo," and proving it was a military act, which the Committee felt bound to accept. In the *Freemason* for Sept. 12th, were three letters on the subject. The first from "C.M. 1205," is an agreement with "Soldier Freemason," but evidently believes the prohibition originated with the Committee for the procession (i.e., a sub-committee, notwithstanding the plain statement of Bro. "Leo." Bro. "C.M." considers that Bro. Col. Elliott alluded to the "Major General commanding," in his remarks at the Prov. G.L., and not to the Commander-in-Chief; and if he is correct, and the report of the meeting is wrong, then Bro. Col. Elliott and "Leo" agree that the prohibition emanated from the "Major General commanding." This, however, does not prove that the Queen's Regulations forbid such brethren, as soldiers, appearing in processions, but only that the officer in command has the power to prevent them doing so, which, of course, we all know. The second letter was from me in continuation of the former one, and in response to "Another Soldier Freemason," and the third was from Bro. J. Stroud Short, P.M. 1443, who, like others did, noticed there were brethren in uniform in the hall at the "Masonic reception."

The *Freemason* for September 19th contains a letter from Bro. Col. Elliott, one from "C.B.," and another from "A Devonshire Mason." Bro. "C.B.'s" letter is written in a most fraternal spirit, but evidently in the belief that the "Queen's Regulations" were averse to the military brethren appearing in our procession in uniform, or in fact at all. The third letter supports Bro. "Leo's" view of the matter, and quotes from the programmes of the Prov. G. L. of Devon, in which special provision is made for the attendance of naval and military officers in uniform.

In the *Freemason* for Sep. 26th, several more letters were inserted, proving how absurd it would have been to attempt to smother the

discussion, and how wise has been your decision as Editor to have the matter fully ventilated. Bro. "Emeritus" speaks of a letter being sent to the Committee by the military brethren asking for permission to walk in the procession, and that no answer was returned. If so, it must have been forwarded to the sub-committee which was virtually the Committee; for the special Committee of six, appointed by the Prov. Grand Masters, had but little to do with the arrangements, a capital working sub-Committee having undertaken the necessary labour of making the necessary regulations, &c., so we found in attending what we supposed was the first meeting of the Joint Committee. "A Soldier Freemason and a Past Master" states that the Prov. G. Dir. of Cers. was asked if the military brethren would be allowed to enter the Hall, and the answer returned was "No." We do not know by whose authority such an answer was returned.

Bro. J. Edward Curteis, W.M. 189, also writes on the subject, and being an active member of the sub-Committee, to whom it appears the arrangements were entrusted, his communication is certainly semi-official. Bro. Curteis thinks I am in error about Bro. Col. Elliott, relative to the military exclusion; but I distinctly remember that brother remarking as to the improbability of the consent being obtained for the brethren to appear in uniform, and there the matter rested, which was at the only meeting I attended, [the first, we believe,] excepting a call at another for a few minutes to ask a question. We attended every one we had notice of, and that was one; and as we understood the arrangements were left to the sub-Committee, we had no doubt of the success of the Masonic reception, and, in fact troubled no more about the matter.

Bro. Curteis in the clearest manner states that the regulations as to the clothing were not made to secure the exclusion of the military brethren, but to provide uniformity of dress amongst the civilians. He also states that the order prohibiting the military brethren from appearing in uniform, emanated from the "General commanding the district." Bro. Curteis, however, considers the "General's views were wrong," yet as he observes the Committee could not do otherwise in the face of an order averse to the military brethren taking part in the procession. The testimony of the majority, and of those who ought to know something about the matter, unite to prove the regulation in question had its origin in a military order.

Now we come to Bro. Col. Elliott's two letters. The first states that no General has the power to grant permission to non-commissioned officers to wear "plain clothes," but only to officers in his district, so accordingly the military brethren must either have appeared in uniform or not at all. Also that the Committee had no doubt but that permission would be given to the military brethren to appear in uniform in the procession. The writer sent the communication to the *Freemason* because he had had his attention drawn to the various articles and letters in that paper, but he made no complaint as to the mention of his name in them, and did not then appear to have discovered that his statement in the Prov. G. Lodge was a "privileged communication," as he subsequently described it, though it appeared in the *Western Daily Mercury* the next day, and was subsequently inserted in the *Freemason*, after which Leo, and others, including myself, alluded to it. The next letter states what I have already mentioned about the probability of the request of the military brethren being refused, and when coupled with Bro. Col. Elliott's explanation, made in the Prov. G. L., clearly proves the fact that they were prohibited by somebody. Bro. Col. Elliott also makes the important statement that our excellent Bro. Captain Shanks, who came from Greenock to attend the Masonic procession, told him that the "permission had been refused" for the military brethren to attend in uniform (non-commissioned officers).

Bro. Col. Elliott appears to consider "that as he is an officer in full pay," the statement made by him in the Prov. G. L. was a "privileged communication," because of the Queen's Regulation, Sec. 6. If so it is surprising to me he did not mention that fact in his former letter, and also it is equally surprising he did not

intimate as much in the Prov. G. L. of Devon before the hundreds assembled, especially as he knows as well as I do, that reports of such meetings are always printed in the local papers the next day, and, if of sufficient importance, appear in the *Freemason* the same week. Thanking Bro. Col. Elliott for his letters, as they inform us that Bro. Captain Shanks can throw some light on the subject, we hope now the whole question will be cleared up, and the Committee absolved from blame. I assure Bro. Col. Elliott, that had his statement been considered private, or said to have been so, no one would have mentioned his communication. We now await the article by you as a finale.

W. J. HUGHAN.

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

Will you allow me a few additional words in relation to the now much-vexed question of the exclusion of our military brethren from the Masonic procession at Plymouth, although I fear that no amount of newspaper correspondence will satisfactorily settle the question as it ought to be settled. But to my mind, Bro. Hughan's last letter throws a flood of light upon the subject. I have had frequent communications with some of the principal members of the committee, on whom devolved the carrying out of the arrangements connected with the demonstration, and their explanation has invariably been to the effect that the committee couldn't help themselves; that they applied to the Major-General Commanding, and that he refused to allow the military brethren to walk in the procession. I have already pointed out that this is irreconcilable with the presence of two military bands on the occasion. But what does Bro. Hughan now tell us? Why, "that we," (that is, the committee) "left the military part of the programme in the hands of Col. Elliott, and his report was adverse to the claims of our military brethren to walk in uniform. We were told as a committee by Colonel Elliott, that non-commissioned officers would not be allowed to walk in the procession in uniform, and so we had no option in the matter." So far, so good. But now comes the question, the answer to which would have settled the whole dispute. Did Bro. Colonel Elliott make that report to the committee on his own responsibility, (as is generally and openly alleged by many of our military brethren in the three towns), or as the result of any communication which he might have had with the Major-General Commanding? If the latter, our soldier brethren can of course, have no cause of complaint. They are in duty bound to submit. But if Col. Elliott acted on his own responsibility, and without consultation with the General Commanding, he did what he had no right to do, and the victims of his ill-timed interference have a right to ask for an explanation? He has had the opportunity, but he neglects to avail himself of it. Writing to the *Freemason* last week, he says, "It would be a military offence for an officer, a non-commissioned officer, or private soldier, to appear in a procession with Masonic regalia worn over his uniform, unless previous permission had been obtained for his so appearing. Such permission had been accorded to the military on former occasions, and the committee had no doubt that the same indulgence would have been extended on the occasion referred to." Aye! there's the rub. Has Col. Elliott ventured to say—does he now venture to say that the General Commanding refused the indulgence when applied to? Does he even pretend to say that any application was made to the General at all? No. On the contrary. He—it seems to me—purposely avoids that which is the crucial point in the whole question; for after saying the committee had no doubt "the same indulgence would have been extended," &c., he concludes with the remark that the absence of our military brethren was universally regretted. I do not pretend to know whether Colonel Elliott applied to the General or not, but it is impossible to believe that the General would have refused his sanction upon such an occasion, if the application had been made to him. I appeal to Col. Elliott to clear up the difficulty—for it is in his power alone to do so.

ve all unpleasantness, by answering the ques-
fairly and straightforwardly—did he or did
not communicate with the General, and did
General refuse to allow the military brethren
walk in the procession? Perhaps if Colonel
ott is informed that he has the credit of hav-
himself excluded the brethren, he will give
explanation more readily. Will he also ex-
why it was that they were positively refused
e into the hall, after a distinct understand-
e that they should be admitted on presenting
selves at the doors. Look at the matter as
will, in the absence of any satisfactory ex-
ation, I fear only one conclusion can be
e to, viz., that from the very first there was
termination to exclude our military brothers
all part in the demonstration.
ince writing the above I have seen the letters
Bro. Col. Elliott and J. E. Curteis, and they
only are rather remarkable productions. In
vious communication, Bro. Hughan made
ppel to Colonel Elliott to clear up the
er by stating to whom he made his applica-
and what the result of it was. What
wed? Why, protestations from several
spondents, Col. Elliott included, that, as a
er, the gallant Colonel was prohibited by
Queen's Regulations from making known
had transpired. Under these circum-
es no one, of course, had any right to ex-
Col. Elliott to commit a breach of disci-
and he was justified, supposing that there
een any communication between him and
General, in refusing to make it known.
defence in such a case, made by himself,
by his friends on his behalf, was a good
but after all these anxious efforts to shelter
behind the Queen's Regulations, it is now
d by Bro. Col. Elliott's own admission,
nder no circumstances whatever could he
been guilty of the slightest violation of
ry law, simply because there was positively
ng to reveal. He made no application to
General, and, therefore, received no refusal.
are his own words. But this is not all.
s great desire to act as the champion of
el Elliott, Bro. Curteis, as it appears to me,
umbled headlong into a pit of his own
ig. When individuals undertake to stand
h other in a difficulty they should take
o be agreed as to the facts, and to make
elves correctly acquainted with the cir-
ances of the case. I fear Bro. Curteis has
oked this. Bro. Hughan has informed us
e Committee left the military part of the
ame to Col. Elliott, but Bro. Curteis has
rdhood to do that which Bro. Elliott does
mself venture to do, viz., to take exception
o Hughan's statement. Again, Colonel
y, replying to Bro. Hughan, says he made
plication to the General, and could not,
re, have been met with a negative. It is
ended that anyone else went to the
al, and yet Mr. Curteis, above all others,
is to know that the General "had an idea in
ad" that the Masonic procession came
the Queen's Regulations. It is un-
it to say so, but I cannot help thinking
e wish was father to the thought. Why
the General go out of his way to volunteer
nion upon a matter on which he was
onsulted? Perhaps Bro. Curteis, who is
ous for the truth, will explain these incon-
cies, and endeavour to extricate himself
e "maze" into which he has so unwit-
walked. I am afraid I cannot help him.
art from this, we may now take it as an
sd fact that the General was not asked at
his permission to allow the military
n to walk in the procession, and I think
ll agree with me, sir, that the sin of
is quite as great as the, at first supposed,
omission.

Give me to be, Dear Sir and Brother,
Yours fraternally,
C. M. 1205.

Constitution of the Provincial Grand Lodge
k Masters Masons for Sussex, and the
ion of Sir John Cordy Burrows as Pro-
Grand Master of that county will take
the Old Ship Hotel, Brighton, on Friday,
ctober.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, October 9, 1874.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secre-
taries of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges,
Preceptories, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place or
time of meeting.

Saturday, October 3.

- General Committee Boys' School, at 4.
- Manchester Lodge of Instruction (179), Yorkshire Grey,
77, London-street, Fitzroy-square, at 8; Bro. H. Ash,
Preceptor.
- Lily Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound Hotel, Rich-
mond, Surrey.
- Star Lodge of Instruction (1875), Marquis of Granby,
New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. G. Dilley, Preceptor.

Monday, October 5.

- Lodge 25, Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 69, Unity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.
- " 144, St. Luke's, Mason's Hall, Mason's Avenue,
Basinghall-street.
- " 188, Joppa, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
- Chap. 28, Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 1056, Victoria, Masons' Hall, Masons' Arms, Bas-
singhall-street.
- Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction (1445), Lord
Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland, at 7;
Bro. T. Austin, Preceptor.
- Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Old Jerusalem
Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 8; Bro.
Beckett, Preceptor.
- Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern
Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.
- Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern,
Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
- Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-
end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gotthel, Preceptor.
- British Oak Lodge of Instruction (813), Bank of Friendship
Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.
- St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Horse and
Groom Tavern, Winsley-street (opposite the Pantheon),
Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.
- Wellington Lodge of Instruction, White Swan Tavern,
Deptford, at 8; Bro. C. G. Dilley, P.M. 1155,
Preceptor.
- West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Saviour's Col-
lege, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W.
Lindus, Preceptor.
- Metropolitan Mark Lodge of Instruction, Coach and
Horses Hotel, 323, Strand, at 8.

Tuesday, October 6.

- Colonial Board, at 3.
- Lodge 7, Royal Oak, Lodge of Perseverance, Free-
masons' Hall.
- " 101, Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall street.
- " 172, Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 217, Stability, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street.
- " 765, St. James's, Bridge House Hotel, London-
bridge.
- " 1257, Grosvenor, Caledonian Hotel, Adelphi.
- " 1359, Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope
Tavern, Commercial-road, E.
- " 1298, Royal Standard, Marquess Tavern, Canon-
bury.
- " 1510, Harrow, Railway Tavern, Harrow.
- " 1381, Kennington, Surrey Tavern, Kennington-oval.
- " 1412, La Iberia, Hill-road, St. John's Wood.
- Chap. 169, Temperance, White Swan Tavern, Deptford.
- Yarborough Lodge of Instruction (554), Green Dragon,
Stepney, at 8; Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.
- Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tavern, Gros-
venor-park, Camberwell, at 8; Bro. Larham, Pre-
ceptor.
- Faith Lodge of Instruction (141), Refreshment Rooms, Victo-
ria-st., (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8;
Bro. C. A. Cotebrune, Preceptor.
- Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Lord's
Hotel, Lord's Cricket Ground, St. John's-wood, at 8;
Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.
- Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction (860), King Edward,
Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. Crawley, Preceptor.
- Prosperity Lodge of Instruction (65), Gladstone Tavern,
Bishopsgate-st., Within, at 7.30; Bro. Bolton, W.M.
1277, Preceptor.
- St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores
Tavern, New-street, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. T.
A. Adams, Preceptor.
- Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (55), Wheatheaf
Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey
P.M. 180, Preceptor.
- Percy Lodge of Instruction, Grapes Tavern, Little Wind-
mill-street, W.
- Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange,
Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor.
- Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road,
at 7.30.

Wednesday, October 7.

- Lodge 511, Zetland, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street.
- " 1491, Athenaeum, Camden-road, Holloway.
- New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch
Tavern, Hoxton, at 8.
- Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom
Tavern, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. T. A.
Adams, Preceptor.
- Confidence Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Tavern, Ab-
church-lane, at 7.30.
- Peckham Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road,
Peckham, at 8; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor.
- Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, George the
Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar.

- Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, Thicket Hotel, Anerley, a
7.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
- Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction (1288), Finsbury
Park Tavern, Seven Sisters-road, N., at 8. Bro. P.
Dickinson, Acting Preceptor.
- United Strength Lodge of Instruction (218), the Grafton
Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8;
Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
- Southwark Lodge of Instruction, (879), Southwark Park
Tavern, Southwark Park, at 8; Bro. Charles William
Kent, Preceptor.
- Dalston Lodge of Instruction (975), Havelock Tavern
Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.

Thursday, October 8.

- Lodge 206, Friendship, Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leaden-
hall-street.
- " 860, Dalhousie, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street.
- " 879, Southwark, Southwark Park Tavern, South-
wark-park.
- " 1076, Capper, Marine Hotel, Pier Dock, West Ham.
- " 1216, MacDonald, Head Quarters 1st Surrey Volun-
teer Corps, Flodden-road, Camberwell.
- Chap. 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, London
Bridge.
- " 140, St. George's, Globe Tavern, Royal-hill, Green-
wich.
- " 637, Canonbury, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue,
Basinghall-street.
- Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London-
st., Tottenham Court-road, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams,
Preceptor.
- Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Anglers' Tavern,
Bath-street, City-road; Bro. Stean, Preceptor.
- United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes,
Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
- Whittington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern,
Holborn, at 8; Bro. Lewis Alexander, P.M. 188,
Preceptor.
- Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-
end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
- Ebury Lodge of Instruction, Bro. Palmer's, 12, Ponsonby-
st., Millbank.
- Highgate Lodge of Instruction (1366), Bull and Gate,
Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
- The Great City Lodge of Instruction (1226), 111, Cheap-
side, at 6.30.

Friday, October 9.

- Lodge 177, Domestic, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street.
- " 1420, Earl Spencer, Freemasons' Hotel, New
Wandsworth.
- Chap. 33, Britannic, Freemasons' Tavern.
- K. T. Preceptory, D. Mount Calvary, London Tavern,
Bishopsgate-street.
- St. George's Lodge of Instruction (140), Globe
Tavern, Royal-hill, Greenwich.
- Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st.,
Regent-st., at 8.
- Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, (749), Lyceum Tavern, 354,
Strand, at 8; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.
- Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Bal-
ham, at 7.30.
- Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s,
Freemasons' Hall, a 7.
- Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tavern,
Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.
- Clapton Lodge of Instruction (1365), White Hart, Clapton,
at 7.30; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., Preceptor.
- Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1295), the Castle
Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. W. F. Rogers, Precep.
Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (79), Prince of
Orange, Greenwich-road, at 8; Comp. W. West Smith,
Preceptor.
- Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-
street, at 7; Bro. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.
- Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (733), Horse and Groom,
Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8.
- United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Antelope Tavern,
Lorn-road, Brixton, at 7.
- St. James's Lodge of Instruction, New Tanners' Arms,
Grange-road, Bermondsey, at 8; Bro. Howes, P.M.,
Preceptor.
- Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion,
Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Bro. D. S. Potts, Preceptor.
- Doric Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-
end-road, at 8.
- Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of
Wales's-road, N.W., at 8; Bro. P. M. Wuest, Pre-
ceptor.
- St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Rose Tavern,
Fulham-road, S.W.
- Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel,
Buckhurst-hill, at 8.
- High Cross Lodge of Instruction (754), Coach & Horses
High-road, Tottenham.
- Burdett Coult's Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach
Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park, at 8; Bro. Geo.
W. Verry, Preceptor.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, October 10, 1874.

Monday, October 5.

- Lodge 113, Unanimity, Bull Hotel Assembly Rooms,
Preston.
- " 1051, Rowley, Masonic Rooms, Lancaster.
- " 1380, Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, near
Liverpool, at 6.

Chap. 605, De Tabley, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, at 6.
Skelmersdale Red Cross Conclave, 77, Masonic Hall,
Liverpool, at 6.30.
Everton Lodge of Instruction (823), Masonic Temple,
Liverpool, at 7.30.

Tuesday, October 6.

Lodge 995, Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverstone.
" 1476, Blackpool, Clifton Arms Hotel, Blackpool.
Chap. 203, St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Temple,
Liverpool, at 6.
Mark Lodge, No. 16, Walton, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale,
Liverpool.
Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Temple,
Liverpool, at 6.

Wednesday, October 7.

Lodge 673, St. John's, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at
6.30.
" 730, Ellesmere, Royal Oak Hotel, Chorley.
" 1013, Royal Victoria, Masonic Temple, Liverpool,
at 6.
Lodge 1061, Triumph, Masonic Hall, Lytham, at 7.
" 1413, West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Orms-
kirk, at 6.
" 1335, Lindsay, 20, King-street, Wigan.
" 1354, Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Hall, Leigh.
Chap. 477, Fidelity, 55, Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
De Grey and Ripon Lodge of Instruction (1356), 80,
North Hill-street, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 7.30.
Harmonic Lodge of Instruction (216), Mona Hotel,
James-street, Liverpool, at 8.

Thursday, October 8.

Lodge 116, Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, at 5.
" 786, Croxeth United Service, Masonic Temple,
Liverpool, at 6.
" 1035, Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale,
at 6.
" 333, Royal Preston, Victoria Garrison Hotel, Ful-
wood, near Preston.
" 1213, Bridgewater, Cross Keys Hotel, Patricroft,
near Manchester.
Mariners' Lodge of Instruction (249), Masonic Temple,
Liverpool, at 8.
Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction (1182), 150,
Park-lane, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 7.

Friday, October 9.

Lodge 155, Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
" 1289, Rock, Rock Ferry Hotel, Rock Ferry, at 7.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND VICINITY.

For the week ending Saturday, October 10, 1874.
All the Meetings take place at 8 o'clock.

Monday, October 5.

Lodge 332, Union, 170, Buchanan-street.
Chap. 119, Rosslyn, Freemasons' Hall, 25, Robertson-
street.
" 551, Clydesdale, Sibbald Hotel, Larkhall.

Tuesday, October 6.

Lodge 31, St. John, St. John's Hall, Buchanan-st.
" 73, Caledonian Unity, 170, Buchanan-street.
" 87, Thistle, 12, Trongate.
" 441, Glasgow, 22, Struthers-street.
" 68, Doric, 44, Church-street, Port Glasgow.
" 177, St. James, Masons' Hall, Coatbridge.
" 233, Hamilton, Spalding's Hotel, Hamilton.
" 406, St. John, Masonic Hall, Motherwell.

Wednesday, October 7.

Lodge 4, Kilwinning, 170, Buchanan-street.
" 128, St. John Shettleston, Freemasons' Hall,
Shettleston.
" 117, St. Mary, Freemasons' Hall, Partick.
" 354, Caledonian Railway, 213, Buchanan-st.
" 198, Maybole, Royal Arch, Maybole.
" 331, St. Peter's, Fortland-street, Galston.
" 443, St. Thomas, Delmington, Eglinton Hotel.
" 21, Old St. John's, Freemasons' Hall, Lanark.
" 126, St. Andrew, George Hotel, Kilmarnock.
" 166, St. John, 29, Gramic-street, Airdrie.

Thursday, October 8.

Lodge 88, New Monkland, Montrose, Town Hall
Airdrie.
" 109, St. Marnock's, Crown Hotel, Kilmarnock.
Chap. 50, Glasgow, 213, Buchanan-street.

Friday, October 9.

Lodge 18, Kilwinning, Mission Hall, Dumbarton.
" 170, St. John's, Public Hall, Alexandria.
" 427, St. Clair, Masonic Hall, Cambusnethan.
Chap. 144, St. Rollox, Freemasons' Hall, Garngad-road,

Saturday, October 10.

Lodge 28, St. John's, Black Bull Inn, Kirkintilloch.
" 305, St. John, Woodhall, Freemasons' Hall, Holy-
town.

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At a meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge, recently held at Landport, it was unanimously resolved that a Committee be appointed for the purpose of raising a fund, to provide a suitable memorial to our late deeply-lamented Bro. Stebbing.

In pursuance of the foregoing resolution, a meeting was held at Southampton, which was largely attended, when the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:—

"That the Lodges and Chapters of the Province and Freemasons generally be solicited to subscribe to a fund, to be appropriated as the Committee shall determine, for the benefit of the Widow of our late lamented Bro. J. R. Stebbing, whose circumstances at the time of his decease render this appeal absolutely necessary."

"That copies of these resolutions be forwarded to each Lodge and Chapter in the Province, inviting their co-operation, as well as that of Brethren and Companions generally, in obtaining subscriptions to the fund."

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of his character in any Masonic assemblage in this province is but to repeat an oft told tale, but to the many young members I see present here I would say, our late Past Master had for nearly forty years made the constitution, tenets and ritual of our Order his closest study, and a quarter of a century ago when the lodge, after being for many years the most prosperous in the county, was under the very darkest cloud, with barely sufficient subscribers to furnish funds for its support or members to hold its warrant, James Hamer came to the front, the purity of his character, his well known integrity, his sterling worth and great knowledge of Masonic lore—for, I believe, I am correct in saying, he was unequalled, at least, in this part of the country, as a preceptor and instructor of all that appertained to the Masonic Degrees, to which he had been affiliated, at once caused attention to be bestowed upon the lodge, rendered its meetings popular, and under his sway its members rapidly increased, not only by initiations, but by the joining of other brethren who really admired good work and loved order and true Masonic discipline, and ere the term of his Mastership expired, and let it be remembered here with honour that he was by special dispensation from the Grand Lodge of England for three years consecutively our Worshipful Master; the lodge was resuscitated—restored once more to the pride of place it had before enjoyed and admitted to be one of the very strongest and most prosperous branches of the Masonic body in England. His pupils were exceedingly numerous, and a large majority of the very best working Masons in this province received their first instruction from him, and acting in conformity with his teaching, for he was a great stickler for "the right word," and that only, soon rendered it an axiom that to have been under Brother Hamer was a sufficient passport for admission to the chair as an able exponent of our ceremonies. His interest in Masonry was unbounded; in easy circumstances—unfettered by business and financially independent, without family ties, for he had outlived them all, he was enabled and did devote the whole of his time to the work he loved so well—ever ready to go anywhere, no matter how great the distance, to help a new lodge in its work, or assist to establish or consecrate another; he was perhaps the best known brother of our fraternity in Lancashire, he had been the Master of several lodges, and passed through the chair, both in the Mark and Royal Arch Degrees, frequently, besides this, too, he was for nearly a dozen years P. Grand Treasurer of West Lancashire, a position, it is almost needless for me to add, he fulfilled with the greatest zeal and acceptance, and was duly permitted to retire from three years ago under the plea frequently urged and reluctantly listened to by our late R.W.G.M., that age and the infirmities of nature rendered him, as he said, unable to devote the attention he desired to the duties of the office. Upon his resignation being accepted, a large sum of money was raised for the purpose of presenting him with a testimonial, but here the kindness of the man, the very simplicity of his nature spoke out; he declined to receive any ornament or gratuity, but requested that the whole sum, a considerable one, should be devoted to the work of Masonic benevolence—truly, our brother must have, indeed, believed

"In faith and hope the world will disagree,
But all mankind's concern is charity."

For some time past it was painfully clear to all his most intimate friends that our Past Master would ere long receive his summons to the Grand Lodge above, he was with us almost up to the last and attended here nightly, even to within a few days of his demise, full of years, a friend to all mankind, beloved by every one, without a single enemy; for who could say one word or hold one thought antagonistic to that good kindly benevolent old man—in the very odour of Masonic sanctity, he passed away gently and quietly as he had lived—without a doubt as to the future, without a hope, but in eternity—his end was peace—

"True as the needle to the pole,
Or as the dial to the sun."

Such was James Hamer to Masonry. Many a long day, brethren, will have passed and gone; thousands will have been admitted into our Order, and thousands' love followed him to his rest ere the Masonic body in this town, at least, will look upon his like again. I believe our brother left neither kith nor kin behind to bear his name or deplore his loss, but we, his Masonic children, will live with life, keep green his memory; brethren, our lodge has lost a jewel, our Order one of its noblest and best sons. I feel, indeed, unequal to the task of moving a resolution of condolence in fitting terms. This I am assured, but I call upon you, one and all, to testify by your supporting votes, the estimation and affection in which you hold the revered name of him who, though no longer amongst us in his accustomed place, is "Not lost, but gone before." Bro. Hughes sat down amidst subdued expressions of the deepest sympathy. Brother Rose, I.P.M., then moved, and Bro. the Rev. Phillip Pennington, P.M., seconded, earnestly supported by Bro. Joseph Wood, and others of the brethren, that as an expression of sincere respect for our deceased brother James Hamer, P.M. and P.Z., P.P.G.T., W.L., this lodge do assume and wear Masonic mourning for three months, and that the proceedings of the evening be carefully recorded in the minute book, which was carried unanimously, and the lodge was then closed in due form, the whole proceedings having been of the most impressive and solemn description.

STOKESLEY.—*Cleveland Lodge (No. 543).*—The monthly meetings of this lodge were recommenced on Monday evening, after the summer recess. Bros. F. H. Wilcox, W.M.; W. G. Forbes, S.W.; John Rontree, as J.W.; J. Coulson, J.D.; W. S. Dixon, I.G.; and W. Harrison, Tyler. There being no business announced on the circular calling the meeting, and several of the members being from home or otherwise engaged, the attendance was not so good as it ought to have been. We are of opinion that lodges ought to be held all the year round, except in rare cases, to keep alive the real life of Masonry.

WOODFORD.—*Chigwell Lodge (No. 453).*—The last meeting of the season took place on Saturday, 26th September, when Bro. Cox, P.M., occupied the chair in consequence of the lamented death of the late W.M., Bro. Day, the late Junior Warden, Bro. Jeffery, having also been unfortunately drowned at Margate since the opening of the season. There were also present Bros. Hogard, S.W.; Glass, P.M. and Treasurer; Motion, P.M. and Sec.; Reed, S.D., Trent, J.D.; Coble, I.G.; Egan, M.C.; also Bros. Storr, P.M., Tanner, P.M.; Wienn; Dr. Sanders Scott; and other members and a goodly array of visitors, amongst whom we may mention Bro. John Hervey, G.S.; Bro. C. Hutton, G.S.D., and his son; Bro. Clarkson, P.M. 865 and W.M. elect of the Bagshaw Lodge, 1457. The business of passing Bro. Scott having been disposed of, Bro. Cox proceeded to install the S.W., Bro. Hogard, into the chair of K.S., which he did in a manner which called for much encomium. from the numerous P.M.'s present, being well seconded by the newly installed Master, who invested his Officers as follows: Bro. Cox as I.P.M.; Reed, S.W.; Trent, J.W.; Glass, P.M., Treasurer; Corble, S.D.; Egan, J.D.; W. Glass, I.G.; Motion, P.M. and P.P.G.J.W., Essex, Secretary; Harness, M.C.; Smith, Tyler. At the banquet which followed, the W.M. in proposing the health of the M.W.G.M., said: that had they met a few days earlier the toast must have been omitted, owing to the unfortunate circumstance of the resignation of the Marquis of Ripon; but he was very happy to be able to propose the health of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. of English Masons. He felt that the acceptance of that high office by H.R.H. at that particular time was a most important fact, and would tend to soften in a great measure the blow which the resignation of the Marquis might have inflicted on the Order. H.R.H. had already identified himself with our Order, and he had no doubt would make a most efficient G.M. In proposing the health of the Deputy G.M. and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past, Bro. Hogard took the opportunity of

NOTES OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

DAL.—*Lodge of Lights. (No. 148).*—The meeting of this old lodge was held on 7, Sept. 24th, the W.M., Bro. J. Bintley, I. Superintendent of Works, in the chair, J.M. was ably and influentially supported. The lodge was opened in the first and second degrees, when two candidates, Bros. Thomas and Francis J. Thorber claimed preference, and having sustained their respective degrees were entrusted. The lodge was opened in the third degree, and the candidates re-admitted, the W.M. called for the presence of Bro. John Bowes, P.M., Past P.G. who assumed the chair of K.S. and raised the brethren. After some routine business the meeting was closed, and the brethren adjourned to which they were invited by Bro. Kay, I.G.

POOL.—*Mariner's Lodge (No. 249).*—The brethren of this ancient and flourishing lodge held their New Masonic Temple, Hope-street, at a meeting in the evening of Thursday, the 10th, Bro. Hayes, W.M., in the chair, by Bro. Price, S.W.; Bro. R. R. Martin, full compliment of officers and a large number of members and visitors; the business of the evening consisted of the First and Third degrees and after the usual communications had been disposed of, and several sums of money for "charity" in the unanimous style characteristic of the Mariners; the W.M. presented Bro. J. J. Rose, I.P.M., in the name of the brethren, with a valuable P.M. jewel, especially prepared for the occasion at the request of Bro. George Kenning, (who, by way of this evening elected a joining member of the lodge prior to the closing,) and at the request of the W.M., Bro. Edwin Hughes, seconded and said, W.M. and Brethren: It is a considerable feeling of depression, a feeling which seems to me to have been shared by all members present and to have pervaded the minds of our working and ceremonies this evening that I address you upon a subject which is so distressing to us all, and especially to the older members of this lodge who can more thoroughly feel the loss, the irreparable loss this lodge and the Masonic community of West Lancashire have sustained since the last regular monthly meeting. At our last gathering we numbered 100, the father of our lodge, its senior and our old and beloved Past Master, James Hamer, but now he is at rest. To speak

bearing witness to the unvarying courtesy of the Grand Secretary, either in the office or when in Grand Lodge, and trusted he would long be spared to fill that important position. He also welcomed Bro. Hutton, the G.S.D., to the Chigwell Lodge, as well as the other visitors, who they were very pleased to see. Bros. Hervey and Hutton responded on behalf of the visitors. After the healths of the P.G.M. and P.G. Officers had been duly honoured, Bro. Storr proposed the health of the W.M., who he said he was very pleased to see in that position. Bro. Hogard, in responding, said he felt very proud of the high honour the brethren had done him in unanimously electing him their Master for the ensuing year. He assured them he had accepted the position with a deep sense of the great responsibilities which devolved upon him as their head, and pledged himself to do all that lay in his power to uphold the dignity of the Chigwell Lodge, and he should depend on the P.M.'s giving him that aid which they had at all times rendered to his predecessors. The other usual toasts having been duly honoured, the W.M. announced his intention of representing the Lodge at the Girls' School Festival in 1875, and the Tylers' toast brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

Kew Bridge.—*Royal Alfred Lodge* (No. 710).—The installation meeting of this prosperous lodge was held at the Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, on the 25th Sept., when there were present Bros. A. Beasley, W.M.; W. Hillow, S.W.; Gardiner, J.W.; S. Smith, Treas.; the rest of the officers and a goodly number of brethren and visitors. Bro. Beasley having performed the ceremonies of passing and raising, Bro. Smith ascended the chair of K.S., and a Board of Installed Masters having been duly formed, Bro. Hilton was duly elevated to that high position. Bro. Smith's working is so well known, that it would be superfluous to make any remarks upon it. Bro. Watson having addressed the brethren, the new W.M. proceeded to invest his officers as follows:—Bros. Gardiner, S.W.; S. Chambers Roe, J.W.; S. Smith, Treas.; Hale, Sec.; Trayers, S.D.; Cuznew, J.D.; Joss, I.G.; All business being ended, the brethren adjourned to banquet, which was served admirably and appeared to be thoroughly enjoyed by all present. The cloth having been drawn, the usual toasts were duly honoured. The W.M. in proposing the health of the Past Masters, dwelt upon the great services rendered to the lodge by the J.P.M., and requested his acceptance of a beautiful P.M.'s jewel, suitably inscribed. Bro. Beasley returned thanks in an eloquent speech. The health of the visitors was responded to by Past Masters Hamilton and Driscoll. The rest of the evening was spent in a most enjoyable manner, and the brethren separated at an early hour.

LANCASTER.—*Rowley Lodge* (No. 1051).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, 5th inst., at the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster. There were present Bros. W. J. Sly, I.P.M., as W.M.; Dr. J. D. Moore, P.G.S.B. as I.P.M.; Sec.; James Taylor, S.W.; Henry Longman, J.W.; Edward Airey, W.M. 281; Thomas Jackson, S.D.; Geo. Sutton, J.D.; N. W. Helme, I.G.; John Watson, John Beeley, Tylers, &c. The lodge having been opened in due form, and the minute book having been, in accordance to notice, sent to the Prov. G. Secretary and not returned, no business was transacted.

KIRKBY-LONSDALE.—*Underley Lodge* (No. 1074).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Market-place, on October 1st, at seven o'clock. The chair was occupied by the W.M., Dr. Page, who was supported by his Wardens and Officers, and an unusually large number of brethren. The lodge having been duly opened in the several degrees, the W.M. requested Bro. John Bowes, P.M., P. Prov. G. Reg, &c, to raise Bro. Pusey to the sublime degree of M.M. At the conclusion of the business the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

READING.—*Grey Friars Lodge* (No. 1101).—This splendid young lodge will resume its duties

on Wednesday, the 14th inst., when Bro. James Greenfield will be installed W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Greenfield was one of the earliest initiates of the lodge, and is known to be a good working member of the Craft. The banquet will be held at the Upper Ship Hotel at six o'clock, and it is expected there will be a good muster of the fraternity, the tickets already having been enquired after, and as a limited number only will be issued, to secure a place at the festive board, an early application is necessary.

PAIGNTON.—*Torbay Lodge* (No. 1358).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the lodge room, Paignton, on Tuesday, the 29th ult. Bro. George Knighton Drake was passed to the second degree, the ceremony being ably performed by the W.M., Bro. J. T. Goodridge. It was announced that the members of the lodge had determined to present to Bro. the Rev. R. Bowden, P.M., P.P.G.C., a testimonial, in recognition of the invaluable services he had rendered as W.M., for the two first years of the existence of the lodge, and as I.P.M. since that time. The presentation will take place at the next monthly meeting.

Mark Masonry.

BOLTON.—*St. John's (Time Immemorial) Lodge.*—The regular meeting of the above lodge, was held on Wednesday, 23rd September, at the Commercial Hotel, Bolton. There was a good attendance of the brethren, amongst whom were Bros. James Newton, Prov. G. Mark Inspector of Works, W.M.; John Alcock, S.W.; James Horrocks, J.W.; John Harwood, M.O.; Thos. Holme, S.D.; Henry Tattersall, I.G.; and the following Past Masters, viz.: G. P. Brockbank, Past Grand Mark Warden; Thos. Entwistle, P. Prov. G. Mark Master; Daniel Stansfield, P. Prov. G. Mark Deacon; Robert Horwood, P. Prov. G. Mark Deacon; Thos. Morris, P. Prov. G. Mark Sword Bearer; Robert Whittaker, P. Prov. G. Mark Dir. of Cer.; and Wm. Hamer; and Visiting Brethren Jas. Heap, Prov. G. Mark Steward, Cheshire and North Wales; Thos. Wilson, J.W. Mark Lodge, 158, and Jas. Brown, S.O. Mark Lodge, 158. The lodge being opened, the minutes of the preceding meeting were read and confirmed. A candidate for advancement was balloted for and unanimously approved. Bro. Jas. Corbitt, who had been previously approved on ballot, was admitted, and advanced to the honourable degree of Mark Master by the W.M., Bro. Jas. Newton. The election of W.M. for the ensuing year was then proceeded with, resulting in the unanimous election of the S.W., Bro. John Alcock. The lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

Royal Ark Mariners.

BOLTON.—*Mount Ararat Lodge.*—A meeting of the Mount Ararat Lodge was held at the Commercial Hotel, Bolton, on Wednesday, 23rd Sept., when there were present, Bros. G. P. Brockbank, V. Commander N.; Jas. Newton, J.; Thomas Wilson, S.; Jas. Horrocks, J.D.; Robt. Harwood, P.N., Director of Ceremonies; Jas. Brown, Guardian; Thos. Morris, P.N., &c. The lodge being opened and the minutes confirmed, Bros. Stansfield, P. Prov. G. Mark Deacon, and Thos. Mycock were approved of as candidates, and were then admitted and elevated to the degree of Royal Ark Mariners. Bro. James Newton, the W. Commander elect, was then enthroned in the usual manner, and appointed and invested his officers, viz.:—Thos. Wilson, J.; Danl. Stansfield, S.; G. P. Brockbank, Treasurer (elected); Thos. Morris, Scribe; Jas. Horrocks, S.D.; Jas. Brown, J.D.; Robt. Harwood, Director of Ceremonies; Thos. Mycock, Guardian. The lodge was then closed.

Scotland.

EDINBURGH.—*Edinburgh Royal Arch Chapter* (No. 1).—The annual meeting of this chapter for election and installation of office-bearers

was held in Comp. De Grey's Hotel, 99, Princess-street, on Wednesday the 22nd inst., when the following Companions were elected office-bearers for 1874-5, viz.—Comps. George M'Lean, Z.; John Taylor, H.; Alexander Henry, J.; William Mann, P.Z.; P. R. Haddow, Scribe E.; David Knight, Scribe N.; Alexander Hay, Treasurer; David Kinnear, Chancellor; Robt. S. Brown, 1st Sojourner; W. J. C. Abbott, 2nd Sojourner; C. G. C. Christie, 3rd Sojourner; Robt. S. Brown, Excellent Master; Robt. Leggett, Captain of the 1st Veil; W. W. Kennedy, Captain of the 2nd Veil; George G. Russel, Captain of the 3rd Veil; John Taylor, Mark Master; J. Webster, Sen. Warden; James Henderson, Jun. Warden; Daniel M'Leam, Janitor. Committee: S. Georgiades, A. Mitchell, J. J. Muirhead, J. D. Wormald, W. Barton, Wm. M. Bryce. Thereafter the companions celebrated the Festival of the Autumnal Equinox, M.E. Comp. George M'Lean in the chair, supported by a large attendance of the companions, who did ample justice to the excellent banquet, provided by Comp. De Grey in his most recherché style.

THE SUPREME COUNCIL OF SCOTLAND of the 33rd and last degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, have elected Bro. Henry Inglis of Torsonce, to the vacancy in the Council created by the death of Lord James Murray. Bro. Inglis has been a most zealous member of the Craft for many years; he discharged with great acceptance to the brethren of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and for a long period, the duties of the office of Substitute Grand Master of Scotland, an office which was at one time filled by his late father, he has also been for many years Prov. Grand Master of Peebles and Selkirk, and, in the highest degrees, he has held several important offices. We believe the appointment now made to the select nine will have the entire approval of the Masonic Fraternity.

LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The September meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on the 23rd ult at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. John M. Clabon, President of the Board, in the chair. There were also present among others Bros. Joshua Nunn, S.V.P., Joseph Smith, Samuel May, H. W. Hemsworth, Thos. Cubitt, T. Bull, C. Atkins, J. Stevens, C. Hogard, O. Roberts, John Harvey, (Grand Secretary), W. H. Main, Wright, H. M. Levy, G. W. H. Crick, Swallow, W. R. Marsh, G. L. Dussek, W. Hilton, and H. Bartlett. The grants, amounting to £185, made at former meetings, were confirmed, and the sum of £230 was awarded to fresh cases. The lodge was then closed.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The General Committee of this Institution met on Saturday last at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. John Symonds, V.P., took the chair. There were also present Bros. A. H. Tattershall, H. C. Levander, G. M. A. Snow, W. Roebuck, J. C. Chancellor, Capt. N. G. Phillips, W. Hyc Pullen, Benjamin Head, Richard Spencer, Rosenthal, J. W. Dosell, Wm. F. C. Moutrie, Jesse Turner, and F. Binckes (Secretary). "Cliff's Bequest" was considered, and the opinion of Bro. J. M. Clabon resolved to be taken, this to be communicated to the Girls' School. One petition was received and a grant made for an outfit.

The following resolution, a copy of which has been sent to every Provincial Grand Secretary was afterwards carried:—

"That the name of William George Watson accidentally omitted from the balloting paper already issued, be added to the already approved List of Candidates, making a total of 45, the number being his third application; the number of votes already polled for him and brought forward to his credit at this Election, being 31. The Committee then adjourned."

THE FREEMASONS AND THE MARQUIS OF RIPON.

On Tuesday the Provincial Grand Lodge of Wiltshire was opened at Sutton Coldfield, in the presidency of the Provincial Grand Master, Lord Leigh, and there were present many Masons eminent among the "uninstructed" who are not Masons, and holding, too, positions in the Craft. For such a gathering it was inevitable that some reference should be made to the loss of the Grand Master of the Wiltshire Masons through having turned his face towards, and giving as a sign of his obedience to the behests of his new spiritual masters, his resignation of the [high office he filled over his brethren—a position hereafter to be held by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened with a grand opening ceremony, in which several clergymen (brethren) took a part. In the subsequent proceedings, in response to the toast of "The Craft," proposed by Lord Leigh, Mr. J. C. Parkinson, Grand Deacon of the Provincial Grand Lodge of England, Deputy Grand Master of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex, Past Master of the Bard of Avon Lodge, would ill become him as a grand officer of elevation to the Masonic peerage had been of the last official acts of the late Grand Master, to express aught but profound regret that his lordship should have found it necessary to resign his high position. It had been published, that Lord Ripon had been in secret communication with a Roman Catholic for many years, but that statement must be denied in the most emphatic manner, for a very short time ago his lordship publicly expressed his great interest in a proposition made by him (Brother Parkinson) that the Masons should restore the church of Stratford-Avon, and his lordship, after making reference to the Protestant church he was then in, said that his sympathies were with the effort for restoring and preserving Shakespeare's church by the Masonic brotherhood; and that on a course were ever decided on, he would be able to do any good which might be raised. It occurred a short time since, and it was at that the Marquis was then a warm and supporter of the Church of England as by established. (Hear, hear.) The speaker, regretting deeply that his lordship had withdrawn from that Church, could not share the astonishment expressed by some that a Roman Catholic might not continue to fill a position in the Craft. The fact was that the systems of Romanism and Masonry were not merely incompatible, but were antipathetic, for one of the first lessons taught in the Craft was that it was "free." Freedom of opinion, and the broadest toleration in religious matters were the very essence of the Craft, and good and true men of all nations were embraced in its comprehensive bosom. (Cheers.) When in India he had a Hindu man, who was a devout follower of the Master, and was so scrupulous a fire-worshipper as to ask to be excused from striking the stroke led to waste the, to him, element of fire; but he proved himself a brother in the Craft. (Cheers.) Last year in America the speaker had met advanced Masons, who were better and more devout men than the Freemasons; and a few months ago, in a lodge in Middlesex, he had the pleasure of initiating a Mahomedan, in the person of an Afghan Prince of the blood, who had passed the other degrees under circumstances of peculiar interest. (Cheers.) There were, too, many excellent Jewish brethren who were brethren among the North American Indians, worshipping the Great Spirit on the native prairie, and the learned and distinguished clergymen could meet with these of various religious creeds, and on a common ground join in grateful thanks to the Architect of the Universe, and subscribe to the great doctrine of natural equality and mutual dependence. Freemasonry was a system of good works, and asked for no priestly intermediary between a man and his Maker. The massive ritual enforced the solemn truth that man should be judged hereafter by his

actions on earth rather than by any verdict passed on him by a professional caste, and it was broadly tolerant of differences in faith and creed. When Roman Catholics were permitted by their spiritual rulers to uphold such opinions as these, then, and not till then, could they consistently continue members of the Craft. The speaker concluded by, as a Grand Officer, thanking Lord Leigh and the Warwickshire Brethren for their loyal welcome, and expressing his firm conviction that under the Grand Mastership of the future King of England—a Prince of the Protestant House of Hanover (cheers)—Freemasons would continue to conserve those principles of religious liberty and spiritual freedom to which the Roman Catholic faith had ever been strenuously opposed. (Cheers.) There were three hundred present.—DAILY NEWS.

LORD CARNARVON ON PUBLIC AFFAIRS.

The Highclere Agricultural Association, comprising nine or ten parishes in North Hants, held its annual ploughing match and horticultural show on the farms of Mr. Fox and Mr. Rumbold at Burghclere and Sydmonton, a few miles from Newbury on Tuesday. The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, Secretary of State for the Colonies, has held the office of president to the society from the date of its formation, and the Countess also takes a lively interest in its operations, being the donor of several prizes in the horticultural department.

At the usual dinner of the subscribers Lord Carnarvon occupied the chair, and among the company were the members for the Northern Division of Hampshire (Mr. W. W. Beach and Mr. George Scater Booth, President of the Local Government Board), Mr. W. Fox, J.P., the Mayor of Newbury, the Rev. W. H. Gretton, the Rev. P. Gosling, the Rev. T. Waters, Mr. Kingmill, J.P., Messrs. H. Frampton and S. Wentworth (Secretaries), and others.

"The Health of Her Majesty the Queen" having been proposed,

The noble chairman then gave that of "The Prince and Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family," a toast which, his lordship observed, was only honoured in the second degree to that which they had just drunk. Their loyalty, thank God, was, he would not say so common, but so universal in this country, that it was almost difficult to find topics for remark in connection with such a toast. The Prince of Wales was a thorough Englishman, and there was no sport, no pursuit, and no interest in which they were all concerned in which his Royal Highness had not also shown a sympathy and interest, and he had further discharged all the duties which befitted his high position with much heartiness, thoroughness, and invariable good taste. (Cheers.) Within the past few weeks the name of the Prince of Wales had come before them, perhaps, in a somewhat new character. He did imagine that among this audience there were more than a few members of the great fraternity of Freemasons, to which he had the honour to belong. (Cheers.) But he saw by his side one most distinguished member of the Craft, Bro. W. Beach, M.P., the Grand Master of Hampshire. (Cheers.) And he did not doubt but that there were other Masons present. When by a most unfortunate, and to him (Lord Carnarvon) a most astonishing secession from our Church, the office of Grand Master of the English Freemasons became vacant, the Prince of Wales, acceding to the earnest request of the members of the Craft, stepped forward and consented to fill the high office that could not be held by the Constitution of the Order be held by a Roman Catholic. It was a cause for much satisfaction to the brethren of the Order to find his Royal Highness at the head of the English Freemasons. (Cheers.)

The Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1288, (Bro. P. Dickinson, Preceptor), was reopened on Wednesday 7th inst., and will continue to meet every Wednesday evening throughout the winter, at the Finsbury Park Tavern, (Bro. Pigot's), Seven Sisters-road, Holloway, at 8 o'clock precisely.

CONSECRATION OF A NEW LODGE IN NEW ZEALAND.

The Forest Lodge (No. 1481), was consecrated and the first Master installed, on June 24, 1874. It is to be held at the house of Bro. R. T. Smith, the Forest Inn, Wakefield, about 18 miles distant from Nelson. To show how our young colonies are advancing, we are credibly informed that but a few years since, the inn whereat this ceremony was performed was but a roadside shanty, standing in the confines of dense bush and swamp; now it is an hotel under excellent management and of most respectable dimensions, and there is a good macadamized road running from Nelson city to miles far beyond it, a four horse coach runs there daily, and a railway from Nelson to the district is now being constructed.

The petition to the Grand Lodge of England, asking for a warrant, was forwarded through the Southern Star Lodge No. 735, of Nelson.

At about one o'clock on the 24th of June, a number of the brethren of the Southern Star Lodge assembled at Bro. Smith's, and after partaking of luncheon, proceeded to the school-room close by, this being the most convenient room to be had in the neighbourhood for the ceremony, and then Bro. W. B. Seely, P.M. of the Southern Star Lodge, and formerly Assistant Director of Ceremonies of the P.G. Lodge of Wiltshire, and who had been requested to act as presiding officer, proceeded to consecrate the lodge, and never, we think, will the most youthful Mason who was present forget the interesting and most impressive ceremony as given by Bro. Seely, who had appointed as his Wardens *pro tem.*, Bro. P.M. John Percy, (S.W.); and Bro. P.M. Robert Burn (J.W.); both being P.M.'s of the Southern Star Lodge.

At about half-past two o'clock, Bro. P.M. Seely assumed his seat in the E., with Bro. P.M. Alfred Hibble on his right, and Bro. the Rev. C. L. Maclean, the present W.M. of the Southern Star Lodge, who officiated as Chaplain, on his left; and having first stated that the lodge about to be opened must be considered as a representative Grand Lodge, he duly opened the lodge in the three degrees.

After prayer and thanksgiving, Bro. P.M. Hibble arranged the seven brethren of the Forest Lodge who had signed the petition in front of the pedestal, and presented them in due form to the presiding Master. The warrant was then read and declared to be in due form. Bro. Hibble then presented Bro. Joseph Shepherd (P.M. of the Southern Star Lodge) as the first W.M. of the Forest Lodge. On being questioned, the brethren expressed themselves as satisfied with their proposed W.M.; Bros. Chattock and White were next presented as the Senior and Junior Wardens nominate, and the brethren having expressed themselves satisfied with them, the beautiful and impressive ceremony of consecrating, dedicating, and constituting the new lodge was gone through; and after the Hallelujah Chorus had been played, the representative lodge was declared closed in due form.

A regular Craft Lodge was then opened in the second degree, and Bro. Shepherd took the obligation of Master elect. The usual ceremony of installation was then gone through, and Bro. Shepherd was regularly installed W.M. and saluted in form.

Bro. Shepherd then invested the following brethren as officers for the ensuing year:—Bro. Chattock, S.W.; Bro. White, J.W.; Bro. Smith, Secretary; Bro. J. Jervis, Treasurer; Bro. Plank, S.D.; Bro. Baigent, J.D.; Bro. Watty, I.G.; and Bro. Woolcott, Tyler.

Bro. Seely then gave the usual address to the Wardens and brethren of the lodge in a manner that will not easily be forgotten by those who were present.

Five gentlemen were proposed for initiation, and the W.M. duly closed the lodge. The solemnity of the ceremony was much enhanced by the excellent manner in which Bro. Holloway presided at the organ, one of Mason and Hamlin's excellent American instruments.

The ceremony, though somewhat long, passed off most satisfactorily; and although they had

not the privilege of having Grand Officers present, yet the honour of Freemasonry was duly upheld, and its glorious and Heaven-born principles made manifest.

FREEMASONRY IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

The brethren of Freemantle lodge (No. 1053) celebrated their anniversary by a banquet, on St. John's day, at Maloney's Hotel. The occasion was marked by the brethren with much heartiness. Previous to the banquet, the brethren assembled in their lodge room in William-street, for the purpose of installing the Worshipful Master elect and his colleagues in office, for the ensuing year. Bro. G. B. Humble presided, and opened the lodge in the regular form. The following officers and brethren were present:—Bros. E. F. Duffield, S.W.; L. Henderson, J. W.; J. de M. Absolon, Treas.; J. McCleery, Sec.; W. Smith, S.D.; W. Johnson, J.D.; G. Forsyth, I.G.; and D. Harrington, Tyler; also, Bros. P. M. Stone, P.M.; Congdon, P.M.; G. Pearce, W. S. Pearce, Clifton, Quayle, J. A. Herbert, King, Littlejohn, Logue, Wood, Sutherland, Nash, Broomhall, Sherwood, Paisley, and Manning. Visiting brethren—Bros. W. M. Pether, P.M. Summers, Dean, Dale, Salkild, McClatty, King, and Benson, of Lodge 485, Perth.

After the various business had been transacted the brethren proceeded to the installation of John Frederick Stone as Worshipful Master, according to all the ancient and established rites of the Order. Bro. I.P.M. Humble performed the duties of Installing Master, assisted by Bro. P.M. Congdon, as Deputy, and P.M.'s Bros. G. Pearce and E. F. Duffield, Masters of Ceremonies; the whole being conducted in a manner which won the admiration of the brethren. Having been duly installed into office, the Installing Master next invested the following brethren as officers of the lodge for the ensuing year:—Bros. L. W. Clifton, S.W.; J. de M. Absolon, J.W.; R. M. Sutherland, Treas.; W. R. P. Smith, Sec.; R. N. Waldeck, S.D.; J. D. Broomhall, J.D.; B. C. Wood, I.G.; and D. Harrington Tyler (re-elected).

Original Correspondence.

DESIGNATION OF LODGES.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

Allow me to draw the attention of your readers to the above subject. While the country has lately been startled by the resignation of Lord Ripon, and his joining the Church of Rome, may we not very appropriately refer to the undesirability of designating lodges after distinguished living brethren.

Several occasions have transpired within my short experience that indicate the folly of naming a lodge after a distinguished brother, during his lifetime; and the occasion of the resignation of our late M.W.G.M., is another very significant proof of the advisability of refraining from conferring such honour on a brother who is every day liable to fall.

I am sure every member of the Craft will deeply sympathise with those lodges that have been designated after our late G.M., and I trust that their bitter experience will deter brethren in the future from falling into the same difficulty.

With regard to the resignation of our late G.M., I am sure it is a matter every Freemason will deeply regret; but it is also a matter which I am certain will ultimately redound to our advantage, for it will prove to the world that the holy and sublime principles of Freemasonry are not in harmony with the Church of Rome.

I am, dear Sir and Brother,

Yours truly and fraternally,

P. J. G. D. Devon.

A Grand Council of the Illustrious Knights K.H. 30°, will be held at the Masonic Hall, 33, Golden-square, London, at 4.45 p.m., on Wednesday, the 14th day of October.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of London and the Metropolitan Counties of the R.S.Y.C.S. will meet in Council, at 33, Golden-square, on the 15th day of October, at 4.45 p.m.

Cultum in Parbo, or Masonic Notes and Queries.

ROMAN EAGLE LODGE.

In the *Freemason* for August 29, Rev. Bro. A. F. A. Woodford makes some inquiries in reference to the Roman Eagle Lodge, which I say in my Encyclopædia received its warrant from the Grand Lodge of Scotland in 1784 (not in 1874 as you have inadvertently printed it). He also inquires if the Bro. Brown who established that lodge "is the same as Dr. John Browne who published the 'Master Key' &c. in 1786."

I will reply to the second question first. The two persons are entirely different—the author of the "Master Key" spelling his name "Browne," and the founder of Roman Eagle Lodge spelling his "Brown" without the e. The Dr. John Brown whom I have designated as "celebrated and learned" was a distinguished physician, first of Edinburgh and afterwards of London. He was the author of a work, entitled "Elementa Medicinæ" and the founder of the "Brunonian School of Medicine," which at one time had many distinguished disciples in the profession. The great Grecian Dr. Parr said of him, that he was "the first Latinist in Europe."

As to the lodge, I will furnish my worthy Bro. Woodford with all the information I possess. My first authority is the following passage contained in "The New Freemason's Monitor; or Masonic Guide etc., by James Hardie, A.M.," published at New York in 1818. On pages 25, 26, is the following passage:—

"The late Dr. John Brown attempted to render the social institution of Masonry subservient, in a peculiar manner, to the cause of literature, by instituting a *Latin Lodge* at Edinburgh, entitled the *Roman Eagle*, which he carried on with *éclat* for some time. It continued to flourish for several years after he went to London; but the government of the Lodge having fallen into the hands of brethren not so well skilled in the Latin language, the Latin has been disused, and the advantages which might have arisen from it to students has been lost."

There is internal evidence, I think, that Hardie was merely a compiler, but a search through my Masonic library has failed to supply me with the original source whence he derived his statement.

In the life of Dr. Brown, contained in the "Biographical Memoirs of the most celebrated Physicians, Surgeons, etc., etc. By Thomas Joseph Pettigrew, F.R.S., F.A.S., F.L.S.," 4to, London, 1839, on page 7 of the sketch devoted to Brown, is the following passage:—

"Dr. Brown was greatly respected by many influential persons in Scotland; but he did not much cultivate their acquaintance. The late Lord Elcho highly esteemed him for his learning and his genius. This nobleman was head of the Masonic fraternity in Scotland—an institution to which Brown was much attached; and he established a lodge (the Roman Eagle) in which the mystic ceremonies of the Craft were performed in the Latin language."

But the history of the Roman Eagle Lodge is worthy of a full investigation, and I cordially unite with my Bro. Woodford in the request that Bro. D. M. Lyon will devote some portion of his talents and research to the subject. No one is so able as he to settle all doubtful questions connected with Scottish Masonry.

ALBERT G. MACKAY, M.D.

Washington City, U.S.A.

September 14, 1874.

THE JEWISH TEMPLES.

The Jews had three temples, the first, erected by Solomon, after standing for fully four centuries, was destroyed by Nebuchadnezzar, B.C. 538. In B.C. 535, Zerubbabel laid the foundation of the second temple; this latter not satisfying the taste of Herod the Great, he, about B.C. 17, began to rebuild or enlarge it. Herod's temple, which, as a Masonic edifice, was by far the most magnificent of the three, stood the shortest of any, being destroyed by the Romans under Titus in A.D. 70. Solomon's temple, no doubt, had its beauties, but unlike Herod's these were received from the hands of the carpenter and metal-worker, not from the mason. Its magnificence was derived from the brazen pillars

at the porch, its brazen seats and altars, its cedar pillars overlaid with gold; and taken altogether, in its richness and metallic splendour, the brassfounder, carpenter, and smith, having more to do with its adornments than the mason. This view of the subject may possibly be new to many brethren, yet, if they consider it a little, they may perhaps be led to admit its justice. To the Mason was due the adornment of Herod's temple, its greatest glory was the Stoa Basilica, or Royal Porch, which was 600 feet long, and 164 feet wide. There stood within it 164 Corinthian columns, dividing it into three aisles, the centre one being no less than 100 feet high. There were double porticos surrounding the other three sides, but of less height and inferior in magnificence to the great Stoa Basilica. The area occupied by Herod's temple was several times in excess of that occupied by its predecessor. Solomon's temple could not compare either in magnitude or in Masonic splendour with some of the majestic temples of Egypt, nor could Herod's equal in harmony and true artistic beauty some of the temples of classic Greece. Yet, taken altogether, the latter, as a gorgeous specimen of Masonry, was probably unsurpassed by any religious edifice of the period. While to many minds the simple fact that the feet of Jesus trod its courts, lends a special interest to it which nothing else could give. As to the site of the Jewish temples, there is much difference of opinion. Some consider that the "Mosque of Omar" occupies that site, but I incline to consider that idea wrong. This so-called "Mosque of Omar" is not really a Mosque at all, but instead, a beautiful old Christian church, and being in fact the edifice erected by Constantine the Great over what was then considered to be the sepulchre of Jesus. How it got its present name I cannot exactly say, only either of the titles "Church of Constantine," or "Church of the Holy Sepulchre," are more agreeable to the facts of the case than "Mosque of Omar," more especially as the style of the architecture of the building tells us that it was erected about two hundred years before Mohammed was born. The real site of the Jewish Temple appears to lie to the south of the "Mosque of Omar," and occupied the south-western portion of the Haram area at Jerusalem.

HIRAN.

Bro. Hughan's note has anticipated Bro. Norton's, so we do not think it needful to print it, the more so as our space is precious just now.

We are authorised to state, that Bro. Woodford is at this moment engaged in inquiries at Cambridge University Library, and at the British Museum, endeavouring to verify Bro. Dr. Oliver's original statement. We hope in a week or two to report progress.—ED.

Obituary.

BRO. JAMES HAMER.

As briefly stated on the 26th ult., Bro. James Hamer, for eleven years connected with the province of West Lancashire, as Prov. G. Treasurer, died at his residence in Grove-street, Liverpool, on Friday evening, the 18th ult., and his remains were privately interred at the Necropolis on Tuesday, the 22nd. Although it was understood that the funeral was of a private character, many brethren attended to pay their last meed of respect to one whom all loved and admired, both on account of his excellent Masonic ability, and also because of the feeling of brotherhood he continually exhibited. The funeral service was read by the Rev. Mr. Dawson; and the very solemn manner in which he performed his special duties was an impressive and affecting to the very large gathering of brethren which crowded the little chapel. It may be stated that Bro. Hamer was one of the earliest members of the Liverpool Licensed Victuallers' Association, being the acting auditor for a long period. The association was represented by Mr. J. Allen (trustee), Mr. W. T. Mry (past chairman), Messrs. T. Foxard, Coates, and P. Brown (members of committee), and Captain T. ...

secretary. The Masonic brotherhood was largely represented, amongst those present being Bros. H. S. Alpass, P.G. Sec.; C. H. Hill, P.G. Reg.; Lambert, P.P.G.D.C.; T. Armstrong, P.G. Treasurer; J. Skeaf, P.G.O.; Councillor Forrest, H. Bigley, P.P.G.S. of W., Belfast and Northdown; G. Morgan, P.M., 1135; J. Holland, P.M., 823; T. Ashmore, P.M. 823; H. Nelson, W.M., 1503; Jones, W.M. 1393; T. H. Evans, P.M. 1393; Captain Roberts, J.W. 1264; C. Leedham, P.M. 220; J. S. Dixon, W.M. 1264; H. W. Nicholas, 249; H. Pearson, P.M. 249; J. Cave, 220; J. Houlding, Sec. 823; P. M. Larsen, P.M. 594; J. Lunt, P.M. 1086; J. Hayes, W.M. 249; Dr. J. K. Smith, P.M. 249; J. Wood, Treas. 1094; S. Whitney, 1086; G. Chapman, 1393; J. Whalley, 249; J. Chisnall, 249; J. Goodman, J.W. 1403; W. Pugh, P.M. 1182; W. Matthews, 220; &c.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND.

The annual provincial meeting of Freemasons of the province of Cumberland and Westmorland was held at Keswick on Friday week, this being the first time the "capital of the English lake district" has had the honour of a visit from the Provincial Grand Lodge. This being the case, and Keswick at this season being very accessible to almost every lodge in the province, a large gathering of brethren was anticipated, and all the members of the Keswick Lodge, under the Mastership of Bro. D. Crosthwaite, had fully prepared in every respect.

The arrangements for the reception in proper form and for the entertainment of the brethren were very perfect, and the W.M. of Greta Lodge and his officers deserve great credit for the style in which all was carried out.

In various parts of the town flags and banners were suspended, and the picturesque town would have looked quite *en fête* but for the want of what the Keswick brethren could not supply—fine weather. The morning had been gloomy and threatening, and the weather broke down before mid-day into wet, and it rained—as only it can do at Keswick—the whole of the rest of the day, so that the splendour of the procession to church was to a great extent dimmed.

Notwithstanding the unfortunate state of the weather, however, all seemed to make the best of it, and a great number of people lined the streets and filled the windows as the long line proceeded to Crosthwaite Church, where divine service was held. Those brethren who wished first assembled at the Royal Oak Hotel, where luncheon was provided, and where they signed their names.

The lodge was opened in the County Court, a room which was Masonically decorated, and transformed into a very suitable lodge room. The Craft Lodge was opened at noon by Bro. D. Crosthwaite, W.M.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened at 10 o'clock by the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master the Right Honourable the Earl of Bective, M.P., assisted by his officers, who were received on their entrance into the lodge with the proper salute. Bro. W. Gibson, P.G.S.W., Provincial Grand Secretary, then read the minutes of the preliminary meeting, which was confirmed, and also the statement of the accounts and the proceedings of the Charity Committee, all of which were passed. From these it appeared that the lodge is in a prosperous state, after contributing liberally to the various charities, and that the number of members throughout the province is on the increase. The jewels and collars of Office were then collected, and Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year were invested by the Provincial Grand Master as under:

- Whitwell, M.P., D. Prov. G.M.
- Porter, 327 and 343 Prov. G.S.W.
- Albott, 129 Prov. G.J.W.
- Richard Musgrave, Bart., Prov. G. Reg.
- 9 Prov. G. Treas.
- Lemon, 327 Prov. G. Chaplain.
- F. W. Wicks, 119 Prov. G. Sec.
- W. Beeby, 137 Prov. G.S.D.
- 3. Gibson, 119 Prov. G. Sec.
- White, 119 Prov. G.S.D.

- D. Crosthwaite, 1073 Pro. G.J.D.
- W. Gill, 872 Pro. G.D.C.
- W. Armstrong, 371 Prov. G.A.D.C.
- J. Bartley, 129 Prov. G.S. of W.
- D. Page, 1074 Prov. G.S.B.
- Bro. G. Atter, 119 Prov. G.P.
- Bro. P. T. Freeman, 1073 Prov. G. Org.
- W. Lamonby, 1073 Prov. G. Tyler.
- Bros. T. Atkinson, 872; W. H. Lewthwaite, 1,002; W. Pratchitt, 310; James Bain, 1,400; Jos. Price, jun., 962; and J. Postlethwaite, 1390; were appointed and invested as Prov. Grand Stewards.

The Provincial Grand Master then closed the Provincial Grand Lodge in due form, assisted by his new officers, the lodge room being much crowded and presenting a most imposing appearance. After the lodge was closed, the Directors of Ceremonies formed the brethren into the proper order for procession to church, the youngest lodge (Millom, 1400) going in the van, preceded by the band of the Cocker-mouth Rifle Volunteers, playing the usual ancient Masonic air, the other lodges following in the order of their age, the brethren of Lodge 119 (Whitehaven) bringing up the rear, next to them being Kendal, Carlisle (Union Lodge), and Wigton (337). The banner of the Provincial Grand Lodge, borne by the Standard-bearer, preceded the Provincial Grand Past and Present Officers, the Provincial Grand Master walking last. Crosthwaite church is about half a mile from Keswick, and the rain falling heavily all the time of the procession marred this part of the proceedings very much.

The sermon was preached by the Rev. Joshua Tyson, of Kirkandrews-on-Eden, Past Provincial Grand Chaplain. He took as his text 1 Corinthians xii, verse 31, "A more excellent way." The "way" alluded to by St. Paul was Charity. The collection taken at the close of the sermon was in aid of the funds of the Newlands School, the curate there having recently enlarged the school and built a home for the master at a large cost, and he was still in debt to the amount of £63 18s. 7d. The preacher said he hoped they would help the clergyman (who is a brother) to clear off the debt. The collection amounted to £69 13s.

Bro. P. E. Freeman presided at the organ, and the musical service was good. As the opening voluntary an introductory march was played. The anthem was "Now unto us O Lord," and as a concluding voluntary was played "The War March," by Mendelssohn. The organ of Crosthwaite Church is, we suppose, only second to the organ at the Cathedral, Carlisle. It contains 3 manuals, and has 32 stops all through. Its cost was, we believe, £800.

The room in which the banquet was held was finely decorated with oil paintings, many of which had been kindly lent by Bro. Pettit, of Keswick. Bro. Armstrong of the Royal Oak Hotel, was the purveyor, and the providing was excellent, wines as well as eatables, and had the civility and attention of some of the waiters been equal to their numbers, those who sat down might have enjoyed it much more. The Earl of Bective, M.P., took the chair, supported on his left by Colonel Whitwell, M.P., Bro. James Porter, Bro. Captain James Braithwaite Wilson, the Rev. W. Beeby, Bro. John Lemon, and Bro. W. G. Gibson; and on his right by the Rev. Canon Gipps, vicar of Keswick, the Rev. H. M. M. Short, vicar of Thornthwaite, Mr. J. Fisher, Crosthwaite, Bro. John Holmes, Bro. H. Talbot, Bro. Dr. Henry, and Bro. D. Page. Grace before meat was said by the Rev. Canon Gipps, and after meat by the Rev. W. Beeby.

On the removal of the cloth the toast of "The Queen" was proposed by the right hon. chairman.

The Chairman then gave "The Prince and Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family." Speaking of the Prince he said he had presided at the head of the Order in England, and right glad were they to see him preside in that office again, because he had shown himself a good Freemason. (Applause and cheers.) But the pleasure was mingled with regret, because it was on account of the curious thing that the Earl de Grey and Ripon had resigned the Grand Mastership of the Order that he at present held it. It was more to be

regretted because the Marquis of Ripon was a man who by his amiability and by the manner in which he had conducted himself in the chair, had won the respect and esteem of all the Order, but it was still more to be regretted that there should exist such a body of men, religious or otherwise, who should make it a *sine qua non* that to join their body they should leave the ranks of Freemasonry. He must therefore give the toast with pleasure, mixed with regret that it was through an unfortunate occurrence that he had to take the Grand Mastership of their Order. He was glad to see that the Duke of Connaught had joined the Order.

The next toast was "The Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese, and including the Clergy of all Denominations," given by Bro. Colonel Whitwell, D.P.G.M. He said that it seemed to be asserted from a recent occurrence that Freemasonry was incompatible with religion. Now, if it was the fact that the list of officers of no lodge was complete without a Chaplain, and that the very fundamental principles of their Order were founded on the teachings of the Bible—which was an essential part of every lodge—then they could not be accused of not asserting those influences of religion which they all cherished as the fondest feeling of their hearts. He thought when such a state of things existed it was high time that they should protest against it in every way they could. He concluded by proposing the toast, coupled with the name of the Rev. Canon Gibbs, vicar of the parish, and the Rev. Joshua Tyson, who taught them that if there was anything Freemasons ought to cherish and study it was the Bible, which was dear to every Freemason. Canon Gibbs and the Rev. Joshua Tyson replied.

"The Army, Navy, and Volunteers" was proposed by Bro. Sir R. C. Musgrave, and replied to by Quarter-Master Noakes, and Captain Braithwaite Wilson.

This concluding the "Loyal and Patriotic Toasts," and the Masonic toasts coming on, the non-Masonic few of the assembly had to leave the room, the door was "close tyled," and the remainder of the evening was spent in the proposition and proper reception of the toasts peculiar to the brethren.

ILLNESS OF THE DUKE OF LEINSTER.

We regret to announce the serious illness of the Duke of Leinster, Grand Master of Ireland. From the daily bulletins issued by his medical attendants, it is to be feared that his Grace is gradually sinking, and that there is little hope of his recovery.

The annual supper of the Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, No. 903, held at Bro. Green's, the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales-road, Kentish Town, will be held on Friday evening, October 16th, at the above house at 7 o'clock, to be presided over by Bro. R. N. Field, W.M. of the Mother Lodge, supported by Bro. P. M. Wuest, the esteemed preceptor.

At a Masonic demonstration in Liverpool, on Wednesday, the 7th inst., Lord Skelmersdale referred to the new Grand Master, the Prince of Wales, who had, he said, proved himself a good Mason, and shown that he intended to follow in the footsteps of his Royal brother. Referring to the secession of the Marquis of Ripon, his lordship said he would not say one word about his lordship's decision, and they could only regard his lordship as one of the best Grand Masters who had ever ruled the Order. They were sorry his lordship had left them, and he might add, he was sorry for the cause of the secession.

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The Freemason,

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1874.

A RITUALISTIC ATTACK UPON FREEMASONRY.

We print, with much regret, the following extraordinary article and rabid attack upon Freemasonry, verbatim et literatim, from a ritualistic paper, called the *Church Herald*, of date Sept. 30th. We think, that most of our readers will share in our astonishment, and feel not a little indignant, that such incriminations of our peaceful Order, and such a peculiar tone of religious sentiment and language should emanate from a professedly Church of England newspaper. But curiously enough, just as our Roman Catholic Antagonists are apt to have recourse to the most vulgar, and, we may add, ribald language, with respect to Freemasonry, when they become, as they are, apparently just now, both most unreasoning and intolerant, so as we have often noticed some of our young ritualists are rather apt to think that their expressions are both pointed and forcible, when they are indeed only rowdy in tone, and low-sensational in taste. For obvious reasons we give the whole of this wonderful piece of composition for the information and consideration of our readers, for though worthless in itself, and very unprofitable reading, it claims our urgent attention.

The secession of Lord Ripon to the Church Rome, and his resignation of all his office amongst the Freemasons has reasonably enough caused some excitement. His old allies, belonging to the various secret societies who exist as Freemasons, are naturally very much annoyed at his resignation—though why they should be we are altogether at a loss to understand. Most Freemasons are either Protestants or Deists, and hold strongly to the "right private judgment." Why, then, when an accomplished and high-principled nobleman after due examination and inquiry—thinks fit to exercise his own judgment, should not the right be conceded to him, as all his former so loftily and universally claim and exercise themselves? It is simply monstrous. Lordship should have been so abused and because he has thought it his conscientious duty to join the Roman Catholic Church. As to his resignation of his Masonic offices, nothing could be more wise and more honorable. He acknowledges no authority, and (like a reasonable being), forms no part of the Church of Rome. He has not even formally condemned Freemasonry, and

amongst those who hold that such a condemnation is right, true, and timely. The slight and slender correspondence which has taken place in our own columns on this subject, has been eminently shallow; and the defender of Freemasonry, a correspondent who signed himself "Audi Alteram Partem," entirely misses the point of the very practical objection of "Oxonensis," whom he endeavours to answer.

In our columns the consideration of Freemasonry has been accidentally mixed up with the A.P.U.C., because, when it became necessary to elect a new President some few years ago, Lord Elliot, a high-principled and experienced peer, as well as a very hearty English Churchman—but a Freemason—was appointed to that important post. Several persons (certainly hearty friends of the Re-union movement) regretted this election, solely on the ground of his Lordship belonging to the Freemasons; being confident, as they asserted, the Church public would soon find out, and as it is now fully and plainly discovered, that no Roman Catholics could henceforward honestly be expected to join the association, of which the Head and Chief was a Freemason. And of course no Roman Catholics (or next to none) have joined it. The A.P.U.C. is far weaker than it was.

For ourselves, not being Freemasons, we know nothing whatever about the system, except what every outsider may know. The following fact, however, is evident to all outsiders, that Freemasonry is a system that sets up in the world an unity utterly distinct from, and wholly independent of, if not directly antagonistic to, the Church or Family of Jesus Christ. The sacred bond of baptism, the principle of Christian fellowship is ignored, and a new and unknown principle (but a very real and energizing one) is adopted, which is common at once to lax Christians and heathens. As a practical example of what we mean we may just put on record the following remarks, made in France by Abd-el-Kader, a Mason but a heathen: "In my opinion every man who does not profess Freemasonry (which I consider to be the first institution in the world) is an incomplete man." At a banquet of Masons of Gloucestershire and Worcestershire a certain Dr. Bowles, an English clergyman, commenting on the Pope's well-known Allocation against Freemasonry, in quoting the above with approbation remarked: "It seems to me that Abd-el-Kader, Infidel though he be, is a far better Christian than the Pope." Thus Dr. Bowles avowedly prefers, and glories in preferring, the liberty of the Infidel to the exclusiveness of Christianity—in other words, Humanitarianism to the Faith, by and through the printarianism of the Craft. This is our chief and great objection to it, and to every believer in the Incarnation it ought to be sufficient to warn him from having anything whatsoever to do with such an Institution. On this point an outsider is perfectly competent to express an opinion.

But we have further objections, and they are these: Freemasonry is notoriously founded on a basis of religious indifference. No matter what a man's religion is, he may become "a member of the Craft." Now, as faith, as the necessity of holding certain tenets and of believing certain dogmas, is of the essence of Christianity, so the very antithesis of this true and good principle—a stolid and steady indifference to all religious doctrine, the hearty welcome and formal reception of True and False alike into the bosom of Freemasonry is to that system at once the condition and cause of its existence. Hence it is perfectly idle of our correspondent to write about "immense sums known to be annually expended among Masons in private charity." Charity does not and cannot exist amongst Masons—philanthropy may (and possibly does), but philanthropy and charity have different roots, different stems, and, by consequence, different fruits. A leading English Mason allowed us to take down the following from his lips, only last week:—"If to myself, as a Freemason, two persons in equally distressed circumstances came for temporal relief, the one being a Christian and the other a Brahmin; and if the Brahmin signified that he belonged to our fraternity and the Christian did not, I should be bound to relieve the Brahmin in preference to the Christian. In that rests the beauty and value of our benevolence and true charity."

One is Pagan and Heathen: the other is Christian. No matter, then, how benevolent its intentions and deeds may be (if benevolent they are), Freemasonry is absolutely and altogether incompatible with Christianity. Its essential and leading principle (as an outsider can see, and as no Mason can deny), is Indifferentism. "It does not matter one iota of what religion you are. One is as good as another,—or as bad as another—if people like to put the question in that form. Mahometanism to a Mason is as good as Christianity, and Christianity as Buddhism. We have Mahometan Masons, Protestant Masons, Buddhist Masons, and Deistical Masons. It is all one with us. Each is welcomed. They are all fish which come to the wide-meshed net of Freemasonry." And this, we need not say, is naked Indifferentism. Now speculative Indifferentism leads directly to Pantheism. A Mason and a Christian, therefore, if each be true to his Creed, can no more mix than fire and water. Furthermore, the Masonic principles of equality, of liberty, and of universality, tend to destroy civil authority, the obedience of subjects and patriotism. In France, during the last century, Voltaire, D'Alembert, and Diderot notoriously used the lodges of Masonry for preaching and proclaiming their humanitarian dogmas of Liberty, Fraternity, and Equality,—with what result we need not stay to point out. As the French revolution followed quickly upon the Masonic Congress, held in France A.D. 1785, so the numerous well-planned continental revolutions of 1848, followed within twelve months upon the Strasburg Congress of Masons in 1847. We might say more in detail, but this suffices. Let our readers work out the problem and its results.

Here in England some of the Lodges may be harmless as regards action; but none can be untouched or untainted by the false principle already set forth, which is at the root of the subject. Masonry substitutes humanitarianism for Christianity, using Christians to cover its designs and aid its purposes. To belong to any lodge, therefore, a man must practically fore-swear the Church and deny Christ; or (we are charitable in our alternative) act in invincible ignorance of the leading and avowed principles of the Craft. Authority in the Roman Church has spoken, and spoken plainly; and, if we English Churchmen would seek and pray for union, we must not act in opposition to known principles, nor ignore patent facts when Re-union is being laboured for.

In Italy and Belgium it is notorious that abandoned women have been sent by the Freemasons to early mass, to commit an awful sacrilegious theft, so that the more political and darker Masonic sects may perpetrate at their dark orgies the most diabolical blasphemies—blasphemies which could only come direct from the lodge whose Grand Master is Satan. Finally. Do our readers forget that when Wilkes was initiated into the Masonic "Hell-fire Club" he pretended to give Communion to an ape?

We by no means assert that all Masons are like those of Italy, Belgium, and Medmenham Abbey. But the principle of Masonry being inherently and essentially anti-Christian, its darker developments follow as a matter of course, when men are ripe for them.

What do our readers now think of this choice article on Freemasonry, by a professed Church of England newspaper? We leave out the whole of the so-called "indifferentism" argument, as it is far too important to treat in itself briefly and imperfectly as our space only allows, and we will simply advert to the most painful aspect of the case, represented by these astounding allegations and animadversions, namely the apparent insensibility to the need and importance of truth. First of all we decline any connection Masonically with the "leading English Freemason," put forward so pompously by the *Church Herald*, as an irrefragable witness in the matter. We do not believe in the existence of this "Bro. Harris," and we entirely repudiate his (after dinner evidently,) remarks and assertions. No "leading

English Mason" could possibly talk such nonsense, or palm off on our Order, or any one else, his ridiculous parody alike of our acts, and our tenets. In the next place it is lamentable to find a professedly educated man, a member avowedly of the Church of England too, repeating the Jesuit rubbish of the last century, and mixing up Voltaire, and D'Alembert and Diderot, with the lodges of French Freemasons, with whom we believe they had as little to do as the "Man in the Moon." Will some well-informed brother enlighten us on the "Masonic Congress of 1785," or the "Strasburg Assembly, of 1847," from the former of which proceeded clearly the French Revolution, and from the latter the Parisian Emeute of 1848? Now these are uncontestable facts of history, according to the *Church Herald*! And if we smile sadly at this foolish writer, his ignorance of history, and his childish and purely fictitious inferences, what can we say of those two dreadful lies, (we can use no other words), with which he closes this mournful outpouring of the "vials of wrath," from a professed or a secret Jesuit? Can any of our Italian or Belgian brethren tell us where this fearful falsehood, (for we feel well it is one), of religious profanity has arisen? Probably from some unscrupulous assailant of Freemasonry, little caring for truth, and less for Christianity. For how can we characterize the last unblushing mendacity of all, that the Medmenham orgies had anything to do with Freemasonry or Freemasons? Anything more wicked, or more malevolent as a falsehood in itself, or more disgraceful as a proof of hopeless ineptitude and crass ignorance we have never before perused. Surely such attacks bring their own answer. They are so deplorably discreditable to him who makes them, and so obviously untrue and unjustifiable, that they fall at once from their own inherent corruption, falsity, and indecency. We can only pity a religious school of thought and practice, whose supporters in the press can use such language, disgraceful to any one, but above all to a journal which professes to be, bonâ fide, a journal of the kindly and tolerant Church of England.

VERBUM SAT SAPIENTI.

We published in our impression of last week a letter signed "Verbum sat Sapienti," which we felt bound to allow to appear in our pages, though it savoured greatly of personal attack and personal incrimination. We thought that in this hour of doubt and anxiety, (when our late Grand Master has departed from us we cannot help feeling and regretting, with but scant words of fraternal regard and sympathy,) that the minds of Masons, despite the reassuring announcement of the acceptance of the rulership of the Craft by our Royal Brother the Prince of Wales, are in a state of considerable anxiety and excitement; we thought, we repeat, that such a question, if asked bonâ fide, and on reasonable grounds, might fairly be put, and as fairly answered in *The Freemason*. No persons in the world object more to anything like personality than we do, and we should be the first to decry and discourage any morbid taste for idle gossip or mischievous slander, merely for sensational purposes. V. S. S.

states that the rumour, to which he calls attention, is prevalent amongst the Metropolitan brethren. It may be so, but we confess, when we first casually heard of it, a week ago, with reference to the statement of V.S.S., we could hardly believe it to be either probable or even possible. But we did not see how we could refuse to insert a letter of this kind, which though no doubt strong in its verbiage and using language about our late Grand Master which is hardly justifiable, in our humble opinion, under any circumstances, yet professes to call attention to a subject which the writer states has obtained great currency in the Order. Under such a condition of things, silence is no longer "golden," as the proverb says, but becomes a great mistake. If, the brother alluded to by V. S. S. be the distinguished brother most of our readers will understand is thus attacked, we feel bound to say that we have every warrant in believing the statement and suspicion are alike unfounded, as unworthy as baseless. But V. S. S. has not mentioned any name, and therefore we may be wrong in our supposition. We must, however, bear in mind that because Lord Ripon has become a Roman Catholic, we have no right, on our own principles, to "run a muck" at all Roman Catholic brethren. On the contrary, to be both consistent and liberal—and Freemasonry is ever both—we should hail gladly the appearance of our Roman Catholic brethren amongst us. But when we say this, we admit, that, we can hardly understand how any person can be both a Jesuit and a Freemason, at the same time. Such a case might happen, though we do not profess to understand how consistently with the secret constitution and vows of a Jesuit, he could be a Freemason, honestly. If, however, V. S. S., like too many people just now, has rested his suspicion on no safer basis than some idle "canard," or his own fertile imagination, he has incurred a very grave responsibility indeed towards the Craft as a Mason, as nothing is so odious to our Order as anonymous or surreptitious slander, and no Freemason has a right to assail the fair fame of a brother Freemason, to injure his reputation, or seek to weaken his prestige, either through some motives of unlawful curiosity or of petty gossip, or of childish credulity, or from a censorious tongue, or an unbrotherly spirit of detraction, or from feelings of personal animosity. Having offered our warnings as we are bound to do, writing chiefly for the honour of the Craft, and in the interest of truth, and right, and justice equally to all our brethren, we leave the subject, for the present, for future elucidation and disposal.

Original Correspondence.

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

THE ROYAL VISIT TO PLYMOUTH.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

After all that has been said upon this subject, I am sure you will see no reason to change the opinion expressed in your note to the first letter of "Soldier Freemason," and I, for one, entirely agree with your remarks, notwithstanding the observations of Bro. Curteis; for although the General commanding the Western District did undoubtedly prohibit the non-com-

missioned officers from taking part in the procession (and I think I have satisfied you privately on that point) yet the Committee of management are much to blame—especially the military members thereof—for they should have taken care that there was nothing in the official programme which would have the effect of excluding their military brethren from taking their part in the splendid Masonic reception accorded to our Royal Brother. Besides, when the programme was drawn up, the Committee did not know that the General would not allow the non-commissioned officers to join the procession. Again, had a deputation from that Committee waited on the General and represented the matter properly, doubtless the prohibition would have been withdrawn. There is no class of men more loyal, more hard-working, more estimable, than the non-commissioned officers of the British army; and the reception of His Royal Highness, magnificent as it was, would have been very considerably enhanced by the presence of such a body of military Masons as the Plymouth garrison can put on parade. I was so sadly disappointed at the exclusion of my comrades that (had I known the true state of affairs then, as I now do), although I travelled a long way to take part in the proceedings, I would have kept aloof from the procession, and would have done my best to induce all other officers to withdraw too. The non-commissioned officers have just cause of complaint, and I fully sympathize with them; but it seems to me the case would be fully met, and all heart-burning (of which there is undoubtedly a good deal) soothed if the Committee would send you for publication a joint letter, expressing their regret for the unfortunate contretemps. This, I think, is the least they can do, and our military brethren are certainly entitled to an apology of some sort for the neglect under which they suffered.

Believe me, yours fraternally,
"L.R.O."

28th Sept., 1874.

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

On my return to town I referred to my memoranda and found the particulars of the case I alluded to, as follows:—

On June 21st, 1871, the Provincial Grand Lodge of Kent was held at the Priory, St. Martin's Hill, Dover. The brethren then marched in procession to St. Mary's Church, and two corporals of the Royal Engineers were among them. The two corporals were placed under arrest, for disobeying orders, and appearing in public improperly dressed, that is to say, with Masonic aprons and gloves. They had rendered themselves liable to degradation to the ranks, with such further punishment as their commanding officer might see fit to inflict. Sentence however was not passed immediately, but the matter was referred to the Duke of Cambridge, for his approval, and what he decided I never heard. Doubtless the Prov. Grand Sec. for Kent can give further details. I was not present, and differ with Bro. Hughan as to what I "ought" to have done. Every soldier knows the law, although some may reckon upon its not being enforced.

Yours truly and fraternally,
P.G.D.

[We agree with our excellent brother in principle, but numerous precedents, we believe, exist of soldiers appearing with Masonic clothing, "permissu superiorum."—Ed.]

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have perused with care most of the discussion hanging upon the circumstances connected with the recent Masonic proceedings at Plymouth. I very much deplore the fact, that the non-commissioned officers were not allowed as Masons to join in the procession. In these days of improved education, they are, no doubt, intelligent as men, and zealous in their attachment to our ancient Order, also loyal to our monarchical Institutions. But I wish to submit the following considerations:—

1. As to party or political processions as prohibited to soldiers. Everybody—within the

pale of Freemasonry or not—is aware, that in this country, at any rate, there is no ground of suspicion that the Order contemplates sedition in any form. All Freemasons are loyal citizens.

2. All commissioned officers can and do attend Masonic processions as they think fit; but they would naturally appear in plain clothes, with Masonic regalia at their discretion. I do not think the Queen's Regulations touch these matters in respect of officers holding Her Majesty's commission.

3. It is well known, however, that soldiers in the ranks are compelled to dress at all times in correct uniform, without deviation of any kind, whether in garrison, or on furlough at a distance. How, then can they appear in public distinguished as Freemasons? I have already said that I deplore the fact, but so it is. In lodge a soldier can wear the distinguishing badges of our ancient Order, but he is there protected from the public gaze. This seems to me a simple view of the matter.

Yours truly and fraternally,

WILLIETT L. ADVE.
R.A., K.T. and 30° K.H.

26th Sept., 1874.

[The whole point turns upon this, are there not many precedents of non-commissioned officer brethren appearing in uniform with Masonic clothing "permissu superiorum"?—Ed.]

OUR LATE GRAND MASTER.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I must confess to having read with regret the letter of "H. M. G." in your last letter.

The Grand Master, like any other man, is perfectly justified in exercising his inalienable right of private judgment as to which denomination of Christians he thinks it most desirable to belong to. Certainly if majorities are always right, (which is part of our political religion) the late G.M. is right in the course he has adopted. And having joined the Roman Catholic communion, what else could he properly do than withdraw from all quasi-religious societies which do not acknowledge the Pope as their head.

Either Masonry is a religious society, or it is not. If it is, it undoubtedly lays itself open to the charge, (and it glories in it) that it accepts the standpoint of the Deist, in order to please non-Christians. This, the Roman Catholics, and many members of the Church of England as well, consider want of faithfulness to Christ. If it is not a religious society, then undoubtedly a lodge is never opened without a breach of the third commandment. In either case therefore, no consistent Roman Catholic can belong to a lodge. That lodges support schools in which what Roman Catholics consider heresy or irreligion is encouraged clearly enough makes matters worse from the Roman Catholic standpoint.

Let us at any rate be just, and try to see matters as our opponents see them, before we form our judgment upon their conduct.

P. M.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Your communicated article on Rome and Freemasonry contains grave charges against our late Grand Master, which, I believe, it is utterly impossible to maintain. Let us not forget that Lord Ripon has served us well. Now, that for private reasons of his own he withdraws from us, let us not follow him with absurd accusations. We must give him that liberty in religious matters which we claim for ourselves. May I ask "Verbum Sat Sapienti" to name the brother who has for years directed the councils of the Craft, and who is affiliated to the Society of the Jesuits, and also to tell us what the "much" is which in the course of recent events has appeared to him to be mysterious, and which Lord Ripon's resignation has now explained to him. I am a Past Master of more than ten years' standing, but I have not yet seen the Jesuit brother, or realized the mystery. "English Freemasonry," says "Verbum Sat Sapienti," "had a right to judge."

by his acts." The Volume of the Sacred Law says, "Judge not and ye shall not be judged; condemn not and ye shall not be condemned."

I remain, yours fraternally,
THE EXCELLENT KEY.

ORDERS OF THE TEMPLE AND MALTA.

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In looking over the *Freemason* of Saturday last, I found a letter from P.E.C., deploring the state of the Order of the Temple, brought about by the recent alterations in the statutes.

As a rule of life, I refrain from and disapprove of others using the columns of a newspaper for stating their grievances on Masonic matters, but in this occasion, I am pleased to find that some one has had courage to ventilate the subject—and hope the state and prospects of the Order will be freely discussed in the columns of the *Freemason*, the accepted organ of the whole Craft. The letter from P.E.C. will, I hope, be the means of rousing the Sir Knights to a proper sense of duty, and a better knowledge of the Order and the landmarks thereof.

When these alterations were being enacted, I was much opposed to them, and raised my voice expressive of the fears I had for the result, but was overruled and persuaded by those in whom I put my trust, that some good purpose would be served to the Order by the alteration. What is good purpose was, or whether it has been accomplished, I know not. One thing I know, I have had to pay 10s. 6d. to the funds of the Great Priory for the honour of being installed Preceptor for the year, at the end of which I shall—retire with the honours of a full private—as this office does not carry past rank—whilst P.E.C.—all honour to him, I don't blame him—was installed Eminent Commander of his Encampment for nothing; at all events, he was compelled by the statutes to pay. The fact under the good old constitutions P.E.C. got past rank and paid nothing, whilst I, under the new, got nothing, and have to pay 10s. 6d. for it. This is the good purpose to be served.

I have been a Knight Templar for ten years, during which time I can safely say I have done my duty, never neglected a single meeting of my Encampment, but have always been ready, willing, and able to do anything for the good of the Order, which I entered in the full belief that was a part indissoluble from Masonry, and that honours would be conferred on worthy Companions in this, as in other degrees of Freemasonry. I object to the severance from itsasonic connection, and I object to pay fees of our if I am not to be allowed past rank. If I am to be stripped at the end of term of office, the stripes and honours gained since the alterations referred to, whilst others who have come before are allowed to retain theirs, what incentive is there for our younger members to strive and follow in the footsteps of those who have been rewarded? The distinctions of Grand Master and Grand Commander are too scarce ever to reach me, no matter how I work, in fact, I do not aspire to anything so high, but will be satisfied if I can be allowed to retain past rank, wear the stripes I have honourably earned in office to which I have been, or may be appointed.

Enclose you copy of memorial, sent to me by every preceptor in the Province of Lancashire, and adopted by the Committee appointed by the Provincial Priory at Preston, to consider suggestions referred to by P.E.C. I trust you will insert the same for the information, and necessary, the guidance of the whole body of Sir Knights, and that they will set to work and persevere their efforts until the prayer thereof be accomplished, and the obnoxious statutes are repealed.

W. DAVIES, Preceptor.

September 29th, 1874.

The following is the memorial alluded to:—
To the very high and eminent Great Prior of the United Religious and Military Orders of the Temple and of St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Cyprus, and Malta in England and Wales and Dependencies thereof.

The humble petition of the.....Preceptory of the Province of Lancashire, sheweth—

"That your memorialists view with regret and disapprobation several of the innovations introduced into the Constitution and Government of the Order of the recently enacted statutes of the Convent General. They believe that the changes to which they refer do not tend to the elevation or advantage of the Order, but are rather derogatory to its dignity, destructive of its traditions, and productive of disaffection amongst its members.

"They are of opinion that the omission of the defining term "Masonic" from the title of the order is objectionable. In the present day at least, the Order of the Temple is essentially a Masonic Order; and your memorialists believe strongly that any indication, however remote, of an intention to dissociate the Order from Masonry would be viewed with equal alarm by Templars and Masons.

"They consider the abolition of Past Rank most injurious. It deprives Sir Knights of a laudable incentive to zeal in promoting the welfare of the Order. The possession of Grand and Provincial Grand Rank, being confined to the year of office, will cease to be regarded as objects of ambition. The abolition of the distinction of P.E.C., and of the privilege of wearing the distinctive insignia of past rank, will also operate as a discouragement to activity in the interests of the Order.

The newly-created honours of "Grand Cross" and "Grand Commander" being attainable only at the pleasure of the Great Priory, a door will be opened to insinuations of exclusiveness and favoritism, leading to consequent dissatisfaction. Your memorialists further consider that the alteration of the titles "Encampment" and "Eminent Commander," to Preceptory and Preceptor, and also the changes in the titles of other officers, as well as of the Great Priory and the Provincial Priory, as of Private Preceptories, although they are stated to be taken from historical authority, appear to be useless and frivolous innovations, calculated rather to excite ridicule than to elevate the dignity of the Order.

"Your memorialists therefore humbly pray that the statutes may be revised and amended with the view of removing the objections entertained by them thereto.

"Signed on behalf of the.....Preceptory, at a meeting held this.....day of.....
A.L. 5876., A.O. 754. and A.D. 1874.

(Signed,) Preceptor.
..... Constable.
..... Marshal.
..... Registrar.

ORDER OF THE TEMPLE AND MALTA IN IRELAND.

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

While your correspondent "P.E.C." is waiting for "some one in authority" to reply to some of his very pertinent queries, it may interest him to learn that the Irish members of the Order are quite as dissatisfied with the recent changes as their English brethren, and in fact, are, I fancy, more disgusted with results, having special "grounds for grumbling."

Whatever may be the issue in England, it is pretty confidently anticipated here that if matters continue in their present direction it will soon be a question of revolution or extinction.

A very large number of old members have practically withdrawn from active fellowship, having been forced into that course of conduct by the introduction of laws which they will not submit to.

One change which specially affects us here is connected with the "clothing." The Irish Templars for a series of years past have used the Black Masonic Apron, Gauntlets and Sash. When the union of the two branches was passed, a circular was issued bearing the signature of the Grand Recorder, and purporting to explain the meaning of the "Statutes of the Convent General." In dealing with the "clothing," that official document stated, "The Insignia and Habit are altered, for particulars of which see the statutes of the Convent General. All present Knights may, however, continue to wear in their preceptories the dress to which they were legally entitled." Subsequently the Great Priory

Laws, Ireland, were adopted, and amongst those laws are two, No. 13, commencing "No Knight under the jurisdiction of the Grand Master, shall be permitted to attend any meeting of the Great Priory, unless he appear in black dress or uniform, and with the sword, tunic, and mantle of the Order, according to the Statutes of the Convent General;" and the other, No. 73, reading thus, "No Knight shall be admitted to any meeting of Preceptory, unless he appears in the proper costume of his rank in the Order, nor unless he be personally known or vouched as a Knight Templar belonging to a Preceptory under the jurisdiction of the Grand Master, or under a jurisdiction recognised by the Convent General. Every Knight during his continuance in the Preceptory shall be subject to the bye-laws of the Preceptory."

The first clause of this latter rule is in direct opposition to the official statement of the 19th January, and the effect has been most mischievous. The old members who have been, as they consider "sold," are naturally indignant, being shut out not only from their place in the Great Priory, but also from their own preceptories, in consequence of their not adopting the habit and mantle, which many of them declare they will never put on, and the unfairness of the whole proceedings has already drawn forth a protest from a "Grand Cross" of the Order against the legality of the proceedings of Great Priory since the exclusion of its legitimate members.

Having thus excluded a number of Past Commanders, and thus avoided what might and would, in all probability, have proved hostile votes, a few members of Great Priory passed, of course in legal manner, a resolution to call in all existing warrants, and to replace them "free of charge" by new ones from the new authorities. Our present warrants confer on us the right to work other degrees than those of the Temple and Malta, and the calling in of those warrants is clearly part of a persistent plan to establish in Ireland a rite which claims control over a number of degrees, and has for years been trying here to put its theories into practice. An attempt to get possession of the "Rose Croix" degree has since been made and defeated. It will sufficiently illustrate the effect of the law excluding members of Great Priory not "properly clothed" from its meetings, when I state that the voters on the warrant question, important as it was felt to be, numbered in all, as well as my memory serves me, fourteen. Nine for calling them in, and five against.

Two points are pretty clearly understood: the brethren at large will not wear the dress, and the warrants will not be surrendered. It remains to be seen what action "those in authority" may consider it prudent to take.

If it be the intention of those "behind the scenes" to distinguish the Order of the Temple in Ireland, their recent actions may have been dictated by "sound policy." As far as Freemasonry is concerned, it is of very little consequence what the result is, those who were friendly to the Templar Order as an offshoot from the Masonic system, are disposed to look on it now, with its absurd pretensions to a chivalric origin, as a farce and an imposition, and if their views are correct, the more completely it is disassociated from Freemasonry, the better for the latter.

JOSEPH H. WOODWORTH.
Preceptory 245.

Dublin, 28th September, 1874.

VISITING BRETHREN.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Is a brother at liberty to attend a lodge as a visitor at any or every lodge meeting, providing he is regularly vouched for, and a subscribing member to his own lodge. The clause No. 3, page 89, in Book of Constitutions, provides for a brother not being a subscribing member, and from there being nothing to the contrary stated, I conclude, as a subscribing member to a lodge, he would be at liberty to visit any other. Trusting you will allow me to ask this question,

I am, yours obediently and fraternally,
H. L. J.

SCOTTISH FREEMASONRY

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Your leading article on "Scottish Freemasonry" on Saturday has grieved me very much. To think a brother in your position should write an article upon a subject you seem to be quite ignorant of. In the first place you say that the private lodges have no income except what arises from the initiation fees. I don't know what you mean by the term "private lodges," as I know of none such; (at least in Glasgow) but for your information I may state that there is scarcely a lodge in Glasgow but what has an annual subscription imposed upon its members as a test of membership, and instead of having recourse to "Emergency" lodges for initiation to make their ends meet, there is not one of the twenty-six lodges in Glasgow but has a considerable sum to their credit in the various banks throughout the city. This I assert without the fear of contradiction, so much for your information about the private lodges. In your next remarks your ignorance about Scottish Freemasonry is still further displayed, when you state that Scottish Masonry has no Benevolent Fund of any value or importance. I again assert that this statement is in entire opposition to facts; for in Glasgow there is a Benevolent Fund that, I venture to say, would do justice to any P.G. lodge in England, and it is in no crippled condition, financially, or otherwise, but, on the contrary, is in a very healthy condition indeed. So much so, that it has over £500 deposited in one of our city trusts, and can disburse charity with no mean or stinted hand.

You close your tirade against us with an advice to the Grand Lodge; but even that was unnecessary, as Grand Lodge, to my certain knowledge, has been in the habit of doing for a number of years. However, I leave some of my Edinburgh Brethren to say whether your figures are correct or no. About the amount disbursed in the nineteen months you speak about, for my own part I can't say anything about it; but I am afraid if, like your other statements I have noticed, (in my own simple way) it is not worth minding. My advice to you, then, is this—before you begin to teach Scottish Freemasons their duty try and have a foundation whereon you can stand with perfect safety. Hopping you will take these remarks in the spirit with which they are given, viz., honour to whom honour is due,

I remain, Yours fraternally,

WILLIAM GRAHAM.

[We print this letter as we received it, and shall take no further notice of it, as our object has not been to attack Freemasonry, but to remedy admitted evils.—ED.]

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Your correspondents, H.G.M. and W. J. Hughan, do not seem to be aware that there is another instance of a Grand Master of English Freemasons joining the Church of Rome. Philip, Duke of Wharton, Grand Master in 1722, soon after became a convert to the Roman Catholic faith, was attainted in 1728, and died in 1731, monk in a Spanish monastery.

Yours very truly and fraternally,

WILLIAM COWLING.

York, Sept. 26, 1874.

WITHDRAWAL OF PROPOSITIONS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

A brother having been duly proposed as a joining member of a lodge, has any brother any authority to withdraw the proposal, without the consent or knowledge of either the proposer, seconder, or candidate?

Yours fraternally,

R. V.

[The W.M., may, for good and sufficient cause not permit the name of the proposed candidate to appear on the notice paper, but no one else clearly has any authority.—ED.]

ROYAL PATRONAGE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I was much surprised and annoyed to see in the *Masonic Record of Western India*, (a well-

conducted Masonic magazine, and not responsible for the following), emanating from Bro. William Bassett, of the *Masonic News*, Glasgow, to the effect "That the following will be supplied upon the receipt of remittance."

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Does Bro. Bassett mean to say that either or both of these Masonic publications are patronised by the distinguished brethren enumerated?

I await a reply, and failing a satisfactory answer from Bro. Bassett, I must seek to discover the facts of the case by other means, probably of a less pleasant character than the present, for I can scarcely believe the two princes and three noblemen have permitted their names to be thus mentioned as patrons of a ritual of the three degrees. The advertisement has been inserted, I find, for some time.

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METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, October 16, 1874.

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

Saturday, October 10.

General Committee Girls' School, at 12.

Lodge 176, Caveau, Westminster Palace Hotel, Westminster.

" 1361, United Service, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond.

" 1423, Era, King's Arms Hotel, Hampton court.

" 1426, Great City, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.

" 1457, Bagshaw, Bald Faced Stag, Buckhurst-hill, (Annual Festival).

Mark Lodge 104, Macdonald, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, Basinghall-street.

Manchester Lodge of Instruction (179), Yorkshire Grey, 77, London-street, Fitzroy-square, at 8; Bro. H. Ash, Preceptor.

Lily Lodge of Instruction (810), Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, Surrey.

Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquess of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. G. Dille, Preceptor.

Monday, October 12.

Quarterly General Court Boys' School, at 12.

Lodge 59, Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall.

" 193, Confidence, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street.

" 957, Leigh, Freemasons' Hall.

Chap. 22, Mount Sion, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.

Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction (1445), Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland, at 7; Bro. T. Austin, Preceptor.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Crown Tavern, Clerkenwell green, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.

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

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

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

British Oak Lodge of Instruction (813), Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.

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

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

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

Metropolitan Mark Lodge of Instruction, Coach and Horses Hotel, 323, Strand, at 8.

Tuesday, October 13.

Lodge 167, St. John's, Holly Bush Tavern, Hampstead.

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

" 198, Percy, Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street.

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

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

" 435, Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall.

Lodge 548, Wellington, White Swan Tavern, Deptford.

" 834, Ranelagh, Clarendon Hotel, Hammersmith.

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

" 933, Doric, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street.

Chap. 185, Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall.

Supreme Grand Council 33°, Masonic Hall, Golden-square.

Yarborough Lodge of Instruction (554), Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8; Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.

Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tavern, Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 8; Bro. Larham, Preceptor.

Faith Lodge of Instruction (141), Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st., (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottelbrune, Preceptor.

Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Lord's Hotel, Lord's Cricket Ground, St. John's-wood, at 8; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction (860), King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. Crawley, Preceptor.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction (65), Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st., Within, at 7.30; Bro. Bolton, W.M. 1217, Preceptor.

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

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

Percy Lodge of Instruction, Grapes Tavern, Little Windmill-street, W.

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

Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30.

Wednesday, October 14.

General Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at 3.

Lodge 3, Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall.

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

" 15, Kent, Freemasons' Hall.

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

" 147, Justice, White Swan, High-street, Deptford.

" 238, Pilgrim, Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street.

" 749, Belgrave, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street.

" 781, Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Bardett-road, Limehouse.

" 1017, Montefiore, Freemasons' Hall.

" 1260, Hervey, Freemasons' Hall.

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

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

Supreme Grand Council 33°, 33, Golden-square.

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

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

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.

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

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

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

Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction (1288), Finsbury Park Tavern, Seven Sisters'-road, N., at 8. Bro. F. Dickinson, Acting Preceptor.

United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), the Crafts Arms, Prince of Wales'-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.

Southwark Lodge of Instruction, (879), Southwark Park Tavern, Southwark Park, at 8; Bro. Charles William Kent, Preceptor.

Dalston Lodge of Instruction (975), Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.

Thursday, October 15.

Lodge 49, Gihon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.

" 55, Constitutional, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.

" 169, Temperance, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.

" 179, Manchester, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street.

" 733, Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.

" 813, New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton.

" 1139, South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood.

" 1287, Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall.

" 1339, Stockwell, Half Moon, Herne-hill.

Chap. 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.

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

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

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

Whittington Lodge of Instruction (861), Crown Tavern, Holborn, at 8; Bro. Lewis Alexander, P.M. 1188, Preceptor.

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

Ebury Lodge of Instruction, Bro. Palmer's, 71, Poultry-st., Millbank.

Highgate Lodge of Instruction (1360), Bell and Gun, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. A. Stacey, Preceptor.

The Great City Lodge of Instruction, 111, Chesel-side, at 6.30.

Friday, October 16:

- Rose Croix Chapter Invicta, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich.
- St. George's Lodge of Instruction (140), Globe Tavern, Royal-hill, Greenwich.
- Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
- Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, (749), Lyceum Tavern, 354, Strand, at 8; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.
- Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.
- Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s Freemasons' Hall, a 7.
- Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tavern, Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.
- Clapton Lodge of Instruction (1365), White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., Preceptor.
- Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1293), the Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. W. F. Rogers, Preceptor.
- Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-road, at 8; Comp. W. West Smith, Preceptor.
- Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Bro. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.
- Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (733), Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8.
- United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Antelope Tavern, Lorn-road, Brixton, at 7.
- St. James's Lodge of Instruction, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-road, Bermondsey, at 8; Bro. Howes, P.M., Preceptor.
- Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Bro. D. S. Patts, Preceptor.
- Dotic Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8.
- Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8; Bro. P. M. Wuest, Preceptor.
- St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Rose Tavern, Fulham-road, S.W.
- Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.
- High Cross Lodge of Instruction (754), Coach & Horses High-road, Tottenham.
- Burdett Courts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park, at 8; Bro. Geo. W. Verry, Preceptor.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE,

For the Week ending Saturday, October 17, 1874.

Monday, October 12.

- Lodge 314, Peace and Unity, Militia Mess Rooms, Preston.
- " 477, Mersey, 55, Argyle-street, Birkenhead, at 6.
- " 721, Independence, Masonic Rooms, Eastgate-row, North Chester, at 5.
- " 1021, Harrington, Masonic Hall, Barrow-in-Furness.
- " 1398, Baldwin, Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.
- Red Cross Conclave of Instruction, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 7.

Tuesday, October 13.

- Lodge 241, Merchants', Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 5.
- " 1250, Gilbert Greenall, Masonic Rooms, Warrington.
- Chap. 537, Zion, 9, Hamilton-square, Birkenhead.
- Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.

Wednesday, October 14.

- Lodge 281, Fortitude, Athenæum, Lancaster.
- " 1052, Callender, Public Hall, Rusholme.
- " 1094, Temple, Masonic Temple, at 6.
- " 1356, De Grey and Ripon, 140, North Hill-street, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 6.
- Chap. 673, St. John's, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.30.
- St. John's Lodge of Instruction (673), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8.

Thursday, October 15.

- Lodge 203, Ancient Union, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
- " 343, Concord, Queen's Arms Hotel, Church-street, Preston.
- " 425, Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester, at 4.
- " 605, Combermere, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, at 6.
- " 1299, Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, at 5.

Friday, October 16.

- Lodge 1350, Fermor-Hesketh, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
- Red Cross Conclave, 55, Liverpool, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, at 6.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND VICINITY.

For the week ending Saturday, October 17, 1874.
All the Meetings take place at 8 o'clock.

Monday, October 12.

- Lodge 102, St. Mark, St. Mark's Hall, Buchanan-st.
- " 219, Star, 12, Trongate.
- " 362, St. Clair, 25, Robertson-street.
- " 541, Marie Stuart, Watson's Academy, Langside-road, Crosshill.
- " 205, St. Winnoch, Eagle Inn, Lochwinnoch.
- " 307, Union and Crown, Freemasons' Hall, Barrhead.

Tuesday, October 13.

- Lodge 473, Athole, 213, Buchanan-st.
- " 419, Neptune, 35, St. James-st., Kingstown.
- " 441, Glasgow, 22, Struthers-street.
- " 179, St. Mungo, London Hotel, Mauchline.
- " 426, Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Renfrew.
- Chap. 69, St. Andrew, 170, Buchanan-st.

Wednesday, October 14.

- Lodge 178, Scotia, 170, Buchanan-st.
- " 510, Maryhill, Main-street, Maryhill.
- Chap. 87, Shamrock and Thistle, 12, Trongate.

Thursday, October 15.

- Lodge 27, St. Mungo, 213, Buchanan-street.
- " 465, St. Andrew's, Masons' Hall, Garngad-road.
- " 553, St. Vincent, 162, Heath-road.
- " 554, Stewart, Freemasons' Hall, Market place, Kilsyth.

Friday, October 16.

- Lodge 11, Kilwinning, Town Hall, Greenock.
- " 360, Commercial, 60, Hope-st.
- " 408, Clyde, 170, Buchanan-st.
- " 321, St. Andrew's, Public Hall, Alexandria.
- " 471, St. John, Stane Inn, Shotts.

Saturday, October 17.

- Lodge 524, St. Andrew, East Kilbride.
- " 544, St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, Bridge-street, Coatbridge.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH AND VICINITY.

For the Week ending October 17th, 1874.

Monday, October 12.

- Funeral Grand Lodge, Assembly Rooms, George-street, at 5 p.m.
- Lodge 145, St. Stephen, Masonic Hall, Writer's-court, at 8.
- " 349, St. Clair, Freemasons' Hall, George-street, at 8.

Tuesday, October 13.

- Lodge 1, Mary's Chapel, Waterloo Hotel, Waterloo-place, at 8.
- " 151, Defensive Band, Masonic Hall, Blackfriars-street, at 8.

Wednesday, October 14.

- Lodge 2, Canongate Kilwinning, St. John's Chapel, St. John's-st, at 8.
- Chap. 1, Edinburgh, Freemasons' Hall, George-street, at 8.

Thursday, October 15.

- Lodge 48, St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall, George-st. at 8.

Friday, October 16.

- Chap. 83, St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall, George-street, at 8.

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In pursuance of the foregoing resolution, a meeting was held at Southampton, which was largely attended, when the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:—

"That the Lodges and Chapters of the Province and Freemasons generally be solicited to subscribe to a fund, to be appropriated as the Committee shall determine, for the benefit of the Widow of our late lamented Bro. J. R. Stebbing, whose circumstances at the time of his decease render this appeal absolutely necessary."

"That copies of these resolutions be forwarded to each Lodge and Chapter in the Province, inviting their co-operation, as well as that of Brethren and Companions generally, in obtaining subscriptions to the fund."

"That a circular stating the circumstances be also transmitted to all other Lodges and Chapters in England."

The name of the late Bro. J. R. Stebbing is so well known in all Masonic circles that it seems unnecessary to set forth at length his long and valuable services. For many years he was a constant attendant at Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, assisting the interests of the Brethren and Companions. He was Vice-President of the Board of General Purposes in 1861, 1862 and 1863, and also an active member of the Building Committee of the present Freemasons' Hall, London.

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REPORTS OF SCOTTISH MEETINGS.
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GLASGOW.—*Lodge Marie Stuart* (541).—The usual meeting, held on Monday, Sept. 28th, was made special to consider the proposals of the Building Committee for the new lodge room, rendered necessary by the burning of their first place of meeting. There was a full attendance of the members. The chair was taken by the R.W.M. Bro. J. D. Porteous, P.G.J.W., who was supported by Bros. Gillies, D.M., Johnson, S.M., Brodie, S.W., and S. Finlayson, Secretary. After considerable discussion, the lodge resolved to take temporarily a place till their funds should increase, as they are only a very young lodge. In the course of the evening the R.W.M. informed the brethren that Colonel Campbell, the P.G.M., had conferred an honour on the lodge by appointing him, as their Master, to the high dignity of Provincial Grand J.W. He also informed them of the way in which the sum of £24, which they had raised towards the support of a widow in Paisley, had been applied for the benefit of the children. Two passings and a raising were deferred till next meeting.

St. Vincent Lodge (553) met at the Kent-road on Thursday, Oct. 1st. In the absence of Bro. M'Dougal, the R.W.M., the chair was taken by Bro. G. Stark, the Deputy-Master, who opened the lodge in the 1st degree, assisted by R. Stevens, acting S.W.; H. Hunter, J.W.; J. Halsey, Sec.; J. M'Clelland, T.; and Best, S.D. There were five petitions for initiation, and one of the petitioners being present, the Acting Master, in a very careful and masterly manner, proceeded to initiate him into the mysteries of the Order. He then raised the lodge to the 2nd degree, but an accident having occurred at his manufactory through the bursting of a boiler, he had to leave, and requested Bro. Baird, P.M., of 3½, P.G.S.W., to occupy the chair, and Bro. G. W. Wheeler, of 73, to conclude the work, which consisted of the passing of 14 of the brethren who were initiated on the night of the opening of the lodge. Bro. Wheeler then worked the 2nd degree, and passed fourteen brethren to the degree of Fellow Craft. There was a very full attendance of the members, and above thirty visitors, as it is not often that so many brethren have to be passed at one time. There being no further business, Bro. Baird, P.G.S.W., who is an affiliated member, closed the lodge in due form, all being well pleased with the evening's work.

Lodge St. Mungo (27).—This old and influential lodge is still increasing its numbers. On Wednesday, Sept. 29, an Emergency Meeting was called to confer three degrees on a gentleman who was going abroad. As their usual hall was occupied, the Knights of the Red Cross of Rome and Constantine, the officers of St. John's very kindly granted the use of their hall and their D.M., Bro. W. Bell, assisted, along with Bro. Bain, P.M., 103, to put the candidate through, for which Bro. D. Butler, the R.W.M., tendered them the thanks of the lodge as well as his own. The regular meeting of the lodge was held on Thursday, Bro. D. Butler in the chair, and was well supported by his office-bearers. Bro. W. B. Patterson, Sec., read two propositions for initiation, after which the brethren were passed to the 2nd degree, the work being admirably performed by the P.G.S., who is also D.M. of St. Mungo Lodge.

Lodge Thistle and Shamrock (275) met on Oct. 2nd, at 22, Struther's Street; G. C. H. M'Naught, R.W.M., in the chair, assisted by Bros. Mathison, S.W., M'Mellian, J.W., and J. Horn, Sec. One candidate was initiated, after which three brethren were passed and raised, and Bro. Hugh Tulloch, P.M., 441, was affiliated as an honorary member. The R.W.M., though solicited to do, refused to allow himself to be nominated for re-election, having already served two years.

Lodge Commercial (360) met in their own hall, 30, Hope Street, on Friday, Oct. 2nd. In the absence of Dr. Morton, Bro. Munro, D.M., presided; and Lamb, S.W.; J. S. Oliver, J.W.; A. Merton, Sec. The lodge having been raised to the 3rd degree, Bro. J. F. Joyce was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason

by Bro. J. Brodie, P.M. The lecture and charge being given by Bro. Munro, Bro. J. E. Spiers, of Mither Kilwinning, No. 0, and Bro. W. H. Bickerton, of St. Augustine's, 972 (E.C.), were proposed as joining members and unanimously received. Bro. Halkett, P.M., 102, laid the case of widow Pollock before the meeting, and a committee was appointed to assist in raising funds for her relief.

Lodge Clyde (408) held their regular meeting on Oct. 2nd, at 170, Buchanan Street; J. Downe in the chair; J. M'Innes, S.W.; W. Belisland, J.W.; W. Clinton, D.M.; W. Harper, T., and J. Baure, Sec. A candidate was initiated for the Union and Crown, the Secretary thanking the lodge for their kindness. The lodge was then placed under the care of the J.W., and after the usual Loyal and Craft toast, Bro. Shields responded for the visitors, and Bro. Wheeler, in reply, spoke of the great liberality of Bro. G. Kenning who most generously offered to give £100 to start the fund for the Scottish Benevolent Fund.

GOVAN FESTIVAL AND PRESENTATION.—*Lodge Govandale* (437) celebrated their tenth anniversary by a soirée, concert, and ball, on the 25th ult. The hall was tastefully decorated. The chair was occupied by Bailie M'Farlane, R.W.M., who was supported right and left by Bro. F. A. Barrow, D.P.G.M., and Bro. Bailie Campbell, P.M., and the *élite* of the burgesses of Govan. After justice had been done to an excellent tea, the Chairman gave a lengthy address, describing minutely the teachings of the three degrees. In conclusion, he stated that in the ten years of their existence they had initiated above 300 members, and they continued to work amicably, for he had the hearty support of every officer of the lodge. At a subsequent part of the proceedings he presented a magnificent gold watch and chain, value £41 10s., to Bro. Bailie Campbell, P.M., as an acknowledgment of his two years' services in the chair, stating he had won golden opinions from all the inhabitants of the burgh, not only by his conduct in that chair, but by his able and upright conduct as a magistrate. (Cheers.) Bro. Campbell, in a very feeling manner, replied, assuring the brethren he should always look with pride on the gift, and leave it as a heirloom to his family. He had the honour of being one of the founders of the lodge, and he should still be most happy to render it all the assistance in his power. (Cheers.) Bro. Barrow, D.P.G.M., also addressed the meeting, congratulating them on their present position, which he attributed to their working up to their Masonic professions. The concert was ably sustained by the Misses Smith, Ruth Stanley, Bro. C. Stewart, and J. Dunlop. The ball was kept up till the morning. All passed off harmoniously.

PARTICK.—*Royal Arch Chapter* (113).—The annual meeting took place on the 23rd ult., when Comp. J. Duthie installed the following companions, who had all been re-elected—viz., T. Halket, Z.; J. White, H.; J. Tomlinson, J.; W. White, S.E.; J. Bain, N.; J. Stevenson, T.; R. Anderson, 1st; G. Ward, 2nd; W. Bard, 3rd; J. Latto, Janitor. Comp. Halket thanked the Chapter for their confidence in re-electing him to that high and responsible office, assuring them he would do his best to fulfil its duties. He then proposed that Comp. Duthies, for his services, should be made an honorary member. The Chapter was then closed, and a banquet followed, Comp. T. Halket presiding, and Comp. T. Granger, P.Z., croupier. Great praise was given to Comp. Latto for his excellent catering. All the loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and at a late part of the proceedings they were honoured by a visit from the Provincial Grand Z., F. Barron, who said he had contrived to call on them on his way home, after installing the officers of Chap. 50.

ROYAL ARCH.—*Chapter 73, Caledonian of Unity* held their monthly meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 29, at 170, Buchanan Street. Comp. G. W. Wheeler, Z.; Comp. M'Donald, P.Z., as H.; J. Stewart, J.; J. Bannerman, T.; J. Balfour, S.E.; and H. Mackie, N. There were also present J. O. Park, Z. 122; W. Bell, H. 50;

and Fash, 1st 69. Bro. Penman received the degree of Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch at the hands of the new Z., Comp. J. Balfour, S.E., acting as Principal Sojourner.

Chapter 87 met at their new hall, 12, Tron-gate, for the election of their officers, when the following companions were unanimously chosen and installed into office:—Wm. Phillips, Z.; M. Clanachan, H.; J. Howie, J.; Dr. Thomas Russell, Scribe E.; J. Frew, N.; G. Muir, T.; Wm. Gibson, 1st S.; Hugh Cox, 2nd S.; R. Smith, 3rd S.; and J. Pearson, Janitor. The companions are pleased with their new location, and think it will eventuate in a large accession of members.

Chapter 122, Thetis, held an emergency meeting on Sept. 29th, the veteran Z. of the Chapter, J. O. Park, presiding, with W. Gunn, T., as H.; G. Wilson as T.; and J. Denoff, P. Sojourner. A Master Mason having presented a petition for exaltation, he was advanced as a Mark Master, received the degree of Excellent Master, and was thereafter exalted into Royal Arch, all the work being performed in Comp. Park's well known style.

RED CROSS OF ROME AND CONSTANTINE.—*Conclave 114* met in St. Mark's Hall, Buchanan Street, Glasgow, on Wednesday, Sept. 29th, the M.P.S., Sir Knight G. W. Wheeler, presiding, assisted by J. Johnson, E.V.E., J. Louttit, S.G., Wm. Dobbie, J.G., J. Hastie, Recorder, H. J. Shields, H.P., G. B. Adam, B.B., Wm. Bell, T., and J. Hardie, S. There were also present R. Bell, Hon. Sec., and J. Tweed, Hon. Viceroy. Applications for admission were received from Bros. A. A. Smith and J. Fraser, who were duly admitted and installed as Knights of the Red Cross of Rome and Constantine. The Recorder informed the Conclave of the terms on which, in conjunction with the M.P.S., he had taken the hall. The Conclave was then closed in peace and harmony.

GLASGOW.—*Lodge Commercial* (360).—This lodge determined to celebrate the opening of their new hall by a festival, which took place on Friday, Sept. 25th, at the new lodge room, 30, Hope Street, Glasgow. We have previously described the fine appearance of the hall, and dwelt upon the convenience and comforts of the adjacent apartments, but on this occasion it presented additional attractions when it was set out with tables, and those tables well supplied with the good things of this life; and the snowy purity of the table-cloths tended somewhat to soften the crimson panelling of the room, and lent an additional charm to the *coup de wit* of the scene. Dr. A. Morton, the highly respected Master of the Lodge, presided, supported right and left by those veritable supports of his lodge, Bros. P.M. Brodè and Munro, D.M. Bros. Lamb, S.W., and J. M. Oliver, J.W., formed very excellent croupiers. J. Morton, Secretary, and every other officer were in their places, and, as usual, efficient in the performance of their duties. Among the visitors we noticed Bros. T. D. Humphries, of No. 4, the Z. of 69 Chapter, Wheeler, of 73 Lodge, Z. of 73 Chapter; W. B. Paterson, S. 27; J. E. Wilson, P.M., 234—354; J. Anderson, R.W.M., P. Marshall, S.W., 370, J. Wallace, R.W.M., 413, and J. Stark, D.M., 553. The repast, which was all that could be desired as regards quality, and the attendance of the waiters, gave credit to Bro. Hunter, of the Argyle Arcade Restaurant, by whom it was supplied, and who is himself a member of the lodge. The assembled guests having done full justice to his excellent catering, the R.W.M. proceeded to open his lodge, and then placed it under the care of the J.W. "The Queen and the Craft," "The Rest of the Royal Family," and "The Three Grand Lodges" having been duly honoured, the D.M. gave "The Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow," and called on Bro. Wallace, R.W.M. of 413, to reply, who in doing so showed the advantages that had accrued to Masonry in general from the exertions made during the last twelve years by the P.G.L. of Glasgow, which had set an example to all the other Provincial Grand Lodges in Scotland. Bro. Brodè, P.M., in a highly eulogistic speech, dwelt on the benefits to be derived by Masonry from a faithful chronicle of their proceedings

in the pages of the Masonic Press, commenting on the articles in the last two numbers of the *Freemason* on "Scotch Masonry," and also on the kind liberality of the proprietor of that journal. Bro. Wheeler replied, enforcing the soundness of the arguments in the two articles to which Bro. Brodè had alluded, and calling on the Lodge Commercial to still maintain the dignified position she had taken up on this question, and to support her worthy Master in his efforts to raise the status of Masonry, not only in his own lodge, but in the province. Bro. W. B. Patterson gave "The Committee," who had got up their present handsome hall, dwelling on the large amount of time and energy they had devoted to this object since the railway company had given them notice to quit their old hall. He was glad that that committee had themselves thought of their Chairman, their worthy R.W.M., by presenting him with the handsome dress apron and gauntlet that he was now wearing, which reflected credit on them as the donors, and on Bro. Kenning as the maker, and also the handsome box to hold it that their Past Master Brodè had made. He therefore proposed a new toast, "The Committee Themselves." (Cheers.) Bros. Brodè and Munro replied. Bro. G. B. Adam gave "The Visiting Brethren." Bro. Wilson, P.M., acknowledged the compliment. He had been laid up and unable for nearly three years to attend a Masonic meeting, and it was with pleasure he made his reappearance in Lodge Commercial. The R.W.M. gave "The Singers," who had made them pass such an enjoyable evening. He had some difficulty, owing to their other engagements, to get some of them, but all he had asked were here, and he would venture to say that, except at a very high-priced concert or oratorio, they could not have listened to better singing than that of Bros. Pentland, Peterkin, Brodè, Mackey, Lamb, Townsend, and Stevenson, while on the violin who could excel Bro. J. Brodè, G. Kerrin, or J. J. Gibson, while on the piano Bro. Pentland was without a rival; and, as Master, he was proud to add that every one of them were members of that lodge. Bro. Peterkin, in a humorous speech, replied. Bro. Mungo gave Bro. Hunter "Our Steward." Bro. Hunter replied. Bro. Jones gave "The Ladies," which Bro. G. B. Adams, as a professed ladies' man, acknowledged. Bro. Browde gave "The Master," dwelling on his many estimable qualities as a man and a Mason. The Master replied, and gave the final toast. "Auld Lang Syne" was then sung, which terminated a happy meeting.

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR IN GLASGOW.

About two years ago a series of articles appeared in the *Freemason* explanatory of the principles, objects, and to a great extent of the ritual of the Order of the Eastern Star, an adoptive rite of Masonry pretty extensively practised in America. The articles excited some interest in Glasgow at the time, and this summer Bro. H. J. Shield, 33°, being in Glasgow, at several Masonic Meetings that he attended, spoke of the great advantages to be derived from it by the female relatives of Masons. A number of the brethren took the degree at his hands. Since then Bro. Shield has been back to New York, and returned with full powers from the Supreme Grand Chapter of New York to establish the Order and open Chapters throughout the whole of Great Britain and Ireland, and as the first fruits of his labours he has opened a Chapter in Glasgow which, in honour of our Gracious Queen, who is the daughter as well as the mother of Masons, it has been named the *Victoria Chapter, No. 1*. All Master Masons are eligible to receive the degree, which consists of five points. It is also open to the mothers, sisters, wives, widows or daughters of Master Masons. Already nearly sixty Master Masons have taken it. Chapters of the Order are under the care of fourteen ladies with one M.M. as Patron, and on Friday, September 25th, the 1st Chapter of Great Britain was

opened, and Victoria Chapter constituted in due form by Bro. Shield, 33°, Deputy Grand Patron, and Special Deputy for Great Britain, who installed the seven elective officers, the other seven being appointed by the Matron. The officers were presented by Bro. Park, Z 122, in the following order: Sister M. A. Wheeler, Worthy Matron; Bro. R. Mitchell, P.M. 332, Worthy Patron; Sister S. Bickerton, Associate Matron; Sister J. Merian, Conductress; Sister J. Mac Lauchlan, Associate Conductress; Sister H. H. Halley, Secretary; Sister H. Mitchell, Treasurer. The Matron then appointed Sister M. Bobb as Warder, and Bro. R. Merian as Sentinel, leaving the offices of Ada, Ruth, Esther, Martha and Electra to be filled up at the next meeting. The Worthy Matron then rose, and in an excellent manner delivered the following address to the Chapter:

"Deputy Grand Worthy Patron, Worthy Patron, Worthy Associate Matron, Sisters and Brothers of the Order of the Eastern Star: The novelty of my situation is such that I do not know in what words to thank you for the very high honour you have conferred upon me by electing me to preside over this, the first Chapter of the Order established in Great Britain. But as actions speak louder than words, I will endeavour with God's blessing to prove by my conduct in this chair, that you have not bestowed your confidence in vain. It shall be my constant endeavour, not for my own sake, but for the future prosperity of the Order, to maintain the honour and dignity of this chair, to carry out in all their integrity, the laws of the Order, so that I may hand to my successor the charter as pure as I receive it tonight. Sisters, to accomplish this I shall require your aid and assistance. With that I feel I shall succeed; without it, I know I must fail. We have undertaken a great work, to act as pioneers in the introduction of the Order into the British Isles. The eyes not only of the Masonic fraternity, but of the outside world, will be upon us; let us walk circumspectly, giving adverse critics no opportunity of pointing to anything like *levity* in our conduct, either in the Chapter, or out of it; remember the least inconsistency on the part of one might be FATAL to the prosperity of the Order.

Pardon me, Brothers, but to you I would respectfully say

Be to our virtues very kind,
But to our faults a little blind.

You have been filling high and responsible offices in various Masonic bodies, and have thereby gained knowledge and experience. We are in every sense of the word, novices. We are told that you are bound to *aid* and *protect* us. We now ask you to aid us in establishing this noble Order, and to protect us from any slanders, insinuations of our and your enemies. Never speak of the Institution but with respect and reverence. Remember a woman's character is very easily damaged and seldom retrieved. One light word from you might prove *fatal* to a sister's reputation. Be careful then of how you speak of us, and of the objects of this Order, and above all be careful who you recommend to join us lest the fair fame of all should suffer for the misconduct of one.

Let each and all of us ever remember not only the objects but the name of our Order. As the stars above us add beauty to the sky, while they shed light upon the earth, so should our acts add beauty to our lives, while our light should so shine before men, that seeing it they may glorify our Father who is in Heaven. Let us look to our Heavenly Father for His blessing on all our work, and carry it on in the spirit of devotion, like the wise men of the East, ever bearing in mind that we have not only "seen the Star," but that "we have come hither to worship it." It is in this spirit that I have taken up the work, and in this spirit I ask both Brothers, and Sisters to co-operate with me. Let our conduct in the Chapter, and out of it be such that when we leave this sublunary state of things, I trust it may be for mansions above the stars where there is peace for evermore. Let *our lives* be such that the outside world shall be constrained to say of

each of us, speaking *not* of our physical frames, but of our moral qualities and religious virtues—

She has gone to the rest
God prepares for the blest.

For whilst amongst us were below, to quote the words of King Solomon, she was indeed, "Fairest among thousands, altogether lovely," (Cheers.)

Bro. Mitchell said he had had many proud moments in his life, but he never felt so proud as now. For several years he had been trying to get the Order established, and now his thoughts by day and his dreams by night were more than realized. The Order was established, he was standing in the proud position of its first Patron, and had the honour of being associated with a Worthy Matron of whose fitness for her position they were now all able to judge. He thought he fully understood the nature and objects of the Order before, but he must confess that Sister Wheeler had placed their duties before them in a newer and stronger light, and no effort should be wanting on his part to second her endeavours to keep up the honour and dignity of the Order.

Bro. Shields 33°, D.G.W.P., expressed the pleasure he experienced in having thus successfully inaugurated the first Chapter in Scotland, and his firm conviction that under such efficient officers it must succeed, and would soon be followed by the establishment of others in different towns.

SCOTTISH MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The following is an extract from a Scottish Contemporary:—To all appearance the time has at length arrived when Scottish Freemasonry will proceed to vindicate itself, so to speak, in the eyes of brethren in other parts of the kingdom, as also in foreign countries, by the establishment of a charitable organization, such as has long existed both in England and Ireland. The credit of originating, and so far promoting, the scheme pertains to a brother of repute, Bro. George R. Harriott, Prov. G.M. Wigtown and Kirkcudbright, who, through the columns of the accredited organ of the Craft in Britain, *The Freemason*, of London, has addressed to Grand Lodge and Scottish brethren generally a letter and short prospectus of the proposed institution. A full prospectus, showing the details in every branch, as deduced from the experience of the best similar institutions elsewhere, will be issued immediately to every lodge, province, &c., holding under Scotch rule. It will suffice, therefore, to say here that the objects of the institution are (1) To provide schools for boys and girls (children of decayed or aged Masons of good character) with lodging, feeding, and clothing, while belonging to the institution; (2) To provide halls in connection with several Scottish Universities, where students, sons of Masons, as above, might be maintained and receive instruction; and (3) The establishment of an asylum for aged and distressed Masons of good character, and their widows, or otherwise the granting of annuities to them outside. The scheme, as worked out at present, it is explained, will be followed until a sufficient number of donors and annual subscribers can be obtained to form a General Court, at which court it can be determined whether the scheme should be carried out *in toto*, or whether revisions should be made. The pecuniary estimates seem to us to be by no means over sanguinely drawn. It is estimated that at least 5000 brethren will contribute their half guinea per annum, and that Grand Lodge and other ruling Masonic bodies will give at least £100 yearly, which would yield in all £2750 a year to work upon. All larger donations, it must be added, are to be set apart as capital, and no capital to be touched until £12,000 or £15,000 shall have been accumulated. We have but to add that the proposal finds much favour in the eyes of the London *Freemason*, which not only ably advocates it in the chief leading article of the current issue, but whose proprietor (Brother Geo. Kenning, of London, Liverpool, and Glasgow) has, with his wonted liberality, promised one hundred guineas to the fund if the institution shall be successfully established.

**ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL OF THE
STAR LODGE OF INSTRUCTION,
No. 1275.**

The Star Lodge of Instruction, No. 1275, celebrated its 5th Anniversary Festival on Friday evening, October 2nd, at "The Marquis of Granby Tavern," New Cross Road, under the able presidency of Bro. Charles James Hogg, P.M., 1275, P.G.S., who was supported by Bros. Dilley, P.M., 1155; W.M. 147, Preceptor; Baxter Langley, J.W., 1326; Keeble, P.M., 1275; G. Macdonald, J.W., 1158, Sec. There were also present Bros. Gloster, P.M., 1275; Hubback, P.M., 58, P.G.S.; Brown, P.M., 169; Bear, W.M., 1155; Guffin, W.M., 133; Green, P.M., 1275; J. Williams, (*Freemason*), and many others.

The banquet, which was excellent, was provided by Bro. Hobson, in his usual satisfactory manner. After grace had been said, and the cloth removed, the toasts were proceeded with. The Chairman, in proposing "The Queen and the Craft," said, the first toast that I have to propose this evening is one that gives me a deal of pleasure, because we all know that the Queen had our affections, almost from her infancy. I had the pleasure of seeing her frequently, previous to her coming to the Throne, and have also had the pleasure of knowing those who have had something to do with her education; and they all express that she was a most intelligent and obedient child, and always had shown great love for her mother. These are noble principles, which will enable us to look for something virtuous in the future. Our Sovereign Lady, the Queen, has been an excellent wife, a kind mother, and intelligent ruler. (Cheers.) I feel proud when I say that our Sovereign Lady has the affections of this great people, not only in England, but in all the English Colonies; even the Hindu, who is untaught, will bow with reverence and humility, whenever her name is mentioned. We, as Masons, love the Queen, and feel deeply grateful to her for the manner in which she rules over us, not only as Masons, but as men and Christians. Therefore I give you "the health of Her Majesty the Queen," and I couple with that "The Craft." The Chairman said, the next toast is "The health of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, M.W. Past Grand Master of England; the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family." I shall avoid making any observations relating to the resignation of Lord Ripon. We all regretted losing him as our Master, but as you are all aware His Royal Highness has accepted the office of M.W. Grand Master of Freemasons. I know it has been received by you all with very great pleasure, for it is a good thing to have a member of the Royal Family at the head of the Order. And I think we shall ever have someone of the Royal Family as G.M. There is a family springing up sufficiently large to make it unnecessary for us to look farther than Royalty for a Head. I know Masonry will flourish under the Grand Mastership of His Royal Highness, and we are proud to have him to preside over us. It shows an amount of pluck—I will use the word pluck, for it requires such in the present age to take the position of G.M. I am of opinion that he will be one of the greatest of Masons throughout the world, therefore let us drink with pleasure the Health of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family. (Cheers.) The toast was drunk with the customary honours.

The Chairman: The next toast that I have to call to your notice is, the Health of the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon. I have had the pleasure of seeing him at the Star Lodge, and I take him to be one of the most intelligent of Masons. I do believe, and am sure you will all concur with me that no one is more capable of advancing the interests of Freemasonry than the Deputy Grand Master. I give you therefore "the Health of the Deputy Grand Master of England, the Earl of Carnarvon, and the Officers of the Star Lodge, both present and past." The toast was duly honoured.

The Chairman: The next toast I shall call on Bro. Langley to propose. Brother Langley, on

rising, said, I feel that a very great duty has been entrusted to me. This is a very interesting occasion, because the Star Lodge wishes itself many happy returns of the day. We all wish ourselves many happy returns, and I hope that all of us may live to have many happy seasons here. We stand to-day as a Lodge of Instruction, one of the most successful in the whole country. Whenever anyone comes here, he sees the room well filled with brethren, and Bro. Dilley always at his post, ever ready to do his best to instruct. This Lodge has turned out many accomplished Masons, well posted in the various sections of Masonry. Whenever I come, I always find that I have come into a School under the tuition of a good master, and one who is always full of the greatest of cordiality. After some further remarks, Bro. Langley proposed success to the Star Lodge of Instruction, trusting at the same time Bro. Dilley would long live to preside over it. (Cheers.)

The President: I am quite pleased to return thanks to Bro. Langley, for the very kind manner in which he has proposed success to the Star Lodge of Instruction. I have pleasure in stating that I have always received great kindness from the brethren of this Lodge; they have given me their greatest support, and Bro. Dilley, as the Preceptor, has been very kind to me, and have always agreed with any ideas I suggested. I have attended many Lodges in the Craft, but have never met with more kindly feeling and attention paid to Masonry than at this Lodge; and I sincerely trust the Star Lodge will continue to be as it is now, one of the most prosperous in the Craft, the most numerous, and one of the best instructed. (Cheers.)

The Chairman: I next propose the principal Officer, our Preceptor, Bro. Dilley. I propose this toast with great pleasure and gratification; for in so doing, I know I have the co-operation and good feeling of the whole lodge with me. Every Brother present respects him, not only as their Preceptor, but as a man. (Cheers.) He has always shown us in the Lodge great kindness, and has taught us the highest principles of Masonry. He is full of affection and humanity, (Hear, hear), and has been indulgent to us all as erring brethren, which we as scholars, have been frequently guilty of. Therefore we always have obeyed him, without the least hesitation.

Bro. Dilley: In rising to return thanks for this toast, I cannot sufficiently express my gratitude for the very kind manner in which you have spoken of me. Having had the satisfaction to know that the Star Lodge of Instruction has prospered under my teaching, I may say, that I have always adopted the best system, for I have no method of my own, but have gleaned a little here and there, so to enable me to adopt the best teaching. If I have hitherto satisfied you as a Preceptor, I sincerely trust I shall do so in the future. I feel it is the duty of every man who loves Masonry, to make himself fully acquainted with all its principles—(Cheers)—and not only teach himself, but make it known to others. If no one had known it, I should never have done so, therefore I sincerely trust that my pupils will live long to instruct others. I thank you all kindly for the honour you have conferred upon me this evening, by drinking so heartily my health.

The Chairman: I have now the pleasure of proposing the health of our excellent Secretary, Bro. Macdonald. He has gained our highest esteem, for the very able manner in which he has discharged his duties. I ask you now to drink the health of our worthy Brother. The toast having been drunk, Bro. Macdonald said, I assure you all, I feel highly gratified for the very kind manner in which you have drunk my health. It is to me a labour of love to work for this Lodge of Instruction, and I feel encouraged when I receive your co-operation. You have all given it me, and have been always ready to come to my assistance, when required. It is your support that encourages me to persevere in my labours as Secretary. I feel proud to be the Secretary of this Lodge of Instruction, for it is one of the best attended and most prosperous Lodges in London. I shall always think it a labour of love. I have now a pleasing task to perform, and that

is to give you a short account of the business of the Lodge during the past year. During that time we have met 52 times. Attendances have been 1546, which gives an actual average of 29½. Out of the funds we have given £17 19s. in Charity. We are still progressing, and I hope we shall be spared to meet again. I again thank you kindly for your toast. (Cheers.)

Chairman: I next propose the health of Bros. Keeble and Langley. Bro. Keeble, S.W., in rising, said, I have pleasure in saying that I have been long connected with this highly flourishing Lodge of Instruction. Come when you will, you will always find it worked well; and the Preceptor faithful and kind to his brethren. I thank you kindly for the kind manner you have drunk my health.

Bro. Langley, J.W.: I am very proud to be with you to-night; always feel extremely happy to be with you. After some other remarks, our brother proposed the health of the Chairman, to which Bro. Hogg ably responded. The health of the Host and Hostess was next drunk with enthusiasm.

The Tyler's toast was then given, which brought the proceedings to a close. All the brethren expressed themselves highly delighted, and the pleasures of the evening were greatly enhanced by the singing of Bros. Dilley, Smith, Wellsted, Brown, and Church.

**NOTES ON LITERATURE, SCIENCE,
AND ART,**

Colled from various sources by Bro. George Markham Tweddell.

The author of a new book, entitled "The Physiology of the Sects," states that "from long observation and years of experience and experiments, carefully verified, we are justified in asserting that a man's religious profession may be as readily and as surely determined by his physiognomy as his trade or calling. It is possible, without any personal knowledge, to declare the church, chapel, or conventicle to which a man belongs, by physiological differences, which are either constitutional, or which have been produced by custom and habit." We should like to test the writer with a score or two of our acquaintances. The doctrine at least is a novel one.

The following anecdote is related of Professor Fawcett, to show his extraordinary power of memory:—A gentleman, who went down to Brighton in order to report Mr. Fawcett's speech for fourteen newspapers, called upon the Professor some time before its delivery, and explaining the nature of his business, requested the favour of a statement of the principal points of the speech. Professor Fawcett very courteously proposed not only to give him the substance of his speech, but to rehearse the whole of it for him. This he did, and the reporter took it down. Later on, while the speech proper was being delivered, the original copy made at the rehearsal was checked over word for word, and from beginning to end. So perfectly had the speech been committed to memory there was not one single mistake, except that in one place a word was substituted for its equivalent in the notes.

Dr. Kenealy is an enraged iconoclast among modern writers. In his "Englishman" of Aug. 29th, in a leader on Professor Tyndall's Belfast address, he writes:—"It is one of the wonders of our time that the most inane and brainless creatures are set up as demi-gods and heroes; and it is not their fault wholly if they begin to regard themselves in the same false light as their followers behold them. Was there ever," he asks, "a more false, fantastic, or contemptible writer, to fill a niche in the Temple of Fame, than the late Charles Dickens?" And he adds that "future ages will laugh us to scorn for having made a hero of such a man" as him whose pen pictured for us Little Nell, and a host of other characters such as we fear Dr. Kenealy will never favour us with. Then the learned gentleman vents his wrath on poor Cervantes, as the murderer of Spanish chivalry; as though that had not been dead and buried long before, and the object of Cervantes's sarcasm

was not a mere miserable mockery of "all those noble feelings which constitute the true greatness of nations, and which are worth more than all the gold and commerce of the earth," which, to use his own expression, he prates of. Both Dickens and Cervantes, he says, "ought to be loathed and scorned," &c. Browning, and Swinburne, and Ingelow belong to that "unhallowed crew" who "give their readers the sensation of being covered with vermin, so laboured, false, and hollow are their horrid rhymes." George Eliott and "that woman Braddon," and "the late Bulwer, and the whole of that essentially sensational and un-English mob of sham geniuses, including Sala of the Spotted Dog and Greenwood of the dog fight, will bring such scorn and discredit upon us in all future ages that one almost wishes he were out of the century that made itself ridiculous and despicable by ever tolerating such tricksters." Dr. Kenealy here reminds us of the man who, on being asked why he was confined in a lunatic asylum, promptly answered, "Because I believed the world mad, and they believed me mad, and they out-voted me." On the literary merits of Cervantes and Dickens Dr. Kenealy will surely be out-voted. Even Homer's poems, in Dr. Kenealy's opinion, are mere "rhapsodies," and the tragedies of *Æschylus*, *Sophocles*, and *Euripides*, are nothing but "fustian." We only wish the poems of Dr. Kenealy may live to rejoice millions of human hearts half as long as those of "the blind old bard of Scio's rocky isle," and the dramas of "the Greek tragedians" have done; and that, with his undoubted abilities, he may sober down into a delineator of actual life which, for faithfulness and vigour, may throw both Cervantes and Dickens into the shade. But the ravings of wholesale abuse will not accomplish it. Dr. Kenealy is capable of better criticism than this.

San Francisco is scarcely the place one would have chosen to seek for any painting by an old master, yet it is said by the *Graphic* that a valuable piece by Rubens, representing Diana and her Nymphs, has been discovered there. Its American history begins at a pawnbroker's at New York, from whence it was brought to San Francisco, and raffled for £700. The winner obtained it by purchase for £260, and took it with him to Sacramento, where for some time it figured in the saloon of a Frenchman. It was next bought by the manager of the Forrest Theatre at San Francisco, and fortunately escaping when that theatre was burnt down, was transferred to the Folsom. After this it again turned up at Sacramento, forming the chief adornment of the railway saloon of that town, from which place it has been finally removed to its present more suitable locality in the Art Association rooms of San Francisco.

REVIEWS.

The *Ayr Advertiser* copies the following notice of Bro. D. Murray Lyon's "History of the Lodge of Edinburgh (Mary's Chapel), No. 1."

"Brande, in his *Encyclopedia*, says 'Voltaire is commonly regarded, not without some truth, as the founder of the school of philosophical historians, among whom the highest rank in popularity has been attained and deserved by Gibbon.' The same compliment I think may be justly awarded as masonic historians to Bro. Findel [a German author] and Lyon. Our fraternity has been literally deluged with any number of romances miscalled masonic histories. Bro. Findel first showed us by example how historic facts should be collected and studied, and Bro. Lyon, following in his footsteps, has furnished us with a 'History of the Lodge of Edinburgh (Mary's Chapel), No. 1,' drawn from its records, going back as far as 1598, which undoubtedly is the oldest lodge record in existence, and which opens up a great deal of light on the condition of masons and masonry previous to 1717, and will tend to unsettle and demolish most of the theories advocated by our learned luminaries. True, Bro. Findel has accomplished a great deal in that line, but yet Bro. Findel may be said only to have sounded the death knell of masonic charlatanism and quackery; but Bro. Lyon's book will make it

impossible for masonic quackery to survive much longer.

"I do not intend at present to write a review of Bro. Lyon's book, as I have only just received it, and have merely glanced at its contents while cutting open its leaves. But I cannot refrain giving a specimen of the author's style and his mode of reasoning, shewing furthermore that the facts which I have repeatedly advanced and advocated are sustained and demonstrated by the fresh collected historic facts. On pages 321 and 322, Bro. Lyon discusses the question about the authenticity or spuriousness of the Cologne Charter, and says:

"Of American writers, Bro. Dr. A. G. Mackey betrays a strong leaning towards belief in its authenticity. He professes to discover in the reference that is made in the charter of the masonic patronage of St. John the Baptist, 'one of the evidences of its antiquity.' It seems to us that this evidence is even more fabulous than the story it is adduced to support. The same writer also remarks: 'The assertion of the charter that the brethren of the Joannite Society adopted the Scots ritual practised in the Edinburgh Lodge, has led Rhigellini very appropriately to remark that they should then have recognised the Temple Order and the Degrees of Chivalry, since these were, at the time practised by Scotch Lodges,' (so says Bro. Mackey, but our author goes on thus): Statements of this kind, as to the Mason Craft having three centuries ago been the conservators of chivalric rites, are not now received as historical facts, except by the more superstitious of the Brotherhood. Of British masonic writers, while Dr. Oliver quotes the Cologne Charter as a historical document worthy of credence, Dr. Jas. Burnes, in his 'Sketch of the history of the Knights Templar,' unhesitatingly and in the most unqualified terms condemns it as an imposture. It is well-known that neither the written history, nor the most generally received traditions of the Scotch Craft, assign to Freemasonry an origin and design such as that which is claimed for it by the authors of the so-called Charter of Cologne. Nor do the records of the Lodge of Edinburgh of the sixteenth century, or the contemporaneous official MSS. of the then legally constituted head of the lodges in Scotland, afford the slightest ground for supposing that Masons were ever associated together in lodges for other than trade purposes. Their bond of union was not of a cosmopolitan character; neither was the maintenance and propagation of the fundamental doctrines of Christianity, the object of their incorporation, or of their secret ceremonial."

"... Hear now what Bro. Lyon has to say about the 'ancient landmark,' so called, of the dedication of lodges to the Baptist:

"As to the alleged annual celebration by lodges of the memory of St. John the Baptist, Mary's Chapel had not at the date of its oldest minutes (1599), made any pretensions to special admiration of the 'forerunner of Christ,' either by dedicating itself to him, or by any formal commemoration of his nativity. In another part of this work we have shown that the festival of St. John the Baptist, was not observed in any respect by Mary's Chapel, any more than by the Lodge of Kilwinning, until about the time the Grand Lodge of Scotland was instituted."

"... I shall abstain at present from giving any more of what the Work suggests to the mind, but must briefly allude to what it suggests to the eye. The book was printed by the well known firm of William Blackwood & Sons. As a work of art it has never been equalled in any preceding masonic publication, and I doubt very much whether its artistic style is likely to be surpassed in any masonic work in our day and generation.

"The book is illustrated with sixty portraits and twenty-six fac-similes, among which I noticed those of two charters or documents (Letters of Jurisdiction to the St. Clairs of Roslin), which are not only copied full size of the originals, but look exactly as we may imagine old parchment documents would look—faded, discoloured, and differently shaded degrees of dirt, so naturally delineated that they look more like photographs than lithographs.

The book is also furnished with a copious index. In short, the book is as attractive and as beautifully printed as any one can wish a book to be. It costs me, including postage, \$10 50, currency; but if any one offered me, in exchange, all the works of Oliver, and all the pre-1717 histories of that school, and even offered to throw Bro. Pierson's 'Freemasonry and its Traditions' into the bargain, I would most emphatically and politely decline the offer with a 'No, I thank you.' I would do so because I value books not on account of bulk, but for the truths they contain, and I am firmly persuaded that there may be found more truth in a solitary page of Bro. Lyon's history than we can find in a whole library of trash furnished by the Oliverian school; and, also, I expect to meet with fewer errors in the whole of Bro. Lyon's book than we may easily detect in almost any page written by our dreamy romancers.

"I would, therefore, heartily advise those who can afford, to order a copy as soon as possible, by remitting £1 16s to Bro. George Kenning, 198, Fleet Street, London. Bro. K. may be able to furnish a copy, that is, if the whole edition is not already disposed of, as there were but five hundred copies printed. And I beg to assure the reader that, with the exception of a desire to diffuse information among the brotherhood, I have no personal interest of any kind for depreciating this or praising that, as I know nothing more about Bro. Lyon than merely having read some articles from his pen in the London *Freemason*, which I have always admired for their independent, manly tone and reliability. Indeed I can almost imagine when reading Bro. Lyon's writings, as if the author addressed me thus: 'Here I give to you what I believe to be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, and care not whether it agrees with your theories or prejudices.' I therefore once more unhesitatingly recommend Bro. Lyon's book to the patronage of all lovers of reliable history."

Writing of the work, Charles Eugene Meyer, P.M., P.Z., Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, says: "It is superb! I should want no better monument. It is unequalled. Cannot be excelled in authorship, typography, or binding."—*Ayr Observer and New York Dispatch*.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS, WOOD GREEN.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE FREEMASON.

Dear Sir,—The boys of the above School have requested me to ask you to be kind enough to insert the following account of a Testimonial, presented to a master who is leaving here. They will feel very much obliged indeed for the insertion.—I am, Sir, yours fraternally,

W. H. TAYLOR.

On Monday evening the boys of this School presented Mr. James Bengé, one of the Masters, who is about to leave, with a handsome Gold Watch. The watch was presented by one of the senior boys, and the following address read:

"We, the boys of the Royal Masonic School, in taking leave of you, Mr. Bengé, wish to express our appreciation of your labours amongst us as a teacher, and to substantially acknowledge the same, by presenting you with a Gold Watch, as a slight memorial for the kindness and interest which you have always taken in our welfare since you came amongst us. We sincerely hope that in your next post you will be comfortable and happy, and we wish you to believe that we shall always take an affectionate interest in your future career."

At the conclusion of the address, Mr. Bengé, in feeling terms gratefully acknowledged the kindness of the boys, and strongly urged upon them the necessity of paying great attention to duty and discipline. He was enthusiastically cheered at the conclusion of his remarks, and great regret was expressed by the elder boys, who had known Mr. Bengé for so many years, that he was going to leave the Institution. Mr. Bengé has been a master for seven years in the School, and we are glad to know that he has been appointed to a position in the Wesleyan Collegiate Institution.

THE Freemason.

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and of Bro. S. R. Ade, S.W. 164, 157, North
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It is particularly requested that intimation be
sent by those Brethren who intend to dine,—not
later than Monday, October 19th, 1874,—to
enable the Committee to make suitable ar-
rangements.

By order of the Committee,

THOS. J. SABINE,
W.M. 75, P.M. 22, P.A.G.D. of C.,
Acting P.G. Sec.

54, Ship Street, Brighton,
Sep. 23rd, 1874.

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Mark Master Masons.

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On Thursday 20th October, 1874,

At One o'clock noon, precisely,

Under the presidency of the R. W. Bro. W.
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M.M.M. and Provincial Grand Officers of Lan-
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GRATIFYING INTELLIGENCE.

We think it right to publish, for the information of our ever loyal Order, the following announcement from the *Times* of the 15th:—

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

NEPTUNE LODGE (No. 22).—This lodge held an Emergency at Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, on Thursday, 1st inst., at 5 o'clock, to initiate Mr. Heerjeebhoy Shroff, justice of the peace and member of the Bombay Corporation (prior to his return to Bombay). Advantage was taken by the W.M. to initiate at the same meeting Mr. Thomas Dyer and Mr. George Britton. Bro. C. W. Gray, W.M., initiated Mr. Heerjeebhoy and Mr. Britton, but owing to severe hoarseness and sore throat was compelled to ask Bro. Russell, I.P.M., to do the intermediate ceremony of Mr. Thomas Dwyer. The manner in which the W.M. performed the ceremonies and delivered the charge elicited the compliments and congratulations of the visitors. Although an "emergency" meeting a banquet followed, and Bro. Percy Leith's name having been associated with the toast of Grand Officers, the Past Deputy G.M. for Bombay replied to the following effect: Worshipful Sir, it is somewhat a matter of regret that the Grand Treasurer and Secretary (who have been invited this evening) are unavoidably absent through previous engagements; for either of those would have been more in place in replying to the toast of the Grand Officers than myself. While thanking you and the brethren for the cordial manner in

which the toast of "the Grand Officers" has been proposed and welcomed, permit me in their name to say that we trust you will give us credit for having done our utmost to promote the welfare of the Craft. The duties of the Grand Officers comprise a careful attention to many matters of detail, which in the aggregate conduce mainly to the success or non-success of our Masonic Institution. If by our exertions this success has been attained, your approval will be our highest reward. It is, I think, and I trust you will agree with me, a happy event for the Craft that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has signified his willingness to accept the dignity of Grand Master if the brethren elect him to that position. Again I thank you on behalf of the Grand Officers for the kind reception we have met with this evening. With the toast of "The Initiates" the W.M. coupled the name of Bro Heerjeebhoy, who said: Worshipful Master and Brethren, I thank you cordially for the great favour you have conferred upon me in admitting me this evening into your ancient and honourable Society. It has been for years my fervent desire to become a Mason, as I find all my good friends enrolled in it in Bombay, and I have to thank my friend, Bro. Leith, for his kindness in introducing me to your Lodge. I have been deeply impressed by the solemnity of your ceremonial, and I admire the manner in which the W.M. has admitted me to be one of the fraternity, and I assure you that the impressions of this night, a new birth as I may say, will never be effaced. You will pardon me I hope, if for a few moments I occupy your time, to tell you one or two other impressions outside of Freemasonry which have been forced upon me during my sojourn here. I have been three and a half months here; I have seen, as far as the limited time permitted, the principal parts of England, Scotland, &c., your hills clothed with a verdure new to us Orientals, your magnificent lakes and the charming scenery delighted me beyond measure. When I first arrived, London bewildered me; I said to myself "can this be an Old World or a New?" The extent of this vast City, its population, the constant bustle of its streets, its gigantic commerce, and the wealth displayed in its shops, I say, bewildered me. Again, the enormous number of your grand public buildings, and the beauty and extent of your parks and gardens always remind me of the wealth of this great English nation. I hope, brethren, you will give me credit that I have looked at all this intellectually, and not in a casual manner, and that these remarks are not for the purpose of flattering you or your country, and that I shall truly convey these ideas to my fellow countrymen on my return to my native land. I regret that I have to leave for Bombay on Tuesday next, for it would have been to me a source of delight that I could have remained to perfect my position in Freemasonry in this lodge; but by the kindness of the W.M., the recommendation of Bro. Leith, the Past Deputy G.M., of Bombay, I shall carry a certificate to enable me to take the necessary degrees in the Lodge St. George, Bombay, under the Grand Lodge of England. In conclusion, I can only reiterate that the urbanity and hospitality I have experienced during my sojourn here have increased the admiration I previously felt for Great Britain and the British people (of course I always exclude the roughs), and I again thank you most heartily and sincerely for receiving me among you, and for your patience in listening to these remarks. On resuming his seat Bro. Heerjeebhoy, who had been frequently interrupted by the cheers of the brethren, was loudly applauded. On proposing the toast of the visitors, the W.M. called upon Bro. Dorabjee Pestonjee Cama, W.M. Marquis Dalhousie, Lodge 1159, who said: W.M. and brethren, I have experienced the liveliest satisfaction this evening in visiting your lodge for various reasons. I am delighted with your working Worshipful Sir, and it is perhaps no flattery to you to say that I have learned something this evening. I have great delight in assisting at the initiation of my friend and fellow countryman, who is also my co-religionist, my old school-fellow, and now more than all, my brother in Masonry. In receiving him you have one whom I greatly esteem, and who will, I am sure, ultimately reflect credit on your choice. You have

had the privilege to number among you in Neptune Lodge, I am informed, ten Parsees; at least I have seen a list of ten names, and these almost without exception are fit and proper men. Bro. Heerjeebhoy will also prove to be, I am confident. I have the honour to be the second who has held the proud position of Master of an English Lodge, and I esteem it a high honour. I thank you on behalf of the visitors for your remarks, and for the reception we have met with. The visitors were, Bros. Percy Leith, P.M. 2 and 549; Leith Tomkims, P.M. 1118, P.G.D.; Dorabjee Pestonjee Cama, W.M. 1159; Earl, 186; King, 1056; Nott, 1441.

BOLTON.—Anchor and Hope Lodge (No. 37).—The monthly meeting of the above lodge was held in Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton, on Monday, October 5th. There was a good attendance of brethren, including Bros. Wm. Slater, Prov. S.G. Deacon, W.M.; W. H. Horrocks, J.W.; E. Ainsworth, Sec.; R. K. Freeman, S.D.; Jas. Brown, J.D.; Thos. Glaister, S.G. Warden; Samuel Isherwood, Prov. G. Treasurer; T. H. Winder, Prov. G. Registrar; John Tunnah, Prov. G. Sec.; G. P. Brockbank, Prov. S.G. Deacon; Jas. Newton, Prov. G. Steward; Frank Ainsworth, Prov. G. Steward; Jas. McAdam, P. Prov. G.D. Derbyshire; F. W. Pacey, P. Prov. G. Org. Berks and Bucks; Wm. Hamer, P.M. 350; and others. The lodge being opened in the first degree, and the minutes read and confirmed, proceeded to the second degree, when Bro. John Horrocks was passed to degree of F.C. by the W.M. There being no other business the lodge was duly closed.

HARWICH.—Star of the East Lodge (No. 650).—Monday, Oct. 5, this Lodge met at the Pier Hotel, for the purpose of installing the Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The following were amongst those present:—Bros. J. Durrant, W.M.; J. W. C. Butcher, P.M.; J. South, P.M.; R. S. Dixon, P.M.; J. Watts, S.W.; G. G. Pye, J.W.; S. Dutton, sen., Secretary and Treasurer; J. Dunlop, S.D.; S. Dutton, jun., I.G.; J. Cartledge, Steward; W. Cockle, J. Robinson, J. Warren, I. Howard, G. L. Jackson, G. King, R. Guy, W. Barker, W. Basham, R. Barlow, Tyler. Visitors: R. J. Bagshaw, Esq., R.W.P.G.M. Essex; Dr. R. B. Barton, LL.D., P.P.G.M. Western India; —Burton, P.G.T. Essex; J. Carr, P.G.S. Essex; W. Frederick Laxton, P.M., S.G.D. Middlesex; Samuel Chaplain, P.S.W.; W. Cobb, W.M. 51, Angel Lodge, Colchester, Fred A. Cole, P.M. 51, P.G.R., Essex; W. Westgate, P.M., P.P.A.D.C. Suffolk; and R. Clemens. Brother J. Durrant, the W.M. for the past year, was again installed W.M., after which he appointed and invested the following officers:—G. G. Pye, S.W.; J. Dunlop, J.W.; S. Dutton, sen., Secretary and Treasurer; S. Dutton, jun., S.D.; J. Cartledge, J.D.; and R. Barlow, Tyler. The installing ceremony was very efficiently performed by Bro. T. Townsend, P.P.S.G.W. Suffolk. At the conclusion of the business, the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Bro. R. J. Bagshaw, expressed himself highly pleased with the choice of the W.M., and also the great gratification he experienced at finding the lodge in such an efficient state. At six o'clock the brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet, served in admirable style by Brother Brice. After various loyal and other toasts, "The health of the Right Worshipful Grand Master for Essex, Bro. R. J. Bagshaw," was proposed and received with all the usual honours. Bro. Bagshaw, who was most enthusiastically received, in the course of his remarks observed that the Essex Lodge owed its existence to him, and it was peculiarly gratifying to him to find that it had become a pattern lodge. He also said he was glad they wished their Worshipful Master to continue in office. He then proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master." Bro. Durrant responded. "The Grand Officers of Essex," coupled with the health of Bro. Burton, was next most cordially drunk, and Bro. Burton, in responding, commented on the pleasure which it afforded them to rally round their Prov. G. Master on all occasions. It was very gratifying to see how uniformly the lodges worked, and the high state of proficiency of this particular lodge. He was

one of the seven who founded the lodge. Bro. Dr. Barton's name was associated with the toast of "The health of the Visitors," and this gentleman in the course of an ample speech, referred to the exodus from the Craft of the late Grand Master of England, Lord Ripon. He also made allusion to the remark made in one of the leading newspapers, as to Freemasonry being a very foolish but harmless benefit society. He deprecated the entrance of men for aggrandisement, ambition, or self-interest. "The members of the Angel Lodge, Colchester," having been responded to, by the present W.M., Bro. Cobb, the Chairman next gave "The Brethren of the Prince of Wales Lodge," making special allusion to Bro. Townsend, who, the Chairman said, was always ready to wait upon them. Amongst other toasts was that of "The Health of the Secretary and Treasurer," Bro. S. Dutton; and the Chairman, in proposing it, spoke in eulogistic terms of the services rendered by Bro. Dutton, adding that it was in a great measure owing to the indefatigable services of that gentleman that the lodge was in such a satisfactory state. "The health of the Mayor and Corporation of Harwich" was also drank. It was proposed by Bro. Dr. Barton, who made some flattering remarks in reference to the Mayor (J. Watts), observing, that, as a brother magistrate of the county he could bear testimony to the good name, irrespective of party, that Bro. Watts held amongst all classes. Some excellent songs were sung, and the proceedings throughout were most successful and enjoyable.

WILLIAM PRESTON LODGE (No. 766).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Cannon-street Hotel on the 26th September, 1874, when the following brethren were present:—Bros. Wm. Worrell, W.M.; A. Braun, S.W.; J. Pringle, J.W.; M. Newton, S.D. Also Bros. G. Newman, P.M.; W. J. Miller, P.M.; B. Abbott, P.M.; R. H. Whiteman, P.M.; G. J. Kain, P.M. and Treasurer. Also Bros. A. C. Rees, Dr. Cutmore, G. Smithers, J. A. Keen, W. Roberts, W. Johnston, W. E. Newton, P. Steinmann, H. T. Partridge, E. Kidman, and R. Lyon. Bros. F. Binckes, Sec. B.S.; H. Garrod, P.M. 769; J. H. Broomhall, 569; G. W. Long, 569; Lewis Phillips, 822; A. Le Grand, 1298. The business of the evening consisted of the passing of Bros. Williams and Sutcliffe, the raising of Bros. Reissman, Davies, Broomhall, and Reinhardt, and the initiation of five candidates, viz: Mr. F. G. Barns; Mr. C. Colgrave; Mr. R. Gunner; Mr. A. Ransby; Mr. R. B. Smithers. The election for W.M. for the ensuing year, and Treasurer and Tyler then took place, when Bro. A. Braun, S.W., was elected W.M., Bro. G. J. Kain, P.M., re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Grant, Tyler. It was proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously, that a jewel be presented to Bro. Worrell, W.M., on his leaving the chair, to mark the appreciation of the lodge of his valuable services during the past year. All Masonic business being ended, the brethren adjourned to an excellent dinner, presided over by the W.M., after which the usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

THE GREAT CITY LODGE (No. 1426).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held in the lodge rooms at the Cannon-street Hotel, on Friday evening, October 9th, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. James Stevens. There were present, among other brethren, Bros. Senior Warden and W.M. Elect, N. B. Headon; Junior Warden J. H. Townend, P.M.; Senior Deacon, J. Seex, P.M. 136; Secretary, E. Moody, P.M.; Treasurer, Jas. Freeman; G. W. Blackie, Barker, Catchpole, G. Page, P.M., Jenkins, Boulton, T. Preston, Taylor, Colmer, Hamer and Cox, and several visitors. After the usual routine business had been transacted, Mr. John Phillips and Mr. F. Keeble were duly initiated. On the motion of the W.M. elect five pounds was voted from the benevolent fund to assist a distressed brother, and Bro. Preston then moved, in accordance with his notice, that a Past Master's jewel of the value of ten guineas be presented to Bro. James Stevens, with the thanks of the brethren, and that he be asked to accept an honorary membership of the lodge. Bro. Preston expressed his regret that it had not

fallen into abler hands to make the proposal, not that he feared being well supported, but because he thought the occasion was worthy of an abler tongue. As, however, the jewel was intended to commemorate the work of Bro. Stevens in the Great City Lodge, there was some excuse for his (the speaker's) presumption in undertaking to make the motion, for he had been in the lodge every hour that it had been open since he was initiated. He was therefore able to testify to the admirable way in which Bro. Stevens worked the lodge. The task of presiding over such a lodge as the Great City was not a light one, nor was the position of the W.M. altogether easy. Brethren well knew that it is upon the wise and judicious exercise of the high functions committed to him that the satisfactory progress of the business of Masonry in a great measure depends. We look to him, too, for counsel and advice, and he (Bro. Preston) felt sure the brethren would agree with him when he said, that during the time Bro. Stevens had been in the chair, his help had always been readily given to any brethren who sought it, and as he was a most experienced Mason the advice was always valuable. His firmness and impartiality must have impressed the brethren, while the admirable way in which he had performed the lodge work was beyond all praise. A better Master never presided over a lodge, and if his successors followed in his footsteps and copied his example the future of the Great City Lodge could not but be a great success. The jewel would serve to remind him that his efforts were appreciated, and the honorary membership would keep him amongst the brethren, and his name would thus be associated with the lodge as long as it lasted. The motion having been seconded and carried unanimously, the Senior Warden made the formal announcement to the W.M. In reply, Bro. Stevens said, it had been his good fortune to have several jewels presented to him, all of which he prized most highly; but there were particular reasons why he should prize the Great City Lodge Jewel more highly than them all. For one thing it represented eighteen months in the chair. Then it was the jewel of the first W.M. of a Lodge that had some difficulty in making its entry into the Masonic world; but by the continued exertions of himself and others, the bantling had kicked itself out of its swaddling clothes, and once on his legs its strides had been rapid enough. There had been twenty-eight initiates during his Mastership, and he believed that every one of them would be a credit to the Craft. The lodge, young as it was, was well known amongst Masons, and was always hopefully spoken of. But this creditable position could not be placed entirely to his credit. Indeed he doubted whether he had done so much as the worthy brother, the W.M. elect. They had, however, worked hand in hand, with brotherly love and unity, and profit and pleasure had been the result. All the officers were entitled to share in any praise that the W.M. had gained, and he heartily thanked them for the support they had given him, and for the admirable way in which they had performed their various duties. He accepted the honorary membership with thanks, and hoped still to be of some service to the lodge. The balance-sheet was then read and received, and the report of the auditors appointed by the lodge, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. The lodge was then closed and adjourned till the next day.

THE GREAT CITY LODGE (No. 1426).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, City, on Saturday last, and passed off remarkably well. The brethren assembled at 3 o'clock, and the lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. James Stevens. The lodge room was crowded, and presented a brilliant appearance. Amongst the visitors were noticed several of the leading officers of the Grand Lodge of England, besides a large number of Masters and Past Masters of Metropolitan and Provincial Lodges. Most of the members of the lodge were present, including Bros. N. B. Headon, Senior Warden, and W.M. elect; J. H. Townend, Junior Warden; Freeman, Treasurer; Moody, P.M., Secretary; Seex, Senior Deacon; Stanway, Junior Deacon;

Blackie, Inner Guard, Barker, acting Director of Ceremonies; and Bros. Catchpole and Preston acting Stewards. Bro. Hervey, Grand Secretary presented the W.M. elect, and the ceremony of installation was then performed in the most impressive manner by Bro. James Stevens, in ancient form, and according to the laws of Grand Lodge. Bro. T. Fenn, P.G.D.C., acted as Senior Warden, and Bro. Bridges, P.M., made an able Director of Ceremonies. The following officers were then invested in due form, the W.M. addressing to each a few appropriate words:—Bros. J. H. Townend, P.M., Senior Warden; John Seex, P.M., Junior Warden; James Freeman, Treasurer; Edw. Moody, P.M., Secretary; Richard Stanway, Senior Deacon; J. W. Colmer, (for Bro. Wisby, absent through illness) Junior Deacon; G. W. Blackie, Inner Guard; W. H. Hook, Organist; W. H. Catchpole, Director of Ceremonies; Thos. Preston, 1st Steward; Thos. Hamer, 2nd Steward; and Bro. W. Steedman, P.M., Tyler. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the hall, where they did justice to the banquet. After grace had been sung, the Worshipful Master proposed the health of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen; he said that no eloquence was needed, he was sure, to induce them to respond to that toast with enthusiasm—for wherever there was an assemblage of Freemasons, there also was an assemblage of faithful and loyal subjects, who would be ever ready to join in giving "God save the Queen," and in the Great City Lodge they would ever delight to give expression to that sentiment. Followed by the National Anthem, the toast being given as "The Queen and the Craft." The Worshipful Master said the next toast he had to propose was "The Most Worshipful Past Grand Master, his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, K.G., Acting Grand Master." He said, Brethren, much as we regret the resignation of the late Grand Master, the Marquis of Ripon, and the causes which led thereto, we cannot but feel highly gratified that his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales has accepted the office of Grand Master. (Loud cheers.) We have every reason to believe that he will carry out the duties of that high office to the satisfaction of the brethren and that, with him as chief, head, and ruler of the Craft, I believe that Freemasonry will flourish, as it has hitherto done, and spread its benign influence throughout the land. The toast was drunk enthusiastically and with Masonic honours and after Bro. Hook had sung "God Bless the Prince of Wales," the W.M. proposed the health of "The Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, and the Officers of the Grand Lodge, past and present," coupling with it the name of Brother Fenn, Past Grand Director of Ceremonies. The toast was very cordially responded to. Bro. Fenn, P.A.G.D.C., Worshipful Master and Brethren, I knew that our Bro. Hervey would be present this evening and of course expected that he would reply to this toast. It is therefore much to my surprise that I find myself called upon to respond to the toast which has been so warmly given and received. It is, of course, very painful to refer to our late Grand Master in any other terms than those we have been accustomed to use concerning him. He has undoubtedly for many years been a sincere and true friend to Masonry and we have regarded him, and rightly, I think with the greatest possible respect. We have always looked up to him, not only as an ornament to the Craft, but from his position in life as a element of our strength; but I venture to say that there are very few in the room—and would almost say there are few in the Craft that can feel any sympathy with our late Grand Master in the step he has taken. He has asked us to give him credit for sincere conviction but it seems impossible to believe that our late Grand Master, who, yesterday as it were, spoke in all the warmth of his eloquence of the high principles of the Craft, and the good it has done the world, should to-day from sincere conviction look upon it as a thing accursed. (Hear, hear) I really think it is a more charitable view to take of the course which our late Grand Master has adopted to believe that he has given up his convictions altogether, and has been kept in the grip of others. (Hear, hear)

Master has chosen to disconnect himself from reamasonry, he has retired from his lodges and relinquished all claim to Past Rank, and, of course, his name will soon be unconnected with the toasts, and we shall not have the painful duty of referring to what has occurred. Let us, therefore, turn our eyes to the more pleasing phase of events, and contemplate with satisfaction the results—no less than the advent of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as our Grand Master—an event which I feel sure will be filled with gratification by every member of the Craft, and that when he comes among us in the Grand Lodge, he will be received with the latest acclamation. Some of you probably are aware that I have the honour to be Secretary of the Prince of Wales's Lodge, of which his Royal Highness is W.M., and in which he has recently initiated his brother, the Duke of Connaught. I have, therefore, in the discharge of my duties, been placed in respectful communication with his Royal Highness, not only at Marlborough House, but in the lodge; and I have no doubt from the interest he took in the proceedings, that his heart is warmly in Masonry. It struck me that he spoke in a marvellous manner the peculiar merits of beauty in our ceremonies. And I am sure of this, that he will be the most popular Grand Master that has ever occupied the position. His highly genial qualities peculiarly fit him for that office. I have no doubt that the step he has taken in accepting the office will not only be highly appreciated by Masons, but by all the liberty-loving people, who will rejoice in this act of grace on the part of the Prince of Wales against the interference of a foreign potentate with the liberty of conscience in England. (The cry, hear.) Brethren, so much for "The City Grand Master and the Grand Officers." Our Bro. Hervey will have the opportunity of responding to another toast in the evening. You will permit me to say I am exceedingly gratified to be present at this lodge on this occasion; it is indeed very gratifying at all times to watch the progress of a lodge in which you have taken an interest, and in the consecration of which you have taken part. It affords me much pleasure to see that all the prognostications of the lodge have been justified. It promises to be one of the most prosperous in the City of London. Allow me to congratulate you on the excellent working which your Grand Master has inaugurated in this lodge, and which I hope will be continued by the person of your present Master, Bro. Hine, I.P.M., then proposed "The Worshipful Master of the Great City Lodge, Bro. N. B. N." Brethren, said he, next to the pleasure of being in the chair myself is the pleasure of seeing the health of my successor, a man and a brother whom we are all delighted to honour, not only for his personal worth, but as being the mover in the foundation of the lodge. I know that he almost single-handedly won the battle, and by his indomitable courage ultimately obtained the charter of the lodge. But he has his reward in the honours of his present position in the lodge. No Worshipful Master ever ascended to the chair with a better prospect before him than he had the hearty co-operation of his brethren and the sympathy and support of us all. The toast was drunk with Great City honours. The Worshipful Master, who was received with great cheering, said in reply that he knew how to begin to return thanks for some terms in which the toast had been drunk, and the cordial manner in which it was responded to for "When he was not at all, he was thanked enough, he had his duty and had done no more." It was said that he had had many obstacles to encounter, was encouraged by the reflection that success in a just cause would overcome all difficulties, and on looking at that splendid assemblage that evening he felt amply rewarded for his exertions, especially when he found that the Great City Lodge had been such a great success, and had, so to speak, made a home for worthy brethren. He again thanked the Grand Master most heartily, and trusted that he might

during his year of office justify their high opinion, and he would do his utmost to promote the welfare of the lodge and the happiness of the whole of its members. (Loud cheers.) He would now call on them to unite with him in congratulating Bro. Stevens on completing his arduous term of office. They knew how zealously he had worked from the formation of the lodge, and under his guiding hand how the whole machinery had soon been brought into working order. In addition to that he had initiated, passed, and raised no less than thirty members in the most careful and praiseworthy manner. No one knew, unless he had gone through it, what an amount of labour and anxiety all that involved. His zeal and assiduity had been untiring, and his impartial conduct and genial bearing had endeared him to them all. In short, in him they felt that they had had an exemplary Master and a sincere friend. They had done themselves an honour, therefore in having voted him the Past Master's Jewel and an honorary membership of their lodge. The Worshipful Master then handed the Great City Lodge Past Master's Jewel and said: Bro. P.M. Stevens, I am proud that it has fallen to me to present you with this handsome Jewel, and I hope that the G.A.O.T.U. may spare you to be with us for many years to come that you may wear it as a tangible proof of our sincere esteem and regard. Bro. Stevens acknowledged the compliment in glowing terms, and the next toast was "The Honorary Members," for which Bro. Hervey, G.S., appropriately replied, and the toast of "The Initiates" was proposed duly honoured and replied to. The Worshipful Master then rose and said our next toast is "The Visitors." The Great City Lodge is always ready to extend the right hand of fellowship and give a hearty welcome to visitors. This evening we have such an illustrious assemblage of visitors, that I scarcely know whose name I should couple with the toast, but Bro. Woodman, P.G.S. Middlesex and P.M. 66, is one of the greatest strangers, and I shall couple his name with it. Dr. Woodman, P.G.S., said he knew he was expressing the sentiments of all the visitors when he said they had been delighted at the sight within the lodge, and had heartily enjoyed the banquet. The hospitality of the Great City Lodge seemed to be as unlimited as it was genuine, and he trusted the lodge would prosper and continue in the road they had travelled since the consecration last year, for that road, he felt sure, would lead to prosperity. Bro. Hine, D.P.G.M. of East Lancashire, also responded, agreeing with the last speaker as to the pleasure the visitors had felt at the kind welcome given to them, and proposed the next toast, which was "Prosperity to the Great City Lodge." The W.M. then proposed "The Masonic Charities," remarking that if there is one reason more than any other that should make us proud of being Freemasons—it is that we can point to those glorious Institutions, the Boys', the Girls' and the Royal Masonic Institutions, as evidences of the grand principles we profess. We know that these noble institutions, each in its sphere, is doing a grand work, and I hold it to be the duty of every Freemason, and especially every lodge of Freemasons to promote the interests of the charities, and if need be to make some sacrifice to advance their usefulness. Last year, brethren, we put our shoulders to the wheel on behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution, and although the little self sacrifice we then made was derided by some unthinking persons, we have the satisfaction of knowing, that in the year one of our Masonic existence, our Steward took up some £130; our lodge is now V.P., and the S.W. and J.W. chairs are endowed with a life vote each. During my year of office, it is my intention to offer myself as Steward for the Girls' School. and I know brethren, I may safely count upon your liberal support, when the time comes. Brethren, I hope the Great City Lodge will never be unmindful of the charities, and that every year a Steward will represent the lodge for one of the three in turn. The other toasts were "The Officers of the Lodge," and the Tyler's toast. The proceedings were made more than usually enjoyable by the delightful music provided under the direction of Bro. Hook. The glees and

part songs, sung without accompaniment were a great treat. Bro. C. W. Jordon, Mus. Bac. Oxon, also treated the brethren to a solo on the pianoforte. The banquet was served by Bro. Spencer, in his best style, and the members did not begin to separate till near midnight, sorry to part and happy to meet again.

BAGSHAW LODGE.—(No. 1457).—The Anniversary Festival of this lodge was held at the Bald-Faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst Hill, on Saturday, October 10th. This lodge during the past year has made considerable progress, and the working has been everything that could be desired. Young as it is, it shows strength of members, and the business has been carried out with great satisfaction. The lodge met at three o'clock, and was immediately opened by Bro. Joseph Tanner, P.M. 101 and 453, and P.P.S.G.D. Essex, W.M., who was supported by his officers, members of the lodge and visitors. There were present, Bros. Col. Francis Burdett, P.G.M. Middlesex; C. F. Hogard, W.M. 453; W. P. Billis, W.M. 1000; Joseph Tydeman, W.M. 1437; W. F. Wheeler, P.M. 865; A. A. Richards, P.M., P.G.Sec.; J. H. Harusworth, P.M. 1178; J. Carter, 101; R. Martin, 453; F. Whitmore, S.W. 276; H. C. Velley, P.P.G.J.W. 276; F. Smece, W.M. 276; M. E. Clarke, P.M. 255; J. Williams (*Freemason*), and others. After the usual ceremonies, and on presentation, Bro. Joseph Tanner installed Bro. Joseph Clarkson, P.M. 165, in the chair of W.M. The brethren below the degree of Installed Master having been re-admitted to the lodge, and the customary salutes having been given, Bro. Clarkson invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows:—Bros. J. R. Cover, Prov. G. Reg., S.W.; D. Reid, J.W.; W. Babington, Treasurer; Samuel Lilley, Secretary; T. W. Nicholson, S.D.; W. Holloway, J.D.; G. J. Thompson, I.G.; C. I. Edwards, Dir. Cer.; E. H. Kearley, W.S.; Smith, Tyler; Bro. Hogard then completed the ceremony with the delivery of the three addresses to the Master, Wardens, and brethren. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren repaired to the banqueting room, where they partook of a splendid dinner, provided by the proprietor of the Bald Faced Stag Hotel. For magnificence it could scarcely be surpassed, and the fragrance thrown out by the flowers which were tastefully displayed, gave the room the lively aspect of summer. Bro. Clarkson ably presided, supported by Bros. Col. Burdett, Joseph Tanner, T.W. Nicholson, Reed, Lilley, and many others of the brethren mentioned above. At the conclusion of the excellent repast, the chairman rose and said:—Brethren, I think tonight we must be as brief as possible, owing to some of the brethren, including the worthy Bro. Col. Burdett, having to leave by the 9.15 train, therefore, I shall refrain to-night from making any long speeches. The first toast of the evening is "the Queen and the Craft." The toast was duly honoured whilst the brethren lustily sang "God save the Queen." The chairman then said:—The next toast is "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., P.G.M. of England." Whilst proposing that toast I feel an unknown pleasure. We all feel a pride in having him as our Grand Master. I shall not to-night enter into the details which have led to his having accepted the office. In H.R.H. the Prince of Wales we have one who has shown great interest in the Craft, and will, I am sure, in the future, carry out the same principles for the welfare and progress of the Order. We all regret losing the Marquis of Ripon, but I think we should take his resignation in the same way as we should that of any other person in the Craft. I have now very great pleasure in asking you to drink the health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. The toast was drunk enthusiastically. The chairman: I next propose "the health of the Deputy G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Past and Present," coupling with that toast the name of Bro. Col. Burdett. I have on several occasions met our Bro. Col. Burdett, and I consider he is, along with our Bro. Bagshaw, one of the best working Masons we can possibly have. If we can always combine Middlesex and Essex as we do now, we shall work amicably together. After having eulogised the career of the

Earl of Carnarvon throughout as a Mason, the Chairman said, I have now heartfelt joy to ask you to drink "The Health of our most excellent Brother the Earl of Carnarvon, the Grand Officers, past and present, and couple with that toast the health of our Bro. Col. Burdett." The toast was highly honoured. Bro. Col. Burdett on rising said: Worshipful Sir and brethren all, It gives me very great pleasure to return thanks for the Grand Officers. I have been highly gratified with what I have seen to-night. Young as this lodge is, it is holding a high position in Freemasonry, there is an earnestness displayed to carry out the beauties of Masonry, and the younger brethren present have every opportunity to be led in the way they should go. I am very happy to see so many officers of the province here. The working I have seen this day has been excellent, and I feel confident that if the younger brethren will follow the example that has been shown to them, they will rise in Masonry and add lustre to it. I am very happy to be here in this province, happy that we have some connection with Middlesex. It is a very good thing that we are able to visit each other. I certainly think I have received a benefit from coming here to-night, and I thank you sincerely for the very kind manner in which you have received the toast of the Grand Officers, and the high compliment you have paid me. Again I beg to thank you. The Chairman: I now rise to propose "The Health of the Provincial Grand Master for Essex, the Right Worshipful Bro. Robert J. Bagshaw," after whom this lodge is named. He has expressed himself well pleased with the working of this lodge, and has become a member of it. We felt very much gratified when he informed us that this, the Bagshaw, was the only lodge of which he was a subscribing member. We all regret to hear of his declining health. It was very painful to us, when at Grand Lodge, to see such a change. I trust he may be spared to do his work in the future, and that T.G.A.O.T.U. will again grant him health and happiness. I therefore ask you to drink the health of our worthy brother, the Right Worshipful Robert J. Bagshaw, P.G.M. of Essex, and couple with the toast the name of Bro. J. R. Cover, Prov. G. Reg. The toast was received with due Masonic honours. Bro. Cover, in responding said: I have very great pleasure in returning you thanks for the Provincial Grand Master, and also for myself. I trust that the health of our P.G.M. will be speedily restored, and that his valuable life will be long spared. Bro. Joseph Tanner rose and said: I have the opportunity to propose the next toast. It is that of "the W.M. of the Bagshaw Lodge," from the able manner in which he has worked in the Lodge of Instruction, I am led to believe he will carry out his duties as W.M. of the lodge. I now ask you to drink the health of our W.M. The toast was enthusiastically drunk. The W.M. in rising to return thanks, said:—Brethren, I thank you all for the very kind manner you have received my name. I am highly pleased if I have in any way contributed to the welfare of this lodge, and also that of the Lodge of Instruction, and I hope to give satisfaction in the future as W.M. of this lodge. The Chairman: I next propose "The Visitors," and couple with that toast the names of Bros. Vellely and Hogard. In the name of the lodge I tender to them our sincere thanks for coming here to-night. The toast having been duly honoured, Bro. Vellely rose and said: I thank you kindly for the compliment you have just paid me, I wish you God speed in this great work, and trust you will continue to prosper. Bro. Hogard responded in brief, but very appropriate terms, at the same time wishing the lodge every success. The Chairman: Brethren, I have now a very pleasant duty to perform, whilst proposing "The Health of the I.P.M., Bro. Tanner." I hardly know how to begin. It is highly gratifying to know that our worthy brother has manifested great exertions in working this lodge. To-night we see the result of it, and to show our appreciation we have a very handsome P.M.'s jewel, which I shall now present to our well-beloved brother. In presenting this jewel the Chairman said: Bro. P.M. Tanner, I have very great pleasure in presenting you, on behalf of the members of the Bagshaw

Lodge, this very handsome P.M.'s Jewel. It has been designed purposely for this lodge. It gives me a deal of pleasure to present this jewel, it being the first presentation of such in this lodge. You have gained the esteem of us all, and I trust you will live long to wear the jewel you have so worthily won. Bro. Tanner: Brethren, I thank you kindly for the very high compliment you have just paid me. As far as Masonry is concerned, I love it, and take delight in its principles. I thank you kindly for the jewel, and shall always look upon it with reverence and respect. Wherever I may be, no matter in what lodge, it will always remind me of the very pleasant evening spent in the Bagshaw Lodge. I trust, most Worshipful Sir and Brethren, I may be spared many years as P.M. of this lodge, and see it multiply with that goodness of quality that should always exist amongst Masons. I sincerely trust that I may see many of the brethren of this lodge pass the chair, so that they may gain the privilege I have. I again thank you for this beautiful present, and shall ever value it as one of the greatest of my treasures. The Chairman: I now propose "The Health of the Officers of this Lodge." The Master is nothing unless he is well supported with officers. I therefore ask you to drink the health of the officers of this Lodge, and couple with the toast the name of Bro. Reed. The toast having been drunk, Bro. Reed responded in suitable terms, thanking the Chairman and the brethren all. The rest of the Officers responded in brief. The Tyler's Toast brought the proceedings to a close. The pleasures of the evening were greatly enlivened by the singing of Bro. D. King. The presentation jewel was made at the well known manufactory of Bro. George Kenning, and was greatly admired by all the brethren present. It contained a fac simile of the Most Worshipful P.G.M., Bro. Robert Bagshaw.

Royal Arch.

CARLISLE.—Union Chapter (No. 318).—A convocation of this chapter was held at the Masonic rooms, on Monday the 28th ult. The chapter was opened by Comps. Jesse Banning, Z. 828, as Z.; Slack, Z., as H.; P. Z. Blacklock, as J. After the admission of the companions, the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Bro. Murray, and proving in his favour, he was properly prepared, and duly exalted into this supreme degree, the historical, symbolical, and mystic lectures being rendered in an efficient and highly impressive manner by M. E. C. Jesse Banning, to whom a vote of thanks was passed, and entered on the minutes, for his valuable services on this and other occasions. Nothing more appearing for the good of R.A.M. in general, or this chapter in particular, it was closed in solemn form, and the companions separated, looking forward with pleasure to the next meeting of the chapter.

Mark Masonry.

IESWICH.—Albert Victor Lodge (No. 70).—The usual quarterly meeting of this prosperous lodge was held on Monday, the 28th September, when there were present Bros. E. J. Robertson, W.M.; the Rev. R. N. Sanderson, P.M.M., Past Grand Chaplain of England, (Mark); C. T. Townsend, P.M.M., Past Grand Deacon of England (Mark), Acting S.O.; Emra Holmes, P.M.M., Past Grand Inspector of Works, Acting J.O.; W. T. Westgate, P.M.M., M.C.; George Cresswell, S.W.; J. A. Pettit, Acting M.O.; &c., &c. The lodge being opened and minutes read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Bro. Jas. Turner, P.M., St. Luke's Lodge, and M.E.Z. St. Luke's Chapter, who being accepted was duly obligated and advanced to the honourable degree of Mark Master, the ceremony being performed by Bro. Sanderson in his usual impressive and admirable manner. This being the night for the election of W.M., Bro. Cresswell was elected to that high office by the almost unanimous vote of

the lodge. Bro. Walter Cuckow was elected Treasurer, and Bro. Spalding, Tyler. The ordinary business of the lodge being disposed of, the brethren retired for refreshment, and under the guard of the W.M. enjoyed a very pleasant social hour.

BOLTON.—Rose and Thistle Lodge (No. 158).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton, on Thursday, 1st Oct., when there were present Bros. John Tunnah, P. Prov. G. Mark Overseer; W.M.; T. H. Winder, S.W.; Thos. Wilson, J.W.; J. M. Rutter, M.O.; Jas. Brown, S.O.; Jas. Pilkington, J.O.; R. K. Freeman, S.D.; Thos. Entwisle, P. Prov. G. Mark Master; C. P. Matier, Past Grand Mark Warden; G. P. Brockbank, Past Grand Mark Warden; Robt. Harwood, P. Prov. Grand Mark Deacon; Jas. Newton, Prov. Grand Inspector of Works; Thos. Morris, P. Prov. Grand Mark Sword Bearer, and others. The lodge being opened, the minutes were read and confirmed. A candidate for advancement was balloted for and elected. This being the meeting for installation of W.M., Bro. J. H. Winder, S.W., the W.M. elect, was installed into the chair of A., by Bro. Matier, Past Grand Warden, and the following brethren were appointed and invested as officers of the lodge, viz.—Bros. Wilson, S.W.; J. M. Rutter, J.W.; Jas. Brown, M.O.; Jas. Pilkington, S.O.; R. K. Freeman, J.O.; Rev. E. J. Bolling, Chaplain; G. P. Brockbank, Treas.; Jas. Newton, Sec.; Robt. Harwood, Reg. of Marks; S. Crowther, S.D.; Frank Ainsworth, J.D.; Thos. Morris, I.G.; Chas. Walker, Tyler. The lodge was then closed.

Statum in Parbo, or Masonic Notes and Queries.

I noticed by the papers the other day, that Baron Ceschi, Deputy Grand Master of the Order of Knights of St. John, has been appointed by the Emperor of Austria a life member of the Upper House of the Austrian Reichsrath. I should like to ask any Masonic member of the titular English Langue, of the Order of St. John, what connection exists between the bodies represented by the Duke of Manchester and Baron Ceschi, and whether the latter recognises the former in any way? I ask this in the *Freemason* because now and again we have paragraphs in that organ of our fraternity, having reference to the doings of that English Langue, emanating doubtless from Masonic members of that august brotherhood, and one would like to know how the Roman Catholic and Protestant members coalesce.

AN OLD MASON.

ROMAN CATHOLICISM AND FREEMASONRY. I desire to thank our good Bro. Cowling for his note respecting the Duke of Wharton, but his Grace was not a Roman Catholic, either before, or during his Grand Mastership, but afterwards, The Duke of Wharton, (so Bro. Findel tells us in his "History of Freemasonry," (p. 146, 2nd edition, Geo. Kenning, London), when his fortune had become much impaired, retired to Spain, became a Roman Catholic, and ended his restless career in a Spanish Monastery. Bro. Preston, in his "Illustrations of Freemasonry," (p. 168, Spencer's last edition) tells us that his Grace was diligent and attentive to his duties as Grand Master. As to the Roman Catholic Grand Master, Lord Petre, Bro. Preston declares that his amiable character as a man, and his zeal as a Mason, may be equalled, but can not be surpassed (p. 208).

W. J. HUGHAN.

The consecration of the Hemming Lodge No. 1512, took place at the Lion Hotel, Hampton, on Thursday last. Bro. W. Hammon, P.M., P.G.S. Middlesex, is the W.M.; Bro. E. Hopwood, P.M., S.W.; Bro. S. Hill, P.M. J.W. A full report will appear in our next.

The Convent General of the Religious and Military Orders of the Temple and of St. Job of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rione di Malta, will take place at the Freemasons' Hall, St. James's street, Dublin, on the 20th inst.

DEATH OF THE DUKE OF LEINSTER, GRAND MASTER OF IRISH FREEMASONS.

We have to announce with deep regret the passing away from this busy scene of the venerated Grand Master of Irish Freemasons.

His Grace the Duke of Leinster, the premier Duke of Ireland, died at Carton House, Maynooth, at noon on Saturday October 10th, in his 64th year.

The late distinguished and large-hearted nobleman has been so long Grand Master of our Irish Sister Grand Lodge (namely 61 years), that his loss will be much deplored, and his rule will be long remembered by our warm-hearted brethren of "Erin's Green Isle."

Though our late lamented brother has never taken any active part in public affairs, and has mainly confined his attention to the many important duties connected with his large estates, and the amenities of hospitality and the pleasant intercourse of family and social life, he has ever merited for himself the warm regard and attachment of all classes in Ireland.

The *Times* says, and no doubt says truly, that he was endeared to the people by the unassuming simplicity of his manners and the genuine simplicity and good nature which characterised his intercourse with the humblest as well as the highest with whom he came in contact. His hospitality is gratefully remembered by his numerous guests, and is referred to in gracious terms in the "Queen's Diary," giving an account of the Royal Visit to Ireland, in 1848.

We believe that under his kindly regime the Irish Grand Lodge has progressed, and been tided by the same wave of material prosperity which swept over our English brotherhood.

The only subject of regret we have, and which we feel bound honestly to express to-day is, that the *Freemason* has never yet received the official acknowledgement or aid from the Irish Grand Lodge, though accounts of the Grand Lodge meetings have continually appeared in Masonic journals.

Let us hope that in this respect, we may witness a better state of things, and we say this, because we think that it is always right to be present and above-board in all our communications with the Craft.

We sincerely sympathize with our Irish brethren in the loss of their venerated Grand Master, we feel sure of this, that his kindly courtesy and his ever friendly and truly Masonic spirit will be long gratefully remembered by all who knew him personally, and by all those over whom he ruled officially, so long and so well.

The *Times* gives the following biographical notice:—

The Most Noble Augustus Frederick FitzGerald, third Duke of Leinster and Marquis of Kildare, and 22nd Earl of Kildare, and Earl of Devon, Baron of Offaly, in the King's County, in the Peerage of Ireland, and also Viscount of Taplow, in the county of Buckinghamshire, in the Peerage of Great Britain, Lord-Lieutenant and Custos Rotulorum of the county of Kildare, &c., was born at Carton-house, county Kildare, on the 21st of August, 1791.

He was the elder of the two sons of William Robert, second Duke, by the Honourable Emilia Olivia, only daughter and heiress of St. George Usher, Lord St. George (a title now extinct); he succeeded to his father's title in 1804, when only a child, and at the time of his death had worn a coronet for a longer period than any other member of the English or Irish Peerage. It may be mentioned, also, that King George IV., as Prince of Wales, stood sponsor at his baptism. At an early age he was sent to Eton, where he reckoned among his schoolfellows and formfellows Sir John Taylor Coleridge, the late Sir John Stuart Hippisley, General the Hon. Sir Edward Cust, the late Sir William Byam, the late Sir Windham Carmichael Anstruther, the late Lord Clinton, Sir Edward J. Gambier, the late Duke of Marlborough, Lord Sondes, Sir Denis le Marchant, Sir J. G. Shaw Lefevre, the late Lord Carington, the Marquis of Donegall, and the late Duke of Buckingham. He took his seat in the Upper House of Parliament on attaining his majority, and, though he never took a very active part in the proceedings of the Legislature, yet he steadily supported those enlightened measures which at that time were only gradually winning their way with the country at large, and had but few advocates in the House of Lords. He was among those who constantly supported the repeal of the Test and Corporation Acts, the relaxation of the Penal Laws by the concession of Roman Catholic emancipation, and the passing of the first Reform Bill. He was not, however, much of an orator, and his Grace's name accordingly figured but rarely in the pages of *Hansard's Debates*.

Himself a Protestant by conscientious conviction, he was nominated, with the sanction and concurrence of the Roman Catholic Prelates in Ireland, one of the visitors of the College of St. Patrick at Maynooth, which stands not far from the gate of his princely domain of Carton. Indeed, in spite of his liberal convictions and principles, the late Duke more than once said that he scarcely cared to oppose Lords Roden and Winchelsea when they proposed a Committee of Inquiry into the working of Maynooth, because he knew, from his experience as a resident in its neighbourhood, that the College would come quite safely out of such an investigation. He was sworn a Privy Councillor for Great Britain in 1831, and for Ireland in the same year; and he was also for many years Grand Master of the Freemasons in Ireland. On account of the genuine liberality of his political and religious opinions, and his generosity as a landlord, his Grace was most popular with the Irish peasantry and tenantry; indeed, his personal popularity was scarcely affected by the question which recently arose with respect to the leases on his estates.

According to Sir Bernard Burke, the FitzGerald family are descended from one "Dominus Otho," who is supposed to have been one of the Gherardini of Florence; and this idea is confirmed by the Latin form of the name "Geraldini" assumed by his descendants. This noble passed into Normandy, and so into England, where he became a great favourite with Edward the Confessor. His son and successor, Walter, was recognised as a fellow-countryman by the Normans on their arrival in England with the Conqueror; he put the copingstone to his prosperity by his marriage with Gladys, the daughter of Gynfyn, Prince of North Wales; and it was his grandson Maurice who, passing

over into Ireland with Strongbow, defeated the native Irish under Roderick O'Connor, and died at Wexford in 1177, not before he had established himself as a powerful lord in the island. His son Gerald was summoned to Parliament in 1205 as Baron of Offaly; and his son, the second Baron, who introduced the Dominican and Franciscan Orders into Ireland, was Lord Justice of Ireland. It is recorded of the sixth lord that when he lay a helpless infant in his cradle at the Castle of Woodstock an alarm of fire was given; the child was forgotten, and the servants, on returning to search for him, found that he had been carried off in safety by a pet ape or monkey, which animal the family ever after adopted as their crest. The life of this Lord Offaly is quite a romance in itself, but for an account of it we must be content to refer our readers to the pleasant pages of Sir Bernard Burke. He was created Earl of Kildare by Edward II., and his descendant, Thomas, the seventh earl, Lord Deputy of Ireland, suffered attainder for his share in the rebellion of the Earl of Desmond, though he was afterwards pardoned and restored in blood. His son Gerald, the eighth earl, commonly called "the Great," was Lord Deputy of Ireland, and was made a Knight of the Garter in 1504 by Henry VIII. for his zeal and skill in suppressing a rebellion of the native chiefs under the Lord of Clanricarde. His son Gerald, the ninth earl, also Lord-Deputy of Ireland, forcibly maintained the King's interests in what was then known as the "Pale," ruling the rest of his Irish subjects as an independent native chief. His son Thomas, the tenth earl, raised a rebellion against his English Sovereign, and, having been imprisoned in the Tower of London, was hanged, drawn, and quartered at Tyburn, in February, 1537. The story of this young and chivalrous nobleman's attempt to raise the standard of insurrection is one of the most interesting episodes in history. The line of the representatives of the house of Fitzgerald was eventually continued by the descendants of one of his younger brothers, one of whom, Robert, the 19th earl, was known to history as a statesman in the reigns of George I. and George II. It was his son and successor, James, 20th earl—grandfather of the nobleman so recently deceased—who was created a Peer of Great Britain, as Viscount Leinster of Taplow, in 1746, and, ten years later, was raised to the Irish dukedom. His eldest son was William Robert, the second duke, whom we have already mentioned as the father of the subject of this memoir; and his fourth son was the ill-fated Lord Edward Fitzgerald, who died of wounds received in resisting his arrest on a charge of high treason in 1798, and whose attainder was afterwards repealed in favour of the three children whom he left by his wife, so well known to English and French readers by her name of Pamela.

His Grace married, on the 16th of June, 1818, Lady Charlotte Augustus Stanhope, third daughter of Charles, third Earl of Harrington, and was left a widower in the month of February, 1859. By her the Duke had issue a family of six children—two daughters, one of whom died an infant, and the other is Lady Jane Repton; and four sons, Charles William, Marquis of Kildare, Lord Gerald, Lord Frederick (who died young), and Lord Otho Augustus, late Controller of Her Majesty's Household. Lord Kildare, as his eldest son, succeeds to the ducal and other honours and to the estates and representation of the family. The new Duke, who is a magistrate and Deputy-Lieutenant for County Kildare, Colonel of the Kildare County Militia, and a Commissioner of National Education in Ireland, and who represented the county of Kildare in the Liberal interest in Parliament from 1847 to 1852, was born in Dublin on the 30th of March, 1819. He was educated at Christ Church, Oxford, where he took his Bachelor's degree in 1840. He was created in 1870 a Peer of the United Kingdom, by the title of Baron Kildare. He married in October, 1847, Lady Caroline Leveson-Gower, third daughter of George Granville, second Duke of Sutherland, by whom he has a very numerous family. His eldest son, and heir apparent to the dukedom, Gerald, Earl of Offaly, who will now assume the courtesy title of Marquis of Kildare, was born in Dublin in the month of August, 1851.

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The following stand over—Reports of Lodges—804, 1316, 1391, 1491.

ERRATUM.—At page 610 line "destroyed by Nebuchadnezzar, R.C. 538," read "destroyed by Nebuchadnezzar, B.C. 188."

Births, Marriages and Deaths.

MARRIAGE.

BISHOP—Howe.—On Monday, 12th inst., at St. Margaret's Church, Ipswich, by the Rev. John Walker, M.A., Rector of St. John's, Henry George, only son of Mr. Charles Bishop, Diss., to Alice Susannah, eldest daughter of Mr. Martin J. Howe, of Albion Villa, Woodbridge-road, Ipswich. No cards.

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1874.

FREEMASONRY AND ROMAN CATHOLICISM.

The secession of our late Grand Master from our Masonic phalanx continues to be a subject of much discussion amongst the members of our Order.

We think that the true view of looking at the matter is one of simple friendly, kindly regret, and that all remarks and statements are, in our humble opinion, greatly to be deprecated, which are not marked by brotherly goodwill to our late chief, or serve to fan in any manner into heat or excitement the ever-ready tendencies in us all alike to sectarian bitterness and controversy. One of our most valued rulers, a thoroughly true-hearted Mason, our distinguished Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, has said, that we must regard Lord Ripon's defection from our body, and his resignation of his high office with deep sorrow, and that we must ever remember that he was one of the best Grand Masters Freemasonry has ever seen. Most true and seasonable words, at a time of a good deal of not unnatural agitation and unsettledness. Like our excellent and noble brother, we feel strongly that the only and proper way of regarding the subject with a feeling of regret, not of annoyance. We may, indeed, deplore the passing away from our midst of our once valued brother and cherished head; and we may lament it, not only for our sake, but for his, but there we should stop. No utterance of any other kind should detract from the simple expression of our heartfelt sorrow, and if we say to-day, as we fairly may with a sigh, "Si adhuc tu noster esses," we will yet allow no other sentiments of any kind whatever to interfere with our genuine emotions of fraternal grief and Masonic regard. We have thought it right to make these observations, because in the too common habit of hasty generalization, in the tendency sometimes of us all, of arguing from a particular to a universal, there seems to be a little danger, lest the tempting opportunity for partizan oratory, may lead some of us to forget the great and abiding Masonic principle of toleration and non-interference with the religious views and opinions of others. For instance it would not be at all right

or consistent with Masonic teaching, because we are but little pleased, no doubt, with Lord Ripon's secession to the Roman Catholic community, and his resignation of his Masonic privileges, to commence attacks upon Roman Catholicism perse, or to consider it as a bar to entrance into our Fraternity. As Freemasons, we have nothing to do with the peculiar tenets of the Church of Rome, except where they impinge on our avowed principles, or come into open collision with our peaceful progress. Then, though it is our duty to point out the absurdity and impropriety of the Roman Catholic censures, the utter valueless authority with which her bishops speak on a subject of which they know nothing at all, yet our motto should ever be "defence not defiance," we should not weaken our own really unassailable position by any heated declamations or merely controversial contentions against the Church of Rome quâ the Church of Rome. The Constitutions place no impediment in the way of Roman Catholics becoming Freemasons, neither should we do so. It is a matter purely for the individual Roman Catholic conscience to settle for itself, not for us in any way, and we should always be too happy, on our own broad and excellent principles of toleration, to welcome all Roman Catholic Freemasons who are able to attend our lodges and claim our name. There are many admirable Roman Catholic Freemasons amongst us, and though their number, we believe, has been lately declining, our good old Order, ever sympathetic and unsectarian, has hailed, and we trust ever will hail the presence amongst us of our Roman Catholic brethren. Any other principles of teaching or of action amongst us but these can only end in striking a lamentable blow at the great distinguishing feature of our Craft, consistent and universal recognition of liberty of conscience and the sanctity of personal belief. As an evidence of how much misconception may exist on this point, we have noticed a remark of our most distinguished and eminent brother, the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, to which we deem it right to call attention. If our noble brother be correctly reported we venture to think that he is in error, though we say it with all deference and respect. In a report of a meeting of the Highclere Agricultural Association our Deputy Grand Master is stated to have said, not, we admit, speaking masonically, or "in cathedrâ Lathomicâ" that the high office of Grand Master of Freemasons "could not, by the constitution of the Order, be held by a Roman Catholic." We are of opinion that this is a blunder of the reporter, and that, what our noble brother probably said was, that the Grand Mastership of Freemasons could not be held by a Roman Catholic, who accepted the condemnation passed on Freemasons by the Roman Pontiff by the Catholic Bishops. There is no law or regulation of Freemasonry which prevents a Roman Catholic from becoming Grand Master that we are aware of, and we know the "Box of Constitutions" pretty well. We have had several Roman Catholic Grand Masters, and we shall probably have others yet, let us hope in the progress of better and less acrimonious time. We feel sure, therefore, that there must be some mistake in the report, and that our distinguished brother's speech, as reported, is not well

call attention to it, for fear that, unintentionally, on the authority of so eminent a Freemason, an error might be promulgated as regards Masonic law, and accepted by Freemasons, which might have very serious consequences, and might lead to many deplorable results.

Original Correspondence.

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

THE ROYAL VISIT TO PLYMOUTH.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In my letter published in your paper dated 26th ulto., I am made to say "the W.M. and P.M. (a retired Naval Officer) were," &c., it would have been. "The W.M. and P.M., of Edge Metham, 1205 (both retired Naval Officers) were," &c.

I cannot allow the production of "C.M., 1205," to pass unnoticed, although, I suppose, by so doing, I may again bring down upon myself the vials of his wrath.

First, however, allow me to suggest to that other, who, if my suspicion as to his identity correct, has not long been initiated as one of the desirability of quoting correctly, and of deavouring, if possible, to avoid the use of imonious, unmasonic, insulting, and ungentle language.

My former letter was written solely with a view to clear up the unpleasantness which has arisen. I certainly have no desire to act as Bro. Elliott's champion; indeed, I fail to see he is doing one, but if he does, I am sure he is well qualified to defend himself from such attacks as are made upon him by "C.M., 1205," who evidently wholly fails to realise the duties which a Mason he is now bound to discharge.

I still have the "hardihood" to express an opinion that Bro. Hughan is in error as to Bro. Elliott's real duties, perhaps, however, there are other members of the Committee who can give me further information upon the point, as I do not find the minute book silent upon it. I do not think it necessary to deal with "C.M.'s" personal attack upon me, other than to express my entire concurrence in his recommendation to the members generally to make themselves acquainted with the circumstances of the case, and to advise me personally to bear the advice strongly in mind, but as to the special knowledge of the general's opinion which is attributed to me, I can state that the Committee passed a resolution expressive of their desire for officers of the Army and Navy to appear in uniform, and it was only when they were informed an application which was made of the N.C. Officers of the Royal Marines and Masons had forwarded through their Commandant to the General Commanding the District, requesting permission to attend in uniform, been returned with a distinct refusal, upon which I found that to grant it would be to infringe the Regulations, that such resolution was passed, and his views were consequently given to the other members of the Committee in common with myself. If "C.M." felt inclined to speak at the matter in a fair and fraternal spirit, he would be able to see that so far as the Committee were concerned there was no "sin of omission," but that the fault lies with the general, or as I have a very strong opinion (and not formed without good grounds, although not at liberty to mention them) one of the members of his staff, neither could there have been any omission, as whether Bro. Elliott made inquiry or not, permission was refused when asked for.

Yours truly and fraternally,
RICHARD CURTIS.
W.M., Lodge Sincerity, 189.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Through the courtesy of the Secretary of the "General Committee," to whom the chief

portion of the arrangements, and the management of the procession were entrusted, I am able now to completely exonerate the members from any blame respecting the exclusion of the military brethren. Bro. Leigh, R.N., Prov. Grand Secretary of Devon and Secretary of Committee, went through the minutes of all the meetings with me, and showed me the record of the resolution of the members to invite the military and naval brethren to attend in uniform, and that an advertisement should be put in the local papers to that effect. At the same meeting a message was sent that the application from the Marine Barracks for the non-commissioned officers to appear in uniform was refused by the Major-General Commanding. I have the name of the officer who applied, and also was refused, and the name also of another officer who personally applied to the General, and who was likewise refused; so it appears to me that it is quite evident the exclusion of our military brethren had its source in a military order. The committee in consequence, rescinded the resolution before mentioned, and then simply issued instructions as to the clothing of the civilians. I desire to thank Bro. Leigh for his attention to my wants, and for the time he devoted to the enquiry, and I have only to regret that there has been so long a delay in the exact explanation being given.

Yours truly and fraternally,
W. J. HUGHAN.

Truro, 10th October, 1874.

MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you kindly answer the following questions through the medium of your columns, and by its publicity elicit perhaps some remarks from experienced Masons, staunch in the defence and adherence to the ancient landmarks of our Order. The facts are simply these: A Past-Master is invested on St. John's Day as J.W.; two or three months afterwards another member of the Lodge, who had been out of the Colony, returned and they invest him the J.W., the Past-Master aforesaid resigning in his favour. The Grand Lodge returns are then made with the second named J.W. as eligible for the East, and still expresses his opinion that he is always eligible for the Chair if nominated and elected. The other instance is as yet only partially carried out. A Senior Warden is invested on St. John's Day last by proxy, for a member who is on a visit to England for the benefit of his health, but who returns and takes his seat in August. On St. John's Day a protest is recorded on the minutes by one of the members against this appointment on the ground that his absence from the Colony and uncertain return was in itself irregular, but at all events the Warden so invested by proxy was ineligible for the Chair next St. John's Day by reason of not serving a full twelve months as Warden in terms of Art 2, "Private Lodges," Bk. of Con. p. 62.

1. Your opinion is therefore asked, Whether or not it is absolutely essential to be present at the investiture and personally serve a full twelve months as Warden before he can be eligible for the chair?

2. Whether or not proxies are to be allowed for absentees, or only allowable for those B.B. living in town or neighbourhood, but unable to attend at High Twelve on St. John's Day, or Day of Installation.

Believe me, yours fraternally,
N.

Cape Colony, South Africa.

[1. A brother must serve as Warden of the lodge bona fide for twelve months before he is eligible for the Chair. 2. Proxy votes are unknown to the English Constitutions.—Ed.]

SCOTTISH BENEVOLENT FUND.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have read with great pleasure the leading article of your Editor in the Freemason, on the proposed Scottish Benevolent Institution, also of your very liberal offer of assistance. It

was mentioned that certain points as to modus operandi and detail did not meet your approval. I should be glad to know what they are, as well as any suggestions from brethren throughout Scotland, as every idea will help when brought up at first General Court. All that is requisite at present is that brethren wishing to support the undertaking should assent.

First, That there be established a Scottish Masonic Benevolent Institution.

Secondly, That its object be:

Branch 1.—The maintaining, clothing, and educating sons and daughters, of aged, deceased and distressed Masons.

Branch 2.—The maintaining, clothing, and supporting aged and distressed Masons, and Mason's widows.

Every other point but this will have to be arranged and decided upon in General Court. I drew up the rules &c., &c., on the groundwork of the existing charities, so that we should have a basis to work upon, never for one moment imagining that the scheme would not receive nor in fact need some revision.

I hope by next month to hear of a few brethren having given their support, but fear that very little will be done till the beginning of next year. I should be much obliged if you would keep the matter open in your paper occasionally, so that the idea may not die out in Scotland.

Yours fraternally,
GEORGE R. HARRIOTT, OF KILLIMORE.
Prov. G.M. Wigtown and Kirkcudbright.

OUR LATE GRAND MASTER.

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

As no person may be made a Freemason unless he is of mature age, and capable of judging for himself, and it being one of the admitted tenets of the Order, that Freemasonry has no right to interfere with the religious convictions of its members, I think it would be more in accordance with our principles to accept the recent secession from our Order in silence, only mourning over the weakness which could break faith with him, who was so solemnly called upon to witness the acceptance of brotherhood with us. And as no advantage can be attained by the continued reference to so painful a subject before the popular world, I would recommend brethren to abstain from making any more remarks upon it, leaving to the conscience of the brother the task of reconciling it with himself, whether he, as a responsible being, has acted with honour and propriety.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,
A SORROWING W. M.

THE COMING INSTALLATION OF THE GRAND MASTER.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

As it has not yet been publicly announced when the above ceremony is to take place, I trust I am not too late in expressing a wish, which I am sure is shared by many W.M.'s, P.M.'s, and Wardens of country lodges, within a radius of, say, eighty or one hundred miles of the Metropolis. I can but admit that the Quarterly Communications of G.L. are well attended, but I know that if the hour of assembling was fixed two or three hours earlier, so that the business of G.L. would be over, say about 6 p.m., there would be a much better attendance of country members, who could leave home in the morning and ensure returning the same night. I therefore hope that the Installation of our Royal Brother will be fixed at such an hour that will enable many of the country members to return home the same day.

I remain, yours fraternally,
A COUNTRY P.M.

Oct. 10th, 1874.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

Permit me through your widely circulated columns to thank all those brethren who supported the case of Fanny Craig, at the late

election. Through the kindness of the M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Major General Brownrigg, Prov. G.M. of Surrey, Bro. F. A. Cole, the Master, Wardens, and brethren of the Angel Lodge, No. 51, Colchester, we were enabled to poll nearly 400 votes for our candidate, and though she was not successful we who advocate her cause feel equally grateful to our friends who gave us their votes. We trust that with the same support at next April election to secure for our little girl admission to this excellent Institution.

I remain, dear Sir and Brother,
Yours truly and fraternally,
S. COLE, P.M.,
Quartermaster, Royal Engineers, Aldershot.

DESIGNATION OF LODGES.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In reply to P.J.G.D. Devon, in your last number, I beg to say that those lodges that have been designated after our late G.M. should apply to the G.L. of England, and have their names altered. This could be easily done by an endorsement on the warrants and a corresponding alteration in the Books of G.L.

Yours very fraternally,
J. T. S.

FREEMASONRY AND LIBERTY; ROMANISM AND IGNORANCE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Like the brotherhood at large, perhaps, with a few exceptions, the secession of the Marquis of Ripon has created some surprise; but this surprise might have been greater had it not have been that for some time past one might observe with what marked emphasis, and with what guarded phraseology the late Grand Master has used at the Trimestral gatherings. They have been of the admonitory character in the great caution to be observed on admitting candidates into Freemasonry. Such pathetic parentalism has oozed out by perversion which is no sudden change.

I hold that, as a body of Freemasons and gentlemen, the manner of his letter informing us of his resignation, and that we must not question the pervert's reason, was an insult to our common sense, and derogatory to our common understanding of liberty. It was in short a snubbing down of the power of interrogation of any brother on that occasion; if we, as a body concentrated, have the power to elect one to so exalted a position as that to rule and reign over us, surely we have the power and undoubted right to ask a question in relation to anything affecting the Order, otherwise we may foster in our bosom a benumbed serpent, who, soon as he becomes warmed, may turn upon us and sting us. The late perversion looks very much like it, especially after the highest encomiums have been heaped upon him, both at home and abroad, 'tis indeed very poor repayment for honours awarded. It behoves us to look around and see if there are any more Jesuitical Freemasons in our councils and in our ranks. I do not believe for one moment that His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales will tolerate any masked man about his person. In fact we have, from His Royal Highness's accepting the Grand Mastership, an incontrovertible proof to the contrary. Surely since Henry VIII. threw off the yoke of Papistical domination no bolder stroke has been enacted against priestly supremacy than that of the recent acceptance of the Throne Chair of Freemasonry. His Royal Highness, if it were possible, might have in bolder letters "Dieu et mon droit" emblazoned on his standard; this late act has won for him thousands of hearts. In so doing he has set at nought the stupid anathemas and the greater excommunications which have been hurled and fulminated against us as a body, and which every reasonable and unpriestly-ridden Englishman ridicules and laughs at. I, with thousands of others, have not shared in the regret at the recent actions of the Marquis of Ripon, but do

so with profound astonishment at the manner (and from such a cause) he has played with the honour of so large a community of gentlemen, in whom their confidence was falsely reposed. I would ask if the reason assigned, "that he finds himself unable any longer to discharge the duties of Grand Master," whether this is kindly language? Is it honourable? Is it an expression of reposed trust? Is it straight-forward? Neither, but it is akin to the same dealing with his Royal Mistress, the Queen's Majesty, whose fealty and loyalty have been sold to the Pope, whose toe he prefers kissing in preference to the hand of the first Lady of the kingdoms of the world. He by such an act openly places the Queen of England in a secondary position; we ought to beware of such councillors in this mighty realm, as well as in the Councils of our right royal and noble Craft; such perversion is the baseness of ingratitude. Freemasons, look to it, and do not let us be sold like the most noble and excellent Jacques de Molay, by a perfidious and intriguing priest (afterwards Clement V.); for their open motto is "Nunquam dormio" in evil. Wrong-doing, and cunningly and artfully devised operations are ever on their tongue by crafty suasion. Let Freemasons be fully awake, otherwise we shall have our manhood as well as our country under priestly domination. But there is another hard-thinking class as well as Freemasons have to be consulted before this took place.

The "non possum et semper eadem" dogma and policy of the Papistry is the same to-day as it was in the reign of the bloody Mary. In this church you cannot serve two Masters; he has become a member of that hierarchy that recognises no authority superior to its own, either for mind or body; to what a drivelling serfdom has he descended! This mind and soul destroying power—this designing class, would entwine us in their grasp, and work our ruin. And our well-doing, they like not, our open honesty; we have no cloven foot in our midst, unless it be those who are shadowing themselves under our banners for some vile purpose, but they are marked in the forehead. If good can be improved by good doings, we can challenge him who has gone into perversion to dare to say otherwise. God is honoured in Freemasonry, and the Jesuits know it full well; there is a vitality and a living principle in Freemasonry that will live when Romanism is a dead letter; we shall be exalted when they are held in contumely. I most cordially agree with "Verbum sat Sapienti" that this has a sinister significance more than that of leaving our Royal Order. What clear mind, whose sight is not dimmed by unhealthy incense, cannot see that he desires as well as the Tyro he has joined, to sell us and bring us under the ban of the Roman Pontiff and make us members of this fetish religion.

Freemasons, we will not have this usurping and deadly cunning power to rule in this our island home, nor yet again sway the destinies of this mighty nation, made so by its Reformation, this, the home of universal liberty, the abode of freedom, but freedom can only be free and prosperous when clean of the fetters of a "non possumus" authority.

We will show to our Royal Grand Master that we can rally round him, and we will show to him that we are faithful as the needle is to the pole-star. We will have no one to rule over us as Freemasons and Englishmen that would take away our liberty of conscience.

T. BURDETT YEOMAN, 18°.

FUNERAL OF THE DUKE OF LEINSTER.

The remains of the late Duke of Leinster were on Wednesday laid beside those of the late Duchess in Maynooth Church. The funeral was strictly private. The chief mourners were the present Duke and Duchess, the Marquis of Kildare, Lord Otho Fitzgerald, Lord General Fitzgerald, and several grandchildren of the deceased. Amongst those present were Viscount Gouch, Lord Cloncurry, Lord George Hill, Comte de Jarnac, Comte de Robec, Sir Arthur Guinness, M.P., and a large number of the tenantry and neighbouring gentry.

Masonic Tidings.

It is reported that the Freemasons of Ireland intend to request his Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught to accept the Grand Mastership of the Masonic body in Ireland, vacant by the decease of the Duke of Leinster. The Duke of Abercorn's name is likewise mentioned in connection with the office.

STAR LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.—No. 1275.—The Fifteen Sections will be worked in this Lodge of Instruction, at the Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road, by Bro. C. G. Dilley, P.M. 147, Preceptor, on Saturday evening, October 24, on which occasion Bro. John Shaw, J.W. 79, will answer the whole of the questions. Lodge will be opened at 6.30 precisely.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked at the Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860, held at Bro. Allen's "Royal Edward," Triangle, Mare-street, Hackney, on Tuesday, 27th inst., 7 o'clock prompt. Bro. T. Austin will preside. This will be the first occasion upon which the whole of the Sections are to be worked by members of the Lodge—a circumstance mainly attributable to the zeal of its able Preceptor, Bro. Crawley.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, October 23, 1874.

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

Saturday, October 17.

General Committee Girls' School, at 12, Lodge 1364, Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Hackney.
Manchester Lodge of Instruction (179), Yorkshire Grey, 77, London-street, Fitzroy-square, at 8; Bro. H. Ash, Preceptor.
Lily Lodge of Instruction (840), Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, Surrey.
Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. G. Dilley, Preceptor.

Monday, October 19.

Quarterly General Court Boys' School, at 12, Lodge 21, Emulation, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
" 58, Felicity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.
" 720, Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
" 862, Whittington, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street.
" 901, City of London, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.
" 907, Royal Albert, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1201, Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall.

Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction (1445), Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland, at 7; Bro. T. Austin, Preceptor.
Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Crown Tavern, Clerkenwell green, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.
Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.
Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern, Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gutheil, Preceptor.
British Oak Lodge of Instruction (813), Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.
St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street (opposite the Pantecol), Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.
Wellington Lodge of Instruction, White Swan Tavern, Deptford, at 8; Bro. C. G. Dilley, P.M. 1155, Preceptor.

West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
Metropolitan Mark Lodge of Instruction, Coach and Horses Hotel, 343, Strand, at 8.

Tuesday, October 20.

Board of General Purposes at 3.
Lodge 30, United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.
" 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, London-bridge.
Chap. 11, Enoch, Freemasons' Hall.
" 19, Mount Sinai, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street.
" 186, Industry, Freemasons' Hall.
Yarborough Lodge of Instruction (554), Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8; Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.
Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tavern, Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 8; Bro. Lawham, Preceptor.
Faith Lodge of Instruction (141), Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st., (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8.
Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Preceptor.
Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Lord's Hotel, Lord's Cricket Ground, St. John's-wood, at 8.
Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.

alhouse Lodge of Instruction (860), King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. Crawley, Preceptor.
 respecty Lodge of Instruction (65), Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st., Within, at 7.30; Bro. Bolton, W.M. 1217, Preceptor.
 Maylebone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, New-street, St. John's Wool, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (55), Wheatshaf Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.
 Key Lodge of Instruction, Grapes Tavern, Little Windmill-street, W.
 thagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor.
 el Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30.

Wednesday, October 21.
 neral Committee Grand Chapter at 3.
 Lodge of Benevolence at 6.
 Lodge 174, Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, 619, Beadon, Greyhound Tavern, Dulwich.
 700, Nelson, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich.

1044, Wandsworth, Spread Eagle Hotel, Wandsworth.
 1349, Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars.
 1382, Corinthian, George Inn, Cubitt Town.
 173, Union of Waterloo, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich.
 192, Lion and Lamb, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.
 217, Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.

Concord Lodge, Bon Accord, Freemasons' Tavern.
 Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8.
 Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 idence Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
 am Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham, at 8; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor.
 erance in the East Lodge of Instruction, George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar.

ope Lodge of Instruction, Thicket Hotel, Anerley, at 7.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
 ury Park Lodge of Instruction (1288), Finsbury Park Tavern, Seven Sisters'-road, N., at 8. Bro. P. Dickinson, Acting Preceptor.
 Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
 ark Lodge of Instruction, (879), Southwark Park Tavern, Southwark Park, at 8; Bro. Charles William Gent, Preceptor.
 n Lodge of Instruction (973), Havelock Tavern, Abilston-road, Dalston, at 8.

Thursday, October 22.
 Committee, Girls' School at 4.
 60, Peace and Harmony, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.
 65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.
 66, Grenadiers, Freemasons' Hall.
 871, Royal Oak, White Swan Tavern, High street Deptford.

421, Langthorne, Swan Hotel, Stratford, E.
 141, Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
 177, Domestic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
 534, Polish National, Freemasons' Hall.
 Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London-Tottenham Court-road, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 ry Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Anglers' Tavern, White-street, City-road; Bro. Stean, Preceptor.
 Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
 gton Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern, Aborn, at 8; Bro. Lewis Alexander, P.M. 188, Preceptor.

Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
 Lodge of Instruction, Bro. Palmer's, 12, Pensonby-lane, Millbank.
 e Lodge of Instruction (1366), Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
 at City Lodge of Instruction (1426), 111, Cheap-side, at 6.30.

Friday, October 23:
 Committee, Boys' School at 4.
 69, Fitzroy, Head-quarters of the Hon. Artillery Company, City-road.
 161, Finsbury, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton.
 orge's Lodge of Instruction (140), Globe Tavern, Royal-hill, Greenwich.
 Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Kent-st., at 8.
 : Lodge of Instruction, (749), Lyceum Tavern, 354, and, at 8; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.
 e Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s, emasons' Hall, at 7.
 nce Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tavern, Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.
 Lodge of Instruction (1365), White Hart, Clapton, 30; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., Preceptor.
 standard Lodge of Instruction (1298), the Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. W. F. Rogers, Preceptor.

Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-road, at 8; Comp. W. West Smith, Preceptor.
 Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Bro. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.
 Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (733), Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8.
 United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Antelope Tavern, Lorn-road, Brixton, at 7.
 St. James's Lodge of Instruction, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-road, Bermondsey, at 8; Bro. Howes, P.M., Preceptor.
 Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Bro. D. S. Potts, Preceptor.
 Doric Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8.
 Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8; Bro. P. M. Wuest, Preceptor.

St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Ross Tavern, Fulham-road, S.W.
 Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.
 High Cross Lodge of Instruction (754), Coach & Horses High-road, Tottenham.
 Burdett Courts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park, at 8; Bro. Geo. W. Verry, Preceptor.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE,
 For the Week ending Saturday, October 24, 1874.

Monday, October 19.
 Lodge 613, Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport.
 " 703, Clifton, Clifton Arms Hotel, Blackpool
 Chap. 32, Jerusalem, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 5
 " 995, Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverstone.
 Evciton Lodge of Instruction (823), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 7.30.

Tuesday, October 20.
 Lodge 667, Alliance, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 897, Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helen's, at 6.
 " 986, Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston, at 4.
 " 1225, Hindpool, Hartington Hotel, Barrow-in-Furness.
 " 1256, Fidelity, Bull Hotel, Poulton-le-Fylde.
 " 1276, Warren, Stanley Arms Hotel, Seacombe, at 6.
 Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.

Wednesday, October 21.
 Lodge 86, Loyalty, Assembly Rooms, Prescott, at 6.
 " 537, Zetland, Masonic Chambers, 9, Hamilton-square, Birkenhead, at 5.
 " 484, Faith, Gerard's Arms Inn, Ashton-le-Willows.
 " 580, Harmony, Wheatshaf Inn, Ormskirk, at 5
 " 738, Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 6.
 " 823, Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 1086, Walton, St. Lawrence Schools, Kirkdale, at 6.
 " 1182, Duke of Edinburgh, Coffee House, Wavertree, at 3.
 " 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys Hotel, Eccles.
 " 1353, Duke of Lancaster, Athenaeum, Lancaster.
 Mark Lodge No. 31, Fidelity, Norfolk Arms Hotel, Hyde, Cheshire.
 Harmonic Lodge of Instruction (216), Mona Hotel, James-street, Liverpool, at 8.

Thursday, October 22.
 Lodge 594, Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 950, Hesketh, Royal Hotel, Dock-street, Fleetwood.
 " 1032, Townley Parker, Howard's Arms, Whittle-le-Springs.
 " 1070, Starkie, Black Horse Hotel, Kirkham.
 Chap. 216, Sacred Delta, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 1086, Walton, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, at 6.
 Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction (1182), 150, Park-lane, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 7.

Friday, October 23.
 Lodge 680, Sefton, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 5.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND VICINITY.

For the week ending Saturday, October 24, 1874.
 All the Meetings take place at 8 o'clock.

Monday, October 19.
 Lodge 332, Union, 170, Buchanan-street.
 " 556, Clydesdale, Assembly Rooms, Creswick.
 " 384, Athole, School Room, Kirkintilloch.
 St. Mungo Encampment, of Knights Templar, 213, Buchanan-st.

Tuesday, October 20.
 Lodge 343, St. John, St. John's Hall, Buchanan-st.
 " 73, Thistle and Rose, 170, Buchanan-street.
 " 87, Thistle, 12, Trongate.
 " 437, Govanvale, Portland Hall, Govan.
 " 543, Dalmuir, Freemasons' Hall, Dalmuir.

Wednesday, October 21.
 Lodge 117, St. Mary, Freemasons' Hall, Partick.
 " 128, St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Shettleston.
 " 354, Caledonia Railway, 213, Buchanan-st.
 " 187, St. John's, Black Bull Inn, Carluke.

Thursday, October 22.
 Lodge 553, St. Vincent, 162, Kent-road.
 " 544, Stewart, Freemasons' Hall, Market place, Kilsyth.

Friday, October 23.
 Lodge 321, St. Andrew's, Odd Fellows' Hall, Helensburgh.

Saturday, October 24.
 Lodge 28, St. John's, Black Bull Inn, Kirkintilloch.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH AND VICINITY.

For the Week ending Saturday, October 24th, 1874.

Monday, October 19.
 Lodge 44, St. Luke's, Freemasons' Hall, George-st. at 8.

Tuesday, October 20.
 Lodge 36, St. David's, Ship Hotel, E. Register-street, at 8.

" 405, Rifle, Freemasons' Hall, George-street, at 8.30.

Wednesday, October 21.
 Lodge 160, Roman Eagle, Iona Hotel, Nicolson-street, at 8.

Thursday, October 22.
 Lodge 8, Journeyman, Masonic Hall, Blackfriars-street, at 8.

" 392, Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, George-street, at 8.

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 The Right Hon. the Earl of Bective, P.G.M. Cumberland and Westmorland.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Limerick, P.G.M. Bristol.
 Sir Fredk. Martin Williams, Bart, M.P., D.P.G.M. Cornwall.
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At a meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge, recently held at Landport, it was unanimously resolved that a Committee be appointed for the purpose of raising a fund, to provide a suitable memorial to our late deeply-lamented Bro. Stebbing.

In pursuance of the foregoing resolution, a meeting was held at Southampton, which was largely attended, when the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:—

"That the Lodges and Chapters of the Province and Freemasons generally be solicited to subscribe to a fund, to be appropriated as the Committee shall determine, for the benefit of the Widow of our late lamented Bro. J. R. Stebbing, whose circumstances at the time of his decease render this appeal absolutely necessary."

"That copies of these resolutions be forwarded to each Lodge and Chapter in the Province, inviting their co-operation, as well as that of Brethren and Companions generally, in obtaining subscriptions to the fund."

"That a circular stating the circumstances be also transmitted to all other Lodges and Chapters in England."

The name of the late Bro. J. R. Stebbing is so well known in all Masonic circles that it seems unnecessary to set forth at length his long and valuable services. For many years he was a constant attendant at Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, assisting the interests of the Brethren and Companions. He was Vice-President of the Board of General Purposes in 1861, 1862 and 1863, and also an active member of the Building Committee of the present Freemasons' Hall, London.

He was rarely absent from the elections in the various Charities, giving his valuable aid to the poor and distressed amongst the brethren and their relatives, contributing from his means to the advancement of those charities, in which he had qualified as Vice-Patron of the Boys' School, Life Governor of the Girls' School, and Life Governor of the Benevolent Institution; and it is sincerely hoped that the Widow of one who was so actively engaged for the benefit of others (herself a Life-Governor of the Boys' School) should be placed in circumstances which will assist her in her present unexpected bereavement.

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The supporters of the case of Richard Thomas Gardner (No. 24 on the list) will regret to learn that at the Election on the 12th October, 1874, their Candidate was not successful, although his number on the poll gives great encouragement.

The Widowed Mother of the Candidate and her friends desire to thank those who have hitherto assisted the case, and earnestly solicit their further help at the Election in April, 1875.

The undersigned will be happy to receive promises to support the case in April next, and will at the proper time make application for the proxies when issued.

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| 1 | Robinson, Alfred De Lacey..... | 1717 |
| 2 | Stephenson, Alfred H..... | 1420 |
| 3 | Watson, Wm. Geo..... | 1415 |
| 4 | Hamilton, Geo. C..... | 1408 |
| 5 | Bearey, Albert E..... | 1404 |
| 6 | Routledge, Alfred..... | 1391 |
| 7 | Barrett, Chas. D..... | 1367 |
| 8 | Wayne, Saml. S..... | 1333 |
| 9 | Catt, Walter Wm..... | 1323 |
| 10 | Dunaway, F. W. H. P..... | 1297 |
| 11 | Onion, Walter..... | 1232 |
| 12 | Carter, Henry L..... | 1201 |
| 13 | Howard, Percy Edwd..... | 1195 |

The Votes of the unsuccessful Candidates will be carried to their credit at the Election in April, 1874. Lists of the Candidates with the Votes polled for all, successful and unsuccessful, may be obtained on application at the Office:—6 Freemasons' Hall, London, E.C.

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At a Quarterly General Court of this Institution, held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-Street, Lincoln's-inn-fields, W.C., on Saturday, the 10th day of October, 1874, Major John Creaton, Vice Patron, in the chair, after the general business was disposed of, the Governors and Subscribers proceeded to the Election, by ballot, of Fifteen Children into the Institution from a list of 29 approved candidates, when the following were duly elected:—

- | RESULT OF BALLOT. | |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------|
| No. on Poll. | SUCCESSFUL. |
| 1. | Ashby, Fanny..... 1224 |
| 2. | Sargent, Florence Rose..... 1006 |
| 3. | Osborne, Fanny Gertrude..... 979 |
| 4. | Read, Beatrice Eva..... 887 |
| 5. | Sharp, Colina..... 789 |
| 6. | Newman, Beatrice Abigail F... 783 |
| 7. | Treleaven, Emily Snowden..... 778 |
| 8. | Pike, Alice Georgiana..... 775 |
| 9. | Redford, Florence May..... 761 |
| 10. | Forster, Florence Louisa..... 713 |
| 11. | Allison, Margaret Whitworth. 706 |
| 12. | Thomson, Adela Eularia..... 688 |
| 13. | Genever, Ada Louisa..... 631 |
| 14. | Cartwright, Harriet..... 626 |
| 15. | Burse, Harriet Maude..... 614 |

UNSUCCESSFUL.
And the votes for the following unsuccessful candidates will be carried forward to their credit at the next election:—

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| Rogers, Mary Sarah..... | 597 |
| Case, Emily..... | 392 |
| Craig, Fanny..... | 378 |
| Christie, Ellen Sophia..... | 355 |
| Kite, Ada Elizabeth..... | 330 |
| Barsby, Mary Emma..... | 248 |
| Phillips, Minnie..... | 209 |
| Bowler, Mary Louisa..... | 88 |
| Hollis, Ellen Elizabeth..... | 56 |
| Daly, Eliza Edith..... | 41 |
| Richardson, Mary Ann..... | 24 |
| Perks, Blanche Jenny..... | 18 |
| Norrish, Susan Jane..... | 11 |

And the unsuccessful candidate disqualified for the next election by age is—

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| Holland, Florence Ada..... | 216 |
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THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH AT DEVONPORT.

PLACING THE MEMORIAL STONE OF THE ROYAL BRITISH FEMALE ORPHAN ASYLUM.

Printed from the Western Daily Mercury of Thursday, October 8th, 1874.

DEVONPORT, like Plymouth, has had its Royal visit, and is to be equally congratulated on the visit. The visit of H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh to Devonport, to place the memorial stone of the Royal British Female Orphan Asylum at Stoke, was as interesting and as successful a way as the grander visit in August of the Prince of Wales to Plymouth, to open the New Hospital. It is true the visit of the Queen's eldest son to the elder borough was a corporate visit, and carried out with corporate magnificence; but though the Duke of Edinburgh's visit to Devonport to accord recognition to the Asylum of a public institution was not under the auspices of the Corporation, yet it was in no way wanting that which all loyal subjects regard as necessary to a Royal visit. The army and navy took an active part—and considering the special occasion of the visit, very appropriately took an active part—in the day's proceedings, and throughout the arrangements were directed by careful consideration and successful accomplishment.

DEVONPORT received H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh as no stranger. It was at Devonport that he commissioned the good ship *Galatea*, and it was from the *Hamoaze* that he departed upon an eventful and entertaining voyage to the Cape of Good Hope, to Australia, her lands; and it was to Devonport he returned from circumnavigating the globe, and the incidents of the dinner he gave in the Mechanics' Institute to Mr. Moore and officers of the Dockyard in celebration of his cruise are fresh in the minds of townspeople. Closely connected with Devonport in his active sea-life, the Duke of Edinburgh was sure of a warm reception in visiting the town, and especially when he came upon so excellent an opportunity to show his sympathy and interest in an institution that succours the orphans of our sailors and sailors who die in the service. His sympathy and interest could not but be warmly shown on the part of a prince who chose sea-life for his profession. Favoured with the presence of her Majesty herself, the Asylum can also boast of the support of her sons, the Prince of Wales, it will be remembered, who, at Plymouth, became the patron of the Asylum, the Fund being raised for the extension of the Asylum, and subscribed twenty-five guineas. The Duke of Connaught has contributed £1,000 to the funds, and the Duke of Edinburgh, £500, and £50 contributed when he paid a visit to *Galatea*, yesterday handed to Mr. Metham a further cheque for £50. The Asylum is well worthy of such support. It is unique; it was the first institution of the kind. Forty years ago Mr. Metham established the Devon and Cornwall Female Orphan Asylum, Plymouth. A few years' experience served to bring into prominence the fact that there were a very large number of orphans of soldiers and sailors whose support by charity were most pressing. Not a day passed then existed in the country without the mission of caring for the female orphans of those who died in defence of the

country's honour. To meet this want an auxiliary to the Plymouth Asylum was formed, and supported by a fund called the Seamen and Marines Female Orphan Fund; and out of this, in 1840, grew the British Female Orphan Asylum, which soon added "Royal" to its title, the Queen having readily become its patroness. It began in a small way in a private house; but in 1845 so general was the recognition and support accorded it that its promoters were enabled to proceed with the erection of a large and imposing asylum at Stoke, a pleasant suburb of Devonport. It was appropriately opened on "Waterloo Day, 1846," and since then a thousand orphans of our brave protectors have been lodged, clothed, educated, and trained in it as domestic servants. More than one-half of the girls admitted lost their fathers in actual service; the rest were children of men who had died of disease in foreign lands, or from injuries whilst on duty. Commencing with the fatal retreat at Cabool, each military and naval service which has occurred during the last thirty years has furnished inmates for the asylum, and a noteworthy feature in its management is that, whenever a war has occurred, or a catastrophe happened to any portion of the defensive forces, the managers have at once opened the asylum to a certain number of girls thus made orphans, instead of waiting till the regular election came round. In the way the siege of Acre, the Crimean War, the fierce conflict with the Affghans, the wars with China, the Kaffirs, and the Ashantees, the wreck of the *Avenger*, the burning of the *Amazon*, and the foundering of the *Captain*, have all had their effect on the history of the institution.

Such in brief is the history of the Asylum. In a few cases has the faith of managers been met with more prompt and substantial reward. Mr. Metham inherited, as a legacy from his mother, the privilege of promoting the interests of the institution; and strong in a just and pressing cause he has not left the merits of the Asylum unsung. The results have fully justified his importunity and rewarded his increasing exertions. The Committee of Lloyd's Patriotic Fund, in the most substantial manner, recognized the excellent work of the institution by a liberal endowment for extending its usefulness, and it is not to be doubted that this Asylum had no small influence on the Admiralty in leading them at last to recognize that it is a State duty to care for those made orphans by devotion to State service. It is the result of this recognition that called for additional buildings, and led to the present pleasant ceremonies of yesterday. To provide for fifty children which will be supported by the Admiralty, a much larger asylum was required, and whilst additions were being made, it was resolved to build for eighty more inmates, and thus make it equal to accommodating 200 orphans. And then the want will not be too effectually met. These new works required up £4,000, and how energetic Mr. Metham has been in raising funds is well known, and not the least noticeable feature in his campaign has been the substantial proof given of the esteem in which he is held amongst the Freemasons as D.P.G.M. of Devon by the collecting of one thousand guineas for his scheme amongst his brethren in Devon and Cornwall. Notwithstanding all his efforts, however, nearly £2,000 yet remains to be begged. The earnest appeals made by the Duke of Edinburgh should make the raising of that sum easy.

The weather yesterday was not altogether

favourable. Tuesday night's boisterous visitation of wind and rain was aught but cheering, and yet the morning of yesterday was not at all unpromising. The wind was high certainly, and ominous black clouds would now and then sweep up from the north-west, but still the bright, uninterrupted sunshine of a few minutes was most comforting. Whilst the crowds in the streets, and on the Grand Stand at the Asylum were waiting for the Duke, a very heavy shower fell, bringing cloaks and umbrellas into sudden requisition; but from the time the procession started to the end of the ceremony, no rain fell. A continuance of bright sunshine enabled the ladies to appear in all the advantage of their bright toilettes, and the Master of Ceremonies to carry the programme through without curtailment.

THE PROCESSION.

The naval and military orders which were issued from Government House some days since, and which appeared in our columns, were followed out to the letter. At nine o'clock yesterday morning the whole of Her Majesty's ships in the harbour hoisted masthead flags; at the same time the Royal Standard was hoisted at Mount Wise and the Citadel, and a royal salute was fired from the saluting ships, as well as from the Citadel. The principal streets and thoroughfares of the town, through which it had been arranged that the procession should pass, were gaily decorated with flags, most of them having been lent by the Dockyard authorities, and the entire route from the Admiralty House to the Orphan Asylum was lined by naval seamen, and detachments from the 11th and 60th regiments, the men being four paces apart. According to announcement the procession, with his Royal Highness, started from the Admiralty House precisely at twenty minutes past twelve, by which time a large crowd assembled, despite the heavy showers of rain which occasionally fell. The procession was headed by a mounted escort, consisting of twelve men of the B Battery, 16th brigade of Royal Artillery, and then came the carriages in the following order:—

First Carriage: Captain Somerville, R.N.; the Rev. G. E. Carwithen, M.A., R.N.; Dr. J. Robson, Committee.

Second Carriage: Captain A. Edye, R.N.; Mr. Alderman J. Weary; Mr. J. H. Jeffery, Committee.

Third Carriage: The Mayor of Plymouth, (Mr. Alfred Rooker).

Fourth Carriage: Major General Smyth's, C.B., Commanding the Western District.

Fifth Carriage: Sir Massey Lopes, Bart., M.P., (Civil Lord of the Admiralty), Sir Frederick Martin Williams, Bart, M.P., (D.G.P.M. of the Freemasons of Cornwall), Mr. J. Carpenter-Garnier, M.P., and Mr. L. P. Metham.

Sixth Carriage: Mr. Chapell Hodge and Lord Blachford.

Seventh Carriage: Admiral the Hon. Sir H. Keppel's, G.C.B., Commander-in-Chief—Captain Heneage, H.M.S. Royal Adelaide; Captain Wilson, H.M.S. Impregnable; and Lieut. Windham, Flag Lieutenant.

Eighth Carriage: Lord Eliot, the Bishop of Exeter, Captain the Hon. Charles Eliot, and Mr. W. H. Pole-Carew.

Ninth Carriage: The Mayor of Devonport (Mr. Alfred Norman), the ex-Mayor (Mr. Joseph May), and the Town Clerk (Mr. J. J. E. Venning).

Tenth Carriage: His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh, his equerry, and the Hon. Admiral Sir Henry Keppel, G.C.B.

A posse of policemen brought up in the rear.

In this order the procession made its way at a rapid pace to the Orphan Asylum, through George Street, St. Aubyn Street, up Fore Street, through the barrier gate, along the Stoke Road, and up Trafalgar Place. All along the line of route there was a large crowd of people, more particularly in St. Aubyn Street and Fore Street, and his Highness met with a very cordial reception, the ladies at the windows being especially demonstrative. By the time that the procession reached the asylum an immense crowd had assembled, and when the Duke drove up to the doors of the asylum he was received with a hearty outburst of cheering.

In the immediate neighbourhood of the asylum there was much decoration. The grand stand, capable of holding nearly three thousand persons, was draped with flags, and approaches to it were enlivened with Venetian masts. The scaffold poles remaining around the unfinished wings were called into requisition, and made to carry a score or two of the flags lent by the Dockyard authorities, and were manned like the yards of a man-of-war by a number of training ships, who cheered lustily at the proper time. The front of the asylum was very nicely decorated, the principal features being two large scrolls, running the length of the building, one on red ground bearing the words, "The Fatherless, their Redeemer is mighty and will plead their Cause," and below, on blue ground, "For the Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphans from every part of the World." Over the entrance was the word "Welcome," and the hall and the principal rooms of the Asylum were made to look their best with flags, and plants, &c. The memorial stone to be placed by his Royal Highness was in the left wing, and in front of it was erected a large platform supporting a canopy, from the top of which floated the British and Russian standards. The shields of Great Britain and Russia were also prominent in the decorations. The platform was laid with scarlet cloth, the sides being ornamented with evergreens, plants, &c., from Mount Edgumbe and other gardens. Mr. Fouracre, Stonehouse, assisted in the decorations. The excellent arrangements carried out allowed all on the grand stand to witness the ceremony. People began to assemble at the Asylum early, and by shortly after noon there was not a place vacant to the general subscribers. The scene was a very pretty one, and what with the ladies' toilets and the full-dress uniforms of the very large number of naval and military officers present, there was no lack of colour and the picturesque.

Seeking shelter from flying showers, welcoming the bands of the Royal Marines and the 60th Rifles, and watching the large gathering of the officers of the army, navy, and reserve forces served to while away the time of waiting. Members of the committee—Captain Edye, Mr. G. Churcher, Mr. C. Leigh, and Mr. J. H. Jefferd, and Rev. G. E. Carwithen were busy enough up to the last moment, and the memorial stone was receiving the solicitous care of Mr. T. Jenkin, of Devonport, and Mr. Greenwood, the Clerk of the Works. The brethren who had charge of the arrangements of the Freemasons' platform were Bro. Jew, 105, Bro. Gover, 70, Bro. Trevena, 159, Bro. Westcott, 70, Bro. J. Way, 106, Bro. Skelton, 1247, Bro. Hawkings, 70, and Bro. Bird, 70. Mr. Metham received great assistance from the Dockyard authorities, Captain Heneage, R.N., Captain Wilson, R.N., Captain Hamilton, R.N., and Mr. Churcher, of the Victualling Yard. All was the picture of readiness when the Duke arrived. Distant cheering was the first indication of his approach, and in a few minutes—during which the military band played the English and Russian national airs, and "Rule Britannia," and the people kept cheering right lustily—H.R.H. appeared on the platform in plain dress, surrounded with a most distinguished company. In a prominent place in the grand stand were the orphans (in their neat white and blue dresses) and choir, and led by Mr. P. B. Clemens, and accompanied by his son on the harmonium, they sang "God save the Queen," but the effect was nearly drowned by the cheering that was kept up by the crowd.

Amongst the ladies on the platform were Lady Keppel, Mrs. Smyth, Mrs. Metham, the Hon. Mrs. Fremantle, Mrs. Howard, Miss F. Howard, &c., and representatives of the ladies' committee. To enumerate the gentlemen would be to give nearly the whole of the officers in garrison, port, and Government establishments. Suffice it to say that the company was the most distinguished and brilliant that has assembled in Devonport for many a long year.

When all were assembled on the platform, Mr. Metham, acting as Master of the Ceremonies, called upon the Bishop to open the proceedings. Dr. Temple, complying, offered up the following prayers:—

"Prevent us, O Lord, in all our doings, with Thy most gracious favour, and further us with Thy continued help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in Thee, we may glorify Thy Holy Name, and finally, by Thy mercy, obtain everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

"Almighty and most merciful God, the Father of the fatherless, to whom the helpless flee for succour, and the destitute for protection, we beseech Thee to give Thy blessing to the work which we begin this day on behalf of the orphan children of our soldiers and seamen. In Thy name it is done. To Thy service it is offered. Take it, O Lord, as Thine own, and make us Thy instruments to fulfil Thy kindness, and as long as the walls of this school shall stand, let happy hearts herein learn Thy ways, and loving voices sing Thy glory, and orphan souls be comforted and cherished with Thy care, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

Admiral Sir Henry Keppel then presented H.R.H. with an address, beautifully illuminated on vellum, and the Duke handed it to Mr. Metham, with a request that he would read it. The hon. sec. in a clear voice, and with much expression, read as follows:—

"May it please your Royal Highness,

"We, the Committee of the Royal Female Orphan Asylum, in the name of the subscribers and life governors, cordially welcome the presence of your Royal Highness among us. We request that you will do us the honour to place this Memorial Stone, which is intended to commemorate the enlargement of this Asylum, by which one hundred more destitute orphans of our brave sailors and soldiers will be rescued from want, ignorance and vice.

"We are confident that the visit of your Royal Highness will be followed by permanent benefit to the deserving, but hitherto neglected class for whom we are labouring. The warm sympathy thus shown for the orphans of your humblest companions in arms, will, we believe, awaken the nation to the sense of a sacred duty too long neglected, and lead them to resolve that the orphans of those who lose their lives in the defence of their country, shall ever afterwards be cared for and protected with more than common solicitude.

"We recognize with more than usual pleasure a partial acknowledgment of this claim in the fact that the first inmates of these new wings will be fifty children maintained by the Admiralty as trustee of the Greenwich Fund. Asking no exclusive privilege for this Institution we eagerly look forward to the time when this principle shall be extended, and there shall not be a single garrison or seaport town without an Asylum for those who, in right of their fathers' services, deserve so well of their country.

"With pride we record that Her Most Gracious Majesty, at its foundation gave to the Asylum the powerful aid of her patronage, and with your late lamented father, the Prince Consort, frequently contributed to the funds.

"We cannot conclude without expressing to your Royal Highness our congratulations on your felicitous marriage, and we pray that God will bestow on yourself and your illustrious Consort, health and happiness, with all spiritual and earthly blessings."

His Royal Highness, in replying to the address, said:—Gentlemen,—I thank you for the welcome to Devonport which you have offered to me in the name of the life governors and subscribers to the Royal British Female Orphan

Asylum, and beg you to believe how gladly I comply with your request that I should lay the memorial stone which is to commemorate its extension, and enable it to receive so large an additional number of inmates. I do, indeed, most heartily join with you in your desire for the prosperity of this institution, whose aims and objects are so eminently deserving of the support and encouragement, not only of those belonging to the two services, but of all in the country at large who wish well to men who risk their lives for it, whether before the fire of the enemy, or under the influence of an unhealthy climate. No one, surely, who will reflect on the dying moments of a soldier or sailor may be embittered by cruel anxiety for the fate of his children, but must sympathize with the efforts of those whose endeavour is to rescue the little ones from want, ignorance and misery. All honour to the men who have devoted themselves to this noble work. I thank you sincerely for your congratulations upon my marriage, and I can assure you that the Duchess of Edinburgh warmly unites with me in the hope that under God's blessing this admirable asylum, which has already been productive of so much good, may continue to prosper, and that you may be enabled to extend still further the range of your most benevolent and patriotic exertions.—(Loud cheers.)

The Mayor of Devonport (Mr. A. Norman), the architect of the building, presented the Duke with the work-tools—the trowel, the mallet and the level—and with these he placed the memorial stone, and then declared it to be well and truly laid. The stone was a large block of Portland stone, just under one of the windows, and bearing the following inscription:— "This stone was placed by H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh, K.G., K.T., to commemorate the erection of the wings of this Asylum, October 7th, 1874." Simultaneously with the placing of this stone, a stone in the western wing was unveiled; it was inscribed:—"For the destitute female orphans of sailors, soldiers and royal marines; patroness, the Queen." The silver trowel which was used in the ceremony was selected by the committee, from the production of Mr. T. Partridge, manufacturer and jeweller of Kingsbridge. Its design was very artistic, the ornamentation being in full accordance with the legitimate use of the trowel—a point rarely studied by the designers, but fully carried out in this case. The handle was of ivory carved with oak leaves. The silver blade was ornamented with a bright diaper arrangement of geometrical scrolls on a shaded ground, the centre shield being very tastefully engraved with the following inscription:—"Presented to Captain H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh, on the occasion of his placing the memorial stone of the new wings of the Royal British Female Orphan Asylum, at Devonport, Wednesday, October 7th, 1874." The trowel after use was enclosed in a morocco case, lined with navy blue, velvet and satin, trowel and case doing great credit to the producer.

An interesting ceremony, masonic in character, followed the placing of the stone by Roy hands.

Mr. Metham, advancing to the memorial stone, poured upon it a cornucopia of corn saying, I pour corn on this stone, the emblem of plenty and reproduction. May plenty prevail within these walls, and may the orphans of our soldiers and sailors be protected from want and misery for evermore. May the lessons and principles taught here to these children and their fellows, ever reproduce in them, intellectual, moral, and religious life, not only the present, but for the future.—(Loud cheers.)

Sir Frederick Martin Williams, Bart, M.P. next poured oil out of a silver flagon, on the stone, saying, I pour oil on this stone, the emblem of prosperity, of joy, and of happiness, and may this Institution never be destitute either.—(Loud cheers.)

Admiral the Hon. Sir Henry Keppel, G.C. finally poured wine on the stone, saying, I pour wine on this stone, the emblem of gladness, and I am sure you will be glad when you meet me.—(Loud cheers.)

Whilst this ceremony was being proceeded with the children with the choir sang "God bless Our Sailor Prince."

Of Nelson, Hood, and Collingwood
Our grandsires used to sing,
Our fathers had a toast as good,
They gave "The Sailor King!"

A Sailor Prince is now our toast,
One worthy of his name,
A second Alfred we can boast,
On England's scroll of fame.
God bless our Sailor Prince,
Long may his name
Be dear to fame.
God bless our Sailor Prince.

When this portion of the ceremony was over they sang the following hymn, written for the occasion and adapted to the air of the Russian National Anthem by Mr. W. H. Wright:—

God bless Victoria's son,
His life be his, and joy and happiness in boundless store;

Oh! give him greeting true,
Ring out your shouts anew,
God bless our Prince!
Our Sailor Prince!
May he, of honoured name,
Live in old England's fame,
The nation's pride,
Brave Sailor Prince.

God bless his Royal Bride!
Now hath found in British hearts a welcome
real and true;
Far from her native land,
Oh! may she here command,
A priceless dower,
A nation's love.
Long live the Royal pair,
Proud oak and lily fair,
In love entwined,
Heaven's gifts to share.

God bless this happy day!
May His presence dwell with us in this our
work of love;
Soothing the widow's fears,
Drying the orphan's tears,
Oh! may this day,
With joy be crowned,
May He on rich and poor,
Alike his goodness pour;
E'en as we call,
God bless us all.

As a fitting introduction to another very interesting portion of the ceremony. Ladies I have been for some weeks collecting for the now came to the platform and deposited their offerings, contained in blue and red purses, silver salver before his Royal Highness. The first ladies were the Misses Metham, daughters of the founder of the institution, daughters of its present hon. sec.; and the latter were for the most part daughters of the asylum. Some of them were very young indeed, one little lady being just toddle before the Duke, and in the meanwhile their elegant toilettes were specially selected for the occasion. In several cases red and blue, symbolical of the asylum's colours, and in others the designs were given by a sailor's attire. As the ladies proceeded with their purses, containing in all 170, the scene was very animated. The presentation was next made.

Frederick Martin Williams, advancing to the Duke, said: May it please your Royal Highness, in the unavoidable absence of the Provincial Grand Master, the Earl of Devon, I am, in his late sad decease, all most deeply sympathise—(hear, hear), as Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Devon, on behalf of the Freemasons of that county, beg now to present to your Royal Highness a list of various lodges who have sub- scribed towards the new wings of this building. I trust you that they have all contributed with great pleasure, and I have only now to thank them on their behalf, their sincere congratulations to your Royal Highness, together with

their very best wishes for the success and prosperity of this noble institution. (Loud cheers.) The amount of the subscription from the Cornish province is £140. (Cheers.)

Mr. L. P. Metham: May it please your Royal Highness, with great pride as Deputy Provincial Grand Master of this Province, in the absence of our Provincial Grand Master, the Rev. J. Huyshe, on account of ill-health, which we all deplore, I present to you the collection made by the Masons of Devon, amounting to £912 13s. 8d.—(loud cheers)—which, together with the sum just announced by Sir Frederick Martin Williams, makes up a total sum of one thousand guineas contributed by nearly 1,200 brethren of the Masonic craft in Devon and Cornwall. (Renewed cheers.) And I feel quite sure your Royal Highness will not think me intruding on your time if I take this opportunity of thanking my brother Masons, and of telling them how proud and grateful I am to them for the admirable efforts they have made to support me in this great and arduous labour. (Cheers.) It is something for them to reflect upon with pride that they have contributed more than one-fourth to the cost of the new buildings. (Cheers.) And they have done more than that. They have vindicated those principles of charity which animate the Order, and which nothing on earth can shake so long as they continue to practise brotherly love, relief, and truth. (Loud and continued cheering.)

The Bishop closed the ceremony by offering the following prayer:—Almighty Saviour, Judge of Heaven and earth, Redeemer of the world, who has taught us what is done in loving kindness to the least of Thy brothers is done unto Thee, accept this our offering of tender care for the little children whom Thou art always ready to bless. Sanctify this school with Thy perpetual presence. Banish from it everything unloving and unkind, everything impure or un- holy, everything false and mean. Bless the teachers and guardians of the children with wisdom from on high, with skill to instruct, with gentle tenderness to guide and discipline, with patience to train and educate. Bless the children with grace to learn Thy holy fear, and hearts to feel Thy love, with understanding to know Thy ways. For many years may the little ones who have lost their natural guardians be here sheltered from pain and unhappiness, shielded from temptation, trained in Christian duty, taught to know Thy Cross. And when Thou comest back again, may we be glad to meet them in Thy presence, and know that they are Thine. Grant this, Lord Jesus Christ, out of Thy abundant love, for the sake of Thine own offering on the Cross. Amen. The peace of God.

The principal actors in the ceremony then posed themselves whilst Mr. L. Duprez took a photograph of the platform scene from the stand opposite. When this was accomplished, the distinguished company separated, the children and choir singing "Rule Britannia." The platform occupied by His Royal Highness was soon besieged by ladies and gentlemen anxious to see the memorial stone, with its offerings of corn, and oil, and wine, the trowel, &c., used by the Duke, and the masonic plate (from the Provincial Grand Lodge of Devon) used in the consecration. Leaving the platform, his Royal Highness proceeded to a room in the Asylum fitted up for his reception by Messrs. Pinsent and Co., Devonport.

THE LUNCHEON.

At two o'clock a luncheon was provided in the asylum, and was partaken of by between sixty and seventy noblemen and gentlemen. The room was very elaborately decorated, and the table was laid out with great taste, the whole of the arrangements being very much admired. For the ornamentation of the table, valuable plate was lent by Dr. Domville, R.N.; Mr. Joseph May, the Rev. G. E. Carwithen, M.A., R.N.; Captain Adolphus Edye, R.N., Mr. J. H. Jefferd, Captain Somerville, R.N.; Mr. J. Beer, and other gentlemen. The luncheon was pro-

vided by Mr. Loving, of the Royal Hotel, Devonport, who did it in a manner entitling him to the highest credit. The fruits were chiefly contributed by generous friends of the institution.

Admiral Sir Henry Keppel, G.C.B., presided, and on his right was his Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh, and his left the Bishop of Exeter. The general company included Lord Eliot, Lord Blachford, Sir H. M. Williams, Bart., M.P., Sir Massey Lopes, Bart., Mr. Carpenter Garnier, M.P., Admiral Lowe, Major-General Pickard, Colonel Sir Henry Freezing, C.B., Colonel Elliott, Colonel Fowler Burton, Assistant-Adjutant General, Colonel Hicks, C.B.; Capt. Smyth, A.D.C.; the Mayor of Plymouth (Mr. A. Rooker); the Mayor of Devonport (Mr. A. Norman); Colonel De Courcey, Mr. W. H. Pole Carew, Mr. J. Venning (town clerk of Devonport); the Rev. G. E. Carwithen, M.A., R.N.; Mr. Isaac Latimer, Dr. J. Rolston, Mr. J. Weary, Captain Adolphus Edye, R.N.; Mr. J. H. Jefferd, Mr. L. P. Metham, Captain Somerville, R.N.; Mr. G. Churcher, Captain Heneage, R.N., H.M.S. Royal Adelaide; Captain Napier, R.N.; Mr. R. B. Oram, Dr. Minter, Inspector General of Hospitals and Fleets; Captain Wilson, R.N., H.M.S. Impregnable; Mr. Chappell Hodge, Rev. J. Lugge, R.N.; Rev. J. Coney, Chaplain to the Forces; Colonel Penrose, R.M.L.I.; Captain Thrupp, R.N., H.M.S. Topaze; Mr. J. Beer, Dr. Cutcliffe; Mr. C. Leigh, Mr. R. Routh, Deputy Commissary General; Rev. H. J. R. Rathbone, Dr. J. May, Mr. Jenkins, Mr. H. Churcher, R.W. Victualling Yard; Mr. B. W. Risk, Secretary to the Admiral; Mr. G. Rolston, Dr. Bulteel, Dr. Domville, Deputy Inspector of Hospitals and Fleets; Mr. Edmonds, Mr. J. Bourne, the Hon. Capt. Freemantle, R.N., C.B.; the Rev. W. J. St. Aubyn, Rector of Stoke Damerel, Mr. P. J. Margary, Capt. the Hon. W. Ward, R.N., the Rev. W. D. Williams, the Rev. E. Roberts, Temerton; Dr. W. H. Pearce, Mr. G. L. Basset, Tehidy; Lieutenant Wyndham, Captain Thomas, Devonport Artillery Volunteers; Lieutenant Curteis, 12th D.A.V., Mr. J. Greenwood, Mr. J. D. Collins, &c.

The first toast was that of "Her Majesty the Queen," which was drunk with the usual honours, after which

The Chairman said: I have the honour to propose "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales." His Royal Highness has recently appeared amongst us to open the New Guildhall Buildings at Plymouth, and he has won golden opinions from every one in these Three Towns—(applause). The more we saw of him the more pleased we were with him.

The toast was received with three cheers.

The Chairman: The next toast I have the honour to propose to you is that of "His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh—"(loud cheers.) It is rather difficult to express how greatly we feel indebted to His Royal Highness for the trouble he has taken in coming such a long distance to be present on this interesting occasion—(hear, hear.) It was only last week that His Royal Highness was doing the same kind and noble act—laying the foundation stone of an Asylum for seamen at Liverpool—(applause)—and he had scarcely returned to town when he came down here, accepting the invitation of Mr. Metham to lay the memorial stone of the new wings, to this new building. I regret exceedingly that he is obliged to return to London again this evening, and this in itself proves the inconvenience that it must have been to His Royal Highness to come here to day. But whenever a kind act has to be done His Highness is always ready to do it, and but that I had the honour of belonging to the same profession. I could tell you many anecdotes regarding him that would both amuse and delight you. I will not, however, intrude any further upon your time but will ask you to drink his Highness' health with full honours—(loud cheers.)

The Duke of EDINBURGH: Sir Henry Keppel, my lords and gentlemen: I thank you for the very hearty reception you have given to the toast of my health, and I thank you for the very

cordial reception which I have met with here to-day. I need scarcely tell you—and my presence amongst you I hope will assure you of it—that to come here and take part in this interesting ceremony is a matter of very great pleasure, and by no means of inconvenience—(hear, hear.) And I am sorry that Sir Henry Keppel should have dwelt so much upon that point; because when one sees the good that can be done on an occasion of this sort, I am sure that no inconvenience and no distance should keep one away—(hear, hear.) I must congratulate the directors of this excellent institution upon the great success with which the proceedings of to-day have been crowned, and upon the liberal subscriptions which have come in to meet the demand Mr. Metham has made for the £4,000 necessary to complete these new wings, and to enable another election to take place from amongst the 150 candidates who are waiting for admission to this institution—(applause.) I am informed that since the institution was founded, in the year 1839, there have been a thousand young girls trained and passed through it and sent out into domestic service where they are doing well; and I am sure that this is not only an excellent thing for the orphans of our brave soldiers themselves, but it is also an excellent thing for society at large in providing good and trustworthy domestic servants—(applause.) I am sure that the appeal which has been made, and to which so far there has been made a hearty response, will not fail in being crowned with complete success, and that the full sum will be realized to enable this institution to be thoroughly and successfully carried on—(applause.) Before I resume my seat I wish to ask you to join with me in drinking "Prosperity to the Royal British Female Orphan Asylum," and I couple with the toast the name of Mr. Metham—(applause.)

Mr. Metham said: May it please your Royal Highness: I will not dwell on the personal pride and pleasure with which I hear "Success to the Royal British Female Orphan Asylum," proposed as a toast by a member of the Royal Family, for the deep gratitude I feel to your Royal Highness preponderates every other consideration. From the great interest you have always evinced in the welfare of your humbler companions in arms, I am sure it will be gratifying to you to know that when to-day and its ceremony have long faded from your mind, its good fruits will, in an ever increasing degree, be enjoyed by the orphans of our sailors and soldiers. Our great difficulty, hitherto, has been to convince the public that the benefits of the asylum are not confined to the orphans who are inhabitants of this locality only. As Royal patronage would never be bestowed on a charity based on such narrow grounds, they will now believe the truth, and the sailors' or soldiers' orphan, come whence she may, from the East, the West, the North, or South, will have the same chance of election as a child born in the next street to the asylum. She needs no recommendation, none can canvass for her if they would; the record of her father's services and her own destitution are her only passport. And again, your Royal Highness's visit will, I am confident, bear fruit more important still for the relief of this destitute and deserving class. We celebrate to-day the inauguration of a system by which the State recognises its duty to care for the orphans of those who lose their lives in the public service. These wings would never have been built but for the provision which the Admiralty have made for 200 orphans of seamen and marines from the Greenwich Fund. As this Institution, 35 years ago, with its five inmates, and £130 in the treasurer's hand, backed, however, by a strong faith in the goodness of the cause, backed too, by the far-seeing, benevolent and patriotic spirit of our gracious Queen, who did not hesitate to commit her Royal name to the possibility of a failure, was but the type of what it is to-day, so am I confident the present Asylum is but a type of what it, and others like it, will be when England has been awakened to a sense of what she owes to her brave soldiers and sailors. Is it not a shame that the orphans of those who have fought, bled, and died to

uphold the honour of England, to protect her commerce on every sea, and to guard her sacred soil from the approach of an enemy, and all we hold nearest and dearest from the invaders, polluting touch, shall be left exposed to the dangers which poverty, ignorance, her own undisciplined mind, and the designing vice of others may suggest? But for the aid of a charity like ours, begin their history as you may, it is sure to end in beggary or the streets. They gravitate, as a matter of course towards the hospital, the refuge and the union, until they find their last and only rest in the pauper's grave. Not a child who has lost her father by his devotion to his duty, by the sword, disease, shipwreck, should, by the remotest possibility, be subjected to such a fate, but ought to be considered as the adopted daughter of the State. It is a work, too, that would cost very little, and would re-pay its cost tenfold. Lord Shaftesbury lately said that if he had £20,000 he would sweep the streets of London of all its waifs and strays, and convert those who are a danger and embarrassment to the State, into willing and intelligent seamen for the Royal and Mercantile Marines. Give me half the money for the orphans of those who have died in actual service, by the sword, disease, fire, and shipwreck, and I will pay back to England ten times the value, in the shape of her greatest want—willing, intelligent, God-fearing servants. If it be a merit to the husbandman who supplies the wants of our bodies to make two blades of grass grow where but one grew before, surely it must be a greater merit to shield from want, ignorance, and vice, 200 children with perishable bodies and immortal souls, where but 100 were sheltered before; and by training them in industrial, intellectual, moral, and religious culture to convert what would have been a danger, into a blessing to society. You have to-day seen 111 children, as healthy, contented, intelligent and well conducted, as ever were gathered together under one roof. I ask you to give me means to make 150 others of their sisters, and fellows who are on our list of candidates, as happy as they are. If we cannot raise the £2,000 still necessary, to pay for these new wings, they, and many others like them, will be disappointed, perhaps, for ever. It rests with the country, either through the Government, or in its individual character, to say whether the future of the orphans of our brave defenders shall be bright as that of the 1000 children we have already rescued from want and ignorance, and trained to earn their own livelihood, or whether it shall be so dark that humanity shudders at the contemplation, drifting as they are down life's rapid, and, to them, turbid stream, towards the dread ocean of eternity, uncared for and unthought of, their mental and spiritual need neglected as their bodily. On behalf, then, of these poor children, who are at once so deserving, and so destitute, I again most gratefully thank your Royal Highness for the opportunity your visit has given me of pleading their cause, not only before this most influential company, but through the press, which will report our meeting, before all England.

Sir Henry Keppel: I have now the honour of proposing the toast of "the Lord Bishop of the Diocese"—(applause.) It is unnecessary for me to sing his praises, and I can only say that his activity is apparent in every direction—(hear, hear.) His lordship is ever ready to take part in any good action. At one time he comes down at the shortest notice to confirm two hundred of our sailors boys; at another time, when a lifeboat has to be launched he comes to pray for God's blessing upon it. I give you the Lord Bishop of Exeter—(applause.)

The Bishop of Exeter: May it please your Royal Highness, my lords, and gentlemen; I am very much obliged to you for the kindness with which you have received the proposal of my health, and I am obliged also to those who have arranged this programme for another reason, and that is that it just gives me the opportunity of saying a few words—and I can assure you that they shall be very few—in behalf of this institution, into the working of which I have lately been looking, and which I believe deserves

the larger and very much more general and liberal support than it has yet received—(applause)—because the history of it shews that it has a double claim upon us. It has not only the claim of having a very good object. That in this country I believe, is shared by a great many different institutions. Very often indeed such institutions come before the public, and those who have charge of them are a little disappointed at finding what little response is made to the appeals that are urged upon all who are within reach to support them. Very often indeed there is a sort of feeling that if you will only set before people how excellent the object is at which an institution aims, that ought to be quite sufficient; but everybody who has to listen to such appeals knows perfectly well that it does not pass through the mind a question which it is not always civil to ask, but which, nevertheless, has a very great effect indeed upon the contributions that it is possible to get; and that is the question, whether those who are promoting the object are the right persons to promote, and whether it is quite certain that the aim—though it be a very excellent one—will be attained by the means which they use; whether, for instance, in establishing a school like this, the people who establish it are likely to be the best administrators of such a school, and whether it is at all sure that the administration of it will be such as to justify the contributions that have been given. Such questions do enter the mind constantly, and very frequently indeed they materially check the subscriptions. Often, without a word being said, there is a sort of feeling that although the object is admirable, yet it is not by any means certain that the object will be attained. But this institution—and anyone who studies its history may see it—has won its way from very small beginnings, not so much by the excellence of its objects, which is confessed from the very first, but by the excellence of its administration. The £15,000 voted some while ago from Lloyd's Patriotic Fund—and I believe that it contributed very largely to give the institution the permanent character which it now possesses—was given because after careful examination those who had charge of the money were satisfied of the excellence of the work that was done. They were satisfied, not only that those who had charge of the schools were desirous of doing a very excellent thing, but that they were doing it, and I assure you that there is a great deal of difference between aiming at doing a thing and succeeding in doing it. This institution has the claim of really proving to all concerned that the work can be done, and will be done. And here it has been done—(hear, hear, and applause). I believe it would be very difficult to find any institution which, in the pursuit of a very excellent object has been so thoroughly successful as this has been. I shall detain you no longer, but I think it worth while to pre-ter that consideration upon all those who are within reach of any words that I can use—(applause.)

Mr. Metham: I am sure we ought not to separate without thanking our Chairman for his able presiding at this Board—(applause.) I owe a very great deal to Sir Henry Keppel, and we have received from him an amount of his assistance which is not often forthcoming in movement of this kind—(hear, hear.)

Three hearty cheers were given for Sir Henry and the proceedings were brought to a close.

By the thoughtful consideration of the Lunatic Committee, the desert, which remained unoccupied, was afterwards given to the inmates of the Asylum, together with the sweets, for which the children were indebted to the kindness of Mr. Loving, by whom the luncheon was provided.

His Royal Highness left Plymouth by 7.45 p.m. mail train for London.

THE AIM AND END OF THE CRAFT DEFINE THE LAWS OF MASONRY ARE SENSE AND REASON, PRINCIPLES, LOVE AND BENEVOLENCE; ITS RELIGION IS TRUTH AND PURITY; ITS OBJECT, PEACE ON EARTH AND GOOD WILL TOWARDS MEN.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST LANCASHIRE.

DEDICATION OF THE LIVERPOOL MASONIC HALL.

No larger gathering of the Masonic Fraternity has ever taken place in Liverpool than that which was witnessed at the Masonic Hall, in Hope-street, on the 7th instant, when the Provincial Grand Lodge of the Western Division of Lancashire held its annual meeting. The interest attaching to the annual gathering of the lodges in the province was greatly increased on this occasion by the fact that Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, R.W.P.G.M., had expressed his intention of dedicating the New Masonic Hall, erected at a cost of upwards of 4,000, to the purposes of "pure Freemasonry." The rarity of the ceremony, the popularity of the P.G.M., and the great increase in the members of the Order in this part of the country, were doubtless a few of the reasons which induced the extraordinary gathering on this occasion, a gathering which even "the oldest habitant" has never seen equalled. The province now embraces upwards of 70 lodges, several of them numbering more than 200 members each; and as all the lodges, with two exceptions, were represented on this occasion, the meeting was one of peculiar importance. There were upwards of 500 in the large hall at one part of the proceedings, but probably more than 1,000 had to leave, being unable to obtain admission, so great was the crush for places.

Before giving an outline of the long day's proceedings, it will be well to give our readers a brief description of the handsome hall, which was dedicated on this occasion. The design for the new hall is of Italian character, and was selected in competition. The front to Hope-street is of white stone, and set back from the side of the street. The principal entrance in the front, is approached by a broad flight of steps, and protected by a spacious projecting porch, flanked by columns and pilasters with carved capitals. The basement is devoted to club-rooms, each 25 feet by 20 feet, with storerooms, wine cellars, &c.; a corridor, 10 feet wide, running from the front to the rear. The ground floor consists of library, 25 feet by 20 feet, and committee room of similar dimensions, each with anteroom adjoining; house steward's office; principal and second staircases. The upper stories are placed on this and all other floors of the building. The lodge room is placed on the back, and is 51 feet 6 inches long, by 30 feet wide. This is approached from the entrance by a corridor, 10 feet wide, and has preparation, and paraphernalia rooms attached. An ante-chapel gallery is placed on the east side of the lodge room. On the first floor is the chapter room, 51 ft. 6 in., fronting Hope-street, with three rooms. The hall is a noble apartment, 51 feet 6 inches long, 30 feet wide, and 25 feet high, with a cloak room, serving and dressing rooms attached, and a spacious ladies gallery, capable of accommodating 100 persons. The upper floor is devoted to kitchen purposes, and is connected with the various floors by means of a lift. The principal and several of the smaller rooms are heated by a most powerful hot-water apparatus, installed by Mr. B. Harlow, Macclesfield, and admirably arranged by his Liverpool representative, Mr. J. B. Gibson, general and consulting hot-water engineer, Queen's-road. Bro. Edward Dawson, P.M. of The Temple Lodge, was the architect; and the sole contractor was Bro. Joshua Henshaw, and the sub-contractors were Messrs. Nicholson and Ayre for carpentry work; Mr. James Leslie for masonry; Mr. T. Croft for slating and plastering; Mr. Crosby for painting, painting and glazing; and Brother Hall for gasfitting; and Brother Pemberton for the principal glass work.

Amongst those present at the inauguration of the new hall were Brothers—
 Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, P.G.M.; Hon. F. Standish, P.G.M.; Sir James Ramsden, G.S.W.; Bro. Prescott, G.J.W.; Rev. J. F. Goggin, Rector; T. Armstrong, P.G. Treas.; Chas. H. Pier, P.G.R.; H. S. Alpass, P.G. Sec.; E. H. P. G.S.D.; W. Doyle, P.G.J.D.; J. Baxendale, P.G. Sup. Works; G. de la Perrelle, P.G.D. of Cer.; G. Broadbridge, P.G. Assist. D. of Cer.; R. Landluis, P.G.S.B.; J. Skeaf, P.G. Org.; R. Pearson, P.G. Pura.; S. Johnson, G. Owen, T. A. Lowe, J. R. Gospel, W. Turley, Stewards; Gilbert Greenhall, M.P., P.P.S.G.W.; S. P. Brabner, P.P.S.G.W.; H. R. Edwards, P.P.G.R.; J. Maudsley, P.P.G.R. and P.P.G. Sec.; B. Rowson, P.P.G.S. of Works; T. Wylie, P.J.G.W.; J. W. J. Fowler, P.P.G.A.D.C.; R. Sharrock, P.P.G.S.B.; C. Sherlock, P.P.G.R.; P. Maddox, P.P.G.T. of Works; S. E. Ibbes, P.P.G.S.B.; J. T. Bourne, P.P.G.J.W.; R. Wylie, P.P.G.S.D., P.P.G.D. of Works; Rev. Henry G. Vernon, P.P.G.C.W., Lan. and Cheshire; W. Laidlaw, P.P.G.S. of Works; Alex. Stoddart, P.M., 32; Peter Ball, G. Tyler; Wm. Henry Ball, Assistant P.G. Tyler.

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W. G. Beale, Org., 594, 1356, &c.; W. Forster, J. Deacon, 249; J. Houlding, Sec., 823; T. Roberts, J.W., 673, J. Burgess, S.D., 1325; R. T. Taylor, J.W., 1021; A. Vaughan, J.G., 1182; D. Jackson, J.G., 673; W. Burnett, S.D., 1013; H. Firth, J.G. 667; P. B. Forshaw, S.W., 1403; G. Gould, S.D., 1403; J. Little, J.G., 1225; F. J. Hunt, S.W., 113; H. Ashmun, S.W., 1225; D. Wilkins, J.D., 148; J. W. Ballard, S.W., 724; T. Day, S.W. 1013; F. W. N. Johnson, S.D., 1213; R. Williams, S.W., 1213; J. C. Robinson, J.G., 249; The Rev. J. B. Jenkins, Chap., 216; The Rev. J. Dunning, Chap., 1225; J. Sergeant, J.W., 580; W. Healing, J.W., 1094; J. Worsley, S.W., 314; E. Myres, J.W., 314; J. Leconte, S.D., 594; A. Bucknall, S. 667; T. Ockleshow, S.W., 667; T. C. Jones, J.D., 241; E. Johnson, S.W., 203; J. Lloyd, 249; W. Vaughan, S.D., 724; W. Brown, Treas., 1182; T. B. Myers, S.W., 1182; R. Martin, Jun., J.W., 1182; J. E. Jackson, S.W., 667; H. Wyatt, S.W., 1473; T. W. Wills, J.D., 1473; T. Large, J.D., 1373; T. Shaw, S.W., 823; F. Knight, J.W. 1325; J. Armstrong, J.G., 148; Schofield, S.W., 1387; J. Taylor, S.W., 1051; W. H. Holt, J.W., 786; M. Williamson, Tyler, 1393, &c.; R. Roberts, S.S., 1356; R. Collings, Sec., 249; J. Townsend, J.W., 113; A. Vandyke, 241; A. C. Moore, S.W., 216; C. Matthews, J.W., 178; H. P. Burton, S.W., 333; E. Ford, Jun., J.D., 1380; J. White, J.D., 1384; R. Brown, S.W., 241 and 1380; J. Dale, S., 1505; P. W. Oglesby, S., 823; R. P. France, J.W., 594; W. J. Morrow, Sec., 897; P. J. Edleston, S.W., 1250; J. Brown, S.W., 1070; J. A. Nicholson, J.W., 1070; T. Atkinson, J.W., 281; H. Longman, J.W., 1051; F. Haworth, Org., 1013; H. Johns, S.W., 1476; W. S. Watson, J.G., 1496; C. D. Turton, 823; E. Ramson, 249; R. W. Braithwaite, J.W., 1476; W. S. Carr, J.W., 1353; J. Acton, S.W., 1353; E. Brook, S.W., 703; J. W. Mycock, J.W., 703; R. Croft, J.D., 1505; W. Matthews, J.D., 721; W. Roberts, J.W., 1264; J. Goodman, J.W., 1403; S. Nickson, S.D., 1356; J. Williams, Sec., 1182; G. Fowler, J.W., 216; J. Pleake, J.G., 1035; C. A. Bannerman, Sec., 1061; M. Mather, J.W., 1061; W. Newsome, Sec., 1384; W. Hughes, S.W., 292; T. Grieve, J.D., 1398; H. Morris, J.W., 1505; T. Home, J.W., 1356; W. B. Ackersley, Sec., 680; J. Wood, Treas., 1094; Jno. Capell, D.C., 1505; John Hughes, S.W., 220; John Griffiths, Sec., 1264; J. Simpkin, J.W., 484; H. Burrows, J.D., 673; Wm. Jones, S.W., 1299; C. E. Wright, J.W., 1354; John Hall, Sec., 1354; Thos. Davies, S.D., 1182; Wm. Tyrer, J.W., 86; W. E. Cattell, Sec., 594, McKenzie (Freemason), &c.

DEDICATION OF THE HALL.

The craft lodge was opened shortly after twelve o'clock by Bro. J. Poole, W.M. 32, the position of P.M. being occupied by Bro. H. Scott, W.M. 86. The members of the P.G. Lodge assembled in the meantime in the double committee room, and after being marshalled in the corridor, proceeded to the great hall in the following order:—

- Provincial Grand Pursuivant.
- Provincial Grand Organist.
- Provincial Past Grand Sword Bearers.
- Provincial Past Grand Assistant Director of Ceremonies.
- Provincial Past Grand Director of Ceremonies.
- Provincial Past Grand Superintendent of Works.
- Provincial Past Grand Deacons.
- Provincial Past Grand Deacons.

Steward.	{	The Cornucopia with	} P.G. Steward.
		corn, borne by the Master	
		of a Lodge. Two ewers	
} with wine and oil, borne	}	by Masters of Lodges.	} Architect with Plans.
		Architect with Plans.	
- Provincial Grand Superintendent of Works.
- Vice-Chairman and Secretary of the Masonic Hall Committee.
- The Trustees of the Masonic Hall.
- Past Provincial Grand Registrar.
- Provincial Grand Secretary.
- Provincial Grand Registrar carrying the Seal.
- Provincial Grand Treasurer.
- Past Provincial Grand Chaplains.

Past Provincial Grand Chaplains.
 Provincial Grand Masters.
 Visitors of distinction.
 The Column of the Provincial J. G. W., borne
 by the Master of a Lodge.
 The Provincial Junior Grand Warden, with
 Plumb Rule.
 The Column of the Provincial S. G. W., borne
 by the Master of a Lodge.
 The Provincial Senior Grand Warden, with
 Seal.
 Provincial Junior Grand Deacon.
 Provincial } The Provincial Grand } Provincial
 Grand } Chaplain bearing the Sa- } Grand
 Steward. } cred Law on a cushion. } Steward.
 The Deputy Provincial Grand Master with the
 Square.
 The Provincial Grand Sword Bearer.
 Provincial } The Provincial Grand } Provincial
 Grand } Master. } Grand
 Steward. } } Steward.
 Provincial Senior Grand Deacon.
 The Standard of the Provincial Grand Master,
 borne by the Master of a Lodge.
 Provincial Grand Tyler.

The R.W.P.G.M. having taken his seat on the throne, opened the P.G. Lodge in due form. The P.G.M. then proceeded to dedicate the hall, the ceremony being commenced by an appropriate prayer, offered by the Rev. J. F. Goffin, P.G. Chaplain. After the P.G.S. of W. had handed to the P.G.M. the general plan of the buildings,

The Chairman of the Masonic Hall (Bro. H. S. Alpass, P. G. Sec.) gave an explanatory statement in reference to the progress and completion of the building. He said that in 1856, when there was not half the number of Masons in Liverpool that there was now, great inconvenience was felt by the brethren from being compelled to meet at other places than those intended for masonry, which led to considerable abuse. When the committee of that day, however, took into consideration the best position for a Masonic Hall, they were met with great difficulties; and when they fixed upon the old building in Hope-street it was said that it was too far out of town, and that masons would not go that distance. Liverpool had spread so much since that time, however, that the building was now nearly in the centre of the town, and therefore no more convenient site could possibly have been found. The small building was then adopted for Masonic purposes, but ultimately it was found to be too limited, owing to the great increase of the masonic body in this part of the province, the hall being occupied every night in the year for some masonic purposes. In consequence of the limited space the progress of masonry was all but stopped. In these circumstances the masonic committee took the matter in hand; and when he (Bro. Alpass) told the brethren that within 18 months the Masonic brethren in Liverpool had raised about £3,000, that would at once show they had entered upon and carried out the building in an earnest manner. They had also to thank Bro. R. Danson, the architect, for having erected a building which was exceedingly convenient, comfortable, and capacious. There was no doubt that the opening of that building would tend as much as anything to the progress of Masonry; and he (Bro. Alpass) trusted the labours of the committee would meet with the approbation of the R.W.P.G.M., who he asked to proceed with the dedication of the hall.

The following Anthem by Dr. Boyce, was then sung with fine effect by a special choir, including Bros. T. J. Hughes, D. Saunders, J. Busfield Evans, H. C. Harrison, C. Haswell, D. Jones, H. Ashmore, &c., Bro. J. Skeaf, P.G.O., presiding at the harmonium.

"I have surely built thee an house to dwell in: a settled place for thee to abide in for ever.

"But will God indeed dwell on the earth? behold, the heaven, and heaven of heavens, cannot contain thee: how much less this house that I have builded.

"Yet have thou respect unto the prayer of thy servant, O Lord my God.

"That thine eyes may be opened towards this

house night and day, even towards the place of which thou hast said, My Name shall be there.

"And hearken thou to the supplication of thy servant, and of thy people Israel, when they shall pray towards this place: and hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place; and when thou hearest, forgive.

"If there be in the land famine, if there be pestilence, whatsoever plague, whatsoever sickness, there be:

"What prayer and supplication soever be made by any man, or by all thy people Israel, which shall know every man the plague of his own heart, and spread forth his hands towards this house.

"Then hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place, and forgive.

"And the Lord said to Solomon, I have heard thy prayer: I have hallowed this house which thou has built, to put my name there for ever: and mine eyes and my heart shall be there perpetually.

"Amen. Hallelujah."

The Provincial Grand Master having descended from his throne, the following procession was formed:—

The Provincial Grand Chaplain, carrying on a cushion the Volume of the Sacred Law, with the Square and Compasses.

The Provincial Junior Grand Warden, carrying the Cornucopia with Corn.

The Provincial Senior Grand Warden, carrying the Ewer with Wine.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, carrying the Ewer with Oil.

The Provincial Grand Sword-bearer.

The Provincial Grand Master.

After again taking his place on the throne, the R.W.P.G.M. declared the building "dedicated to pure ancient masonry," and Bro. G. la Perelle, P.G.D.C., proclaimed it accordingly. After an eloquent Masonic oration by Bro. the Rev. J. F. Goggin, P.G.C., the interesting ceremony closed with Bro. Skeaf's anthem, "Hail, universal Lord."

ANNUAL BUSINESS.

The annual business of Grand Lodge was then proceeded with. The roll of the lodges in the division having been called, it was found that all the lodges were largely represented except 1,335 and 1398, both of which the P.G. Secretary reported had neglected to send their minute books for examination in accordance with the orders of the P.G.M. The minutes of the last Provincial Grand Lodge held at St. Helen's were then read. It appeared that all the lodges were represented upon that occasion except the Victoria Lodge, which was fined; but it was now explained that the notice of grand lodge meeting was not received until after the meeting, and, this explanation being deemed satisfactory, the fine was remitted.

The minutes were confirmed.

In reply to Bro. Turner, the P.G. Sec. explained that the by-laws were in the room, and that copies had been furnished to all the brethren who had applied for them.

Bro. T. Armstrong, P.G. Treas., read a summary of the annual statement of accounts for the past year, from which it appeared that the receipts for the educational fund during the year amounted to £205 15s.; from Provincial Grand Lodge fees, including balance from last year, £529 6s. 6d.; from the fund of Benevolence, including balance, £1273 18s. 1d.; total, £2008 19s. 7d. After disbursement of £523 4s. 2d., there was a net balance of £1485 15s. 5d. It appeared that up to the year 1872, £1040 7s. had been paid to the West Lancashire Educational Fund; in 1873, £176 1s.; and during the past year £205 15s.

After the accounts had been passed,

Bro. Sherlock P.P.G.S.W., said he had great pleasure in proposing the re-election of Bro. Armstrong, upon whom he passed a very high eulogium for the able and efficient manner in which he had discharged the duties of Treasurer. He thought an apprenticeship was essential for the office, and he was sure they ought unanimously to re-elect Bro. Armstrong, and not turn him out of his office before he had completed his apprenticeship.

Bro. Lambert seconded the nomination.

The nomination of Bro. Armstrong was then put to the vote and unanimously agreed to, the P.G.M. remarking that it was hardly necessary for him to say how thoroughly he concurred in all that had been said in praise of Bro. Armstrong, and how happy he was that that brother had been unanimously re-elected. (Applause.)

The R.W.P.G.M. then proceeded to appoint and invest the following as his officers for the ensuing year:—

Bros. A. Stoddart, Lodge 32, P.S.G.W.; C. Remington, 995, P.J.G.W.; the Rev.—Morgan, 1398, P.G.C.; Reuben Pearson, P.G. Reg.; Robert Wilson, 241, P.S.G.D.; J. W. Turley, 1035, P.J.G.D.; G. Owen, 786, P.G. Sup. of Works; J. R. Goepel, 823, P.G.D.C.; Leather, P.G.A.D.C.; Wilson Barker, P.G. Par.; Lowe, P.G.S.B.; J. Skeaf, P.G.O.; Mossop, Bagot, S. Johnson, Dr. J. K. Smith, J. Lunt, and Bowden, P.G. Stewards; P. Ball, P.G. Tyler; W. H. Ball, P.G.A. Tyler.

Applications for relief were then taken up, and the sum of £45 was voted to deserving widows and several brethren who were in difficulties.

Bro. J. Skeaf, P.G.O. moved that the sum of £40 from the funds of the P.G. Lodge be appropriated towards the purchase of a suitable piano-forte for the new Masonic Hall. This was seconded by Bro. G. Leighton, W.M., 1325, and carried unanimously, a hope being expressed by the P.G.M. that the lodges meeting in the hall would also contribute to the fund, so that a proper instrument might be got.

On the motion of Bro. Alpass, P.G. Sec., seconded by Bro. Armstrong, P.G. Treas., the following by-law was adopted:—"That the annual return made to the P.G. Lodge by every lodge shall be sent to the P.G. Sec. on or before the first day of August in every year, made up to the 30th of June preceding."

Bro. R. Wylie, P.P.G.S.D., moved the repeal of by-law No. 3, and the substitution of the following:—"For every brother initiated, a fee of 5s.; and for every brother joining a lodge, a fee of 1s. be paid to the Provincial Grand Treasurer, who shall pay the same to the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution in the name of the Provincial Grand Lodge."—The motion was seconded by Bro. J. K. Smith, P. G. S. Bro. Mawdsley moved, as an amendment, that the money paid to the educational institution should be in the name of the contributing lodge, instead of the Provincial Grand Lodge. This amendment was seconded by Bro. Chudley, W.M., 241, and, after considerable discussion, was declared to be carried.

Bro. R. Wylie moved, Bro. Broadbridge seconded, and the proposition was unanimously carried, that the sum of £20 be voted to the Hamer benevolent fund.—On the motion of Bro. Broadbridge, seconded by Bro. Ibbis, it was unanimously agreed that £50 be voted to the Mott memorial fund.—The sum of £30 was also voted for the purpose of securing the admission of a candidate from that province to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.—Bro. Pierpoint moved that in order to enable the P.G. Sec. to secure an assistant and to repay him for expenses, the sum of £100 per annum be paid to him from the funds of the Provincial Grand Lodge, the payment to date from the beginning of 1874. This was seconded by Bro. C. H. Hill, and supported by Bros. W. Doyle, Mawdsley, &c., and carried unanimously.

Bro. R. Wylie moved, and Bro. Goepel, P.G.D.C., seconded, that the sum of 100 guineas be voted from the funds of the Provincial Grand Lodge to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys for the purpose of constituting the P.G.M. a Vice-patron of that institution.—The vote, which was carried, was acknowledged by Bro. F. Binckes, Secretary to the institution.

The P.G. Sec. reported that during the year three new lodges had been consecrated, the existing lodges were increasing the number of their members, and nineteen dispensations had been granted. Except in the two cases to which he had already referred, the minute books had been examined, and generally speaking, they were kept in a satisfactory manner.

The report of the Hamer Benevolent fund was taken as read, and the committee and other officers were reappointed.

The annual court of Governors of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution was held, the minutes being read by Bro. R. Town, hon. sec. The business was of a routine character, and the former committee was reappointed.

From the report of the institution it appeared that 44 children were on the foundation during the year 1873, for whom £266 15s. 5d. is paid. The investments in dock bonds and mortgages, together with the cash in bank and hand, now amounted to £10,845 14s. 9d. The Provincial Grand Lodge and Craft Lodge were afterwards closed.

THE BANQUET.

Soon after the close of the interesting business the brethren met together at a grand banquet at the Adelphi Hotel. Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, R.W.P.G.M., presided, and there were upwards of 200 brethren present, including Bro. the Hon. F. Stanley, W.D.P.G.M., Bro. Sir James Ramsden, P.G.S.W., Bro. C. Banister, Past G.S.B. of G., Bro. F. Binckes, Past G.S., Bro. H. Cook, P.G. Reg., C. and W., and nearly all the leading officers of P. G. Lodge. Bro. Ludlow, courteous and efficient manager, provided an excellent dinner, which was capitally served. Musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Skeaf, P.G.O., who was assisted by S. C. Haswell, J. Basfield, T. Evans, H. C. Trison, T. J. Hughes, and D. Saunders. A desert had been placed on the table, and the Pro. Grand Master, in proposing the health of her Majesty the Queen, spoke of her as the first lady of the land, who, though knowing nothing of their mysteries yet, appreciated their works of charity, and patronised them. (Applause.)

In proposing the next toast, "Bro. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales," the P.G.M. was sure the toast would be received with acclamation. (Applause.) He hoped they would soon be able to hail His Royal Highness their Most Worshipful Grand Master. His Royal Highness had proved himself a true Mason, and had shown that he had the cause of the Craft at heart. He begged to couple with the toast "Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales" and the rest of the Royal Family," indeed amongst whom there was another member of the Craft, the Duke of Connaught, who had lately proved himself a good mason, and shown he intended to follow in the footsteps of his brother.

The P.G.M. in proposing the next toast, the Earl of Carnarvon M.W.D.G.M., and other officers of the Grand Lodge, said he gave the toast with mingled feelings, because he gave them the toast of the D.G.M., having no Grand Master for his own district. He dare say a great many of you would remember that he last year partly intended to bring the Grand Master to Liverpool.

He had then every hope of doing so, but, in fact, the Marquis of Ripon had not promised to come, and it was not until the summer that it was made known he could not be able to come. (Applause.) As the last man to question the reason for the Pro. Grand Master's taking such a course, and none had the right to say one word about the Pro. Grand Master's decision. (Hear, hear.) They look back to the past, in which they only regard his lordship as one of the Grand Masters who ever ruled over the district.

(Hear, hear.) They were sorry that the Pro. Grand Master had left them, and perhaps he would add, he was sorry for the cause. (Loud applause.) Their Deputy-Grand Master, Lord Skelmersdale, had expected up to the last moment to be with them, but he had been detained by a medical meeting in his own district. He intended to visit them, however, on the next opportunity. (Applause.) Bro. C. Banister, P.G.S.W., of England, responded to the toast in the following terms.

Sir James Ramsden, P.P.G.S.W., next proposed "The Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale,

R.W.P.G.M., West Lancashire," passing a high eulogium on his lordship.

The P.G.M., in responding, expressed the great pleasure it had given him to dedicate the hall that day, and congratulated the brethren upon the extraordinary success which had attended the whole of the day's proceedings. The brethren had erected a splendid hall, but he had no doubt that some twenty years hence the brethren would require to erect a real temple to suit the requirements of the great increase in the order. His lordship afterwards referred to some remarks which he had made in Grand Lodge with reference to the publication of certain Masonic reports in the press, and explained that he did not for one moment allude to the *Freemason* which was the recognised organ of the craft, and had permission to publish all masonic matters.

Bro. Banister proposed the "D.P.G.M. and P.G. Officers past and present," which was responded to by Bro. the Hon. F. Stanley, D.P.G.M. The "P.G. Masters of adjoining provinces" was acknowledged by Bro. Cook, P.P.G. Reg. Cumb. and West; the "Masonic Hall Committee," proposed by W. T. Wylie, P.P.G. Reg., by Bro. R. Wilson, P.G.S.D.; and the "W.M.'s of the Lodges in the Province" by Bro. Chudley, W.M., 241. Bro. Alpass, P.G. Sec., gave the "West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution," which was acknowledged by Bro. R. Wilson, Hon. Treas. The "Ladies," proposed by Bro. Goeppel, P.G.D.C., and acknowledged by Bro. Chudley, and "All Poor and Distressed Freemasons," given by Bro. the Hon. F. Stanley, were the remaining toasts.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The quarterly meeting of subscribers to the Boys' School was held on Monday last, in the Board-room, Freemasons' Hall. There was a large attendance of brethren. Bro. John Symonds took the chair. Among the brethren present were Bros. S. Rawson, John Boyd, A. H. Tattershall, Major J. Creaton, James Robins, James Brett, W. Hale, G. Bolton, J. Bulmer, W. C. Moutrie, Thos. W. White, H. C. Burt, C. Lacey, Jas. Snizell, John Marson, F. Adlard, J. Wordsworth, W. Roebuck, E. Clarke, James Terry, Griffiths Smith, H. Massey, *Freemason* H. W. Hensworth, Henry Smith, Rev. C. J. Martyn, W. Lane, Richard Spencer, W. H. Green, James Price, J. L. Hime, J. A. Birch, R. B. Wilson, Sam. May, Jas. Stevens, G. Broadbridge, J. P. Platt, Geo. Morris, and F. Binckes (Secretary). There was no business but the confirmation of former minutes before the meeting, with the exception of the motion given in our last week's impression, and this having been carried, the brethren proceeded to elect 13 boys out of a list of 45 candidates for admission to the school. At the declaration of the poll the following were found to have been elected:

- 1 Robinson, Alfred De Lacey - 1717
- 2 Stephenson, Alfred H. - 1420
- 3 Watson, William George - 1415
- 4 Hamilton, George C. - 1408
- 5 Bearey, Albert E. - 1404
- 6 Routledge, Alfred - 1391
- 7 Barrett, Charles D. - 1361
- 8 Wayne, Samuel S. - 1333
- 9 Catt, Walter William - 1323
- 10 Dunaway, F. W. H. P. - 1297
- 11 Onion, Walter - 1232
- 12 Carter, Henry L. - 1201
- 13 Howard, Percy Edward - 1195

Votes of thanks to the scrutineers, and to the chairman of the day, concluded the proceedings.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The Quarterly Court of the Subscribers to the Freemasons' Girls' School was held on Saturday last at the Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Major John Creaton, Vice patron, presided, and there was a large attendance of brethren. Among them we noticed Bros. Edward Cove, Geo. Wyatt, James Brett, John Symonds, S. Rawson, F. Tyerman,

John Boyd, H. Massey (*Freemason*), W. Hale, A. H. Tattershall, W. Lane, Griffiths Smith, W. Collard Montrie, W. Stephens, F. Adlard, James Stevens, Walter Hopekirk, James Terry, H. Muggeridge, and R. Wentworth Little, Secretary. After the reading and confirmation of the minutes of various meetings since the last quarterly court, Bro. John Symonds, Vice-patron, in the absence of Bro. Henry Browse, Vice-patron, moved that fifteen guineas be presented to Miss Kernot, who had discharged the duties of matron to the school during the illness of Miss Jarwood. He alluded to the great services rendered by Miss Kernot and to the exemplary way in which she had discharged her duties; also when having been a pupil in the school, and having received the medal whilst a pupil. Major Creaton in seconding the motion, also said he had long observed the young lady's conduct, which had always met with the approbation of himself and other members of the House Committee. The motion was carried unanimously, and the brethren then proceeded to elect 15 girls out of an approved list of 29 candidates. At the close of the poll, the following were declared duly elected:—

- 1 Ashby, Fanny - 1224
- 2 Sargent, Florence Rose - 1006
- 3 Osborne, Fanny Gertrude - 979
- 4 Read, Beatrice Eva - 887
- 5 Sharp, Colina - 789
- 6 Newman, Beatrice Abigail F. - 783
- 7 Treleven, Emily Snowden - 778
- 8 Pike, Alice Georgiana - 775
- 9 Redford, Florence May - 761
- 10 Forster, Florence Louisa - 713
- 11 Allison, Margaret Whitworth - 706
- 12 Thomson, Adela Eularia - 688
- 13 Genever, Ada Louisa - 631
- 14 Cartwright, Harriet - 626
- 15 Bursay, Harriet Maude - 614

Votes of thanks to the scrutineers and chairman concluded the proceedings.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The monthly meeting of the committee of subscribers to the Aged Freemasons' Institution, was held on Wednesday afternoon at the Freemasons' Hall. Major J. Creaton presided. The meeting was very fully attended, and among the brethren present were Benj. Head, Thos. W. White, C. A. Cottebrune, W. Hale, R. Spencer, Griffiths Smith, James Brett, H. M. Levy, W. Stephens, Joseph Smith, J. A. Farnfield, J. Newton, John Stevens, Thomas Cubitt, Wm. Hilton, H. Massey (*Freemason*), and James Terry, (Secretary).

After the formalities of reading and confirming the minutes, three candidates were placed on the list for next election; and the petition of the widow of a late annuitant to be continued as an annuitant to the extent of half the amount annually granted to the deceased was allowed. The brethren then discussed the question of a trusteeship, which they ultimately ordered to stand over for a month, and a vote of thanks to the chairman brought the proceedings to a close.

RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE.

LIVERPOOL. — *Skelmersdale Conclave (77).*— An assembly of the Knights of this conclave (77) was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope Street, Liverpool, on Monday, the 5th instant, Em. Sir Knight J. T. Callow, M.P.S., occupied the throne, the officers present being Sir Knights W. Cottrell, V.E.; H. Jackson, S.G.; J. J. Rose, H.P.; T. Ashmore, P.S., Treasurer; J. Skeaf, Rec.; M. Corbin, Prefect; W. Quayle, S.B.; R. H. Evans, O.; C. Leighton, Organist; W. H. Cooper, H.; H. Morris, J.P.; P. Ball, S.; and H. Nelson, P.S. Amongst the other Knights of the Order present were Ill. Sir Knight G. Turner, Sir Knight J. Wood, F. Cooper, W. P. Jennings, W. Shortis, T. F. Cooper, J. Dale, A. C. Doe, H. Jones, W. Fletcher, C. Munro, J. Dawson, E. B. Ingham, H. Burrows, J. M. Atkinson, R. W. Evans, W. S. Matthews, J. Lolly, J. S. Hobbs, J. Capell, H. Worthington, J. Gordon, J. C. McGuire, &c., with Sir Knight H. Hayner, Rec. 97, as a visitor. It was moved

by Sir Knight H. Jackson, S.G., that the Intendant-General be asked to sanction the formation of a sanctuary of the Knight of the Holy Sepulchre in connection with this conclave. The motion was carried, and a committee was appointed to complete the arrangements. Bro. W. Smethurst, lodge 1393; Bro. Hanney, 823; and Bro. C. D. Turton, 823, were duly installed Knights of the Order. The members of the conclave subsequently retired to the refectory for the banquet, and a very pleasant evening was greatly enlivened by the excellent songs of Sir Knights Evans, Jackson, Ashmore, Skeaf, and Dawson, who gave 152 verses of "The Gallant Duke of York."

MASONIC MEETINGS IN SCOTLAND.

GLASGOW.—*Thistle and Rose Lodge* (73).—This lodge held its usual meeting on Tuesday, October 6th, at 170, Buchanan-street; G. Weston, R.W.M., in the chair. Also present were G. M'Donald, I.P.M.; Thomas Stewart, D.M.; A. M'Leod, S.W.; W. Macgregor, J.W.; R. Richards, Sec.; and W. Walton, T. On the dais was Bro. Black, R.W.M., 362. The lodge having been opened in the first degree, Bro. M'Donald, P.M., initiated a candidate into our mysteries. The lodge was then raised, and Bro. Stewart, D.M., passed Bro. M'Kingless to the Fellow Craft Degree. After the transaction of some private business, the lodge was closed. It was then announced that Bro. the Rev. R. Thompson, C. of 178, had arrived with two English brethren who had been attending an evening meeting at the Social Science Congress, and were desirous of seeing the working of a Scotch lodge. Bro. Weston and his officer at once resolved to re-open in order to gratify this wish, when Bro. Thompson, with R. Botley, D.P.G.M., of Berks and Bucks, and Nore, 1444, were introduced and led to the dais. The R.W.M. expressed the pleasure it gave to the lodge at all times to welcome English brethren, and especially these brethren, who had come so many miles to attend the Social Science Congress. Rev. Bro. Thompson thanked the lodge. Bro. Botley addressed them at some length on the general advantages of Masonry, and thanked them for re-opening the lodge. Bro. Nore expressed his pleasure at their mode of imparting light materially as well as morally. Bro. G. W. Wheeler, on behalf of the members of 73, was glad to think they had been able to show so slight a courtesy to brethren who had come to Glasgow to further views so strictly in accordance with Masonry as those of the Social Science Congress, whose main object was brotherly love, and personally he was highly pleased, as he had known Bro. Botley in Newry as one of the most highly respected tradesmen, and this, too, when he was only an humble Apprentice Mason, though now a Provincial Grand Master. He trusted that if they heard Scotch Masonry reviled, as it sometimes was across the Border, that they, at any rate, would be able to speak of it in a different tone. The R.W.M. handed the gavel to the D.P.G.M. to close the lodge in the English style, and then, at his request, resumed it, and closed in the Scotch way, which is much longer. The visitors appeared highly pleased at what they had seen.

Lodge Caledonian Railway (354) met on Wednesday, the 7th, J. Shaw, R.W.M.; A. Arraik Smith, P.M.; T. Stafford, S.W.; W. Joinanch, J.W.; W. R. Dunn, Sec.; Bro. Winton, R.W.M., 333; with most of his office-bearers, were present. He informed the R.W.M. that, owing to an error in the "Local Calendar," that night had

been set down for their meeting, and, as they had two candidates, he would ask the Master if he would kindly initiate for him. Bro. Shaw said he should be highly pleased to do so, and proceeded in first rate style to initiate five candidates for themselves and two for Lodge St. George, 333. He then raised the lodge, and passed three brethren for themselves and one for 333 to the Fellow Craft Degree. He then resigned the chair to Bro. A. Arrick Smith, P.M., and Bro. Wheeler took that of S.W., when one brother for 333 and one for 354 were raised to the sublime degree, all the work being well performed. Bro. Shaw resumed the chair, and Bro. Winton, R.W.M., 333, thanked them, as did Bro. M'Farlane, S.M., for their kindness in working the three degrees for them. The lodge was then closed.

Lodge Union (332) met at 170, Buchanan-street, Bro. M'Nair, R.W.M., in the chair. Also present was Bro. J. Fash, D.M. There was a full attendance of members, and the Master, in a very careful manner, raised one brother to the sublime degree. The lodge afterwards made arrangements for their forthcoming festival.

St. Vincent (553).—This young lodge, whose consecration we recorded on Sept. 12th, bids fair, through the high local standing of its officers, to take a high place amongst Glasgow lodges. On Thursday, October 8th, the chair was taken at 7 p.m. by Bro. R. M'Dougal, R.W.M., G. Stark, D.M., and G. M'Naught, R.W.M., of 275, acting as S.W. Also present were Bros. Hunter, J.W.; T. Halley, Sec.; T. Best, S.D.; and R. Stevens, J.D. The lodge, having been duly opened, was raised to the second degree, when the R.W.M. requested Bro. G. W. Wheeler to work that as well as the third degree. One brother was then introduced and passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. The lodge was then raised, and the following thirteen Fellow Crafts were duly raised to the sublime degree of Master Masons—namely, Bro. John M'Dougal (brother of the R.W.M.), G. Bignall, D. Doig, W. Barclay, A. Carbell, W. M'Arthur, W. Graham, D. Knight, W. Mackie, R. Blyth, A. Campbell, R. Gourlay, and W. Morrison. There were a number of visitors present to witness and assist in the raising of so many Master Masons at once. The R.W.M., having reduced the lodge to the Apprentice Degree, Bro. G. Stark, D.M., in first rate style, initiated three gentlemen into the Order, and the lodge was closed after a vote of thanks to Bros. Wheeler and M'Naught for their assistance on this and former occasions. It was stated that there were still ten candidates on whose applications the lodge had voted, and weekly meetings would be held till they had all got their degrees. This proves that the lodge was a necessity at this part of the city.

GLASGOW.—*Royal Arch Chapter* 119, *Roslyn*—Held their installation meeting on Monday, October 6th, in St. Clair Hall, Comp. G. Thallon, Z., presiding. There was a numerous attendance of visitors, among whom we noticed Comps. Shield, of Manhun Chapter, New York; E. Humphris, Mass.; J. Evans, "Keystone" Chapter, Shanghai; J. Miller, Z. 50; J. Duthie, Z. 67; J. D. Humphries, Z.; G. Herron, H.; D. B. Flemming, J.; J. M. Oliver, S.E.; W. Thomas, T.; W. Robinson, 1st S. of 69; G. W. Wheeler, Z. 73; G. Macdonald, P.Z. 73, P.G.S.B.; and J. Balfour, P.Z. 73, P.G., 1st S.; Comp. Humphries on behalf of 69 asked to have a candidate exalted. This request was at once granted, and a Lodge of Mark Mas-

ters was opened, when, at the request of the Master, Bro. Wheeler conferred that degree on Bro. J. Glass Wrench; Bro. Balfour acting as S.D. A Lodge of Excellent Masters was then opened, and subsequently a Chapter, when Comp. Duthie conferred those degrees, Comp. Wheeler acting as 1st S. The elected officers of Chapter 119 were then presented by Comps. Wheeler and Malins to Comp. Duthie, Z. 67, who proceeded to install them as follows: G. Thallon, Z.; Wm. J. Hogg, H.; D. R. Gray, J.; George Fraser, S.E.; J. Black, R.W.M., St. Clair, 362, N.; Rob. Ledbitter, T.; J. Stevenson, 1st S.; J. Mathewson, 2nd; A. Rutherford, 3rd; and J. McMillan, Janitor. This concluded a lengthy evening's work. Comp. Humphries thanked the Chapter for allowing their candidates to be exalted, and Comp. Thallon thanked all the Z. and P.Z. for attending to assist in the ceremonies, and Comp. Duthie for acting as installing Z.

Chapter Glasgow, (50) met on Thursday, October 8th, when a lodge of Mark Masters was opened by the Z. Comps. J. Miller; McBell, S.W.; J. F. Mitchell, J.W.; J. Louttit, Secretary, when an English Arch Mason being desirous of joining, and not being in possession of the Mark and Excellent degrees, he was obligated and instructed in their secrets by Comp. Miller and his officers.

Chapter St. Rollox, (144) met on Friday, October 9th, J. Annard, Z., presiding, with R. Bell, P.Z. as J.; G. Wheeler, Z.B. as H.; J. McLeish, H. as 1st S.; J. Applead, 2nd S.; J. Booth, S.E.; Rowbottom, T. The S.E. was installed, and Comp. Wm. Gardiner, J., Chap. 50; Wm. Gunn, T., Chap. 122, and J. Gray, Chap. 87, were admitted as visiting members. Three Captains of the Vails were also appointed.

GLASGOW.—(*Royal Order of Scotland*)—The ancient order of H.R.M. of Kilwinning, and R.S.V.C.S., which dates its re-establishment from King Robert the Bruce, A.D. 1314, but whose meetings of late years have been like angel's visits, few and far between, held a special meeting in St. Mark's Hall on Monday, October 5th, 1874, in order to confer the degree on Bro. the Rev. D. Ace, D.D., Lodge 660, E.C., Provincial Grand Chaplain of Lincolnshire, who was in Glasgow, attending the Social Science Congress. Out of a number of aspirants for the honour of this ancient order, the following Glasgow brethren were selected to accompany him. But it is hoped that another convocation will shortly be held for the benefit of the other brethren who desire advancement to the privileges of this order. The present list comprised, Bros. A. McTaggart, D.M. 27, P.G.S.; George Sinclair, P.M., 27, P.G.B.T.; James Balfour, P.M., 332, P.G.D.C.; J. Fraser, P.M. 87, P.G.A.D.C.; and J. B. Hardie, P.G. Tyler, appointed as Sentinel in the place of the late James Pollock. The ceremonies were very ably performed by Bro. F. A. Barrow, D.P.G.M., of Glasgow, the P.G.M. of the Order, assisted by J. D. Porteous, D.P.G.M., acting as P.G.S.W., and Wm. Mather as P.G.J.W. The Convocation was then closed in due form.

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At a meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge,
 lately held at Landport, it was unanimously
 resolved that a Committee be appointed for the
 purpose of raising a fund, to provide a suitable
 memorial to our late deeply-lamented Bro.
 Stebbing.

In pursuance of the foregoing resolution, a
 meeting was held at Southampton, which was
 fully attended, when the following resolutions
 were unanimously adopted:—

"That the Lodges and Chapters of the
 Province and Freemasons generally be solicited
 to subscribe to a fund, to be appropriated as
 the Committee shall determine, for the benefit
 of the Widow of our late lamented Bro. J. R.
 Stebbing, whose circumstances at the time
 of his decease render this appeal absolutely
 necessary."

"That copies of these resolutions be
 forwarded to each Lodge and Chapter in the
 Province, inviting their co-operation, as well as
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"That a circular stating the circumstances
 also transmitted to all other Lodges and
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The name of the late Bro. J. R. Stebbing is
 well known in all Masonic circles that it
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 many and valuable services. For many years he
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Craft Masonry.

LODGE OF TRANQUILITY (No. 185).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Monday last, at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon Street, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. John Stable. The meeting was very fully attended, there being about sixty brethren present. Ceremonies of raising and initiation were only two which were on the paper of business and while for the former ceremony there but one candidate, for the latter there were six than five. Four of these last attended, Mr. Bush, the other candidate, was through obliged to deny himself the pleasure of entering the brotherhood on this occasion. James received at the hands of the W.M. initiation to the secrets of the Third Degree, was deeply impressed, as was also every brother in the lodge, with the masterly in which the ceremony was performed. It is delivered without hesitation and with all force which is essential to producing a proper impression on the candidate. In the same style also, with equally able assistance from the officers of the lodge, did the W.M. confer the secrets of the First Degree on Messrs. Isaac Magnin, Wm. Christie, John Barber, and Nicasio Emidgio Jorde, who by their readiness in answering questions and following the ritual, appeared to appreciate both the solemnity of the ceremony and the ability of the W.M. When this concluded the brethren proceeded to other business, and on the motion of Bro. Saul Solomon, P.M., seconded by Bro. Meyer Harris, offered their best thanks to Bro. Croker for having gratuitously renovated and restored the furniture of the lodge. The lodge unanimously agreed to present Bro. Croker with their thanks engrossed on vellum, and Bro. Croker, the W.M. had told him that he should on every occasion have the pleasure of saying something more to him on the subject, said he thanked the brethren very much for their kind words but what he had done was purely out of duty to the lodge. He thought the furniture of the lodge as if it wanted repairing, and he had thought if able to be of such small service, and the brethren would always find him ready to do anything that was in his power for the lodge. The Secretary of the lodge then read out of the subscriptions raised by the lodge during the year for the Masonic Institutions, which were £496 8s. 6d., and proposed that this list be entered in the minutes. Bro. Gluckstein seconded the motion, which was carried with cheers. Bro. Saul Solomon, P.M., said that the reason the lodge had been so successful in raising this amount was, that they were of Masonry, and had very insinuating manners. On account of his great popularity

among the brethren they had come forward so readily to support him. The sum of three guineas was then voted to a late brother of the lodge, who was in deep distress and very sad and wretched; and the brethren, as the Jewish brethren, to their honour be it said, always do, resolved to afford him additional voluntary pecuniary assistance. The W.M. afterwards alluded to a subject which was notified on the summons, that he intended submitting his manuscript history of the lodge to the brethren, with a view to its being published, and said that the lodge had been in existence for eighty-seven years, and there were consequently many facts in connection with its history which would be interesting to the brethren to know. He could not say that the work would present any great literary merits, but still other brethren had given the history of their lodges, and he, following in their footsteps, had endeavoured to pourtray, as far as he could, the past acts of their predecessors, many of whom they must revere. He then called upon the Secretary to read a short preface to the work which had been written by Bro. W. J. Hughan. The Secretary did so, and the brethren were put in possession of Bro. Hughan's opinion on the subject, which appeared to be, that all such histories are extremely valuable, and that all W.M.'s of lodges should contribute their quota towards such a fund of information. Notice was subsequently given of a motion to defray the expenses of printing and publishing the work out of the lodge funds, and the proceeds of its sale to be contributed to the Benevolent Fund of the lodge. This concluded the business in the lodge, which was immediately closed, and the brethren sat down to an exceedingly nice banquet, presided over by their W.M. At the conclusion of this repast, which was thoroughly enjoyed, the W.M. announced that it was his intention to cut his speeches short, for two reasons, in the first that they had several brethren in the room possessing a very large amount of musical talent, and in the second place that it was not in his nature to make long speeches. This announcement was received with cheers, and the W.M. immediately added, that his first toast was that of "The Queen" coupled with "The Craft." This toast was drunk with the usual enthusiasm, and without loss of time the W.M. rose to give the second toast. He told the brethren that at present Masons were without a Grand Master, but it would be invidious on his part were he to say anything in connection with the subject of the resignation of their late Grand Master, the Marquis of Ripon. He would therefore merely submit to them the toast of "The M.W.G.M. Designate, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," whose love for Freemasonry was such that it had endeared him to every member of the Craft. He was sure that if H.R.H. were spared to reign over Freemasons, as his predecessors the Dukes of Sussex and Kent, they would have occasion to rejoice in his accepting the office of Grand Master. This sentiment was greeted with cheers, and the W.M. gave the next, always popular, toast of "The Earl of Carnarvon, D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers." His love also for Freemasons and the Craft generally was of such a nature that all Masons must be glad of, and which should exist between one Mason and another. When the letter was read from the Marquis of Ripon in Grand Lodge announcing his retirement, there was immediately read a note from the Earl of Carnarvon, saying he had taken steps to prevent the office of Grand Master being vacant, thereby he exemplified to the Masonic Order generally, that they had nothing to fear at his hands. The W.M. added that he would couple the name of Bro. S. M. Lazarus, Past Prov. S.G.W. for Wilts, with this toast. Bro. S. M. Lazarus, in responding, said that while he was deeply indebted to the W.M. for the very high compliment he had paid him in coupling his name with this toast, he must remind him that although he (Bro. Lazarus) was not one of the Grand Officers, but only a first cousin to them, being only a Past Provincial Grand Officer. Of the Earl of Carnarvon, he must say, he was certain he would do everything he could to further the interests of the Order, and the whole of the Grand Officers were doing the same. Meet-

ing after meeting of the Masonic charities they were supporting them, and exerting themselves to the utmost to obtain the assistance of the lodges in the same course. In this they were successful, and it would be seen by looking at the lists that the Grand Officers were always foremost in bringing to the front the cause of the institutions. With regard to himself, he would only express his thanks to the W.M. and brethren for the very kind way in which he had been remembered. It was highly gratifying to him to come among the brethren, and in this Lodge of Tranquility especially so, as the large increase that had taken place in the number of its members, and in their quality, proved that the lodge was in the right track, and that with such Freemasons the Masonic Institutions would never ask in vain for assistance. The next toast, "The Initiates," was emphatically declared by the W.M. to be the toast of the evening, for without such accessions to the Order, they could do nothing. Bro. Lazarus had referred to the increase in the number of the lodge's members, and also to their high quality. He (the W.M.) hoped this course would continue, for an addition to their number would be nothing, unless the quality was also good. The brethren they had initiated that evening, he was proud to say, were of the best class, and by their known respectability and high social position, would reflect honour on the body which they had just joined. He trusted their future conduct would justify the brethren's confidence in them. Bro. Jauralde, who was the first to reply, said it was with some diffidence he undertook this task, but at the same time as the other brethren who had that evening gone with him through the ceremony of initiation had asked him to reply for them, he would give the first proof he had an opportunity of giving of displaying the brotherly feeling which had lately been inculcated. The flattering terms in which the W.M. had referred to the initiates filled him with greater diffidence than he should otherwise have felt. To him it was a great compliment that he should be allowed to join the Order, and enter such a distinguished lodge as the Lodge of Tranquility. For this he was extremely grateful, and not for himself only, but for his brother initiates also, he would say they would do their best to be good Masons. This would be proved by time. Loud calls being given for Bro. Christie, that brother also responded to the toast, and after expressing the same sentiments as Bro. Jauralde, said that respecting the compliment paid to the initiates by the W.M., in which he approved of the quality of the initiates, that if the W.M. did not grumble the initiates would not. He could only reiterate that he hoped the whole of the initiates would in a short time be as highly appreciated by their brethren in the lodge as the W.M. himself was. (Cheers.) The W.M. next gave "The Visitors," a body of brethren they were always glad to see, and who carried away from the lodge a recollection of pleasant associations. It was to them in a great measure they owed the high character the lodge bore. That evening they had the pleasure of having as a visitor a former member of the lodge, Bro. Martinis, who was raised to the 3rd degree at the same time as he (the W.M.) was raised. Since that time Bro. Martinis had traversed a considerable portion of the globe, but at his (the W.M.'s) solicitation he was among his old lodge that night. The lodge gave him a hearty welcome, and wished him prosperity and happiness on the journey he was resuming the following day. The next was Bro. Lazarus, whom they had had the pleasure of listening to; and the next, Bro. Massey, whom he would call on also to respond, because he should make this a double toast, by coupling with it "The Masonic Press," as he represented that excellent paper the *Freemason*. There was also Bro. Hill, the J.D. of 1228, Burdett Coutts Lodge, which associated itself with the objects of Freemasonry. Then there were Bro. Naperean, Bro. Frost, and Bro. Brodie, the last of whom was proposed by Bro. Gluckstein as a member of that lodge. Bro. Martinis, in acknowledging the toast, said that whereas the W.M. had, in his opening remarks that evening, given two reasons for making short speeches, there was yet another reason

that the good cheer they had partaken of rendered it impossible to make a long speech. However, it would not prevent him uttering his true sentiments that he was proud to be a Mason, when he found he was so appreciated in the Lodge of Tranquility. Four years ago he left England for the south of America. The Lodge of Tranquility had then but few members in comparison with its present number, and he thought that this was in no small measure due to the W.M., who at present filled King Solomon's chair. True, the W.M. was raised at the same time as he, but the W.M. had far outstripped him, and had gone on, while he (Bro. Martinis) was in the background. Unfortunately, in St. Thomas's and in the Southern Republics, while Masonry was carried out with great fervour and zeal in the lodges and the rooms were beautifully decorated, there was no peace, no "Tranquility" there, and therefore he, though a visitor to those lodges, had never belonged to them. They had heard a good deal that evening of the publication of the W.M.'s history of the Lodge of Tranquility, and he trusted that although he was going away the next day he would receive a copy of it. He thought all the members of the lodge should take one; as a past member he certainly should; but if he might be allowed to make a suggestion, he would say that he trusted that when it was recording the past of the lodge it would not neglect also to record the prosperity the lodge enjoyed under its present W.M., Bro. Massey replied for the *Freemason*. The W.M. next gave "The Tranquility Benevolent Fund," and called upon Bro. Saul Solomon, its treasurer, to respond. Bro. Saul Solomon said that after the many times the brethren had been put to the annoyance of hearing him—"No, no!"—return thanks on behalf of the Benevolent Fund, and upon all of which occasions he had assured them that he had been pleased and delighted at having his name associated with that fund, he was sure they would believe him when he told them that he was again honoured and pleased by their recognition of him in that character. It was true he was one of the oldest members of this lodge. His brother and he were initiated together twenty-three or twenty-four years ago in this lodge, and he had been a member of it ever since. He trusted also, as long as at all events he had means, he should still belong to it, and when he had not, he hoped they would admit him as an honorary member. With regard to this fund it was initiated by some members of the lodge who had closed long since their career in this world, both as regarded Masonry and every other matter with which they were connected; but he was certain that in their last moments it was a matter of solace and happiness to them that they had been the means of causing relief to be given to very many of the brethren in distress who had been from time to time associated with them round the festive board of this lodge. He was equally certain that the members of this lodge also enjoyed the like feeling by the fact which was patent to them all, that this fund had for its object the relief of those members who had in times of joy and harmony, conviviality and good fellowship, been associated with them. He was pleased to inform them that at the present moment the fund amounted to upwards of £600, and although they had no immediate notice of its being at all diminished, they could not tell from day to day, or from hour to hour, when the next call would be made upon it. The last one was only a few short months ago, when they were happy to have it in their power to give £100 to a member once among them, and they hoped it would be the means of restoring him, if not to the same position in which he had formerly stood, at least to a position of prosperity, comfort and happiness,—as near that position as possible. The subscriptions to the fund were limited entirely to members of the lodge; brethren who honoured the lodge with their presence as visitors are not allowed to subscribe, inasmuch as they had no chance of being at any time recipients of its benefits. He would appeal to the brethren who had just joined the Order for their support. Had it not been for this fund, many members of the lodge would have shrunk into absolute indigence, and never have shown

their faces to those whom they had known in their days of prosperity. He hoped in all sincerity, and he was sure he would be joined in that wish by every member present and every member of the Craft, that this lodge might continue to flourish and go on for ever; but he might safely say, that if this fund should fail, the Lodge of Tranquility would be extinguished with it. Therefore it was for every member of the lodge to keep the fund up, and he was sure that every member who had the interest of the lodge at heart would do so. The lodge and the Benevolent Fund ran together; that they might do so, he was sure was the paramount wish of every one of the members. The following subscriptions were then announced:—Bro. Bamberger, £1 1s.; Bro. Christie, (Initiate) £2 2s.; Bro. Magnin, (Initiate) £1 1s.; Bro. Jauralde, (Initiate) £1 1s. Bro. Moss, I.P.M. proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and referred to the excellent administration of the lodge's affairs, which had characterized his possession of the emblem of power. He was pleased to number the W.M. among his very intimate friends. He was likewise pleased to say that the W.M. had devoted much of his time to the lodge and to the Charities; but even this had not prevented him from giving a large share of his time to writing a history of the Lodge of Tranquility. It would give them all a vast amount of pleasure to render him the assistance he so richly deserved in the publication of that history. He (Bro. Moss) had not the power to dilate on the W.M.'s excellent qualities as they deserved, but he should call on the brethren to supply his deficiency by responding most cordially to his call. The W.M., after thanking the brethren, said there was an old adage, "What man has done man can do," and that he had endeavoured to follow. If he had succeeded at all to their wish he was indeed gratified. This course he intended pursuing, and he hoped still to obtain their hearty applause. He had the cause of the Tranquility Lodge at heart, otherwise he should not have acted as he had. He then proposed "The Health of the P.M.'s, Bros. Bloomfield, Holbrook, Harfeld, G. E. Moss, Nathan Moss, Saul Solomon, and Major Harris." Bro. Harris in a very few words replied; but Bro. Saul Solomon said that even the lateness of the hour would not prevent him saying that the P.M.'s should not let the opportunity go by of showing the members of the lodge their willingness to render assistance. He thought it right to say that he was pleased with the conduct of the W.M., and with the increase in the number of members of the lodge,—going on as it had it would be a crack lodge in the Craft, and with the help of the W.M. and his confederates, who sat around him in the shape of the officers of the lodge, they would by-and-by succeed, and this lodge would so ever retain the highest position on the roll of lodges. The W.M. next proposed the "Treasurer and Secretary," Bros. Peartree and Levy, who worked most harmoniously together, and without whom the lodge could not get on. In saying this he thought he combined everything which regarded the efficiency of the lodge. Bros. Peartree and Levy having responded, the W.M. gave "The Officers of the Lodge," and the S.W. having replied the brethren separated, after having spent a delightful evening.

BRADYFORD.—*Lodge of Hope* (No. 302).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 20th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Godwin-street. In the absence of the W.M. Bro. Manoh Rhodes, P.M., P. Prov. G.W. (the Mayor of Bradford) presided, surrounded by Bros. W. W. Barlow, I.P.M.; W. Ibbetson, P.M., P.P.G.D.; I. I. Shaepi, P.M., P.P.G.D.; Hen. Smith, P.M., Prov. G. Sec.; G. H. Taylor, P.M., P.P.G.D.; W. Bealand, P.M.; A. O. Mawson, P.M.; J. Ward, P.M. 1018; J. Aprons, P.M. 600; Thos. Riley, 601; C. Brook, P.M. 600; S. Barsdorf, P.M. 600; S. B. Walmesley, P.M. 974; John Ambler, P.M. 874; J. Bealand, P.M. 1018; J. Dewhirst, P.M. 1018; F. Rounfeldt, P.M. 1018; Geo. Alsing, Unanimity, 113; Ch. Fieldmann, Merchants, 241; and numerous other brethren, who spent a most pleasurable evening together, after the working in the lodge was over. We exceedingly regret that we are not able to

give a full report of the proceedings which had been prepared, but which, unfortunately, had been lost. Suffice it to say that His Worship, although it is many years since he has had to practice the Ritual, performed his task in a masterly manner, and the entire proceedings afforded much instruction and gratification to the brethren, who mustered in great force.

LEICESTER.—*John of Gaunt Lodge* (No. 323).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge took place on Thursday, Oct. 15th, at Freemasons' Hall, Leicester. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. S. S. Partridge, P.G. Sec., and amongst those present were Bros. F. J. Baines, J. A. Garnac, B. Smith, W. Scuthorpe, J. Johnson, and G. Toller, jun., Thos. C. Stretton, P.M. 279; R. Waite, P.M. 1391; Thorpe, S.W. and many others, including amongst the visitors Bros. Davies, 141, Bullen, &c., &c. Bro. Nicholson was passed to the degree of F.C. and Bros. J. and W. Church, having been approved on the ballot, were severally initiated into Masonry. The ceremonies were performed by the W.M. in a manner which left nothing to be desired, showing that the honourable reputation of the lodge for good working will not suffer under his rule. After supper the enjoyment of the evening was much enhanced by Bro. Nicholson's beautiful playing on the flute. We should not omit to mention that the J.D. Bro. Taylor, (now in America), had sent home for the lodge a series of very interesting photographic views of the New Masonic Temple in Philadelphia, U.S., and for which donation the thanks of the lodge were accorded.

HAVANT.—*Carnarvon Lodge* (No. 804).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Black Dog Inn, on Monday, the 6th inst., when there was a good attendance of the brethren, the W.M., Bro. J. Harrison, being well supported by his officers, there being only one unavoidable absentee, the I.G. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed; and we are pleased to say that the unanimous consent of the brethren is secured for removing the lodge to the Town Hall, that we hope by the new year to be in possession of the above building, which is a spacious one, with ante-rooms attached, and will supply a want which has long been required by the members of this lodge. The ballot box was then sent round for the election of Mr. C. U. Burr, which proved unanimous; the work of the evening consisted of two initiations, one passing, and one raising, the three ceremonies being ably performed by the W.M. The notice of motion given at the last lodge, of voting two guineas annually to the widow of a deceased brother of this province, was then briefly alluded to, and proposed by Bro. G. A. Gale, P.M. P.P.J.G.W., and seconded by Bro. Weeks, P.M., Treas., P.P.G.S.B. It was put for confirmation and carried unanimously. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet at the Dolphin Hotel, where Bro. Purnell, P.M., catered in his usual style.

MACDONALD LODGE (No. 1216).—The lodge met at the head-quarters of the First Surrey Rifles, at Camberwell, on the 5th inst., when there was a large attendance of members and visitors to support the new W.M., Bro. Messenger. Bro. G. Waterall occupied the S.W. chair in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Hassell. There were also present Bros. Newington, Bridges, the I.P.M.; and Past Masters James Stevens (W.M. 1426), and S. H. Wagstaff, M. S. Larham, J. W.; C. Hammond, S.D.; W. Carnell, J.D.; J. J. Curtis, Secretary; Joy, I.G.; W. Gray, Steward; E. Bowe, A. Youngman, N. J. Basnet, P. Clay, Day, T. Harper, G. Allen, H. Jarman, Bradley, H. Puckle, Dr. Eugene Cronin, J. Challoner, H. A. Ross, T. Wilkins, T. New, E. Clark, P.P.G.S.W., P.M., 1194, and John Oliver, 1328, J. H. Carter, 304, and Thomas, 1446. After the opening of the lodge and the confirmation of the minutes of the last meeting, a ballot was taken for the election of Bro. Herbert Puckle as re-joining member, which proving unanimous, that brother entered the lodge and was received with much cordiality. Bros. Fitzer and Jarman were severally raised to the third degree by the W.M. in an equally efficient manner as his predecessors. On

ng down of the lodge to the first degree, Dr. J. Cronin was presented with a handsome Past Treasurer's jewel in recognition of his valuable services. Bro. James eos, P.M., in conjunction with Bro. Bridges, I.P.M., brought forward a most deserving for assistance, and the lodge at once voted sum of £5 from their benevolent fund in aid of. The particulars of this case are so sad their truth is so thoroughly vouched for by two brothers above-named that we do not late to express the hope that contributions from our sources may be forthcoming, and that the et sought to be obtained of placing the ow of a most deserving brother in a position ure a respectable living will be ensured. Harper presided at the harmonium throughout the evening, and the lodge was closed with musical service.

WALTHAM NEW TOWN (HERTS).—*King old Lodge* (No. 1337).—The installation ting of this lodge was held at the Britannia el, Waltham New Town, Herts, on Tuesday October 20th. The lodge met at two o'clock, when the chair was taken by the W.M., J. K. King, supported by his officers, amongst those present were Bro. Chas. Lacey, I.P.G.J.D., Herts, W.M. elect; Bro. E. West, I.P.P.G.S.D.; Bro. James Terry, P.G.D.C.; Secretary Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; Bro. O. H. Wagner, W.M. 403, P.S.G.W. ts. Bro. Jas. Gaskell, P.M. 1076; Bro. gliston, W.M. 1421; Bro. Joseph Tydeman, M. 1437; Bro. J. J. Wilson, P.M., P.G.J.W. ex; Bro. E. Parker, P.M., P.P.G.P.; Bro. Parvy, P.M.; Bro. Williams, (*Freemason*) many others. After the confirmation of the notes of the preceding meeting and the sentation of the report of the Audit Committee, Bro. Charles Lacey was presented to West for installation, and, having taken the customary obligation, a board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Lacey was installed in the chair of K.S., and, after the brethren been re-admitted to the lodge, he was promoted and saluted in the usual manner. The talling Master gave the customary address in an admirable manner, and performed the ceremony in such a way that it will not soon be forgotten. The Director of Ceremonies, Bro. ry, discharged his duties in such an able manner that gives great credit to that distinguished brother. The new W.M. then appointed officers as follows:—S.W., Bro. W. Gilbert; I., Bro. T. Reilly; Treasurer, Bro. Barwick; Secretary, Bro. Malcolm; S.D., Bro. J. Tydeman; J.D., Bro. W. Holmes; I.G., Bro. W.M. l; D.C., Bro. J. Terry; Organist, Bro. W. hett; Tyler, Bro. W. Steedman. A vote of thanks was then presented to Bro. West, who, in returning thanks said:—I thank you very much for the kind manner in which you have received me this day. It gives me a deal of pleasure to be with you to day. I trust the new W.M. will live many years to rule over this lodge. I think he has this day attained a very high honour, for it is one of the highest a man can aspire to, again I thank you very much. I have now a very important duty to perform, it is to decorate the breast of our I.P.M., Bro. Young. It has been most satisfactory to see the brethren who have attended this lodge, to see them in the very able manner in which our brother carried out his duties. In placing it on your breast, Bro. Young, I trust you will live long to wear it, Bro. Young rose to return thanks and said, "I feel very much obliged to you, my dear Brethren all, I feel myself incompetent to thank you sufficiently for the kind way in which you have presented me with this jewel. You have, I am sure, amply rewarded me for my humble efforts in acting as W.M. of this lodge. I can scarcely express my feelings when I see that all the brethren are unanimous in responding. It has always been my wish to benefit this lodge. Again I thank you very much for the great pleasure to inform you all that our W.M. West has kindly consented to act as Steward of the lodge coming year to the Aged Freemasons' Benevolent Institution. The W.M.: I have a jewel in my hands, which I hold with great pleasure, it is for Bro. Barnes, who is now in Canada. He was appointed the second W.M. of this lodge, but for causes unknown to me left for a foreign country. I entrust it in the keeping of Bro. Young, who will forward it

on to Bro. Barnes. I am sure Bro. Barnes has all our good wishes, and he must feel gratified to know that he has our esteem after two years absence, and I trust he may wear it many years. Bro. Young responded for Bro. Barnes, promising to forward it on as soon as possible. The business being ended, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren afterwards re-assembled at the banqueting table, and sat down to a sumptuous repast, served by Bro. Sheldon. Bro. Lacey presided, supported by Bros. West, Major Young and others. On the removal of the cloth, the toasts were then proposed. Bro. Lacey in proposing the "Queen and the Craft," said the name of the Queen is always received by Masons with pleasure, and she has the good feeling of us all, therefore I ask you to drink "The Queen and the Craft." The toast was highly honoured. In proposing the health of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, P.M.W.G.M.," Bro. Lacey said: This toast is very gratifying to you all, as it is that of the Acting Grand Master H.R.H. His name is so frequently used in respect to his having accepted the office of G.M. It will be quite needless for me to repeat it to-night. It shows that he takes great interest in Masonry, and from the manner in which he has conducted the affairs of Masonry in the past bestows great credit on him, and has shown more than evidence that his heart and soul was in Masonry. I am sure he has now given us proof of it when he has come forward to fill the position he has now accepted, and I sincerely trust we shall see him installed in that high position. I therefore ask you to drink the health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, P.M.W.G.M. The toast was enthusiastically received. Bro. Lacey: I next give you "The Earl of Carnarvon and the rest of the Grand Officers." The Earl of Carnarvon has taken an earnest interest in the progress of Masonry. As D.G.M. he has discharged his duties in a most satisfactory manner, and has won the good feeling of every good Mason. With regard to the rest of the Grand Officers it is unnecessary for me to speak of them, you being well aware they have discharged their duties to the extreme satisfaction of all. The toast was drunk with high honours. Bro. Lacey: I have now pleasure in proposing the P.G.M. of Herts. This toast is one which we are more immediately concerned with. I remember Bro. Halsey was once spoken of as the coming man, and I am sure he has distinguished himself, and his appointment as P.G.M. must have given great satisfaction, as he has discharged his duties ably. I therefore ask you to drink the health of our worthy Bro. Halsey, M.P., P.G.M. of Herts. The toast was drunk with the highest honours. Bro. Lacey: I must propose the Deputy P.G.M. and the rest of the P.G. Officers. It gives me very great pleasure to propose the toast. We have our excellent Bro. Terry here, and I feel delighted to know that we have one of the Grand Officers who is holding a minor office in the King Harold Lodge. Our Bro. Parker, who is also the P.P.G.P., we have, who has ably distinguished himself, and I congratulate you all on having our Bro. Wagner, P.G.S.W., amongst us. I therefore ask you to drink the health of the P.G.M. and the rest of the P.G. Officers, and I couple with that toast the name of Bros. Wagner, West, Terry, and Parker. The toast was highly honoured. Bro. Wagner: I thank you very much for the honour you have given the P.G. Officers. The P.G.M., I know, wished to be present, but business has prevented. I heard him say he wished to be at every installation throughout the Province. Again I thank you. Bro. Young: I suppose when you hear the sound from this part you know it is to propose the health of our new W.M. I trust you will all respond to the toast I propose. He is respected highly by us all, and I am sure you will all give him your hearty support. I therefore ask you to drink heartily the health of our new W.M. The toast was drunk amidst loud cheering. Bro. Lacey, in returning thanks said: I thank you all sincerely for the kind compliment you have just paid me. I feel it is my bounden duty to do all that I can for Masonry, and I will do all that I can for the benefit of this lodge. I feel greatly indebted for the kindness I have received from you. Again permit me to thank you sincerely. Bro. Lacey: I next propose "The Visitors." It

is a great principle in Masonry to entertain those brethren who are visitors, and I trust you will give them all hearty good cheers. Bro. Wilson has had a number of honours conferred upon him, Dr. Mugliston I am quite pleased to see, and my Bro. Gaskell is well known to all of you. I therefore ask you to drink heartily the health of our distinguished brethren. The toast was enthusiastically drunk. Bro. Wilson in returning thanks spoke of the great hospitality that had been shown that day, and of the good working of the lodge, which working was everything that could be desired. Bro. Dr. Mugliston: I thank you all for the kind manner you have responded to the toast, I think when you visit a lodge you can learn something. I have to-day. The working of this day has been admirably done. Again I thank you. Bro. Gaskell thanked the brethren all in appropriate terms. Bro. Lacey: I now propose the "P.M.'s." This toast is one that comes home to us, for it is those brethren we have to look up to for the working of the lodge, and more especially to our I.P.M., Bro. Young. In him we have had one who has discharged his duties in a satisfactory manner, and has proved himself fully acquainted with the principles of the Order. Our Bro. West has distinguished himself this day. Bro. Parker has given great satisfaction in the lodge, and in proposing the health of these brethren I feel myself justified in mentioning Bro. Terry as a P.M. I therefore give you Bros. Terry, West, Levy and Parker. Bro. Young: As I.P.M., I tender you my sincere thanks. I thought at first my services were very imperfect, but the cordial manner in which my health has been drunk, makes me feel that my labour has been compensated. I thank you all. Bro. Parker: I can only reiterate the words first spoken by Bro. Young, and I am sorry our Bro. West has had to leave, for I think there is no P.M. more worthy than him. I thank you all sincerely. Bro. Terry on rising to respond to the toast said: I feel a great pleasure, and I feel proud to be invested with this blue collar, as Director of Ceremonies of the Harold Lodge, in the Province of Herts. After commenting on the progress of the lodge, Bro. Terry alluded to the charities, and felt proud to know that Bro. West would act as Steward to the Aged Freemasons' Benevolent Institution, and trusted the brethren would support Bro. West in the work he has undertaken to do. He said an act of self denial on your part will do much in the cause of charity. We have in our Boys' School 176 boys, who are educated so that they are able to undertake almost any situation. Then we have about 145 girls who are well cared for, and we have another asylum, were 220 men and women are receiving bounty in the decline of life. You must know that when it costs £26,000 per annum to support these unions, it is useless to go to sleep, but to bestir ourselves. You must make known the claims and merits of these Institutions. Do all that you can to contribute to this good work. After some other remarks on the merits of the lodge, he (Bro. Terry) again urged the brethren to do all they could for the charities. Bro. Peckham then gave "We meet upon the level and part upon the square." Bro. Lacey: I now propose "The Treasurer and Secretary." The toast being duly honoured, Bro. Malcolm thanked the W.M. and brethren all for their toast, and assured them it was a source of gratification to him to hold the office of Secretary. I delight to be a fellow worker with you, and I thank you on behalf of the Treasurer, who is absent. Again I thank you all, and trust I shall discharge my duties with satisfaction. Bro. Lacey: I now propose the "Officers of the Lodge." I am sure they will all discharge their duties faithfully and earnestly. The toast being honoured, the S.W., Bro. Gilbert, then thanked the brethren, trusting he would discharge his duties to the satisfaction of all, and felt determined to do his duty satisfactory to all connected with the lodge. The J.W., Bro. Reilly: I feel very grateful to the W.M. and brethren all for placing me in this place. I will do all in my power to support him and the officers as far as my humble duties will allow me. I thank you sincerely. The S.D., Bro. Tydeman, responded in suitable terms, promising to do the utmost to carry out the duties that were devolved upon him. The J.D., Bro. Holmes, thanked the

brethren all in appropriate terms. The Organist next responded, followed by the I.G., Bro. Saul. A vote of thanks was then presented to Bro. Sheldon and his wife for the able manner in which everything for the comfort of the brethren had been carried out. The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close, and the brethren separated after having spent a very happy evening.

KENNINGTON LODGE (No. 1381).—This young and prosperous lodge resumed its meetings, after the summer vacation, on the 6th inst., at the Surrey Club House, Kennington Oval. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Kock, assisted by Bro. Higgins, S.W.; Bro. Gardner, J.W.; Bro. Painter, S.D.; Bro. Hayward, J.D.; Bro. Reeves, I.G.; Bro. Stuart, Secretary; Bro. Page, P.M., Treasurer. Bro. Catchpole was raised to the sublime degree of M.M., and Messrs. Speedy, Poole, Cruse, W. Ellis, and W. A. Ellis duly initiated. The working was ably carried out by the W.M. A resolution was passed that a vote of condolence should be forwarded by the Secretary to the widow of Bro. Hales, a highly respected member of the lodge. The subject of forming a Benevolent Fund in connection with the lodge was brought forward by the W.M., but upon the motion of P.M. Mann the matter was postponed until next Monday. It was also unanimously agreed that a Lodge of Instruction should be held on Friday evenings, and that the Secretary should be directed to obtain permission for the same to be held at the Surrey Club House. The lodge was closed in due form and the brethren partook of a very excellent repast, catered for by Bro. Pope, P.M. The usual Royal and Masonic toasts were given, and the National Anthem and "God bless the Prince of Wales," sung by Bro. T. C. Walls, accompanied on the pianoforte by Bro. W. A. Ellis. The toast of "The Visiting Brothers" was duly honoured and ably responded to by the numerous visitors among whom were Bro. Ede, P.M. from the country, and Bro. Arnold, P.M. of the Strong Man Lodge. The initiates were toasted and each replied briefly for the honour accorded. Bros. Walls, Philpott, Webb, and Gardner contributed some vocal effusions and the proceedings, which were throughout of an agreeable nature, terminated at an early hour.

ATHENÆUM LODGE (No. 1491).—The fifth meeting of this flourishing young scion of the Craft, was held on Wednesday evening, the 7th inst., in the lodge room, situate within the handsome building in the Camden-road, Holloway, that gives its name to the lodge. The business being very heavy, was commenced by the W.M., Bro. Samuel Poynter, P.M., and Treasurer Burgoyne, No. 902, at a few minutes after five o'clock. No initiate's names appeared on the agenda, but no less than seven brethren, viz.—Bros. Bridgewater, No. 1150, Buckingham and Chandos (by special permission of Bro. Dobbswill of that lodge) Heaton, Hamer, Waterlow, Weiss, Shirley and Summey were raised to the sublime degree of a M.M., by the W.M. The ceremony in each instance was performed in its integrity, including the traditional history and the explanation of the tracing board. The effect was considerably enhanced by the solemn and dirge like tones of the harmonium, discoursing appropriate music, under the skilful touch of Bro. Thomas, of this and of the St. Clement Danes Lodge, No. 1351, Organist of St. George's, Tufnell Park, in the immediate vicinity, Inner Guard to the lodge. After a brief interval the W.M. resumed work, and passed to the second degree Bros. Dodds, Smiles and Wyman, after which numerous propositions for joining or initiation in this popular lodge brought the Masonic labours of the evening to a close, and the brethren proceeded to refreshment in the great hall of the building, where the W.M. presided over an elegant collation, and afterwards proposed the usual toasts, which were received with the greatest warmth and acclamation. Alluding to the recent "sensation" event in the Craft, the W.M. took occasion to observe that to his mind there was no reason for discouragement in the unhappy secession over which they must nevertheless mourn. Its real result was, on the contrary, eminently cheering when they beheld the dropped sceptre grasped again with no nerveless fingers, and when the challenge given by

their avowed foes had been readily and cheerfully accepted by "the Prince of all the land," in the stirring words of Campbell, "and the Prince of all the land led them on." These remarks appeared to elicit the cordial approbation of all the brethren. The toast of the "Grand Officers" was responded to by Bro. Joseph Smith, P.G.P., who took occasion to eulogise the constant attendance of the W.M., at the various Masonic boards of which he is a member, and spoke in warm terms of his (the W.M.'s) assiduous labour in every department of the Craft. Bro. Foster Green, P.M. No. 475, St. John the Baptist, Luton, and also a member of this lodge, who had ably officiated as Past Master in the preceding ceremonies, in proposing the health of "The W.M." glowingly panegyricised the working they had been privileged to behold that evening. The W.M. in responding, said that it was his ambition to do his Masonic work thoroughly, so that every brother who entered the Craft under his auspices might make himself master of its mysteries as a science, and be able at all times during his Masonic career to give a reason for the faith that is in him. Bro. Brown, P.M. Neptune No. 22, in responding to the toast of the "Visitors," spoke in high terms of the working, and took occasion to endorse the W.M.'s remarks on the recent remarkable occurrence. The proceedings at the social board were enlivened by several songs and recitations, admirably given by some of the brethren, while the able performance of Bro. Thomas at the pianoforte contributed another element to the enjoyment of a thoroughly successful and agreeable meeting. The brethren separated at about eleven in perfect harmony. The next meeting will, D.V., be held on the first Wednesday in November, when there appears every prospect of the W.M. being called upon to perform all three ceremonies. Among the visitors present, in addition to those already named, we observed Bro. the Rev. O. J. S. Perrett, M.A., Head Master of the Boys' School, and Bros. Thompson, (Maybury) No. 969, Zambia, Marsh Ray, Bullen (Buckingham and Chandos) No. 1150, Emanuel, and several others.

Mark Masonry.

LANCASTER.—County Palatine Lodge (No. 156).—The members of the County Palatine of Lancaster Lodge held their annual meeting at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, on Monday evening last. This lodge, which was constituted two years ago by our R.W.P.G.M.M.M., Bro. William Romaine Callender, M.P., for Provincial Officers only, with the object of bringing the leading brethren of Lancashire, Yorkshire, and Cheshire into closer communion, has been wonderfully successful. At this meeting the ceremony of installing the W.M. elect, Bro. Richard Newhouse, Prov. Grand Secretary for Cheshire and North Wales, was gone through, and most beautifully rendered by Bro. J. Gibb Smith, P.G.J.W., after which the W.M. appointed and invested the following officers:—Bros. John Chadwick, P.G. Sec., I.P.M.; Wm. Ormrod Walker, P.P.G.M.O. and P.G.D., S.W.; W. H. Prince, P.P.G.S.D. and P.G.D., J.W.; George Mellor, P.P.G.S.W. and G.S.O., M.O.; William Roberts, P.P.G.S.D., S.O.; Robert Butterworth, P.P.G.D.C., J.O.; John Duffield, P.G.T., Secretary and Treasurer; and other business transacted, the lodge was closed at 5.30.

Red Cross of Constantine.

LEICESTER.—Byzantine Conclave (No. 44).—The regular assembly of this flourishing conclave took place at Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on Monday, October 12th, when there were present Sir Knts. C. Stretton, M.P.S.; W. Kelly, Int. Gen.; G. Toller, jun., G. Councilor; S. S. Partridge, K.G.C., and Rev. W. Langley, P. Sov.; Dr. Hunt and J. C. Duncombe, V.E.s, and several other officers and members. From various causes none of the five candidates on the summons were able to be present. The Mount Hermon Sanctuary of K.H.S. was therefore opened under the Int. Gen. as P. Pr., and Sir Knt. J. Tomlin was duly installed as a Knight of the Order. Owing

to want of time it was found necessary to postpone the working of the Degree of St. John. The conclave having been resumed and the formal business disposed of, an adjournment to the banquet took place, and a very pleasant evening was spent, under the presidency of the M.P.S.

Scotland.

GLASGOW.

SCOTIA LODGE (No. 178) held their monthly meeting in the Hall, 170, Buchanan Street, on Wednesday, Oct. 14th, Bro. John Miller, R.W.M., presiding, Bro. J. Mathison, I.P.M. as S.W.; Bro. Laught, J.W.; Bro. J. Reafer, Sec. The lodge having been duly opened, and Bros. Gilmour and Miller being duly qualified Fellow Crafts to be raised to the sublime Degree, Bro. Joseph Singleton, P.M., officiated in raising them to the degree of Master Mason. There was a large attendance of members, with a good many visiting brethren.

LODGE STAR (No. 219) held their regular meeting on Monday, Oct. 12th. In consequence of the R.W.M. attending the Funeral Lodge at Edinburgh, the chair was taken by Bro. Alston, D.M., the Wardens being in their proper places. There was one candidate for initiation, and Bro. Bain, P.M. 103, performed the ceremony in his usual precise and careful style. The R.W.M., Bro. J. Wilson, returned from Edinburgh at 10 o'clock to close the lodge.

ST. ANDREW'S LODGE (No. 465) met in their own Hall at Garngad-road on Thursday, Oct. 15th, the R.W.M., D. Reid, in the chair, J. McLeish, D.M.; Bro. Clark, S.W.; J. Young, J.W. There were two initiations, one passing and one raising, all of which were performed to the R.W.M. in excellent style.

LODGE ATHOL (No. 413) held their Quarterly Harmony Meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 13, at St. Mark's Hall, Bro. John Wallace, R.W.M., in the chair. Jas. Leuttig, S.W.; Wm. Neilson, J.W.; C. McKenzie, S.D.; J. Dunn, Sec.; Agnew, T.; and a large attendance of visitors, as well as members. The lodge having been opened, there being one candidate in attendance, Bro. Wm. Dolby, P.M., of St. Clair 362, initiated him in first-class style. The lodge was then placed under the care of the J.W., and two very happy hours were spent in harmony, to which Bro. Miller, the I.P.M. of the lodge, and P.G.D.M., with an efficient choir, materially contributed. There was a large deputation from St. John's present, and that lodge being proposed, Bro. Nelson, D.M., returned thank. The S.W. gave Bro. Dobbie, who had so kindly initiated their candidate. Bro. Dobbie suitably acknowledged the compliment. Bro. Fletcher, R.W.M. of St. John's, replied for the visitors. The Master gave "The Initiate," who replied a few terse sentences expressive of the pleasure felt, not only at his initiation, but in this festivity. Bro. Wm. Bell, D.M., proposed R.W.M., and Bro. Lamb, S.W. 360, proposed the health of those who had given the harmony of the evening. A Brother replied stating he was the oldest member of the lodge but he was very glad to be still able to contribute his mite towards their enjoyment. The Master then gave the final toast, after which he proceeded to close the lodge, all having been pleased with the evening's entertainment.

LODGE COMMERCIAL (No. 360) held an election meeting in their own hall, on Friday, Oct. 16th. The R.W.M., Dr. A. Morton, had declined to accede to the wish of the lodge to hold the chair for another year, and having nominated his Depute Master, to whose executive working he had been much indebted during his own term of office, Bro. John Munro was unanimously elected as the R.W.M. for the ensuing year, each of the other nominees was unanimous, and the following were declared to be elected as the officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. J. Munro, R.W.M.; Dr. A. Morton, I.P.M.; D. Lamb, D.M.; John Ure, S.W.; Jas. M. Oliver, S.W.; Jas. Craig, J.W.; Failay, Treas.; W. H. Bickerton, Sec.; Sloan, B.B.; Jas. McCosh, D.C.; and R. Brodie, D. of M. The officers of S.D., J.D. and Chaplain were left open for the next meeting. The lodges were then closed.

T. ANDREW'S CHAPTER (No. 69), held their 11thly meeting on Tuesday 13th, T. D. Humphries, Dr. Ph., Z., presiding, assisted by Wm. Wheeler, Z. of 73, as H.; D. B. King, J.; J. M. Oliver, S.E.; Wm. Thomas, S.; J. Blackwood, 1st Sec. At the request of the officers of Chapter 73, Comp. Jas. Gour, P.Z. 73, and P.G. 1st S., installed Wm. J. Tweed as H. of 73, as he was unable to be present on the installation night. The officers then presented their report, showing the funds were in a healthy state. A vote of thanks was then moved to Dr. T. D. Humphries, for having advanced a considerable sum, many years ago, to the chapter, to supply it with a lamp, and for having let it remain over till the present time. The 1st Principal Z., in acknowledging the kindness of the companions, said he had only been carrying out his Masonic duties and fulfilling the scriptural injunction "to be naked," for that was literally their position at the time when he took the chair; he had never asked them for repayment, as glorying to think that under his reign he was in a position to offer it. The chapter then closed in due form.

PALÆOLOGUS.

There are some topics so fairly embarrassing that one does not well know how to approach them in the ordinary style of proper composition. Who could Palæologus of Turin have been? Perhaps some cousin of the Army, in whose pretensions were so embarrassed at the War Office, where the study of Palæology has never been much encouraged, or some long-expected Barbadian, or some grim "undreamt of" for the last two hundred years from the depths of a Cornish mine; or the dark insinuation of the *Daily News*, a prudent conjecture of the "matronly" *Telegraph*; or merely the weird shadow that crosses the flowery path of the *Telegraph*; or the one that perched on its wires in the night, and caused the vibration which we read that leader from his Byzantine... these conjectures are entirely unnecessary. We have not far to go in order to find the identity of the personage whose name is used in Turin has created so great a stir, caused such a flutter amongst our societies, and produced such a diversity of opinion. In fine, Prince John Anthony Palæologus was simply the only and legitimate son of his Royal Highness the Francis Ducas-Palæologus-Rhodocanakis, of the Byzantine House of Ducas. The name was for many years known as Prince Francis, and his adopted [11 Feb., 1869] name, Maria Mailet, assumed in consequence the same name, to which was afterwards added the name of the renowned Palæologus—a noble that fell with their people and empire, and the overt hostility of the Papacy, sacrificed an independent Christian power to the overbearing jealousy, and preferred the of the infidel to the cross which did not usurp authority. The miserable result is daily brought before us of Christendom, until Turkey, an empire in Europe, is now only known by her name and her loans, each reacting on the other while we consider the vicissitudes of the descendants of the great Byzantine as interesting subjects for archaeological investigation. We scramble with avidity to prop up the crumbling edifice, "the sick man," and the splendid country to be possessed entirely by the "sick man and gross in nature." But the decree of fate or Providence are infallible, and though long delayed the moment must come when this "abomination of desolation" must be removed into Asia Minor, and the scandal of the East for ever removed. It is only a time may come when the liberal Protestantism will be adopted by the tolerant Greek Church, and a federation of the Greek States made possible, if not a re-union of the Empire of the Palæologus. The ideas of this writer appear to be in the forbidden domain of politics.—[Ed.]

UNITED ORDERS OF THE TEMPLE AND MALTA.

The following circular has been forwarded to us:—
In respect to the memory of the late Grand Prior of Ireland, Sir Knight His Grace the Duke of Leinster, who departed this life on the 10th of October inst., all Knights meeting in their Preceptories, Great Priories, or Convent General, are requested to wear mourning for the space of three months.
The Arch-Chancellor of the Order has directed that the Knights of the United Orders should be apprised that in consequence of the very recent death of the late Grand Prior of Ireland, the banquet intended to be given after the meeting of the Convent General on 30th October instant will not take place. The Arch-Chancellor trusts that the good feeling of the brethren of the Order will excuse and approve the step which he has thus felt bound to take in the absence of his Royal Highness the Grand Master.
By Order, J. LAMBERT SIM, Sub-Marshal.
London, Oct., 1874.

LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The Lodge of Benevolence met on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Joshua Nunn, Senior Vice President as President; Bro. James Brett, Junior Vice President, as Senior Vice President, and Bro. John Savage as Junior Vice President. There were also present Bros. John Boyd, Joseph Smith, F. Binckes, C. A. Cotterbrune, T. Bartlett, W. Mann, E. Gotthiel, J. Willing, W. Smith, Herbert Dicketts, T. Bull, Thos. Cubitt, Levy, F. Kent, W. Stephens, G. Godson, C. Atkins, H. Massey (*Freemason*), B. H. Swallow, T. Scott, A. A. Pendlebury, Thomas R. Darke, W. Waghorn, John Hervey, G. Secretary, H. G. Buss. The grants of last meeting, amounting to £195, were confirmed, and new grants were made to the extent of £535. The brethren then adjourned.

THE EASTERN STAR.

The report of the inauguration of the "Victoria Chapter, No. 1," which appeared in the *Freemason* of 10th October, contains statements to the effect, that this chapter is the first that has been established in Great Britain; and that its Patron is the first-appointed Patron of the Order in Scotland. This is incorrect. The Order of the Eastern Star was introduced into Scotland by the late Capt. Thompson Wilson, of London, Canada, in 1861, acting under special powers granted him by the then head of the Order, Bro. Dr. Rob Morris, Past Grand Master of Kentucky, who is expected to visit this country early in January next. Captain Wilson having conferred the degree upon several brethren belonging to the Ayr lodges, and a number of ladies, he appointed Major Charles Edmund Thornton, then Commander of the Ayr Priory of Knights Templar, as Grand Superintendent of the Order in Scotland, and at the same time commissioned some half dozen Patrons to aid in spreading the degree throughout the country. These appointments were afterwards confirmed by the Grand Patron, Dr. Morris, who forwarded several copies of the ritual, instructions for forming chapters, etc.; and on Major Thornton's subsequent removal to England, Dr. Morris named a Depute Grand Patron. An Ayr Chapter was formed, and many brethren and females possessing the necessary qualification were initiated. From a disinclination on the part of the Depute Grand Patron to devote time to the working of the Order, this chapter has for several years been in abeyance. Seeing, however, that the Glasgow Chapter styles itself "No. 1," the Ayr Chapter, should it revive, may, like Mother Kilwinning, find it convenient to take "No. 0."
In noticing the introduction of the Eastern Star into Scotland by Capt. Wilson, the *Freemason's Magazine* (London, Nov. 16th, 1861) adds "We trust that the nonsense will not be allowed to extend to England—though we have heard of the degree being conferred in Fleet-street."
D. MURRAY LYON.

Masonic Tidings.

Bro. Hughan's interesting work will, we are informed, appear next week. Bro. Hughan has been too busy to send circulars.
The "Masonic Magazine" of August, September, and October, 1873, being out of print, copies will be thankfully received by the publisher, at 198, Fleet-street, London.
The "Cosmopolitan Calendar" is now ready, price 2s., post free, 2s. 2d. To America, post free, 2s. 6d. We shall call attention to it next week.
The installation ceremony will be worked by Bro. Beckett, P.M., at the Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, on Monday next, the 24th inst., at the Crown Tavern, Clerkenwell-green.
The Fifteen Sections will be worked at the Confidence Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, Cannon-street, E.C., on Wednesday, October 28th, at 6.30 p.m., by Bro. G. Gotthel, P.M., W.M.
The Fifteen Sections will be worked on Thursday, November 19th, 7 p.m., at the Salisbury Lodge, King's Head Tavern, Compton-street, Soho, by the St. James's Union Lodge, presided over by Bro. Stacey, P.M., 18°.

IRELAND.—No appointment has yet been made to the Masonic Grand Mastership, and it is understood that Bro. Shekleton will discharge the duties during the interregnum.
It is stated in Masonic circles in Ireland that the Duke of Connaught cannot accept, nor, indeed, be asked to accept, the office of Grand Master of the Freemasons in Ireland, as he does not belong to an Irish lodge; and the Duke of Abercorn, it is said, is barred from the office by reason of the political appointment which he holds. The Marquis of Headford's name is mentioned for the vacant post.

We have much pleasure in drawing the attention of our readers to a very valuable improvement in lamps, patented by Messrs. Dietz and Co., of Carter-lane, St. Paul's, and from a recent visit which we paid to their extensive warehouses and show rooms, we were perfectly convinced of their superiority over any other lamps that have come under our notice. Amongst the several which were submitted to our inspection we can give our cordial approval to that termed the "Paragon." The improvements chiefly consist in so introducing the currents of cold air that, after passing through a triple series of small openings in the air chamber which surrounds the wick holder, they are impinged upon the flame in a partially heated state, the result being that the oxygen of the atmosphere, and the carbon of the oil are burnt together, producing an intense white flame. The combustion being so perfect, there is no evolution of superfluous products of carbon or noxious gases, in fact, neither smoke, smell or danger, and we are informed it consumes one third less than most of the other lamps which are prominently brought before the public, is perfectly applicable for all kinds of lighting, and the Paragon burner being made in four sizes, is adapted to all wants and requirements, whether in small hand lamps, or highly ornamented table lamps, chandeliers, &c. It is also used in their new heating stoves for greenhouses and miniature kitchens, which will cook a chop or boil a kettle in a few minutes at a cost of less than a farthing. Another article of their manufacture, the "Hurricane Lamp," is so very ingenious that it is perfectly inextinguishable in the wildest gale, is quite air tight, and oil tight, can be tossed about in any direction without extinguishing the light, and for outdoor purposes cannot be surpassed.

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EXCELLENT KEY.—Your letter cannot be printed, owing to the resolution arrived at with reference to such a discussion. See second leader.

The following stand over—Letters from "Progress," "The Wife of an Apprentice," R.F.A., "Another Countess P.M." Report of Lodge 1101, Reading; 1331, Address

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1874.

THE "CHURCH HERALD."

Our contemporary, the *Church Herald*, in its impression of the 14th inst., gravely informs its readers that it had recently inserted an article on Freemasonry, which has "received," it adds, "we know, very great attention." (See p. 59.) There are always a good many people in the world who are pleased with small things, and grateful for small blessings. Our contemporary is evidently endowed with one of those happy dispositions, and we both admire and envy the possession of such contented equanimity. Indeed, he so much resembles the person who once told his friend that he had had the privilege of being addressed by "Le Grand Monarque." "Why were his words?" inquired his friend. "Well, he said to me when he saw me, get out my way, you dirty rascal!" We are always reluctant to disturb any one's self-satisfaction, or to deprive him of any pleasure arising from the facile exercise of self-laudation. But we fear that if any attention has really been paid

any one to that recent and memorable article in the *Church Herald*, in re Freemasonry, it arises from another cause, and not from either approval or sympathy with its tone and arguments. It is just possible that in its merely sensational utterances it may have attracted a moment's attention, but when we have said that, we have said all. It would, indeed, constitute, in our humble opinion, a very great reflection both on the intellect, and good feeling, and common sense of the readers of the *Church Herald*, lay or clerical, could we for a moment believe that they were really in any way affected by one of the most vulgar and worthless diatribes against our noblest Order that we have ever had the misfortune to peruse. To say nothing of the childish perversity which to-day repeats the same strictures of last century, we find, alas! the "animus mendacii" most strongly represented in that article from first to last. And not only this, but how can we fitly characterize those blushing falsehoods—we might even term, in our good old Saxon vernacular, "lies"—with which that silly writer closes his attack on Freemasonry? All we can say is, that we do not ar such insinuations, or regard such incriminations in the slightest degree, for our belief is most strongly that, in respect of Freemasonry, as of many other things in this world, magna est veritas et praevalabit." We shall, therefore take no more notice of our contemporary, but relegate him to the glories of those feeble forcibles—"so many now-a-days—who we adopted for their controversial efforts that into which so well always represents both their wish and anxiety for truth "aut inveniam, aut diam." Of such assailants, Freemasonry has no dread, and to such slanderers it cares not to make any reply, leaving both its professions and practice, in all humble confidence, to the consideration and approval of the fair, the thoughtful, and the tolerant. Our contemporary, *Church Herald*, prints the speech of an able member of ours, (Bro. J. C. Parkinson), recently delivered by him to the Provincial Grand Lodge Warwickshire, and states that the "outcome" is simply is, "our readers can need nothing other than the above to show that no Christian, whether a Catholic, can possibly have anything to do with such an organisation," and that "its title has been too faithfully painted by one's own official lights." We are not content in defending all that Bro. Parkinson said, firstly, because he is quite able, if need be to defend himself, and secondly, because we wish that we do not quite take his view as regards the Roman Catholic position in respect of Freemasonry. We think that the less is said of the Roman Catholic Church, quæ the Roman Catholic Church, the better, except purely by way of defence, as Freemasonry knows nothing of the peculiar doctrines or religious position of any denominational Church. Freemasonry ignores alike all questions affecting religion dogmas, or political principles. But we quite agree with Bro. Parkinson in his lucid explanation and seasonable mention of the Universality of Freemasonry, and thank him for defending what the *Church Herald* so loudly condemns, inasmuch as that Universal principle of reception and to-

leration constitutes, in our humble opinion, the greatness, and the utility, and the glory of Freemasonry.

A FEW WORDS OF CAUTION.

We have published lately several letters relative to Lord Ripon's secession to the Church of Rome, and also one or two, especially last week, which seem to have a tendency to evoke a purely religious controversy. We therefore have come to the conclusion not to allow in our pages the appearance of any more similar letters, whether in tone or substance, either as regards Lord Ripon, or the Roman Catholic Church. We are of opinion that the best way of treating Lord Ripon's resignation is by a respectful silence, though we may feel heartily sorry for our noble brother. Freemasonry is not a controversial institution, and we have no right to allow a spirit of sectarian bitterness to be imported into our peaceful fraternity, or to appear in the columns of the only Masonic journal. As Freemasons, we have nothing to do with the special opinions or doctrines held by any religious body whatever, perse, except when, as lately, we are unwarrantably attacked and insulted, and then we have a right to state, clearly and temperately, how ignorant of our true principles are all such assailants, and how worthless and unfounded are all such attacks. But, as our readers will note, some of the recent letters speak of the Church of Rome from a purely religious point of view, or from political considerations, with which we have equally, as Freemasons, nothing to do. Having allowed, then, such discussion to proceed, as far as we thought it could with safety do, we now beg to decline to insert any more letters on the subject, on either side, and to call the attention of our many readers to the fact that we in no way profess to agree with, or to be responsible for the personal opinion and idiosyncracies of our various correspondents.

"VERBUM SAT SAPIENTI."

With reference to the letter under this signature, which appeared in our columns on the 3rd October, we think it to be our duty to state to-day that we are fully satisfied that the assertions and insinuations made in it were and are utterly untrue. We much regret that by an oversight we allowed the letter to appear in our pages at all, as we have no intention of permitting the *Freemason* to be used for the purpose of propagating slander against any brother.

Original Correspondence.

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

ORDERS OF THE TEMPLE AND MALTA.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Does not Sir Knt. W. Davies misapprehend the position and status of a Preceptor under the new regime. As I read the statutes a Knight once installed a Preceptor is ever after a Preceptor, so long as he continues to subscribe to a preceptory, and is so qualified to attend, speak and vote in Convent General and Great

Priory, (see Statutes of Convent, p. 12, and Statutes of Great Priory, p. 8. par. 3.) Under these statutes there are no Past Preceptors. There must be a new title, that of Presiding Preceptor, to denote the actual head of the Preceptory, and notwithstanding the statutes of Great Priory, p. 43, Article 110, those who, under the old customs, would have been Past Commanders must be styled Preceptors only.

With regard to Sir Knt. J. H. Woodworth's complaint. I contend that a Knight, who is a past officer under the old regime, is not, in the "proper costume of his rank in the order," as laid down by Article 94, English Great Priory statutes, 73 Irish, unless the statute of the Convent General is complied with, and he wears "the insignia which" he was entitled to wear before the "making of those statutes" (see statutes of Convent General, p. 19, Article, Rank, and Precedence, last par., p. 20), and that a Knight so clothed cannot be excluded from Convent General or Great Priory.

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To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The complaint of your correspondent, "W. Davies, Preceptor," in your last issue is, I think, so far as it relates to his status in the Order, under a misapprehension. It is not easy to see the hardships which he appears to feel so strongly. Having been (I will assume) regularly elected and installed as Preceptor, so long as he is a subscribing member of any registered Preceptory he will take rank as a Preceptor, and be a member of the Great Priory (see Statutes of Great Priory, No. 3). In fact he will enjoy all the privileges he had under the old Statutes. The only difference made by the new Statutes of the Convent General and Great Priory in his case appears to be, that whereas he was instituted "Knight Commander," that title is now taken away from him and appropriated to a select body of Knights of the rank of Preceptors, whom the Grand Master may nominate to that honour. This being so it is difficult to understand what is meant by the assertion that "this office [Preceptor] does not carry past rank." I trust this explanation will tend to restore comfort and peace of mind to your correspondent.

Yours fraternally,

J. C. G. L.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Herewith I hand you extracts from the Statutes, and shall be glad if you will give the same a place in the *Freemason* of Saturday next, and at the same time give us your opinion thereon, and also answer the following questions; for when those in authority, who ought to know, differ as to the intent and effect of the Statutes, there is some excuse for the uninstructed asking the question:

Statutes of Convent General, page 11, reads, "All Great Priors, Great Officers, Sub Priors, Provincial Priors, National Great Officers, Grand Crosses, Commanders, and Preceptors, shall be qualified to attend, speak, and vote in the Convent General." Again at page 12, "A Preceptor shall be taken to mean, a Knight who shall have been duly installed to preside over a lawfully constituted Preceptory, and is on the roll of a lawfully constituted working Preceptory; and again at page 19, "In consideration of the introduction of the Dignities of Knights Grand Cross and Commander, no person in future, having served a dignified office, shall claim or receive any rank or precedence in virtue thereof, after having ceased to hold his office; and no status analogous to that heretofore designated as Past Rank shall be recognised nor allowed, nor any insignia thereof borne." From the above it is quite clear that past rank is entirely abolished; but, what follows, with some Sir Knights completely upsets the above construction. Great Priory Statute, page 8, sec. 3, reads: "Every Knight regularly elected and installed Preceptor of a Preceptory, registered under the Convent General shall, so long as he

is a subscribing member to any Preceptory registered under the Great Priory of England and Wales, rank as a Preceptor and be a member of the Great Priory." By this it would appear that he virtually has past rank, retains his membership of, and has a right to vote on all matters in, the Great Priory.

The questions I wish to ask are,—1st, can any or all of the officers referred to claim to add "past" to the office they have held, or take part in the proceedings of, and vote on any and all questions submitted to, the Convent General and Great Priory? 2nd, Can Sir Knights who have served the office of Preceptor and obtained a diploma to that effect claim to attend, speak, and vote in the Convent General or Great Priory after he has retired from that office? As I have already stated, there is a difference of opinion on the question amongst those who are expected to know what is or was intended by the framers of the Statutes,

W. A.

IS THE POPE A MASON?

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Could you or any of your readers inform me, through the medium of the *Freemason*, if it is correct that the present Pope was in his youth initiated into the Craft, and where.

Yours fraternally,
JUNIOR WARDEN.

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

A discussion has arisen between some eminent members of this club, as to whether the Pope was a Freemason and priest at the same time.

I suggested a reference to you on the subject. Would you kindly send me what particulars you can on the subject, and oblige.

Yours fraternally,
C. A.

[In answer to these letters, we beg to say that it is averred by some of the Italian Freemasons that the Pope, when a young man, was initiated into Freemasonry in a lodge in Italy. But we are not aware of any actual or trustworthy evidence on the subject. Some Italian lodges profess to believe this statement, and have, on the faith of it, passed sentence of expulsion.—Ed.]

ROYAL VISIT TO PLYMOUTH.

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Referring to the numerous letters constantly, week after week, appearing in your columns, and your editorial remarks thereon, I beg as a brother to state, I can vouch that there are "many precedents of non-commissioned officer brethren appearing in uniform, with Masonic clothing" in England, and especially in India. I have marched with dozens of non-commissioned officers in their uniform with the usual Masonic badges of this Order, and felt proud of so doing. As to the case being "referred to the Duke of Cambridge for his approval," he is not only the "soldier's friend," but especially is cognisant that the Queen's Regulation does not bring the Order of Masonry under the head of political meetings or discussions, which Masonry at all times forbids, as you are aware. Whatever led to the cause of the Committee of Management debaring the members (military) attending in the procession at Plymouth is inexcusable, and the Order demands an ample apology, or we are not brother Masons. Is it not another little hole for our enemies the Roman Catholics to injure our good and religious reputation?

Yours fraternally,

K. R. C.

York, October 13th, 1874.

ROYAL PATRONAGE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In reply to your correspondent "Reviresco" in your last issue, I beg to state that the *Masonic News* is under the distinguished patronage of the following princes and noblemen:—Bro. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Bro. His Royal Highness Prince Arthur, Sir Michael Shaw Stewart, Grand Master Mason of Scotland, Lord Rosslyn, Past Grand Master of Scotland, Lord Ripon, Grand Master Mason of England, &c.

The proprietor of the *Masonic Record of Western India* has simply misplaced my advertisements, which mistake I immediately corrected.

I am, Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

JOHN BASSETT.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

From Italy as well as from Buenos Ayres I have received letters, complaining that for a long time they have received no *Freemason* newspapers. Be kind enough to look into it.

St. James's Union Lodge, 18c, has opened the season the 13th inst. with *éclat* and success, and attended by over 85 brethren, amongst whom many distinguished visitors and the V.W. Bro. Hervey, Grand Sec. Two brethren have been initiated in the mysteries of the noble Order; the ceremonies of Third and First Degree have been performed by

Yours fraternally,

A. GALLICO.

[We are informed in the office that the *Freemason* has been duly posted to our one subscriber in Buenos Ayres, and to our two or three subscribers in Italy.—Ed.]

FUNERAL OF BRO. DENIS MOORE.

The funeral of the late much-respected Town Clerk of Exeter, Bro. W. Denis Moore, took place at the New Cemetery on Saturday, and was accompanied by a somewhat imposing demonstration of public respect. Most of the shops in the principal streets were partially closed, and the funeral was attended by the Mayor and Corporation, in mourning state, and by the Freemasons, amongst whom the deceased gentleman at one time held the distinguished office of Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Devon, whilst the local volunteers decided also to pay a last tribute of respect to one of whose body the deceased may be said to be the originator, and amongst whom, until a recent date, he held the rank of Major. The funeral *cortège* left the deceased's residence, Portland Villa, Pennsylvania, soon after eleven, and the Mayor and Corporation, the Freemasons, and the Volunteers having previously assembled at the Guildhall, the Royal Public Rooms, and the Castle-yard, respectively, marched to the London Inn Square, where they joined in the procession, which proceeded to the cemetery in the following order:—

The Volunteers.

Lodges of Freemasons.

Mayor and Corporation.

Citizens.

Hearse and Mourning Coaches.

The Volunteers were under the command of Lieutenant-Colonel the Earl of Devon, and the muster comprised Captain and Adjutant Courtenay, Major Rodway, Captain Richards, Captain Wilcocks, Lieuts. Fulford, Peyton, Mortimer, and Davy, Assistant-Surgeon Harris, Sergeant-Major Hellier, Colour-Sergeants Bowden and Sanders, Sergeants Rippon, Peardon, Herbert, and Elmore, two buglers, and about seventy rank and file. Following these were Lieutenant Hayward of the Engineers, and Captain Brock, Lieutenant Edmonds, Lieutenant Turner, Lieutenant Sharp, and Lieutenant Falford of the local Volunteer Artillery batteries. The Freemasons wore their Masonic clothing, with black crape rosettes on their aprons and collars, and white gloves, and amongst them were:—Provincial Grand Officers:—Bros. Rev. John

Huyshe, M.A., P.G.C., P.G.M.; Samuel Jones, P.P.S.G.D., P.M. 112; W. Cann, P.P.S.G.W., P.M. 112; Major Woods, P.P.J.G.W.; Henry W. Hooper, P.P.G.R., P.M. 1254, W.M. 444; H. L. Brewster, P.P.G.R., P.M. 39, and 1254; T. W. Gray, P.P.G.R., P.M. 112; John Pope, P.P.G.R., P.M. 112; R. Robertson Redd, P.P.G.R., P.M. 189; the Rev. William Langley Pope, D.D., P.P.G.C.; the Rev. C. R. N. Lyne, P.P.G.C., S.W. 39; John Heath, P.P.G.J.D., P.M. 710; William Easton, P.P.G.S.W., P.M. 39; J. C. Yelland, P.G.A.D.C., P.M. 39; Thomas Dand, P.P.G.S.E., P.M. 39; A. Soper Hexter, P.P.G.O., P.M. 112; John Gould, P.G. Sd., P.M. 444; and James Gregory, P.G.T. St. George's Lodge (Exeter), 112.—Brothers Sidney Hooper, W.M.; Dr. Shaw, P.M.; Edgar Tozer, J.W.; Alfred S. Perkins, S.D.; Alfred F. Luke, S.W.; C. Lewis, and Henry Willey, St. John the Baptist Lodge (Exeter), 390.—Bros. A. Thompson, W.M.; W. F. Quicke, P.M.; Alfred Bodly, I.P.M.; J. F. Stone, J.W.; John Stocker, Secretary; Charles Adams, S.D.; Henry Stocker, Organist; James Jerman, jun., S.S.; John Algar, G. W. P. Webber, Geo. Jury, Geo. Sercombe, and C. Curzon. Semper Fidelis Lodge (Exeter), No. 1254.—Bros. J. H. Warren, W.M.; Jethro A. F. Tucker, P.M., Frederick Horspool, S.W.; Benjamin Barber, J.W.; Charles C. Kendrick, Secretary; William Brodie, J.D.; George Huxham, Treasurer; Wm. Pidsley, I.G.; Ed. Thomas Fulford, Steward; and Robert Nobbs. Lodge of Union (Starcross), No. 444.—Bros. Joseph Chadwick, P.M.; Montgomery Hooper, Secretary; and P. S. Blanchard, Tyler. Brent Lodge (Topsham), No. 1284.—Bros. Thomas Lascelles, W.M.; Samuel Hodder, P.M.; Henry J. Yelland, J.W.; F. Pollard, S.D.; Alfred H. Wills, J.D.; Thomas Hutchings, William Godolphin, James M. Blanchard, and W. H. Boon. Visiting brethren.—James Westhead, S.W., Lodge No. 710; F. H. H. Orchard, Lodge No. 372; J. Bishop, Lodge No. 6 (Canada); Uriah Evans and F. Thomas, Lodge No. 106 (Exmouth); and James Northam, Lodge No. 710 (Totnes). The Mace-bearers and the Sword-bearers, who preceded the Mayor and Corporation, wore crape around their hats, and the maces and the sword were covered with the same material. The mourning coaches were three in number, the first containing Miss Moore, Mrs. Hirtzel, Mr. L. Kennaway, Mr. G. Mirtzel, and Major Hogg; the second, Mrs. Hogg, Mr. Harris, Dr. Cook, Mr. F. Hirtzel, and Mr. George Shorto; and the third the servants of the deceased. A detachment of about twenty police, under the command of the Chief-Constable (Captain Bent) attended as a body guard, and did great service in keeping the roadway clear. Several hundred persons were assembled in the neighbourhood of the London Inn-square as the mournful procession moved off, and the streets were lined with spectators as far as the Blackboy turnpike-gate. On arriving at the Cemetery, where also a large crowd had congregated, the Volunteers and Freemasons formed in line on either side of the path, allowing the Mayor and Corporation, the general public, and mourners to pass up the centre. The corpse was met at the entrance by the Rev. C. C. Turner, Rector of St. Mary Major, and the Rev. J. L. Kitchin, Curate of St. James, and borne into the chapel, the first-named clergyman officiating in the chapel, and the Rev. J. L. Kitchin conducting that part of the service which is performed by the grave. The service having been concluded, the deceased's relatives deposited bouquets of flowers on the coffin, and the Provincial Grand Master of Devon (Brother J. Huyshe) afterwards performed the usual Masonic ceremony of dropping a sprig of acacia into the grave, which act was also performed by each of the brethren present. The coffin was of polished oak, with black mediæval mountings. On the breast plate—a silver-plated shield—was the following inscription:—

"W. Denis Moore,

"Born 27th October, 1804."

"Died 21st September, 1874."

and two Masonic emblems were placed on the lid, namely, a double triangle over the shield, and under the same the square and compass. The

arrangements for the funeral were satisfactorily carried out by Mr. S. R. Force, of St. Sidwell's. The state mourning for the Mayor and Corporation was supplied by Messrs. Colson and Gates, of High-street, and the hearse and mourning coaches by Messrs. Pedrick and West.

After the funeral the Masonic brethren returned to the Royal Public Rooms, where they had previously assembled as a lodge of emergency, and before closing the same, a resolution was unanimously passed authorising a committee of the Worshipful Masters of the three Exeter Lodges, and of the sister Lodges of Starcross and Topsham, to draw up a vote of condolence to be presented to the bereaved family.

FREEMASONRY IN NEW ZEALAND.

The ceremony of the installation into office of the Worshipful Master and officers, for the ensuing twelve months, of the Greymouth Masonic Lodge, 1233, E.C., took place at the Masonic Hall, Mackay-street, on July 9th. The brethren of other lodges, as well as Freemasons generally, were invited to attend, and by two o'clock in the afternoon there was a considerable muster of the Craft, about fifty being present, of whom a fair proportion were from the country districts. At five o'clock precisely the Deputy District Grand Master of Westland, Bro. G. W. Harvey, arrived at the lodge, and was received with the usual honours by the W.M. and the W.M. elect, with their officers. The ceremony of installing the new W.M., Bro. Rev. G. T. N. Watkins, was performed in the most impressive and efficient manner by the Deputy Grand Master, the proceedings being conducted strictly in accordance with the ancient customs and usages of the Craft, the choir rendering with good effect the musical portions of the service at the proper intervals. When the new Master was duly installed in the chair and proclaimed, Bro. M. Ancher, by direction of the Deputy Grand Master, invested the following officers with the insignia of their respective offices, at the same time delivering an appropriate charge to each, according to his rank and duty in the lodge, viz., Bro. J. J. May, Senior Warden; W. H. Revell, Junior Warden; J. C. Moore, Secretary; J. G. Thomas, Treasurer; T. Woods, Senior Deacon; M. Kinney, Junior Deacon; J. Sewell and J. Dissenhardt, Stewards;—Suisted, Inner Guard; and E. B. Fox, Tyler. The concluding parts of the ceremony were of a most imposing character, the Deputy Grand Master, during the delivery of his final charge and invocation being surrounded on the dais by an unusually numerous gathering of past officers of rank in the order, among whom were Past Masters Hindmarsh, Kerr, Ancher, and Blackmore of the English rite, and R.W.M. Arnott of the Greymouth St. Andrew's Lodge, S.C. Before the actual closing of the lodge, the W.M. moved a vote of thanks by the brethren present and the fraternity generally to the Deputy District Grand Master, who, at great personal inconvenience had come among them to give the installation observations a due solemnity and impressiveness. The vote was unanimously assented to in orthodox form. Bro. Harvey returned thanks, and explained that the delay in making an appearance at an earlier hour in the day was caused by detention at the Ahaura until midday on unavoidable business. After the transaction of some time business, the lodge was closed in due form and the brethren dispersed, to prepare for a banquet, which took place in the evening, after time-honoured custom observed in connection with Masonic ceremonies. A number of the brethren of the Masonic Lodges of Greymouth assembled at the Masonic Hall, Mackay-street, in the same evening, to a quiet given on the occasion of the inauguration of the new Worshipful Masters and officers of the Greymouth Lodge, E.C., for the next twelve months. The chair was taken by the newly-installed W.M., Bro. the Rev. G. T. N. Watkins, supported on the right hand by the D.G.M. of Westland, Bro. G. W. Harvey. Bro. J. Arnott, R.W.M. of the Grey River, St. Andrew Lodge, and P.M. F. Ancher, and on the left by P.M. Hindmarsh, and P.M. J. Kerr. Usual toasts on such occasions were given

and responded to, the Chairman introducing the formal part of the proceedings with that peculiarly happy blending of Masonic and Demosthenic elegance which is characteristic of his style of oratory. After an evening's pleasant enjoyment the company separated at a seasonable hour. The catering was done by Bro. W. Jones in a style which was highly appreciated and commended by those present.

A conclave of the Military and Masonic Order of the Knights of Rome and the Red Cross of Constantine was declared opened at Greymouth on Saturday, 11th July. The preliminary arrangements were in course of settlement for some time, and all the indispensable preparations having been made, the Master Masons about to be admitted to the degree assembled at the Masonic Hall, Mackay-street, where the M.I. Sir Knight T. S. Bulmer, Esq., M.D., K.G.C., and Intendant General of the degree, and Grand Representative of the Imperial Grand Council of the Order in England, duly installed the various officers, and formally invested them with the necessary powers for working the conclave by virtue of his authority from the Grand Council. The following Master Masons were appointed to the respective offices to be filled by them: E. Ancher, M.P.S.; G. T. N. Watkins, E.V.; W. H. Revell, S.G.; J. J. May, J.G.; J. J. Blackmore, P.; C. Suisted, Treasurer; H. Young, Recorder; J. A. Eissenhardt, Warden; E. B. Fox, Sentinel. At the same place, afterwards, a Lodge of the degree of Royal Ark Mariners was duly constituted, and the proper officers appointed to act under the control of the Grand Mark Master Mason of England and Wales and the British Colonies. The ceremony was conducted by Bro. Bulmer, the Provincial Grand Mark Master for New Zealand, acting under the letters patent under the hand of Earl Percy, M.W.G.M.M. of the Order in England. Following the above a Sanctuary of K.H.S. degree was inaugurated, and the necessary officers appointed and installed. The ceremonies of each degree were most impressively performed by the Grand Representative. The observances are very solemn and imposing, Freemasons of high rank and good repute and intelligence being eligible for initiation. This especially refers to the K.H.S. degree, portions of the ritual of which being in the Latin and Greek languages, study and preparation are indispensably necessary before any standing in the Order can be arrived at. The Sanctuary inaugurated on Saturday is the first of the Order yet empowered to act in the southern hemisphere. The number of members of each Sanctuary of the rite is limited to ninety-nine, and the number of Sanctuaries now existing is under twenty. Candidates for the degree must be Craft Master Masons, and also Royal Ark Masons, as well as being members of a Conclave of the Red Cross of Rome and Constantine. For the Royal Ark Mariner Degree, candidates are required to be Mark Masons, as well as Master Masons of the Craft. The number of members of each Lodge or Conclave of Ark Mariners, and Red Cross, is not limited, but, from the strictness of the examinations and the accuracy required in working, the number will of necessity never be large.—LOCAL PAPER.

Alutum in Parbo, or Masonic Notes and Queries.

ROMAN EAGLE LODGE, EDINBURGH.

In response to the invitation of my learned and esteemed Brothers, the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford and Dr. Albert G. Mackey, I beg to say that the first six years' minutes of the Lodge Roman Eagle are written in Latin. It is incorrect to say that the lodge was chartered to work in Latin, neither is there, so far as I have learned upon personal inquiry, any trace of a Latin ritual ever having been used in this lodge, although it is highly probable that such was the case, for it is upon record that at meetings of the Royal Medical Society at which he presided Dr. Brown addressed the members in Latin. The original, and a great proportion of the immediately succeeding, members of the Roman Eagle were of the

medical profession, and it was probably with the view of making its identity as a classical lodge more complete that its originator had its earlier records written in Latin. Dr. Brown was a passionate admirer of the language and literature of the ancient Romans: hence the custom to which we have adverted. Even in the designation of his lodge he seems to have been actuated by the same classical enthusiasm. When in Edinburgh a few days ago, I called upon the present Master of the Roman Eagle, Bro. Laing (maternal grand nephew of Dr. Brown), for the purpose of examining the original minute book, but found that it was temporarily in the possession of another member of the lodge, whom I had not time to call upon. Bro. Laing has in course of preparation a lecture on the early history of the Lodge Roman Eagle, which he intends shortly to read to the brethren, and which in all probability will be afterwards published.

D. MURRAY LYON.

Ayr, Oct. 17, 1874.

VALUE OF THE MASON'S MARK.—A man named Neil Steward Ross was convicted by Bailie Howden at the Police Court, Edinburgh, on Tuesday 13th October, of having stolen some Mason's tools from a house at Johnstone Terrace, in the end of last week. As the prisoner was suspected by a pawnbroker from whom he wished to obtain money on the implements, he was requested to produce a *jac-simile* of the mark stamped upon them, but failed in the attempt. The police were called in, and a case of theft was detected. Sentence of forty days' imprisonment was passed.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, October 30, 1874.

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

Saturday, October 24.

- Audit Committee Boys' School at 3, Lodge 1293, Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court.
- Red Cross Conclave, 6, Roman Eagle, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street.
- Manchester Lodge of Instruction (179), Yorkshire Grey, 77, London-street, Fitzroy-square, at 8; Bro. H. Ash, Preceptor.
- Lily Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, Surrey.
- Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquess of Granby New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. G. Dilley, Preceptor.

Monday, October 26.

- Lodge 28, Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
- " 183, Unity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.
- " 902, Burgoyne, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street.
- " 905, De Grey and Ripon, Angel Hotel, Great Ilford.
- Chap. 25, Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 188, Joppa, Allion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
- Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction (1445), Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland, at 7; Bro. T. Austin, Preceptor.
- Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Crown Tavern, Clerkenwell green, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.
- Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.
- Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern, Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
- Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gotthel, Preceptor.
- British Oak Lodge of Instruction (813), Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.
- St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street (opposite the Pantheon), Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.
- Wellington Lodge of Instruction, White Swan Tavern, Deptford, at 8; Bro. C. G. Dilley, P.M. 1155, Preceptor.
- West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
- Metropolitan Mark Lodge of Instruction, Coach and Horses Hotel, 323, Strand, at 8.

Tuesday, October 27.

- Audit Committee, Girls' School at 4.
- Lodge 14, Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 92, Moira, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.
- " 141, Faith, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street.
- " 145, Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 186, Industry, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street.
- " 205, Israel, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.
- " 255, Harmony, Greyhound, Richmond.

1158, Southern Star, Montpelier Tavern, Walworth.
 " 1196, Urban, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell.
 " 1348, Ebury, 12, Pensonby-street, Millbank.
 Chap. 7, Royal York Chapter of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall.
 Yarborough Lodge of Instruction (554), Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8; Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.
 Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tavern, Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 8; Bro. Larham, Preceptor.
 Faith Lodge of Instruction (141), Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st., (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Preceptor.
 Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Lord's Hotel, Lord's Cricket Ground, St. John's-wood, at 8; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.
 Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction (860), King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. Crawley, Preceptor.
 Prosperity Lodge of Instruction (65), Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st., Within, at 7.30; Bro. Bolton, W.M. 1217, Preceptor.
 St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, New-street, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (55), Wheatshaf Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.
 Percy Lodge of Instruction, Grapes Tavern, Little Windmill-street, W.
 Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor.
 Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30.

Wednesday, October 28.
 Lodge 212, Euphrates, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street.
 " 507, United Pilgrims, Horns' Tavern, Kennington-park.
 " 754, High Cross, Seven Sisters' Tavern, Page-green, Tottenham.
 " 898, Temperance in the East, 6, Newby-place, Poplar.
 " 1056, Victoria, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street.
 Chap. 435, Mount Lebanon, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
 " 753, Prince Frederick William, The Knights of St. John Hotel, St. John's Wood.
 K.T. Preceptory Holy Palestine, Masonic Hall, 33, Golden-square, at 5.
 New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8.
 Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 Confidence Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
 Peckham Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham, at 8; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor.
 Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar.
 Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, Thicket Hotel, Anerley, at 7.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
 Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction (1288), Finsbury Park Tavern, Seven Sisters-road, N., at 8. Bro. P. Dickinson, Acting Preceptor.
 United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
 Southwark Lodge of Instruction, (879), Southwark Park Tavern, Southwark Park, at 8; Bro. Charles William Kent, Preceptor.
 Dalston Lodge of Instruction (975), Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.

Thursday, October 29.
 General Committee Girls' School at 4.
 Lodge 22, Neptune, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.
 Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham Court-road, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Anglers' Tavern, Bath-street, City-road; Bro. Stean, Preceptor.
 United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
 Whittington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern, Holborn, at 8; Bro. Lewis Alexander, P.M. 188, Preceptor.
 Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
 Ebury Lodge of Instruction, Bro. Palmer's, 12, Pensonby-st., Millbank.
 Highgate Lodge of Instruction (1365), Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
 The Great City Lodge of Instruction (1425), 111, Cheap-side, at 6.30.

Friday, October 30.
 Chap. 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
 " 749, Belgrave, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
 K. T. Preceptory, 74, Harcourt, Greyhound Inn, Richmond.
 St. George's Lodge of Instruction (140), Globe Tavern, Royal-hill, Greenwich.
 Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
 Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, (749), Lyceum Tavern, 354, Strand, at 8; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.
 Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.

Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s, Freemasons' Hall, a 7.
 Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tavern, Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.
 Clapton Lodge of Instruction (1365), White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., Preceptor.
 Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1298), the Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. W. F. Rogers, Preceptor.
 Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwiche-road, at 8; Comp. W. West Smith, Preceptor.
 Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Bro. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.
 Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (733), Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8.
 United Pilgrims, Lodge of Instruction, Antelope Tavern, Lorne-road, Brixton, at 7.
 St. James's Lodge of Instruction, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-road, Bermondsey, at 8; Bro. Howes, P.M., Preceptor.
 Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Bro. D. S. Potts, Preceptor.
 Doric Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8.
 Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8; Bro. P. M. Wuest, Preceptor.
 St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Rose Tavern, Fulham-road, S.W.
 Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.
 High Cross Lodge of Instruction (754), Coach & Horses High-road, Tottenham.
 Burdett Coult's Lodge of Instruction (1378), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park, at 8; Bro. Geo. W. Verry, Preceptor.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE,

For the Week ending Saturday, October 31, 1874.

Monday, October 19.
 Lodge 148, Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warri ngton, at 6.30.
 Chap. 241, Friendship, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 5.
 Tuesday, October 27.
 Lodge 178, Antiquity, Royal Hotel, Wigan, at 6.30.
 " 1384, Equity, Walker's Commercial Hotel, Widnes, near Liverpool, at 6.
 " 1393, Hamer, Clarence Hotel, Everton-road, Liverpool, at 6.
 Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.
 Wednesday, October 28.
 Lodge 32, St. George's, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, at 4.20.
 Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, near Liverpool, at 3.
 724, Derby, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 1325, Stanley, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool, at 6.
 Chapter 1052, Callender, Public Hall, Rusholme.
 Neptune Lodge of Instruction (1264), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 7.
 De Grey and Ripon Lodge of Instruction (1356), 80, North Hill-street, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 7.30.
 Thursday, October 29.
 " 1313, Fermo, Masonic Hall, Southport, at 7.
 Mariners' Lodge of Instruction (249), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 8.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND VICINITY.

For the week ending Saturday, October 31, 1874.
 All the Meetings take place at 8 o'clock.

Monday, October 26.
 Lodge 102, St. Mark, St. Mark's Hall, Buchanan-street.
 " 103, Union and Crown, 170, Buchanan-st.
 " 219, Star, 12, Trongate.
 " 362, St. Clair, 25, Robinson-street.
 " 541, Marie Stewart, Watson's Academy, Langside-road.
 Chap. 122, Thetis, 35, St. James-street.
 Tuesday, October 27.
 Lodge 413, Athole, 213, Buchanan-st.
 " 426, Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Renfrew.
 Chap. 67, Cathedral, 22, Struthers-street.
 " 73, Caledonian Unity, 170, Buchanan-street.
 Wednesday, October 28.
 " 505, Burns St. Mary, Harford.
 " 510, Maryhill, 167, Main-street, Maryhill.
 Thursday, October 29.
 Lodge 553, St. Vincent, 162, Kent-road.
 " 544, Stewart, Freemasons' Hall, Market place, Kilsyth.
 Chap. 117, Govan, Portland Hall, Govan.
 Eastern Star Chapter 1, Victoria, 399 $\frac{1}{2}$, Argyle-street.
 Friday, October 30.
 Lodge 153, Royal Arch, Town Hall, Pollokshaws.
 " 195, Caledonian St. John's, Lennox Arms, Lennox-town.
 " 347, St. John's, Old Council Hall, Rutherglen.
 " 360, Commercial, 30 Hope-street.
 " 408, Clyde, 170, Buchanan-st.

Saturday, October 31.
 Lodge 28, St. John's, Black Bull Inn, Kirkintilloch.
 " 305, St. John Woodhall, Freemasons' Hall, Holytown.
 " 384, Athole, School Room, Kirkintilloch.
 MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH AND VICINITY.
 For the Week ending Saturday, October 31st, 1874.
 Monday, October 26.
 Lodge 145, St. Stephen, Masonic Hall, Writer's-court at 8.
 " 349, St. Clair, Freemasons' Hall, George-st., at 8.
 Tuesday, October 27.
 Lodge 151, Defensive Band, Masonic Hall, Blackfriars-street, at 8.
 Chap. 40, Naval and Military, Freemasons' Hall, George-street, at 8.
 Wednesday, October 28.
 Lodge 112, St. John's, Royal Hotel, Musselburgh, at 8.
 Friday, October 30.
 G. L. Fund of Benevolence, Freemason's Hall, at 2 p.m.
 Grand Committee, Freemasons' Hall, at 3 p.m.
 Lodge 223, T'rafalgar, Masonic Hall, Salamander-street, Leith, at 8.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN DUBLIN. For the week ending 31st October.

Monday, October 26.
 Lodge 153, Dublin, Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, at 8.
 Chap. 25, Dublin, Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, at 8.
 Tuesday, October 27.
 Lodge 4, Dublin, Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, at 8.
 " 6, Dublin, Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, at 4.30.
 Wednesday, October 28.
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CONSECRATION OF A NEW LODGE IN LIVERPOOL.

THE First Masonic Lodge Consecration, after the ceremony of dedicating the new Masonic Hall, Liverpool, of which we gave full particulars last week, took place within its walls on Monday, the 12th inst., and as all the surroundings were of the most interesting and successful character, the gathering was a fitting inauguration of the actual work of the hall. The new lodge is entitled "The Lodge of Israel," numbered 1502 on the register of the Grand Lodge of England, and as its name indicates, its principal promoters and supporters are members of the Hebrew persuasion, although there will be nothing like sectarianism in either constitution or working. The brethren of the Jewish religion in Liverpool have long been prominently identified with Masonic charity and benevolence, and there is no doubt that the new lodge which now bears their distinctive name for the first time here will be amongst the best in the province. For the auspicious opening of the lodge of Israel, much credit is due to Bro. Isaac de Frece, who has spared no effort to make even its inauguration successful, and he has been very ably seconded by Bro. Ralph Robinson, the W.M. designate, who is well-known as a spirited and loyal Mason throughout the Masonic division of the country. The new lodge has already a very large membership, and many of them have already made their mark in masonry, the convention has in it all the elements of successful working.

By appointment of Bro. the Right Honourable Lord Skelmersdale, Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of West Lancashire, the ceremony was conducted by Bro. Horace S. Moss, Pro. G. Secretary, assisted by Bro. J. F. Goggin, W.M. 155, P.P.G. Chaplain, and Bro. Wylie, P.P.G.S.D. Bro. J. Skeaf, P.G. Organist, conducted the excellent musical service, a special choral portion of the ceremony being rendered by Bros. D. Saunders, 1299; J. Hughes, 216; J. Busfield, 216; W. G. de, Org.; 1356, 594, &c., and W. Robinson,

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The brethren assembled in the lodge room early before three o'clock, and after Bro. H. Alpass, the presiding officer, had taken the oath, he appointed Bro. W. M. Chudley as his Pro. G. Secretary, Bro. J. Lazarus as his J.W., and Bro. R. Robinson as the Assistant Secretary, during the consecration ceremony. The lodge having been opened in the three degrees, the brethren of the lodge were ranged in order, and an opening prayer was offered, followed by Skeaf's beautiful "God of life, whose love unceasing," and certain other formulas peculiar to the ceremony, an eloquent and appropriate oration was read by the Rev. J. F. Goggin, P.P.G. Chaplain. Skeaf's splendid anthem, "Behold the Lord," was then sung by the choir, and the

first portion of the consecration prayer was offered by the P.G.C. The lodge was then uncovered, and the cornucopia, wine, and oil were borne by Bro. J. M'Kune, P.M., 216; Bro. W. Shortis, P.M., 724; and Bro. H. Mair, P.M., 211; the salt being carried by Bro. R. Brown, Assistant Secretary. After Skeaf's anthem, "Glory to God," had been given, the P.P.G.C. carried the censor round the lodge; the second portion of the consecration ceremony was then offered, and this portion of the solemn proceedings was brought to a close with Bro. Skeaf's anthem, "Hail, universal Lord."

Immediately afterwards Bro. Alpass, P.G., Sec., who had done his work with rare Masonic talent, proceeded with the installation of Bro. Ralph Robinson, P.M. and Preceptor of the Merchants' Lodge, No. 241, as the Worshipful Master of the Lodge of Israel. The presentation of Bro. Robinson for the benefits or installation was made by Bro. the Rev. J. T. Goggin, P.P.G.C., and Bro. R. Wylie, P.P.S.G.D. After a full board of installed Masters had been held, the brethren were readmitted, and saluted the newly-chaired W.M. in the three degrees. The following were subsequently named and invested as the first officers of the lodge by the W.M.:—Bro. Maurice de Frece, S.W.; Bro. Alfred J. Henochsberg, J.W.; Bro. Professor Prag, Chaplain; Bro. Isaac de Frece, Treasurer; Bro. M. Hart, Secretary; Bro. A. Jones, S.D.; Bro. S. Schonstade, J.D.; Bro. B. Woolf, I.G.; Bro. W. G. Veale, Org.; Bro. A. P. Crozier, S.S.; Bro. A. Hart, J.S.; and Bro. W. H. Ball, Tyler. Before the lodge was closed there were an extraordinary number of propositions for initiation and joining, and the W.M. gave notice that he would move the first Monday in the month should be the day of meeting of their lodge. After some other business of a purely formal character, the lodge was closed in solemn form.

It should be stated that the clothing, officers' jewels, &c., were supplied from the well-known Masonic establishment of Bro. G. Kenning, of London and Liverpool, and the quality and workmanship of the whole elicited the heartiest commendation and general admiration. Presents to the lodge (also furnished by Bro. Kenning), were made by the Treasurer, the S.W., J.W., Sec., S.D., J.D., and others, and each of the gifts were also worthy of the occasion.

Subsequent to the business proceedings the whole of the brethren sat down in the large dining hall to a magnificent and *recherche* banquet, provided by Messrs. Fisk and Fairhurst, Castle Street. The tables were beautifully decorated, the effect being greatly enhanced by a splendid silver centre-piece, kindly lent by Bro. J. Goldberg, 1502. The menu and toast-card, executed by Bros. Wilson and Jacobs, was a model of exquisite taste, and the front was adorned with portraits of the W.M. and all his officers, taken by Messrs. Vandyke and Brown. After grace, according to the Mosaic ritual, had been recited by Bro. Professor Prag, and dessert-holders placed on the table,

The W.M. gave the toast of "The Queen," speaking of her as a model sovereign, and a lady whose worth and virtues endeared her to the heart of every subject, and to none more than Masons, whose loyalty to the throne was undoubted. (Cheers).

The W.M.: The next toast I have to give you is that of "His Royal Highness Bro. Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, M.W.P.G.M., the Princess of Wales, and the Rest of the Royal Family." Like the preceding, this toast will at once recommend itself to your notice—as representing the Royal Family it will recommend itself to your notice. But there is one point to which I wish especially to call your attention, and that is the very great gratification and satisfaction which our Royal brother—now the Past Grand Master—would give to the whole brotherhood by accepting the position of Grand Master. (Hear, hear.) If his Royal Highness should be pleased to accept that position it would not only be creditable to himself, but most satisfactory to the Order. (Applause).

The W.M. next gave the Earl of Carnarvon, R.W.D.G.M. of England," and the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, R.W.P.G.M., the Hon. F. Stanley, W.D.P.G.M., and the officers of the Past Grand Lodge." In proposing the latter he referred to the very great interest which his lordship and his deputy invariably took in all that concerned the welfare of the Craft in this province. He (Brother Robinson) had that evening much pleasure in welcoming his friend, the youngest P.G. officer, Brother Robert Wilson. He need not say how much they were indebted to Brother Wilson for the large, comfortable, and commodious hall in which they were assembled, as he had been untiring in his efforts in connection with it.

Bro. R. Wilson, P.G.S.D., in acknowledging the toast, said it must be a source of the greatest satisfaction to the P.G. Lodge to find that such a lodge as No. 1502 had been consecrated that day. It was pleasing to find so many recruits of that character, and he trusted that the lodge which had that day been inaugurated would fill and occupy a place second to none in the province, especially with regard to its efforts in connection with their noble charity. He was sure the lodge had been placed under the direction of one than whom none could be more sincere, more active, or more capable, and he wished their W.M. (Bro. Robinson) the greatest prosperity during his mastership. It was now twelve years since he (Bro. Wilson) first met their W.M. in Masonry, and during that time they had gone hand-in-hand, passing through a great many vicissitudes, and therefore he knew how ably and how anxiously their W.M. had worked to secure his high Masonic position—(Hear). They had been placed under the direction of one who was well able to instruct them in Masonry, and who would give lustre to the position which he was called upon to fill—(Applause).

The W.M. then submitted the toast, "The Consecrating Officers," referring to the admirable manner in which the work had been done by Bro. Alpass and his assistants. He (the W.M.) had never felt more deeply impressed by any ceremony in Freemasonry than he had been that day; and therefore their heartiest thanks were due to the consecrating officers for their very valuable services.

Bro. H. S. Alpass, P.G. Sec., returned his sincere thanks for the toast and honourable mention. It had given him the greatest pleasure to be present that day, because he was convinced that the Lodge of Israel would occupy a position alike honourable to itself and creditable to the Craft generally. He wished the lodge every prosperity, and he had no doubt that under the able and careful Mastership of Bro. Robinson, whom he had long known as an admirable Mason, they would prosper. To Hebrews it was scarcely necessary to preach charity, for he believed that as a body they both preached and practised it amongst themselves; but whilst he did that, he would just ask them not to forget their Masonic charities.

Bro. R. Wylie, P.P.S.G.D., also responded. The W.M. next gave "Prosperity to the Lodge of Israel," speaking of the various gifts which had been made to the lodge, and referring especially to the valuable services rendered by Bro. Isaac de Frece, Treasurer. But for his perseverance and self-sacrifice, he (Bro. Robinson) would not have been there as W.M., as he had, in the face of many difficulties, still persevered in his efforts to establish the lodge.

Bro. I. de Frece, Treasurer, thanked the brethren for the honour they had done him, and assured them that his only motive in seeking to establish the lodge was to give an opportunity to the many young masons to come to the front. If the lodge proved to be successful, he would be amply repaid for all the efforts he had employed on its behalf. He hoped and believed that they would have a lodge equal to any in Liverpool.

Bro. H. S. Alpass, P.G. Sec., then proposed the health of "The Worshipful Master." The brethren, he said, had shown their high opinion of Bro. Robinson by deciding at the preliminary meetings that he should be their first W.M., and that opinion had been cordially endorsed

during the evening by the way in which his name had been received. Bro. Robinson had been a well-known and highly-esteemed mason for many years, and there was no doubt that the lodge would prosper under his reign—(Hear, hear).

Bro. Ralph Robinson, W.M., in responding to the toast, sincerely thanked the brethren for the very kind way in which his name had been received. While he was afraid his merits had been placed on a higher platform than they deserved, he assured the brethren that he would do his very best to promote the welfare and well-working of the lodge. Why had they formed that lodge? Simply because they found the usual dietary laws were opposed to their laws as Jews. They sat with their Christian brethren, drank with them, smoked with them, but they could not partake of what they put before them to eat. All they asked was to see that some watched to see that every thing was cleanly cooked. In all else they were as one in Masonry with their Christian brethren, and he hoped that the idea would not go forth that it was a sectarian lodge because named the Lodge of Israel. That was far from their thoughts, which was clearly shown by the fact that a Christian brother had been appointed to one of the offices. In conclusion, Bro. Robinson proposed "The Officers of the Lodge."

Bro. M. de Frece, S.W., and Bro. A. J. Hencksberg, J.W., responded.

"The Charities," "The Visiting Brethren," "The Musical Brethren," and "All Poor and Distressed Masons," were the remaining toasts on the list.

Excellent music was furnished during the evening by Bros. Saunders, Hughes, Bushfield, Robinson, and Veale; Bro. Skeaf presiding at the piano.

Telegrams of a congratulatory kind were received by the W.M. from Bro. A. J. Myers, editor of the *Jewish Chronicle*, and from the W.M., Wardens, and Brethren of the Lodge of Israel, Birmingham.

CONSECRATION OF THE HEMMING LODGE, (No. 1512).

The consecration of the Hemming Lodge, (No. 1512), took place at the Lion Hotel, Hampton, on Thursday, the 15th inst.

About forty brethren were present; amongst those were Bros. W. Hammond, P.M., 201, W.M., 1,326, and P.G.S. Middlesex, W.M. Designate; E. Hopwood, P.M., 141, S.W. Designate; S. Hill, P.M., 157 and 657, J.W. Designate; R. Wentworth Little, P.M.P.G., Secretary, Middlesex, Secretary to the Girls' School, &c.; Thomas W. White, P.M., P.G., Steward of England, &c.; Raynham M. Stewart, P.D.G.M. of Middlesex, S.G.D., &c.; H. G. Bass, P.G., Treasurer, 1293, &c.; R. T. Elsam, P.M. 889, P.P.G., D.C. Surrey; John Boyd, P.G.P. of England; S. B. Oldham, P.M. 4, Assistant Treasurer and Secretary of Ireland, Secretary of the Boys' and Girls' Schools, Ireland; R. T. Stacey, P.M., 209; H. Potter, P.M., 11, &c.; J. Wilson, P.M. 209; B. Platt, P.M. 144; J. W. Ramsey, M.D., W.M. 778; J. Bond, J.W. 889; J. W. Davitt, W.M. 1365; J. W. George, G. Musgrave, and H. D. Martin, all of 1309; R. Lumpus, W.M. 1308, P.P., G.O. Middlesex; H. Barrett, 244; J. Williams, 699, (*Freemason*), and others.

The following petitioners, in addition to the principal officers, with others among those named above, D. B. Raw, P.M., 157; H. Jepson, 255; John Hammond, P.M. 201, and of 1326; Thos. Clarke, J. Hurst, W. J. Cox, Thos. Wheeler, R. Getteridge, T. G. Tagg, J. C. Jessert, and W. Fox.

The ceremony of consecration and installation was performed by the W., Bro. Robert Wentworth Little, P.M., P.G., Secretary, (the officer appointed for the purpose by the R.W., Bro. Colonel Burdett, Provincial Grand Master, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Ireland), assisted by W. Bro. Thomas W. White, P.M., P.G., Steward of England, as D.C.

The brethren assembled at half-past three

p.m., and formed in procession, the juniors first, headed by the Director of the Ceremonies. After entering the Lodge room, the Consecrating Officer took the Master's Chair, and appointed the Wardens, who were Bro. H. G. Bass as S.W., and Bro. John Boyd, J.W. The Lodge was then opened in the three degrees. An opening prayer offered. After which a piece of solemn music was played by the P.G.O. The brethren were then addressed on the nature of the meeting, particular reference being made to the late Bro. Dr. Hemming, whose name the Lodge has taken, and who was no less than twelve times W.M. of the Lodge while held at Hampton, before being taken to its present quarters at Richmond, and who was selected by the M.W.G.M. the late Duke of Sussex, as one of the twelve Masters (afterwards increased to fifteen, to agree with the fifteen sections), appointed at the reconciliation. After the petition and warrant was read, and the brethren had signified their approval of the same, the Consecrating Officer delivered an oration upon the nature and principles of the order, which was listened to with the most profound attention by the whole of the assembled brethren. It was adorned throughout with that amount of eloquence which distinguishes our able brother.

Anthem. Bro. R. Limpus, "Behold, how good and joyful a thing it is, brethren, to dwell together in unity. It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down unto the beard, even unto Aaron's beard, and went down to the skirts of his clothing. Like as the dew of Hermon which fell upon the hill of Sion. For there the Lord promised his blessing, and life for evermore." The Director of Ceremonies then presented the new Master to the Presiding Officer, who placed him on his left, the brethren of the new Lodge arranging themselves on each side of the Lodge Board. The first portion of the Dedication Prayer was then given; the brethren all chant, "So mote it be." Sanctus, "Glory be to Thee, O Lord." After the Scripture Readings, all the brethren turned to the east, whilst the Presiding Officer gave the Invocation. To which the brethren chant, "So mote it be." The Lodge Board was then uncovered, and the W.M. and Wardens carried the consecrating elements, corn, wine, and oil, three times round the Lodge during solemn music. "Glory be to God on High, peace on earth, Good-will towards men." All chanting, "So mote it be." The censer was then taken three times round the Lodge during solemn music, and the Presiding Officer dedicated the Lodge. The second portion of the Dedication Prayer was then offered and the Lodge constituted, the brethren all chanting, "So mote it be." Anthem, Haydn.

The spacious firmament on high,
With all the blue, ethereal sky,
And spangled heaven, a shining frame,
Their great original proclaim.
The unwearied sun from day to day,
Does his Creator's power display,
And publishes to every land,
The work of an Almighty hand.
What though in solemn silence all
Move round this dark terrestrial ball?
What though no real voice nor sound,
Amid their radiant orbs be found?
In Reason's ear they all rejoice,
And utter forth a glorious voice,
For ever singing as they shine,
The hand that made us is Divine.

After the Patriarchal Benediction, the installation of the W.M. and appointment of officers took place.

The Lodge was then resumed to the second degree, the Director of Ceremonies presenting Bro. Hammond for installation. Lodge was then resumed to the third degree, and all the brethren under the rank of P.M. retired. In their absence a Board of Installed Masters, numbering seventeen in all, was held, and Bro. Hammond was installed as the first W.M. of Hemming Lodge, No. 1512. The brethren, on their re-admission all saluted the new W.M. in the several degrees, and the following brethren were invested officers for the ensuing year: E.

Hopwood, S.W.; S. Hill, J.W.; H. J. Treasurer; J. Hammond, Secretary; R. pus, P. Prov. G. Organist; J. Hurst, W. J. Cox, J.D.; T. Wheeler, J.G.; R. teridge, D.C.; H. Potter, Steward, and J. bert, P.G.T., Tyler.

At the close of the installation ceremony the Consecrating Officer reminded the office the new Lodge that a great trust had been posed on them. Wishing that brotherly and perfection would ever prevail amongst all; at the same time giving each advice encouragement, to have the one end in view promoting the happiness of all connected the Lodge, and assisting the W.M. to carry his great duties in the advancement of the principles of the order, brotherly love, relief truth.

The W.M. rose and said: Brethren, I propose that a vote of thanks be presented to Bros. Little and White for the very manner in which they have performed the monies, which you have all witnessed this evening, and I also propose that those two distinguished brethren be elected honorary members of the Hemming Lodge. The work has ably performed, and I trust we shall have pleasure of seeing those brethren frequent one meeting, and that they may find that working of our local Lodge proves worthy of able inauguration.

The proposition having been seconded by S.W., was put and carried unanimously.

Bro. Little: I speak for myself and Bro. W. and I assure you we thank you heartily for the compliment you have paid us. It has given very great pleasure in coming down here to you, and I beg to congratulate you, Worshipful on your success to-day, and I trust you may only be spared to act as Master, but to witness the progress of the Hemming Lodge for many years to come. Again we thank you.

Bro. S. B. Oldham: Worshipful Sir, and brethren, and all, I rise with pleasure on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, to congratulate you on the success of the proceedings to-day and wish you every prosperity.

A letter of apology was then read from Colonel Burdett, regretting his absence, wishing them success.

A similar apology was received from the Provincial Secretary, as well as from some of the principal members of the Lebanon Lodge, 1326.

The Lodge was closed after the hearty wishes had been conveyed to the W.M. several of the representatives of other Lodges. The brethren then adjourned to the banquet room, where an elegant repast was served. W. Hammond, W.M. presiding, supported by Bros. Little, Stewart, Buss, Oldham, White, Ramsey, Raw, &c. After the removal of cloth, and grace being said,

The Chairman, in giving the toast of "Queen and the Craft," said, We have met for the first time, and dedicated a lodge to evolution and charity. There is always a pleasing idea connected with the first toast especially so on this occasion, it being the Queen and the Craft. The Queen is high position, not only here at home, but throughout the world, and has the confidence and wishes of all.

There is a beautiful connection between Queen and the Craft—the Queen having sympathies of the whole nation; the Craft mandating the hearts of the whole fraternity both holding a universal dominion. I give with all earnestness "The Queen and the Craft."

The toast was duly honoured, the brethren singing the National Anthem.

The Chairman: The next toast is one of most pleasing character indeed, it is H.R.H. M.W. Past and Acting Grand the Princess of Wales, and rest of the Family.

We all regret losing our Past Grand but great regret I am sure is intense at the of the Lodge-room, especially to those familiar with the working of our late G. have also been intimately connected with his official duties. Every Mason

sure, regret losing such a head, but at the same time we may congratulate ourselves in having one who, with his youth, ability, and devotion, will, equally at least, promote the best interests of the Order. I therefore give you H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.P.M.; the Princess of Wales, and rest of Royal Family; nor must we forget to include the young Prince, this very day added to the scions of the House of Hanover, and His Imperial mother, the consort of our sailor Duke.

The toast having been drunk, a glee, "The Prince and Princess," was sung heartily.

The Chairman: I have now to propose the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Past and Present. I have pleasure in saying we have tonight many officers who appreciate the abilities and zeal of our D.G.M. He is a most practical man, and had not H.R.H. the Prince of Wales accepted the office of G.M., most likely our D.G.M. would have been elected, and his past services show how excellent would have been that choice. I therefore give you the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, coupled with the name of Bro. Boyd.

Bro. Boyd, on rising, said: I think under the peculiar circumstances of my response you will allow me to be very brief. As I have some distance to go, I shall not detain you with a lengthy speech. Permit me on behalf of the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, to thank you sincerely for the very kind manner in which you have drunk their healths.

The Chairman: I next propose the health of the R.W. Provincial Grand Master, Col. Burdett. I sincerely regret not having him amongst us to-day, but from his letter we have heard read to-day, I am sure we have his hearty good wishes. He is a sincerely good man, and I do not know where we could find a P.G.M. so kindly disposed to the interests of the Province as our P.G.M. He has devoted a long life to Masonry. Commencing in India, he returned to this country, and won high honours—honours in Ireland, in addition to that of becoming P.G.M. I give you the health of our worthy brother, the R.W.P.G.M., and Representative of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, Col. Burdett.

The toast was enthusiastically drunk.

Song—"Tom Bowling."—Bro. McDavid.

The Chairman: The next toast is one of great interest, and one which gives me very great pleasure to propose, it being that of the "visitors." We have a good number here, and hope among so many good masons we shall see some of them members. We have Bro. Stewart, who is well known in the Province, and whom I claim as having the same mother lodge myself, No. 201. His goodness of heart and sterling masonic qualities are highly appreciated. Then we have Bro. Buss, who has seen long service and has attained to a prominent position. He is highly respected in the Grand Office, and far as working masonry is concerned, he is always ready, as we have witnessed this day, to exert his power in promoting it. We have also Bro. Boyd, who is equally well known to those who have any experience of Masonry. He is looked up to in Grand Lodge with great respect. Then our Bro. Dr. Ramsay is progressing in the right direction with firm and steady steps, both in his profession and in the Craft. He is now M. of Lodge 778, "The Bard of Avon," and is the great coadjutor with Bro. the D.P.G.M. of Middlesex, in transferring that lodge from the banks of the Avon to this province on the banks of the Thames. Bro. Oldham enjoys a very high position in his native country, Ireland. He here Assistant Grand Secretary, and also Secretary of the Boys' and Girls' Schools. He performs very onerous and honourable duties to persons, duties which he discharges with great skill and ability. It now gives me very great pleasure in proposing the health of our distinguished brethren and the rest of the visitors.

The toast was duly honoured.

Bro. Buss: I have never felt such a pleasure as to do to-night in returning thanks for the kind manner in which you have used my name. In reference to my duties as a mason, I have always endeavoured to make myself thoroughly ac-

quainted with the principles of Masonry, and am always happy to render all the assistance I can. It has been my pleasing duty, and I trust I shall be able to continue to do so in the future. In reference to the Province of Middlesex, I may say it is one of the youngest, but certainly not the smallest. And it commands at its head one of the most highly esteemed brethren in the Craft. In no province do we find more esteem paid to a G.M. than which is paid to ours. I again beg to thank you for the kind manner in which you have drunk my health. (Cheers.)

Bro. Oldham: I feel a very great pride in returning to you on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Ireland my sincere thanks, and if ever any of the brethren present should come to Ireland we would endeavour to make you welcome and happy. In reference to our schools you are ahead of us in number. You have about three girls to our one, and the boys even more. We are endeavouring to follow in your footsteps as to the management. But I think we can boast that we give our boys and girls better outfits, and also keep up a more perfect correspondence with them for three or four years, which we find answers admirably. Colonel Burdett is one of my oldest masonic friends, he being the brother who came forward on my initiation and took me by the hand. Again accept my sincere thanks, at the same time I wish you every success.

Bro. Dr. Ramsay: I beg to return you my sincere thanks for the compliment you have just paid me. After some further remarks, our brother again returned thanks, wishing the lodge every success.

Part Song—"When evening's twilight."

Chairman: I now propose the Dep. Pro. Grand Master and rest of Provincial Grand Officers, Past and Present. This toast I am sure you will all respond to most heartily. Our D.P.G.M. is well known to you as a brother of great ability. He being on the Continent just now is unable to be present to-day. In him we have a worthy brother. There is something so genial, good and kind in his composition, that we experience an absolute loss in his absence. I shall couple with the toast the name of Bro. Raynham Stewart, Bro. Parkinson's immediate predecessor in office.

The toast was duly honoured.

Song—"Come live with me."—Bro. H. D.

Martin.

Bro. Stewart: Worshipful Sir and brethren, I rise with great pleasure to return thanks. The D.P.G.M. is one for whom I know you have very great respect. His desire is to do all that he can to promote Masonry, indeed his marked ability is unceasing in its interests. On behalf of the officers just named, I thank you all, and trust you will, Worshipful Sir, live many years to preside over this lodge as its father. I, as the first deputy Grand Master appointed in this Province, feel great pleasure in seeing the progress of Masonry within its precincts. It is a source of gratification to hear of fresh lodges springing up amongst us, bringing in good Masons, and in no case do I rejoice more sincerely than on the occasion of the inauguration of the Hemming Lodge. My advice is not to have too great a number than from 25 to 40, then each will take an interest in the work. Brethren all, it also affords me great pleasure in saying we have brethren in this province who are able to do such work as we have seen this day. It has been admirable throughout and second to none. Our brothers Little and White did the work beautifully, not a single hitch took place. I am sure you will with me thank them for the able manner in which they consecrated the lodge. Allow me therefore to take this toast out of the hands of the W.M., and ask you to drink the health of the Consecrating Officers.

The toast was enthusiastically drunk.

Glee—"Strike the Lyre."

Bro. Little: Worshipful Sir and Brethren all, I thank you sincerely for the kind manner you have responded to the toast. It has given me a great deal of pleasure to come down here to perform the ceremony of consecration. To-day I have been ably assisted by Bros. Buss and White. I have always found kind assistance in

them. For the services of to-day you have recompensed us most nobly. After some further remarks, Bro. Little congratulated the new W.M. and the officers of the lodge, wishing them every success and prosperity. He then proposed the health of the W.M., and success to the Hemming Lodge.

Glee—"By Celia's Harbour."

The W.M. on rising, said: Brethren all, I scarcely know how to thank you for the very kind manner in which my health has been proposed, and in which you have responded in such sincerity, that words fail me to express myself effectively. I am sure my Bro. Wardens will do their utmost in promoting the interests of the lodge. We are an offspring of the Lebanon. That lodge has been in existence about four years; No. of members over 100. This number was greatly beyond the control of any ordinary Master. I felt as the W.M., that as the number was so large, with a fair number of residents in the locality, we ought to have a lodge of our own—a local lodge. We then looked round to find men who could commence. After other arrangements, we decided on naming it the Hemming Lodge, after the late Dr. Hemming, a talented resident in the parish. In 1813 he was appointed by the Duke of Sussex as one of the twelve masters to bring about the reconciliation of the unions. The brethren having signed the petition to the number of 27, nearly all local members of the Lebanon, the warrant was granted, and this day you have seen the result. I thank you heartily for your good wishes, and this brings me to my next pleasing duty, to refer to my officers, and first to propose the health of one of the petitioners, our worthy brother Henry Jepson, who is highly esteemed by us all. He has spent over half a century in this parish, and is much appreciated for his high qualities. I am also proud that he is one of the officers of this lodge. He, as Treasurer, is placed in the most honourable office the lodge can confer, without imposing upon him duties incompatible with his advanced age. The S.W. and J.W. are men well-known in Masonry, and the L.D. and J.D. will, I am sure, in good time prove themselves equal to their duties. Bro. Limpus has also discharged the duties of organist very ably, whilst the rest of the officers have done their work well. From the earnest of this day's successful proceedings, the officers one and all will, I am sure, prove themselves very efficient—(Cheers.)

Song—"Hearts of Oak," Bro. Albert Hubbard.

Bro. Hopwood.—I thank you sincerely for the kind manner in which you have drunk my health. I shall always endeavour to be at my post.

Bro. Hill returned thanks, in suitable terms.

Glee—"The Mighty Conqueror."

Bro. Jepson in returning thanks said:—It was not my intention to take any practical part in the lodge. I felt I could not fulfil the duties as I ought. If I had the eloquence of Bro. Little, and the qualities of Bro. White that we have witnessed this day, I should feel more able to perform the duties. Our Bro. Little has performed the consecration in a manner that could not be exceeded, and he forcibly reminded me of Dr. Hemming. I knew him well in his best days; no man at that time understood the theory and practice of Masonry better than he. I was made a Mason by him in this room fifty-three years ago, and was also exalted here to the R.A. degree fifty years ago. I commenced my Masonic career in this room, and I must now believe I shall end it here. It affords me very great pleasure in returning to you all my sincere thanks, and I trust I shall be spared to discharge my duties to the satisfaction of you all (Cheers.)

Glee—"Sleep, gentle lady."

The rest of the officers then returned thanks in appropriate terms.

The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

We may add, the whole of the day's programme was carried out with great satisfaction to all present.

The musical arrangements, under the direction of Bro. Limpus were carried out with great ability, and gave telling effect to the ceremonies.

GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC.

On Sept. 23, this body met in annual communication in the Masonic Chambers, Place d'Armes. There was a good attendance of representatives from the Province. M.W. Bro. J. H. Graham, L.L.D., &c., occupied the chair. After ordinary routine business, connected with the perfecting credential of representatives, the members from the lodges recently under Canada, and now affiliating with the Grand Lodge of Quebec, were introduced by the Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Bro. Dunbar, and cordially welcomed. The Grand Master then read his annual address as follows:—

Brethren,—This day becomes memorable in the annals of Freemasonry in the Province of Quebec. Seven years' discussion of constitutional principles is ended. All differences hitherto existing between the M.W. of the Grand Lodge of Canada and this Grand Body have been happily adjusted. Jurisdiction within our territory has been formally withdrawn, due recognition has been most fraternally extended to us, our Grand Representative, M.W. Bro. T. D. Harrington, has been most honourably and heartily received—the consummation of all which this day, and the honourable and perfect union now most harmoniously effected between the daughter lodges of "Canada" in this jurisdiction, and this Grand Lodge is, I am sure, a source of profound satisfaction and deep, heartfelt joy to every one of you; and to every true Mason of whatever registry he may, hitherto, have been; and I am confident that this will prove to be the beginning of a new era of prosperity to the craft throughout the entire Province, and will be a cause of unusual rejoicing throughout the Masonic world.

All thanks are due to the able and prudent brethren in both the Grand Lodges of Canada and Quebec, who officially or otherwise have so earnestly and efficiently laboured to bring about this most desirable end. May they long live to see the blessed fruits of their good work. May one and all put out of sight and out of mind all past differences, and each strive to excel in that noblest of emulation of who can best work, and best agree, so that our symbolic temple may be erected, harmoniously and successfully, and in the perfection of beauty, to the honour and glory of the Great Architect of the Universe. So mote it be.

Circumstances required me to visit England during the early part of the year. A favouring Providence afforded me the pleasure of reaching London, (that great metropolis of the world,) on the seventy-sixth anniversary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys,—one of the oldest and most noteworthy of the great Masonic charities of England, and under the patronage of Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria, (than whom no better sovereign ever graced a throne). I accepted a most courteous invitation which was immediately extended to me, to attend the anniversary banquet in the evening, at which the Grand Master, the Most Honourable the Marquis of Ripon presided. Some four or five hundred representative brethren from London and all parts of England were present on the occasion. Nothing could exceed the fraternal heartiness of my reception as your representative by his Lordship and many other leading officers and brethren of the Grand Lodge, for which, personally and in your behalf, I improve this opportunity to return most grateful thanks. A noteworthy feature of the occasion was the presence of several hundred ladies at a magnificent entertainment given in the grand hall after the banquet. From this our brethren may be reminded of their own remissness in not having the ladies share in some of our annual festivities. You will doubtless be pleased to have me allude to certain historic reminiscences and associations brought to mind during my recent sojourn to the Mother Country, as relating to the Masonic history of this grand old Province of Quebec. It appears that no other actual Grand Master from either division of old Canada has hitherto visited the Mother Country.

This is not wholly devoid of interest in itself, but serves to call to mind an event of far greater historical importance to the Craft in this Province, namely the departure from Quebec, after a residence of about two-and-a-half years,—just four-score years previous—of the first Grand Master of the Provincial Lodge of Lower Canada, His Royal Highness Prince Edward, Duke of Kent, the illustrious father of our beloved Queen. Those of you who in 1869, aided in the formation of the Grand Lodge of the Province of Quebec, will, I am sure, be delighted ever to remember that you were but reviving the far-seeing Masonic policy of the Mother Grand Lodge of England, when, in 1792, she established the Provincial Grand Lodge of Lower Canada; and he is indeed highly honoured to whose lot it falls to be a humble successor in the Masonic Government of the same territory, of its first royal and illustrious chief.

It is, moreover, a matter of very deep interest to the craft that the illustrious grandson of our noble brother, the Most Worshipful the Prince of Wales, is now the distinguished Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England, and a zealous patron of our order, and also the illustrious chief of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, &c. It is, indeed, a happy omen that now, as of old, Kings and Princes are promoters of the art—that they do not think it derogatory to their dignity to exchange the sceptre for the gavel, to patronise our mysteries, and join our assemblies.

I desire to call the attention of Grand Lodge to what I deem a matter of singular importance ere the Fathers of the craft have passed away, or the records now accessible shall have gone into oblivion. The written history of Freemasonry in this province would be of profound interest and of great importance. Every zealous brother earnestly desires to know more of the Provincial Grand Lodges of Lower Canada, of Quebec and Three Rivers, of Montreal and William Henry, and some of the oldest "daughter" lodges on the American continent, I would, therefore, recommend Grand Lodge to take into consideration the advisability of appointing a Historical Committee composed of at least one eminent and devoted brother from each district, and that Grand Lodge defray the incidental expenses connected therewith.

I improve the present memorable occasion, to communicate to Grand Lodge one or two extracts from ancient documents of no little interest to the Craft in this province. They will explain themselves:—

"In the year of Masonry 580. The most noble Prince John, Duke and Marquis of Athol, Marquis and Earl of Tullibardine, Earl of Stratblay, Stratbardle, Viscount of Balquider, Glenalmond and Glenlyon, Lord Murray, Belveny and Gask, heritable Captain and Constable of the Castle and Constabulary of Kincleaven, Earl Strange and Baron Murray of Stanley, in the County of Gloucester, etc., Grand Master of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, etc.

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"In order to prevent all feuds, controversies, illegal arguments, or debates, which might in any sort disturb or make void the true intent and meaning of this our unanimous conjunction,—We, the Master, Wardens, Deacons and Secretary, together with the rest of the members of our Lodge, No. 18 (by and with the approbation and consent of the Grand Lodge) have thought proper to subscribe and establish the following Rules:—

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ship of Eaton, to sit the Thursday preceding the Full Moon, of each Calendar month, &c."

In the Minutes of this Lodge, I find the names of twenty-seven members recorded.

The above will probably give an unexpected intimation to many brethren of the existence and progress of our Fraternity, even in the remote parts of the Eastern Townships of Lower Canada, in the early part of the present century, and serve to point out the propriety of rescuing from oblivion as far as possible, so interesting a history.

Now that our relations with the Grand Lodge of Canada are so happily and harmoniously adjusted, it is reasonably to be anticipated that our relations to the Imperial Mother Grand Lodges of England and Scotland will in like manner, be most satisfactorily arranged at an early day, by the affiliation with this Grand Lodge of the few remaining Lodges in this jurisdiction still holding warrants from England and Scotland, and by full and complete recognition of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, as the only Sovereign Masonic authority in and for this Province, and by the establishment of fraternal communication and correspondence, and the interchange of Grand Representatives.

England, after having for more than a century aided in establishing and upholding our beloved Order on the continent of North America, will equally honour herself in this last great act of the historical drama, in the withdrawing of the last vestige of her Masonic jurisdiction, feeling assured that, in accordance with our ancient constitutions so clearly evolved in the entire Masonic history of Grand Lodge organization and jurisdiction on this continent, she is lawfully and fraternally committing the supreme government of the craft here, to those who as Masons or as men will not prove themselves unworthy of their origin or their destiny. So mote it be.

We are indeed greatly indebted to many eminent brethren abroad for their able advocacy of our cause, and for their kindly, fraternal support extended to this Grand Lodge, which we deem it a pleasure thus formally and gratefully to acknowledge.

I now beg to express my hearty regrets that I have been quite unable during the year to accept the many kind invitations which I have received from brethren to visit lodges, attend festivals and the like, and I trust that they and all the members of Grand Lodge will bear with me in shortcomings when informed that various circumstances have engrossed an unusual amount of my time and attention, and I close my imperfect address to you on this occasion by uniting with you in the prayer that the Great Architect of the Universe may still continue to vouchsafe His blessing to the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and to our beloved Order everywhere throughout the world. So mote it be.

J. H. GRAHAM,
Grand Master.

Ottawa, Ont., 25th Sept., 1874.

M.W. Brother J. H. Graham, 32° L.L.D., & Grand Master Grand Lodge of Quebec,—I dear Grand Master, I telegraphed you to do me so good as to present the "Grand Lodge of Quebec" for me with the two accompanying jewels:—1st, Square, the gift of H.R.H. Prince Edward, Duke of Kent, father of our Queen Victoria, the gift of Prince William Henry, Duke of Clarence, and William the Fourth. I intend to present them *in person*, but by mistake wait for next month. I am very sorry. Wishing "Grand Lodge of Quebec" all prosperity remain, M.W. Brother, yours fraternally,

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Brethren will attend Divine Service at St. James's Church, Hampton-hill, at 3.30, when a SERMON will be Preached by the REV. CANON COLLIS, D.D., Provincial Grand Chaplain.

THE ANCIS BURDETT LODGE, 1503, WILL BE CONSECRATED At 4.15 by the Provincial Grand Secretary; and the W.M. Bro. Col. Wigginton, P.M., P. Prov. G.D.C. Worcestershire, will be Installed, and the Officers Invested. R. WENTWORTH LITTLE, Prov. G. Secretary.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE will be opened at 2.30 p.m.

The Brethren will attend DIVINE SERVICE

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October 21st, 1874.

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Craft Masonry.

WHITTINGTON LODGE (No. 862).—The first meeting of this lodge for the season (1874-5) held at Anderton's Hotel, on Monday, the 1st inst., Bro. W. F. Smith, W.M., presiding. The business comprised the balloting for and election of Messrs. Richard Beldan, Thomas Ward Webb, Joseph Kilsby Ward, Thomas Wain, and Charles Mitchell May. The candidates having been duly prepared were introduced, and admitted to E.A. degree, the ceremony admirably conducted by the W.M., assisted by Bros. Brett, P.G.P., Jones, P.M., Hurlstone, &c., and the remainder of the officers. Bros. Gilbert E. Campbell, Bart., P.M. 1415, & S.G.W. of Middlesex, and Charles Elmes, were proposed and balloted for as joining members. The lodge then proceeded to the election of a W.M., when Bro. Hayley was unanimously chosen. Bro. Quilty was re-elected P.M., and an Audit Committee was likewise appointed. The lodge then adjourned to the next meeting in the great hall. Forty-four brethren sat down to table, among whom were included in addition to the brethren already mentioned, Bros. R. Wentworth Little, P.M. (retary), Prov. G.S. Middlesex; Thomas Ston, A. Moore, C. Walker, F. H. Roberts, ranks, S. Godden, E. Sedgwick, C. Brothers, & Tate, Kenneth R. H. Mackenzie, John Mesley, U. Kell, and a number of others. Visitors were Bros. T. Dayson (382), O. (18), F. W. Day (3), D. J. Ross (13), Marsh (28 and 192), J. C. Flakerty (205), Villert (1107), and two brethren from and—Bros. Simon Brone (3 kol.), and L. A. Viegee (Ultrajectina). The usual toasts given and duly honoured, and thus theasonic reign of Bro. W. T. Smith as W.M. : to its close. He was presented with a's jewel of the value of £110 10s. as a mark leem on the part of the lodge, and in testi- of the remarkable exertions he had made he lodge, and on behalf of Freemasonry g his year of office. After a pleasant ng the Tyler's toast concluded the pro- ggs.
ADFORD.—Eccleshill Lodge (No. 1034).—A monthly meeting of this lodge was held in Freemason's Hall on Friday, the 23rd inst., o'clock. Bro. William Pratt, W.M., was e chair, being ably and influentially sup- ed by his officers and a goodly number of Masters and brethren. The lodge was ed, and the minutes of the previous lodge and confirmed, after which Mr. Pollard, ect of this town, being a candidate for nry, was balloted for and approved. He hen initiated into the mysteries and privi- of Freemasonry by the Worshipful Master very able manner, Bro. Kitcheman, J.W.,

having explained the working tools, and Bro. Christopher Pratt, P.M., given the charge, the Worshipful Master gave a lecture in the first degree on the tracing-board. The Building Committee then presented their report and balance-sheet of the new banqueting room just completed in connection with the lodge, for the better accommodation of the increasing number of members, which was unanimously adopted and entered on the minutes. Bro. Hutchinson, P.M., Charity Steward, acting on behalf of the lodge in the interest of the son of our late esteemed brother John Armitage, now a candidate for the Boys' School, had the petition signed by the members present, and all the necessary matters arranged for presentation to the Provincial Grand Lodge, to be in readiness for the next election of candidates for the Boys' School. This awakened the spirit of generosity usually prevailing in this lodge with a desire to endow four of the Officers, viz., Secretary, Treasurer, Inner Guard, and Organist, all the other chairs being already endowed. Bro. Christopher Pratt, P.M., and Bro. Geo. Pearson, with their usual liberality, gave each £20 towards the project, thus securing two chairs. A subscription was then entered upon, when the amount of £15 was subscribed towards the other two officers, leaving only £25 to be subscribed to complete the endowments which will, no doubt, be forthcoming in due time. A hearty vote of thanks was given to Bros. Pratt and Pearson, which was suitably responded to by them in speeches setting forth the importance of supporting the charities whereby the child of a deceased brother had a chance of a sound education free of cost. After the usual Masonic toasts and the efficient services of the officers, especially Bro. Nicholson the Organist, had been acknowledged, this most interesting meeting was brought to a close.

READING.—Grey Friars Lodge (No. 1101).—The installation of Bro. James Greenfield took place on Wednesday, the 14th inst., before a very numerous and influential assemblage of brethren. The ceremony was performed by Bro. W. W. Moxhay, P. Pro. G.R. Berkshire and P.M. 174, in his usual happy manner. The W.M. was saluted by the members in each degree, and received the hearty good wishes of the visitors present, after which the appointment and investment of the Officers took place, amid the acclamations of the brethren, amongst whom were Bro. J. Egginton, I.P.M.; J. T. Freeman, S.W.; E. Margrett, J.W.; the Rev. R. J. Simpson, Chaplain; the Rev. C. R. Honey, Assistant Chaplain; J. T. Stransom, Treasurer, and W. P. Ivey, Secretary. Before closing the Lodge for the purpose of retiring to refreshment, letters were read from the following influential members of the Craft stating their inability to attend, and expressing their hearty good wishes for the prosperity of the lodge, and a successful year of office to the W.M.:—Bro. Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., M.P., Pro. G.M. Berks and Bucks; the Rev. J. Studholm Brownrigg, D. Pro. G.M.; the Rev. Sir J. W. Hayes, Bart., P.D. Prov. G.M.; G. J. Shaw Lefevre, M.P.; the Rev. A. P. Purey Cust, 414; C. C. W. Griffiths, 30, P.M. 280, Pro. G. Treas. Worcestershire; Superintendent Mott; J. Constable, W.M. 185; Thomas Cox, P.M. 1204; Chas. Aveline, W.M. 840; Alfred Brunsden; Robert Turner, W.M. 795; W. J. Powell, W.M. 945; W. H. Binham, W.M. 209; A. Burns, W.M. 574, &c. &c. The banquet was provided by Bro. W. Bailey at the Upper Ship Hotel, and the arrangements gave unqualified satisfaction; between forty and fifty brethren sat down. Bro. Greenfield, W.M. presided. Amongst the company were Bro. F. Binckes, P.G.S. and Secretary to the R.M.I. for Boys; C. W. Wyndham, P.M. 586, P. Prov. G.I.W. Wiltshire; Swinburne, P.M. 246; Lucy, P.M. 529; Dew, P.M. 694; P. Prov. G.R. Hants; Lear, W.M. 694; the Rev. J. McGuilding, Chaplain, 419; Moxhay, I.M., P.M. 414; the Rev. H. G. Layton 858; Joseph Morris, W.M. 414, Pro. G.S. of W. Berks and Bucks; R. Bradley; P.M. 414; J. W. Hounslow, P.M. 414; J. Egginton, I.P.M. 1101; Pro. G.D.C.; Geo. Chancellor, P.M. 1101, Pro. G. Treas.; J. T. Brown, P.M. 1101, P. Pro. G.S. of W.; J. T. Freeman, S.W. 1101; E. Margrett, J.W.

1101; J. Stransom, Treas. 1101; W. P. Ivey, P.M. and Sec. 1101, P.P.G.S.B. Berks and Bucks; A. Welch, S.D. 1101; W. W. Ridley, I.G. 1101; W. G. Flanagan, J.D. 1101; Howlett, D.C. 1101; C. H. Kidley; J. E. Danks, Steward 1101; R. E. Mount, J.D. 1328; Seymour, Newman, Vickers, Robinson, Crane, &c. &c. The usual Masonic toasts followed the banquet, with several excellent speeches, the principal of which were made by Bros. Guilding and Binckes. The former, in returning thanks for the Chaplain, vindicated Masons from the charge of being a body to which good Christians should hesitate to belong. With reference to the secession of the Marquis of Ripon the rev. speaker referred to the great disappointment which the late Grand Master's resignation had caused, and referred in eulogistic terms to the singular absence of bitterness which had characterized the allusions made by Masons to that subject. Bro. Binckes made a forcible appeal on behalf of the Masonic charities, and alluded particularly to the Boys' School, urging the brethren not to be lax in their support. Many other speeches were made by the W.M., I.P.M., I.M., Treas., S.D., and visitors. The W.M. in a complimentary speech eulogised the working of his Immediate Past Master, and presented him with a splendid P.M. jewel—the unanimous vote of the lodge, which was responded to by Bro. Egginton in a most feeling manner. A very agreeable evening was spent, which was considerably enhanced by the beautiful glee singing of Bros. Mason, Barnby, and Lawler, which delighted every one present.

GREAT NORTHERN LODGE (No. 1287).—The first monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday, 15th inst. There was a good attendance of members, including the W.M.; Bros. T. H. Staton, S.W.; Jas. Forbes, J.W.; R. Bescooby, S.D.; E. Lancaster, J.D.; J. L. Ritchie; P.M.'s Reed, Webb (Treasurer), and Moody. The lodge having been opened in the first degree, the election, by ballot, of four candidates, viz. Messrs. Timberlake, Bathard, Freshwater, and Owen was then proceeded with, and found to be unanimous in favour of all. The W.M. then initiated them into the ancient mysteries of the Order in his usual masterly style. The resignation of a brother, in consequence of his having left England, was then proposed and accepted with regret. Three candidates having been proposed for election at the next meeting, and the hearty good wishes given to the W.M., the lodge was closed in due form, the brethren adjourning to the tavern, where they found Bro. Francatelli ready to receive them. The brethren having been well entertained, grace said, and the cloth removed, the W.M. proposed the "Health of the Queen, coupled with that of the Craft," which was responded to with Great Northern fire. He next gave the toast of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, G.M. elect, and very nicely alluded to the position the Craft was in at the present time, carefully avoiding any allusion to the late G.M. The "Deputy Grand Master (the Earl of Carnarvon) and other Grand Lodge Officers" was next given and responded to by Bro. T. Adams in a humorous speech, who returned thanks for the sumptuous banquet spread before him. The "Initiates" were next given by the I.P.M. Bro. Reed sang the E. A. Song, and the brethren duly "joined hand in hand," much to the astonishment of those for whom the toast was given. The initiates responded, one stating that hearing so much of Freemasons and Roman Catholics of late, he had determined to see what the former were, and was pleased with what he had seen and heard that evening of the society. Another, that he had hesitated like the late Prime Minister had lately done about some important business, whether to do it, to put off doing it, or not to do it at all. He had chosen the former and was sorry he had not joined before. The "Visitors" was the next toast, and was responded to by all, viz., Bros. W. Mann, P.M. Industry; P.G.P. T. Adams; T. Tyrell, S.W. Camden; — Arkell, S.D. Lion and Lamb; T. Harper, Celtic; J. A. Woodwell, Confidence. The I.F.M., handling the gavel, gave in a very nice manner the health of the W.M. This toast was well received by all present, as the

W.M. is universally liked. In responding the W.M. addressed himself principally to the candidates, giving them kindly advice on the new life they had just entered upon. The W.M. gave the P.M.'s of the Great Northern Lodge. The I.P.M., Bro. Reed, responded on behalf of himself, and Bros. Webb and Moody for the kind manner they had always been received, and for the substantial marks they all wore. He also gave kindly advice as to what the new members might become, should they be spared, as there was no doubt that Great Northern rule would always be carried out, and that worthy men only would be called to fulfil the duties of officers. The "Officers of the Great Northern Lodge" was then given and responded to in a very humorous speech. The evening was very much enlivened by several songs and recitations from Bros. Webb, Owen, Lancaster, Schmerl, Moody, Bescoy, Harper, and Arkell, and was brought to a close with the Tyler's toast.

HAMPSON COURT.—Burdett Lodge (No. 1293).—The October meeting of the above lodge was held on Saturday last, at the Mitre Hotel, Hampson Court, present Bros. Henry Phythian, W.M.; Keily, S.W.; Pearce, J.W.; Buss, Secretary; Little, Treasurer; Berrie, S.W.; R. W. Colonel Francis Burdett, P.G.M.; R.W. J. C. Parkinson, D.P.G.M.; Sanders, Baxter, Sissons, Wiles, Hill, Shaboe, Kenning, Massa, Sadler and others. Visitors Bros. White, P.G.S.; Arkell, 192; Mallam, Phythian and others; the business of the evening included initiations, passing and raising, all of which were most ably performed by the W.M., after which the lodge proceeded to the election of W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler, the whole being unanimously in favor of Bro. Keily, W.M.; Bro. Little, Treasurer; Gilbert, Tyler. An Audit Committee was also appointed. The lodge was then closed, after which the brethren adjourned to a well spread dinner, provided by Bro. Sadler in his usual satisfactory manner, toasts, speeches and songs closing a very successful and happy meeting.

ALDERSHOT.—Aldershot Camp Lodge (No. 1331).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Royal Hotel, Aldershot, on the 3rd ultimo, presided over by the W.M., Bro. A. McKenzie, P.G.P. Hampshire and Isle of Wight, who was supported by the following officers and a good attendance of brethren, including several visitors, viz.: Bro. Capt. Richardson, P.M. and Treasurer, P.G.S.D. Hampshire and Isle of Wight; Bro. White, S.W.; — Bennett, J.W. — Anderson, S.D.; T. Walton Mayer, J.D.; — Lucas, Secretary I.G. pro tem; and — Burns, Tyler. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for Mr. Bartram, a candidate for initiation, which proved unanimous; and he, with Mr. Ash, balloted for at the previous meeting, but not then able to attend, were duly admitted to the mysteries and privileges of the Order, the charge of the Degree being ably given by the S.W., Bro. White. Bros. Phelps and Davis, candidates for passing, having given proof of their proficiency in the former degree, were entrusted, and retired. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and they were admitted and duly passed as F.C.'s; it was then closed to the First Degree. The next duty upon the agenda paper was the consideration of Bro. Captain Richardson's notice of motion, that the lodge be removed to the Assembly Rooms, High Street, Aldershot. This was seconded by Bro. Walton Mayer, J.D., accompanied by suitable remarks. Bro. Richardson, who at the previous meeting had so fully explained to the brethren the motives which actuated him in submitting the proposition, thought it unnecessary to reiterate the sentiments then expressed by him upon the subject, as no doubt the majority of the brethren were present when the notice of motion was given, and the remainder had been in possession of the summons for the regulated period. He would, however, for the information of those brethren who were absent from the last meeting, and unable to confer with other brethren respecting the motion, briefly explain the objections held, not only by himself, but by many other brethren, to the meetings of Masonic lodges at hotels, and pointed out the great efforts now being made

in various parts of the kingdom to withdraw our lodges from hotel influences and the temptations the brethren are subjected to; notably in an adjoining province, where a large Masonic hall was in course of erection for the convenience of lodge meetings. He hoped each brother had given the motion his unbiased and conscientious consideration, and would readily acquiesce in the resolution of the majority. He likewise trusted that from the fact of his being a founder and P.M. of that lodge, the brethren would give him credit for having no personal motive to serve in this matter, as the motion he had made was submitted to them solely with a view to the advancement of the interests of the lodge, and from his heartfelt desire to see it prosper. An amendment was proposed and seconded to the effect that a committee be appointed to report upon the accommodation afforded at the Assembly Rooms before taking any step in the matter; but this information was at once furnished by Bro. Richardson in detail, he being in possession of a plan of the building. The majority of the brethren were likewise fully aware how admirably the rooms were adopted for Masonic meetings, the P.G. Lodge of Hampshire and Isle of Wight having been held there so recently as the 24th July last; consequently the amendment which was only supported by four brethren, was lost, and the original motion duly carried. A brother having been proposed and seconded as a joining member, hearty good wishes from Panmure Lodge No. 723, given by Bro. Hacker, its W.M. and P.G.J.D., were received, and the lodge closed with solemn prayer at quarter to nine o'clock p.m. At the meeting on 1st inst., the above minutes were confirmed, one brother unanimously elected as a joining member, two brethren passed, and three raised; this being the night for the annual election of officers by the lodge, there was a strong muster of the members. Bro. White, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing year, Bro. Captain Richardson, re-elected Treasurer for the third time, and Bro. Burns re-elected Tyler. The elections being ended, it was proposed by Bro. Richardson, seconded by Bro. Mayer, and unanimously approved that the retiring W.M., Bro. McKenzie, be presented with a P. Master's gold jewel, from the lodge funds, in recognition of his services during his year of office. A lodge of emergency will be summoned for 29th inst., to receive the report of the Audit Committee, and clear off any work requiring to be performed, prior to the installation meeting, which will take place in the Assembly Rooms, at three o'clock p.m., on the first Thursday in November.

IVY LODGE (No. 1441).—Since its consecration and dedication last July twelvemonth, we have had frequent occasion in these columns to record, and to record with feelings of the most sincere gratification, the continued healthy progress of the Ivy Lodge; its perfect mode of working; and the continued and unbroken love and harmony which reign throughout from the opening of the lodge until the Tyler's signal for departure. But, moreover, the Ivy Lodge is entitled to the highest regard, in respect to the large amount set aside from every payment made to its funds from every source; and devoted to purposes of active and quiescent Masonic charity. We confess, therefore, that we entertain the highest esteem for the Ivy lodge, although we have not the honour of its membership, and we are ever pleased to be present at its meetings. On Tuesday; the 20th inst., the lodge was called to hold an emergency meeting by the W.M., at its usual rendezvous, the Windsor Castle Tavern, Southwark-bridge-road. The hour named was, seven p.m., and punctual to the time appointed, there were present in their places Bros. Chas. Smith, W.M.; G. Mattock, S.W.; J. J. Cantle, J.W.; J. Noke, P.M. 87, acting P.M.; E. Thurkle, Treasurer; C. F. Poupard, S.D.; L. Cornelissen, J.D.; C. S. Jolly, Secretary; and G. T. Fox, P.M. 73, Tyler; the only officer prevented from attending his duties Bro. Ashwell, I.G. In the course of the evening two brethren, Bros. J. Barwick and J. Coker were passed to the second degree; and Bros. C. Cook and R. Giles were raised Master Masons; a

third candidate, Bro. W. G. Silcock, from unavoidable circumstances, was unable to be present. The working of the W.M. fully sustained high character as a thoroughly intellectual person, and the ceremonies were given in their entirety without the slightest curtailing very much to the benefit of the respective candidates. When the lodge was closed the brethren sat down to refreshment of the simple order, but which was partaken of with a good and good humour which could not have exceeded had soup, fish, entrees, and all other enticements of the table crowded the board. The W.M. afterwards explained why he had called that especial meeting. It was, he said, for the purpose of conferring degrees on the brethren whom he had advanced in the science that evening, because that business could have been held over until a future occasion, but he had felt it imperative on him to do so, the brethren together that they might express the fraternal affection with which they regard a brother now present, but whom it was with the bounds of possibility, they might never see again in the Ivy lodge. He alluded to Bro. Charles Nott, one of their earliest associates who, from combined motives of consideration for his health and flattering commercial prospects, was about in a few days to leave England for Sydney, New South Wales. He assured Bro. Nott that he would carry with him the sincere regrets of his brethren of the Ivy Lodge at losing him, and their heartiest good wishes for his future welfare. Bro. Nott replied in feeling terms, and stated that in leaving the Ivy Lodge he hoped that he was not severing himself from Freemasonry; he intended as soon as he was settled in his new home, to be affiliated to another lodge under the English Constitution, of which his brethren no present would have due notice; he thanked the brethren fervently for the kind wishes expressed towards him. "Auld lang-syne" was sung by the brethren, a "L'Ecceaise, in verity "with heart and voice." A very happy and interesting evening was passed by the brethren, and the W.M. may feel satisfied that his kind purpose in holding this meeting was amply justified by the result, and that Bro. Nott, in his long and anxious progress through the Southern seas—will have many an hour lightened by the happy memories of his connection with Freemasonry, and his final parting with Bro. Smith, and the good men and true of the Ivy Lodge.

INSTRUCTION.

STRONG MAN LODGE OF INSTRUCTION (No. 45).—The members of the Strong Man Lodge of Instruction worked the Fifteen Sections on Sept. 28th, at the St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, being their last time of meeting in that venerable hostelry, the following brethren taking part in the working:—Bro. Beckett in the chair; Scrimie, S.W.; Pearce, J.W.; Bros. Gilchrist, Sadler, Bently, Saul, Defriez, and Turner. The following brethren were present: Bros. Maple, P.M.; Arnold, W.M.; Byng, Williams, Borch Holford, Taylor, and Foxcroft. The working Bros. Gilchrist, Sadler, and Turner was highly commended by the brethren. The lodge will meet in future at Bro. Maple, P.M., 1 Crown, Clerkenwell Green, every Monday evening throughout the year at eight p.m., on the meeting-place of the parent lodge.

BURGOYNE LODGE OF INSTRUCTION (No. 902).—The annual supper was held by the members on Friday evening, October 16th, at the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales-road, Kew-tish-town. Bro. R. N. Field, W.M. of the parent lodge, was a most able president, and was assisted by Bro. P. M. Wuest, the much respected Preceptor; also by Bro. P. M. Fry. There were several distinguished visitors; amongst them Bro. Layland, the able Preceptor of the United Pilgrims and Domestic Lodges of Instruction. The usual Masonic toasts were given, and most heartily responded to, particularly that of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. Several of the brethren contributed to the harmony of the evening, and a very fine recitation was given by the W.M. from "As you like it." It only remains to add that the wines, &c., were supplied by Bro. Green, and gave great satisfaction, and a most enjoyable evening was spent

Royal Arch.

WHITEHAVEN.—*The Sun, Square, and Comrades Chapter* (No. 119).—The regular annual convocation of this chapter was held at theasonic Hall, College-street, on Friday, Oct. rd, at three o'clock in the afternoon. There is an unusually large gathering of companions. Among those present were Comps. G. W. Kenworthy, Z.; John Barr, H.; Edward Fearon, W. B. Gibson, P.Z.; John Bowes, P.Z., Prov. G.S.B.; Dr. Henry, S.E.; Edward son, N.; W. Sandwith, P.S.; John Rothery, Cowie, Thos. Mandale, John Tickle, Geo. zgerald, Geo. Rynie, John Young, Jos. Price, F. Archibald, C. B. Pritillaro, Thos. Atkin-, W. Armstrong, Thos. C. Windross, F. imble, and Jas. Cooper. Visitors:—W. rrsop, M.E.Z. No. 148, P.P.G.P.S. West ncashire; Thos. Dodgson, P.Z. 995, P.Z.P.P. S.S.; and Reuben Pearson, P.Z. No. 995. e chapter was opened in due form, according icient custom, by the Principals, assisted by visiting Principals, when the remainder of companions were admitted, and the minutes d and confirmed. The ballot was then taken several brethren as candidates for exaltation, Bros. James R. Bain, Dr. Dick, and Thos. l Roxby being present were exalted in ample n, at the request of the M.E.Z., by E. Comp. n Bowes, who also gave the mystic lecture; historic lecture being given by Comp. Fearon, and the symbolic lecture by Comp. John y, H. The M.E.Z., Comp. Kenworthy, then ented Comps. Barr, Fearon, and Dr. Henry the benefit of installation as Z., H., and K. ectively, and the ceremony was proceeded t by E. Comp. John Bowes, according to ent form, being assisted by Comps. G. W. worthy and W. Mossop. In due time the le of the companions were re-admitted, and ew chiefs proclaimed and saluted, and the iction pronounced. After some routine ness, a cordial vote of thanks was accorded o Comp. Bowes for his valuable and efficient ces, and ordered to be entered upon the tes. The chapter was then closed, and the anions adjourned to the banquet-room, where r the presidency of the newly-installed ipals, a most enjoyable evening was spent, ened by some excellent music, conducted omp. Cooper, Organist. After the usual oasts those of a Masonic character received attention. The M.E.Z. was proposed by p. Kenworthy, who spoke very highly of p. Barr, and said he believed a bright future ore Chapter 119, for he was confident the Z. would set an example to all of fervency eal in Royal Arch Masonry. Comp. Barr, sponse, said, that as far as he could he d endeavour to discharge his new duties in icient manner, and that, with the assistance ir Preceptor, Comp. Bowes, he had no Chapter No. 119 would become a model ood working. Comps. Fearon and Dr. r endorsed the remarks of their chief. o. W. B. Gibson, P.Z. proposed the health e Installing Principal, Comp. Bowes, and d at length to the impressiveness of the onies they had listened to that day and to tent of their obligations to Comp. Bowes on well as on a former occasion. Comp. Bowes y thanked all present for their kindness, aid he had endeavoured to render their ful ceremonies in an intelligible manner, s efforts having met with their approval is amply repaid for his trouble. He in- l to watch over Chapter No. 119 till it was orking, and he trusted the newly-installed pals would never hesitate to call for his s whenever they needed them. Comp. y, H., proposed "the Visitors," and coupled he toast the name of their late townsman, mp. W. Mossop, M.E.Z. of the Chapter as Ashmole, No. 148, Warrington. He omp. Mossop was admitted to light in 19, and the position he held in West Lan- s was a proof of his zeal and fidelity as a and his conduct as a man. It gave him r pleasure to meet his old friend in that rd to welcome him once again in White- Comp. Mossop responded at some and reciprocated the very kind remarks mp. Fearon. He had done some work

since he left Whitehaven, and the further he advanced in Masonry the more beauty he found in it. In his position of M.E.Z. of No. 148, he was, as they were, under obligations to Comp. Bowes, and he always found him ready to render instruction and assistance whenever either was sought or required. He wished Chapter No. 119 every possible prosperity, and he felt confident with their present officers they would soon realise their most sanguine wishes. Comp. Bowes proposed the health of the subordinate officers of the Chapter, and showed the importance of the duties entrusted to those officers. He coupled with the toast the name of Comp. Edward Tyson, P.S., whose family he had known for thirty years. Comp. Tyson made a most stirring speech, and declared his intention to do his best to master the duties attached to his office, and thereby contribute to the well-being of the chapter. A few other toasts brought the proceedings to a close.

LION AND LAMB CHAPTER (No. 192).—The October meeting of the above chapter was held on Wednesday, the 21st inst., at the City Terminus Hotel. Present Comps. King, Z.; Roberts, H.; Newman, J.; Fellows, S.N.; Strickland Muggerridge, S.E.; F. D. R. Copestick, P.S.; Chapman and Arkell, A. Sojourners; Kenning, Treasurer; and Gilbert Janitor; H. Muggerridge, Yeoman; J. Copestick, Newton, Storr; Phythian, Cann, Marks, Kent. Visitors Comps. Taylor, Gompertz, Pearce, Partridge, Marsh and Harper. Three brethren presented themselves for exaltation, Bros. H. Povey, Neptune Lodge; C. B. Cheese, Gresham Lodge; and J. Curle, Lion and Lamb Lodge; the result of the ballot being unanimously in their favour they were exalted to the degree of Royal Arch Masonry, in a very masterly manner by Comp. H. Muggerridge, Z.; Roberts, H.; and Newman, J.; assisted by the other officers. The next business was the election of Principals and officers for the ensuing year, the result of the ballot being in favour of Comps. Roberts, Z.; Newman, H.; F. D. R. Copestick, J.; Birdseye, S.N.; Jones, P.S.; S. Muggerridge, S.E.; Kenning, Treasurer; and Gilbert, Janitor. An Audit Committee was then proposed, consisting of the three Principals, P.S., Scribes, N. and E., Fellows, Newton, and Phythian. The chapter was closed in due form. The usual banquet followed, accompanied with toasts, songs and recitations.

BEDFORD.—*Bedford Chapter* (No. 540).—On Wednesday, the 21st October, 1874, a H.R. A. Chapter was held in the Chapter Room, at seven p.m., for the purpose installing the Principals and investing the officers for the ensuing year. The minutes of the former chapter were read and confirmed. The ceremony of installing the Principals was rendered in an impressive manner by Ex. Comp. W. Merrifield, (a P.Z. of twenty years' standing) who was ably assisted by Comps. G. Merrifield, P.Z.; Northway, P.Z.; and T. R. Jones, the retiring Z. The board of Principal being closed, the Z. invested the officers for the ensuing year.

Mark Masonry.

DEVONPORT.—*Friendship Lodge* (No. 16).—The members of this lodge held a very successful meeting on Thursday 22nd inst., when Dr. Major Tanner Day, the Provincial Grand Master of Mark Masons of Devon, attended for the purpose of installing Bro. Knight as the W.M. for the year ensuing. The interesting ceremony was very ably performed by the P.G.M. in the presence of a large number of brethren, including many visitors from other lodges in the three towns, and the W.M. afterwards appointed his officers as follows:—Bros. Price, S.W.; Cochrane, J.W.; Murch, S.D.; Elphinstone, Treasurer; Swanborough, M.O.; Jeffery, S.O.; Ward, J.O.; and Bening, Tyler. A cordial vote of thanks was given to the P.G.M. for having come so great a distance expressly to instal the W.M., and after the business of the lodge was terminated, the brethren partook of their annual banquet, where the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given. The health of the P.G.M. was drunk with great cordiality, and reference was made to the extreme

popularity of the R.W. brother amongst all Devonshire Masons. In responding to the toast Bro. Davy made a humorous, but at the same time very instructive, speech, and addressing himself to the officers of the lodge he gave them some excellent advice as to the duties which devolved upon them as Mark Masons. Altogether a very enjoyable evening was spent.

Knights Templar.

PRESTON.—*Prince of Peace Preceptory*.—The regular meeting of this Preceptory was held on Monday evening, the 19th inst., at the Assembly Rooms, Bull Hotel, Preston. The eminent Preceptor, Captain A. H. H. Whitehead, occupied the principal chair, and was supported by the following Knights Companions:—Lieut.-Colonel Birchall, Prov. Constable; John Worsley, Constable; Lieut. Airey, Marshal; James Worsley, P.E.C., Expert; Dr. J. D. Moore, P.E.C.; J. Galloway, P.E.C., Treasurer; W. W. Cottam, Registrar; Jos Harding, Captain of Lines), &c. The Preceptory was opened by the Preceptor, the muster-roll called, and other business transacted. A memorial to the V. H. and E. Great Prior as to the recent changes in the Order was discussed; this chiefly objected to the fact of the word "Masonic" being omitted in the designation of the Order, according to the existing regulations, the abolition of Past Rank, and the alteration of the titles of the officers and of the meetings, &c. It was resolved unanimously that the memorial submitted be signed by the Preceptor, Constable, Marshal, and Registrar, and forwarded in due course to the Prov. Chancellor. A candidate was proposed for installation in the Preceptory, the alms collected, and the Preceptory closed in due form. The Knights Companions afterwards attended a banquet under the presidency of Sir Kn. Whitehead, when, after ample justice had been done to the good fare provided, the usual loyal and chivalric toasts were given.

Scotland.

GLASGOW.

CALEDONIAN RAILWAY LODGE (No. 354).—The meeting of this lodge on Wednesday, 21st inst., was a specially interesting and unusually successful one, the feature of the evening being a presentation from the members of the lodge to P.M. A. Arrick Smith, in token of their appreciation of his services during his Mastership, and of their esteem for him generally. Bro. James Shaw, R.W.M., presided, and there were on the dais Bros. A. McTaggart, P.G.S.; A. Arrick Smith, P.M., 354; John Fraser, P.M. 87; W. R. Dunn, Secretary; James Balfour, P.G.D.C.; George Weston, R.W.M. 73; Julius Brodè, P.M. 360; W. Phillips, R.W.M. Clydesdale Lodge; Jno. Miller, R.W.M. 87; and David Reid, R.W.M. 465. Rarely has there been so numerous a gathering in connection with the lodge, the attendance including brethren from various lodges in the district. The lodge having been opened in the Apprentice degree, the minutes of last meeting were read by the Secretary and approved of. The R.W.M. announced that on that night fortnight it would be necessary to elect office-bearers for the year. The R.W.M. then inquired what time it was; and being informed that it was high twelve, called the brethren to refreshment; the same being supplied in abundance, and served in excellent style by the Stewards. The toast of "The Queen and the Craft" having been duly honoured, the R.W.M. gave "The Three Grand Lodges," coupled with the names of Bros. Bickerton (360), and J. Thomson, Lodge Truth (22), Belfast. The toast was acknowledged by these brethren in turn; the latter remarking that a feature in Irish Masonry he soon hoped to see established in Scotland was the Orphan Schools for the children of deceased brethren. The R.W.M. next gave "The Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow," which was drunk with highest honours, and responded to by Bro. McTaggart, P.G. Secretary, who, in course of his reply, stated that not only did the Provincial Grand Lodge occupy a very important position

but that it was the strongest and most active working Provincial Grand Lodge in Scotland. It had never been found deficient in its endeavours to strengthen and uphold its dignity, and had noble work for the Craft in this part of the kingdom. It had had a succession of eminent Provincial Grand Masters, including Sir Archibald Alison, the historian of Europe, whose works would be read while the English language endured; the late lamented Captain Speirs, of Elderslie, a proficient, exemplary, and enthusiastic Mason; and now Bro. W. Montgomerie Neilson, of Queenshill, who, he might mention, was a member of this lodge—in fact, it was his mother lodge, and he was one of its most distinguished Past Masters. One special feature had marked his reign as Provincial Grand Master; that was the annual visitation of the various lodges in the province, chiefly conducted and superintended by Bro. F. A. Barrow, D.P.G.M. The immediate result of this step was to show that the state of matters generally in the province was not so good as it might have been; and the after result was that all that was defective had been remedied. The members of the various lodges had come into closer union; they were more social and obliging in their work, and he (Bro. McTaggart) believed that there was not a lodge in Glasgow that would not do everything in its power in aid of a sister lodge. The jealousy that formerly existed had entirely disappeared, and the lodges were now working as harmoniously as it was possible for lodges to work in any part of the world. In addition, he said, we have been enabled to establish a Fund of Masonic Benevolence in Glasgow for the relief of our decayed brethren, the widow; and the orphan. It is encouraging to know that this fund has, from very small beginnings gradually increased till at length it has attained considerable dimensions. Its progress was no doubt slow, and, for a considerable time, its stability uncertain; but through the indefatigable energy of its then Treasurer, Bro. James Thomson, it continued to prosper, and its position was finally strengthened by receiving the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. The fund is chiefly maintained by a levy of five shillings from each newly initiated candidate, and from this source alone is produced an income of about £150 per annum. We are, therefore, able to give each applicant for relief about £3 on an average. £5 is a not unfrequent vote; and we hope by-and-bye to give from £10 to £20. We have £500 funded, and our current account at the bank is quite able to meet the current claims on the fund. I am quite sure that Bro. Neilson would have been proud to have been with us to-night, and have replied to this toast; and I shall have much pleasure, the first time I see him, to tell him of what was done. Especially I shall mention to him what our brother from Ireland said about the Masonic Institutions of that country, and especially of the Orphan Schools. We are persuaded, from the great interest he has displayed in the cause of education, that his hand will not be slack in promoting any scheme of a similar nature that may, for the benefit of the Craft and those in any measure depending on it, be proposed for establishment in this country. Bro. McTaggart concluded his remarks by thanking the brethren for the cordial recognition given to Provincial Grand Lodge, and for the honour they had personally conferred upon himself. The S.W. gave as a sentiment "May the mouse never leave the Mason's meal poke w' a tear in its e'e," and the same having been duly sympathised with, the R.W.M. said they had now come to an important point in the evening's proceedings. They all knew that when Bro. Smith was called to the chair, which he (the speaker) now occupied, it was under special difficulties and on very short notice, and he was sure they would all say that he had fulfilled the duties of the office in the best manner. Especially had their brother been successful during his Mastership, in creating a large amount of good feeling in the lodge; which, generally, would now stand comparison. In conclusion, and in handing over to Bro. Smith a valuable gold 'hunting' watch, suitably inscribed, the R.W.M. said he had much pleasure on behalf of the lodge, in wishing him at the same time every success in

life, and expressed their hope that he might long be able to come amongst them, and enjoy himself as formerly. The toast of "Bro. Smith and his Fireside" was then given from the chair, and drank with much enthusiasm and highest honours. The R.W.M. then intimated that he had just received a note from one of their members, presently in Belfast, Bro. R. J. Schmidt, in which the writer expressed his great regret that owing to non-communication with the lodge he had been debarred from sharing in their expression of feeling towards his "friend and noble brother," Arrick Smith. Not to be left out altogether, Bro. Schmidt enclosed in his note a small token of his own, a handsome finger-ring, and he "humbly requested" that his fellow members would drink just one glass extra to the health of Bro. Smith, "the same as if he (the writer) had himself proposed it." The R.W.M. having handed the ring to Bro. Smith, this request of the absent brother was duly complied with. In acknowledging the compliments paid him, Brother Arrick Smith said in reference to his period of office as Master that his weak endeavours for the good of the lodge, and for the Craft all over the world, would have been of little use but for the able staff of office-bearers whom he had to support him. In that respect he was very fortunate, he and they having only one point in view, the great end of Masonry to "Let brotherly love continue." Their gift of that evening he would wear proudly, and would never take it out to see the time without calling to mind the happy hours he had spent in the lodge with so many warm-hearted brethren. He must just thank them; and he could assure them that he would always be ready to do whatever he could to assist the lodge, or any other brethren, as long as he had life. Referring to Bro. Schmidt's token of friendship, it had taken him so much by surprise that he scarcely knew what to say. At any rate he should prize it very highly, and he hoped that a note would be sent to their brother in acknowledgment of his remembrance. Bro. Brodie, in complimentary terms, proposed "Success to *The Freemason*," referring, in course of his remarks, to the handsome offer of one hundred guineas made by its proprietor towards the establishment of an adequate scheme of Masonic benevolence in Scotland. The toast was coupled with the name of Bro. J. Stewart, who replied. Bro. McTaggart, in a humorous address, proposed the toast of "Lodge 354, Caledonian Railway." He was a member of the lodge, he said, of some years' standing, and it had been his privilege and extreme delight to instal the office-bearers for some three or four years in succession. He could, therefore, now say to them, in a fatherly sort of way, that he was pleased at being asked to propose a toast that could not have fallen into better hands. He begged to couple with the toast the health of the R.W.M. (Bro. Shaw) who now occupied the chair, and had never been found wanting where an honest man's place demanded his presence. The R.W.M., in briefly acknowledging the toast, said that he felt very proud of the position, the important position, and hoped he should do his best to promote the good feeling that should prevail amongst brethren and the prosperity of lodge 354. Amongst the remaining toasts were "The Visiting Brethren," coupled with the name of Bro. Jas. Jamieson (225), who replied; and "The Musical Talent of the Evening," coupled with the name of Bro. Jas. Houston—by whom it was acknowledged in characteristic terms. We have but to add that the amount of musical talent present was unusually great, the more formal proceedings of the evening being most agreeably relieved by songs, stories, &c. from Bros. Jas. Houston, Charles Stewart, J. G. Sharp, John Good, Connor, Barker, Crabb, and McPhee. Altogether, as we have said, the occasion was a great success.

SUPREME COUNCIL 33°, A. AND A. S. RITE FOR SCOTLAND.—At a meeting of Council held in Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, on the 12th inst., Bro. Henry Inglis, of Torsonce, Provincial Grand Master of Peebles and Selkirk, was duly installed as a member of the 33° and of the Supreme Council.

At a meeting of the Sovereign Tribunal of the 31°, held at a later hour on the same day, the

Right Hon. the Earl of Kellie, Senior Grand Warden in the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and Second Grand Principal in the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter; the Right Hon. Lord Rosehill, Past Grand Sword Bearer in the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and Grand Sword Bearer in the Royal Arch Chapter; and Walter Montgomerie Neilson, of Queenshill, Provincial Grand Master of Glasgow were admitted to the 31st degree.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF SUSSEX.

A Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Masons was constituted on Friday, 23rd inst., at the Old Ship Hotel, Brighton, Brother Sir John Cochrane Burrows, J.P., was installed as R. W. Provincial Grand Mark Master.

The movable Grand Lodge was presided over by Lord Limerick, who was assisted by the Rev. J. R. Portal, M.A., as Past Grand Master; Col. Burdett, as Deputy Grand Master; Col. Adair, as S.G.W.; and Bro. J. Gilbert Smallpiece, as J.G.W.

The presiding Grand Master, in addressing the Grand Lodge, stated the satisfaction he felt, shared in by the London members of the degree generally, at the establishment of a Provincial Grand Mark Lodge in Sussex. He took the opportunity of congratulating the Mark Masons in this neighbourhood on having secured so worthy a man as Bro. Sir J. C. Burrows to preside over them in the capacity of Grand Master.

Bro. T. J. Sabine nominated Bro. F. Davidson as Grand Treasurer, in the room of Bro. J. R. Stebbing, of Southampton, lately deceased.

Sir J. C. Burrows was then obligated, invested, and enthroned, and in a suitable and very feeling manner thanked the brethren for the confidence reposed in him, and for the very high honour which they had preferred him. He subsequently invested his officers for the ensuing year.

Several motions relating to the business of the day, or of importance to the Province, were proposed and considered.

The Provincial Grand Lodge will meet next year at Hastings.

The Visitors present numbered nearly hundred, and double that number of letters had been received from all parts of the county expressing regret that circumstances would prevent the attendance of brethren, but sending their best wishes for the prosperity of the degree in the South of England, and for the success of the new province of Sussex.

Multum in Parvo, or Masonic Notes and Queries.

In reply to "An Old Mason," (page 630) would remark that the newspaper paragraph respecting Baron Ceschi, in which he is designated "Deputy Grand Master of the Order of Knights of St. John," must have been founded on error. There is no present Grand Master, and consequently cannot be a Deputy. The Protestants branches of the Order, in England and in Germany are not in coalition with the Roman Catholic branches. I am not aware that "now and again we have paragraphs" in the *Freemason*, "having reference to the doings of that English Lang emanating doubtless from Masonic members that august brotherhood." (I only remember one paragraph, of a very few lines, in or about July last, I think, which was contributed myself, containing the simple announcement that the anniversary had been held at the Grand house, Clerkenwell, and Divine service, by permission of H.M., at the Chapel Royal, Savoy Palace.)

THE GRAND MASTERSHIP OF THE IRISH FREEMASONS.—The Press Association understands that his Grace the Duke of Abercorn, Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland, has accepted the office of Grand Master of the Freemasons of Ireland, rendered vacant by the death of Duke of Leinster. The Viceroyn's installation will probably be held in Dublin in the early part of December.

Original Correspondence.

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

The enclosed extracts from an address read by Bro. Rob Morris, Past Grand Master of Kentucky, June 4th, 1873, may afford light to your esteemed correspondent, Bro. Murray Lyon.

With regard to the Victoria Chapter, recently created in Glasgow, being the first established in Great Britain, it will appear from Bro. Morris's statement that, prior to 1868, when he held the office of Grand Patron, no charters were granted for the organisation of chapters, the bodies which may have been formed at that time were designated "Families of the Eastern Star," and those, we learn from the source, had ceased to exist, which is fully set out by Bro. D. Murray Lyon.

For the information of those who feel interested in the matter, I may state that the charter of the Victoria Chapter bears the signatures of Bro. Robert Macoy as Grand Patron, a Mason of world-wide reputation, who for upwards of 40 years has been Grand Recorder of the Encampment of Knights Templar of the State of New York, and of Bro. Morris as Secretary, of whom Bro. Lyon speaks.

I am, dear Sir and Brother,
Yours, courteously and fraternally,
H. J. SHIELDS, 33°.

Glasgow, Oct. 24, 1874.

As illustrious Grand Matron, Grand Patron, Official Delegates of the Grand Chapter, Eastern Star, of the State of New York, I accept as a good occasion to visit your Grand Chapter of the Adoptive Rite, and thank you for your invitation. By your permission, I will place on record certain facts containing the origin and progress of the Rite with which I am familiar. In the "Eastern Star Manual," written by Bro. Macoy, the statement is made to the effect that "the Order of the Eastern Star established in the United States in 1850. This is an error. It should have read, 'the Masonry was established at that time.' When I began to write and publish upon Freemasonry, I found the desire for degrees as deeply planted in the minds of others as my own, and I was called everywhere to confer such degrees as we were entitled to. The Good Samaritan, the Heroine, the Mason's Daughter, and others, were all rather thin, gave but little satisfaction in matter, and inartistic in form, and I was convinced that something better could be done. In 1850, twenty-three years ago, I set out with all my ability my idea of what should be done in this department, and called it the Eastern Star. . . . Two ideas I kept steadily in mind,—namely that in the ties which unite Masons together, the honour, safety, and welfare of the wife, widow, mother, sister, and daughter are sacredly regarded; and, second, that these privileges available in the case of peril or distress, some forms of recognition are needed. Twenty-three years experience, and the affiliation of fifty ladies, substantiate the belief upon which I set out. We cannot truthfully say to the ladies that we will "introduce her into Freemasonry" nor do I think such a statement ever made, nor can we promise the lady who has been initiated into the forms of the Rite, that she will be thereby any more benefited by Masonic aid than she was before. Do I think that that statement has been made? What, then, is the inducement? Why this: that a lady who, by marriage is really in possession of these privileges, will find her appeal made easier through the signs and passes, and, perhaps, through the certificate we furnish her. The spirit and purpose of the Adoptive Rite have always taught it, and every other system, directly or indirectly, has been introduced into this system through me. I have never personally communicated with the Eastern Star to ten thousand ladies. It is a respectable assembly are many who

received the degrees from me, and they can testify if I have ever promised them more than this. Several attempts were made at different times to organise the Eastern Star into a system. The first, in 1855, was styled "the Constellation," of which a number were constituted. But it was found in practice that the Ritual was too complicated, demanding more dramatic skill than was available in many places, and this soon fell into disuse. Then, in 1859, a Ritual was framed for "Families of the Eastern Star," of which quite a large number were organised. But the trouble with these was, that not enough of the dramatic element was introduced into them, and they fell through for want of interest. In 1868, when I sailed for the Holy Land, I resigned to Bro. Robert Macoy the title and prerogatives of Grand Patron, which I had assumed as the author of the system, he consenting to undergo the heavy cares incumbent upon the office. I need not say that Bro. Macoy has fully justified my choice. The result of his labours, continued through five years, has been to establish chapters of the Eastern Star in all parts of New York, in New Jersey, in Mississippi, in Illinois, in Iowa, in Massachusetts and Connecticut—to name them all would almost be to call the roll of the States. Surely this is an encouraging evidence of the adaptedness of this system to the wants of the present age. The Rituals of the system you are now working, styled Chapter of the Eastern Star, were the work of Bro. Macoy himself, I assisted him in the preparation of certain portions, and gave him my warm approval of the whole. He expressed the opinion to me many years since, that no form of the Adoptive Rite can be permanent, or can exercise much influence upon the minds of its recipients, unless it is hedged in with charters dramatized in ceremonies, and illustrated with jewels and paraphernalia like other systems of Masonry. This form of Eastern Star Chapters seems to meet with universal acceptance, and I think it may be deemed permanent. As to the charge of modernism, this applies equally to all the forms of Masonry, except the first three degrees. To say that ladies have nothing to do with Freemasonry, is a stupid assertion unworthy a sensible man. To whom are the benefits applicable, if not to them? And what good is Freemasonry to do them, unless they are informed of their claims? And what better way is there for imparting this information than the method practised in the lectures and ceremonies of the Eastern Star. There is nothing to discourage us in the opposition we meet with. For the same opposition was made to Royal Arch Masonry sixty years ago, yet see how popular it is now! Everything in Masonry must stand upon its own merits. If the Eastern Star satisfies the demands of the age, it will live. Men may say what they please against it, it will live, and will become an institution in the land. That it has done good already, I know. That it has capacity for good, a thousand times greater, I honestly believe. Therefore, let us adhere to it patiently, do its work faithfully, and in due time we shall receive our reward if we faint not.

Obituary.

BRO. SAMUEL INNS, D.P.G.M., OF NORTHANTS AND HUNTS.

We have this week to record the death of Bro. Samuel Inns, of Towcester, member of the Lodge of Fidelity 445, and D.P.G.M. of Northants and Hunts.

The deceased brother had been for upwards of 30 years a member of the Masonic brotherhood, and always evinced the liveliest desire to promote the interests and welfare of the Craft, and to carry out in a practical manner the principles of the Order.

He never spared expense and trouble in doing this, and his zeal was rewarded in a small degree by his promotion to the important office which he held at his death, and to which he was raised several years since.

He had been for some time ailing, but his friends did not anticipate so speedy a termination to his career as was the case, his last illness being of only two days' duration.

It was felt (though not specially wished by the deceased), that it was incumbent on all his brothers in the province, and especially those of his own lodge, that it was their duty to pay a last tribute to his memory by following him to his grave, and accordingly, at his funeral on the 15th inst., upwards of 60 members of the lodges in the province assembled for that purpose, for which a dispensation from Grand Lodge had been previously obtained. Lodge being opened, a procession was formed and marched up to the residence of the deceased, and thence to the parish churchyard, in Masonic order.

His Grace the Duke of Manchester, P.G.M. of the province, was prevented from attending by his absence from England, but sent a letter of condolence, and many similar letters were sent by other brothers who were unable to attend.

The funeral service was taken by the Rev. W. H. Lee, Vicar of Towcester, the Rev. E. G. James, late Curate, Bro. the Rev. Tyrwhitt Drake, P.P.G.C., Bro. the Rev. Wm. Howes, P.P.G.C., and Bro. the Rev. C. G. Barr.

The "Dead March" in Saul was impressively played while the body was in the church, by Bro. Wm. Simmonds, W.M. 445, and P.G.O.

The deceased brother's regalia was borne on the pall. The pall bearers were six of the oldest P.M.'s of deceased's lodge. Bro. Marston was G.D.C., and Bro. Evans 445 was A.D.C.

Before closing the lodge it was unanimously resolved to request the lodges of the province to go into mourning for three months, and the customary banquet of the deceased brother's lodge, which was fixed for Oct. 23rd, is of course postponed.

A luncheon was provided for the brethren assembled, and after it the memory of the deceased brother was drunk in solemn silence.

A funeral sermon was preached on Sunday morning last, by the Rev. W. H. Lee, when most of the members of deceased's lodge were present in their private capacity.

Deceased was 67 years of age.

Masonic Tidings.

A KINDLY NOTE.—The Supreme Council of Freemasons in France has invited all the Grand Lodges of the world to meet at Lausanne on the first Monday in September, 1875. Says a clerical paper, "It is against the general peace that this assembly will conspire. All the friends of honesty—*les amis du bien*—should keep their eyes upon it." I want to know whether this sort of language is not libellous? If it be not, most certainly it tends to incite a breach of the peace.

BRO. GEORGE KENNING has received the commands of Grand Lodge for the supply of clothing and jewels, for the Grand Master and other Grand Officers.

BRO. EDWARD VERNON has just returned from a pleasant trip to his native land across the water. He was a guest at No. 33, Golden-square, London, and speaks in rapturous terms of his reception by Captain Nathaniel George Philips, 33°, and other distinguished members of the Supreme Council of England. We envy our stalwart brother his delightful experiences of travel.—*New York Dispatch*.

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Answers to Correspondents.

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The following stand over:—Letters from E. M., C. H. G. E., H. D. E.; Reports of Lodges—1276, Seacombe; Chapter 995, Ulverstone; Provincial Grand Lodge of Jersey; Laying the Foundation-stone of the Masonic Hall at Alloa; Stanley Hospital Fete and Gala, Liverpool.

Births, Marriages and Deaths.

DEATH.

SHORT.—October 28, at Broxmore, Dawlish, Caroline Mary, wife of J. Stroud Short L.P.M., Salem Lodge, 1443, aged 32 years.

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1874.

"LE MONDE MACONNIQUE" AND
"THE FREEMASON."

In the September number of our French contemporary there appears, at page 204, what purports to be a fraternal criticism on some articles which have appeared this year in our journal on "The True Mission of Freemasonry." This review also appears to be written by the Editor, who is, we understand, Bro. Caubet, and with it we have little to find fault, as it is both able in substance and moderate in tone. It is quite clear, indeed, that our esteemed Bro. Caubet does not approve or agree with our views, and regards the suppression of mystico-philosophical teaching, and of a supposed eclectic system of doctrine and morals as "l'effacement de la Francmaçonnerie." We, "au contraire," entirely disagree in turn with Bro. Caubet, but he has clearly as much right to hold and enounce his opinion on the subject as we have on our part. But we think it right to say also this. The unfortunate position into which Freemasonry in France is daily drifting, in deference to most mistaken counsels, might, if we thought well to prolong the discussion with Bro. Caubet, which we do not, be adduced, we think, in strong proof of the soundness of our original contention. We did not, as it happens, allude to French Freemasons in our articles, but as Bro. Caubet has himself raised the question, we think it better, like true Freemasons, to express our opinion on the subject, openly and honestly. And we speak with some little knowledge of the state of affairs, and yet with most sincere goodwill to our Gallican and other foreign brethren, for whom, too, we are willing to make every allowance alike for difference of situation, and difficulty of position. But yet, when as in France, to-day, French Freemasonry has all but assumed the declarations and dogmas of the most painful period of her history, when

the very existence of a Supreme Being, and even the immortality of the soul, are not only erased from the professions of the governing body, but even private lodges are hardly permitted to avow the same secret truths, every reflecting brother must see that the foundations of French Freemasonry are sapped, that, on such principles it never can long flourish, and that evil days are in store for French Freemasons. Such are our candid opinions, "quantum valent," and such we commend to the careful consideration of our courteous Bro. Caubet, from whom we part with every assurance of our true Masonic consideration. But when we turn from our fraternal antagonist, Bro. Caubet, to Bro. H. Valleton, who writes another critique on the articles in the *Freemason*, at page 221, what can we possibly say either of his style or his tone? Not only is this additional review in marked contrast with the brotherly and polished language of the Editor, but it is a deliberate departure from the usual French politesse. Bro. Valleton commences his unmasonic tirade, by describing the Editor of the *Freemason* as a "confrère égaré par esprit de nationalité au milieu des plus importantes questions philosophiques comme un homme perdu dans une haute forêt." This is, as Sam Weller would say, "pretty well for beginning," not, probably, that such language much matters in any way, the more so, as before the close of this article some of our readers may perhaps be of opinion that the remarkable expression "confrère égaré" belongs not fairly to Bro. Valleton himself than to the Editor of the *Freemason*. For Bro. Valleton goes on to say, that in our simple and straightforward enunciation of the universality of Freemasonry and yet of the happy possession in all our lodges of God's holy and inspired word, where can one possibly "accumuler en moins de mots de contradictions, illogismes, plus de sophismes plus d'enormités, plus de non sens." "Midi civil, bedad," as Paddy said, "and excise no foine writing!" Well we must, we feel, at once to such sweeping accusations from lucid and so just a critic, consoling ourselves with the reflection, however, that if it really contradictory, illogical, sophistical, full of imity, utterly nonsensical, to hold such views we share them, as we are proud to be with ninety-nine out of every hundred of our English Craft. And when Bro. Valleton goes on to express his mournful opinion in these sad words, "Helas! il est bien marqué que les Maçons Anglais ne sont ni illuminés, ni mystiques, ni philosophes, ni logiques," we are bound to say at once, that I deeply feel that English Freemasons shall long remain, puts it, neither illuminés, nor mystiques, nor philosophers, nor logicians, as we certainly not intend to give up our Bibles, nor religion from our lodges. But Bro. Valleton not even content with such allegations, a good man, he means, as we say, to go to the entire animal," and so he proceeds to make of language which we deeply regret fall from the pen of any educated and cultured brother Freemason, for he loudly declares because we English Masons accept the Bible as God's Word, and

masonry is "anti-liberal and reactionary." He ought to have said anti-infidel and yet most tolerant. But it appears to us a very profitless task, a sad waste of time and intellect, to follow our "frère égaré" in this outburst of unmasonic intolerance and of revolutionary nonsense, and so we propose to leave him, as the French say, "planté dans une haute forêt" of "so-hismes," "illogismes," "enormités," and rubbish. Bro. Valleton's knowledge of English Freemasonry is as correct, moreover, as his criticism is just and fair. He tells us at page 223, that our English Freemasonry is "closed to Jews, who only accept the Pentateuch," that it is "closed to Hindoos and Parsees," that it is closed to all Freethinkers." No doubt English Freemasonry is closed to Atheists, and long may it continue to be so. But this is not all. Blinded by his own "esprit nationalité," this well-informed brother goes on to assert that English Biblical Masonry is so much a religious sect, that there are actually Clergymen" (*sic*) who direct it, with the title and position of Chaplains." Horrible enormity! Is it not? What a priest-ridden lot we are! Yes, will it surprise our readers to be told, that English Freemasonry is a "sect so narrow that it only chooses those Biblical Christians who belong to the higher or middle classes," and that it rejects actually "those Biblical Christians of the working classes, whom it keeps at a distance by its fees and its various expenses." How any such brother can really sit down and take the trouble to put together such an amount of mitigated falsehood and absurdity, it passes our comprehension to realize altogether. We need not allude to the remainder of Bro. Valleton's lucubration, as it is simply one of those digested rhapsodies put forth by some of our sign brethren, which really serve as an excuse for the opposition by governments and religious bodies to a propaganda which savours of irreligion and socialism. We in England, spite Bro. Valleton, mean to go on our peaceable, tolerant, and what the Germans call "mandandy" way, resolved on this one thing, however, which the example of foreign Masonry teaches alike our bounden and our solemn duty, never on any account to let go the sympathy always manifest for religion, and above all, in helping us, never on any pretence to remove the Bible from our lodges.

IS THE POPE A FREEMASON?

most important question. Yet how can we answer it? We have heard it repeated so lately, with great emphasis and energy of expression, that it is by some taken to be an admitted and an ascertained fact. Indeed, one or two Italian and Sicilian lodges have, we are told, on the faith of the story, expelled, as that is, as they could do so, Bro. Pio Nino from Freemasonry. Now we confess to have some doubts on the subject, and we should very much wish to have those doubts removed. The fact be a fact let it by all means be established, but on the rules and laws of Masonry; so far, the actuality of the Pope's Masonic affiliation is, in our humble opinion, unproven." It has been stated that he was

made in Italy, a young man, just as it has been averred, that in his juvenile years he displayed proclivities for "Giovene Italia." It has been announced that when on an ecclesiastical mission in one of the South American Republics he was initiated under one of the symbolic systems, or the "Rite Ecosaise." But up to this hour when we write, no one, as far as we are aware, has ever thought well to supplement these loud assertions by simple and satisfactory evidence. If the fact be really so, it surely can be proved to the satisfaction of all true Freemasons, and all honest men. If it be merely a device of partisan warfare; a "fraus pia" for the purpose of discrediting an antagonist, the sooner such an indefensible system is put a stop to the better, especially amongst Freemasons, who so deeply prize honour and truth at all times and in all things. If the account is a pure "myth" it is hurtful to Freemasons and to Freemasonry to continue to propagate anything which is untrue; while if the report of the Pope's admission to Freemasonry be well founded, the sooner it be made manifest the better, both for Freemasons and the world. No good can accrue to any by the "suppressio veri" in this case on the one hand, and most certain we are, that the greatest possible injury will be done to the honest character of Freemasons and Freemasonry, if a "suggestio falsi" is needlessly persevered in on the other. If Pio Nono was ever initiated into our Order, the minutes of the lodge meeting must exist, and a certified copy of the minutes would set the matter at rest. But if no such certified extract can be supplied, it is idle for brethren to go on stating that such a thing is a fact, of which they offer no trustworthy evidence. Freemasonry has suffered so much from loose statements, unreliable references, hap-hazard assertions, and unfounded assurances, that we feel it is in the best interests of Masonic history and of Masonic veracity that we ask to day for some authentic proof of this "oft-told tale." We have in England our very worthy and able Bro. Gallico, who is interested in and connected with that "Morgen-land," so very pleasant always to scholars of every age, and not the less so to Masonic students. Will Bro. Gallico favour us with his view of the matter, and will he endeavour to lay before our readers some proof of the story if it be true? Or will he give us an honest avowal, if the statement be incorrect, of the mistake into which many Italian and other Masonic writers have fallen? We shall hope to hear from him on the subject shortly, as no one is more competent to give the information desired, and no one realizes more clearly the solemn need and duty, in all such inquiries, of strict, historical, unimpeachable truth.

OUR DEPUTY GRAND MASTER AT HIGHCLERE.

We are happy in being able to confirm, for the information of the Craft, our original view of the misquotation of our noble Bro. Lord Carnarvon's speech at an agricultural meeting at Highclere. As the speech had been reported in non-Masonic papers, we felt it to be our duty

to allude to it, in order to avoid any possible misconception in the matter. But we expressly stated when we wrote, that in our humble opinion, the words attributed to our most distinguished brother were purely a blunder of the reporter. We rejoice to be able to-day not only to re-affirm our own previous conviction on the subject, but to do so in the full certainty, that no such words fell from the lips of our able and deeply respected Deputy Grand Master.

Original Correspondence.

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

SCOTTISH BENEVOLENT FUND.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have with much pleasure read what has been said in your columns in connection with this subject, and I trust something honourable to the Craft in Scotland will come of it. After the hundred-guinea challenge thrown down by the worthy proprietor of this newspaper, Bro. Kenning, I hope that some of the richer members of our Order in Scotland will come forward, and with still greater generosity put their hands in their pockets and come out with something handsome in support of the scheme.

I am, yours fraternally,

PROGRESS.

THE COMING INSTALLATION OF THE GRAND MASTER.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In notice your correspondent, "A Country P.M.," thinks the hour for the assembling for the above ceremony should be fixed so that it would be over about six p.m., to allow country brethren from a distance to return home the same night. The suggestion would be a very good one if there was any probability of the brethren finding room in the Grand Lodge when they did come. But unless a larger building is provided than the present hall (large and commodious as it is) there will not be room for more than one fifth of the brethren who are entitled to attend Grand Lodge, and I believe nearly every brother entitled to that privilege will wish to be present. And I think you will find there is somewhere about nine thousand brethren entitled to attend Grand Lodge as M.'s, W.'s, and P.M.'s; and on an occasion like this, if the privilege could be extended to all W.M.'s of good standing, there would be such an assemblage of brethren of the mystic tie as the world has never seen. Would it not be well for the Committee to secure some place large enough to accommodate all? The Albert Hall would be a most appropriate place, having been built to commemorate our M.W.G. M.'s honoured and revered father.

I remain, yours fraternally,

ANOTHER COUNTRY P.M.

THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH AT DEVONPORT.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Last week you were good enough to print in a supplement a detailed account of the ceremony of placing the memorial stone of the new wing of this institution by His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh. In the hope that I may receive aid from my brethren in my arduous labours to support this excellent charity, permit me to state the grounds on which I appeal to the Masonic body.

1. The Asylum relieves distress in the direst form in which distress can be presented, in the person of the "Destitute Female Orphan."

2. The inmates are exclusively the orphans of our sailors and soldiers, especially of those losing their lives in the public service. They are admitted without local preference, and no recommendation is required.

3. More than twenty of the fathers of child-

ren admitted since the Crimean war were members of our Order. The large number of non-commissioned officers who are constantly entering the Fraternity ensures that we shall never be without such candidates, and the cordial support of the Craft would equally ensure their prompt election. I shall be only too happy to answer any inquiry, or to send reports etc. to any brother desirous of contributing or collecting. Unless I can raise £2,000 between this and next April, 150 orphans now on the list of candidates will be disappointed, as no election can take place.

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,
Yours fraternally,
L. P. MERTHAM,
P.G.D., D.P.G.M. Devonshire, Hon. Sec.

LODGE SUMMONSES.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I think it would not a little conduce to fraternal regard and brotherly love if each of the several lodges would instruct their Secretaries to send a copy of their Lodge summonses to the Secretaries of the other lodges in their respective provinces, as far as they are able, so that the meetings may be made known to the brethren, and opportunity offered, that should any brethren in the course of their respective callings find themselves at that particular time near to a lodge meeting, they could avail themselves of the pleasure of attending, and enjoy themselves with their brethren. It would also shew each lodge how all the other lodges in the province were progressing, and also as each lodge has a different method of printing its summonses, the best and neatest form would no doubt be followed.

I can scarcely suppose such a province as Middlesex, where so many lodges are located, (London) or so large a province as Yorkshire, would or could carry out the above suggestion.

Yours fraternally,
R. T. ANDREWS, 403.

LADIES AS FREEMASONS.

Sir,—

Will you kindly allow me to ask through your columns, if Freemasonry has a purifying, elevating influence upon men, why not admit women? Surely it would have a good effect on them also, and in many cases keep inviolate that unlimited confidence between man and wife that constitutes the happiness of every home.

THE WIFE OF AN APPRENTICE.

THE ROYAL VISIT TO PLYMOUTH.

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

It would be a very great pity indeed that the discussion of an important subject affecting very materially the interests of the Masonic body should be allowed to degenerate into a personal quarrel between two humble members of the Order like Bro. Curteis and myself; but I ask to be allowed just a word or two—and they shall be the last—in reply to Bro. Curteis's last letter, which is framed in a spirit that has nothing to recommend it, but everything to condemn it. Bro. Curteis is a lawyer, and he therefore adopts the lawyer-like policy of "no case, bully the other side." Seeing the extreme weakness of the cause which he came forward at the eleventh hour to defend, he now accuses me of having been guilty of insulting, unmasonic, and ungentlemanly language in my last communication—a charge which has its complete refutation in the fact of my letter being published in the columns of the Freemason, for I am quite sure, sir, that if it had approached to anything like the character which Bro. Curteis has been pleased to give to it, it never would have made its appearance in your columns.

The insinuation that I am only a recently admitted Mason is as ungenerous as it is stupid. I have yet to learn that a long connection with Masonry is necessary, in order to enable a person to form a common sense view of a common sense question. Bro. Curteis's letter is a sadly painful illustration to the contrary, and clearly proves that the oldest Masons are by no means,

necessarily, the wisest. But Bro. Curteis is a lawyer.

Again, he makes it a charge against me that I fail to realise the duties which, as a Mason, I am bound to discharge. That is an imputation which I throw back in Bro. Curteis's teeth. It is unfounded, unwarranted, and grossly malicious, and is simply a part of the policy to which I have already alluded.

Bro. Curteis says I made a personal attack upon him in my last communication. Nothing was further from my intention, and having read it again, I utterly fail to see what grounds he has for the assertion. I am afraid that at the moment of writing he was anticipating the contents of his own letter, than which there cannot be anything more ungenerous or unmasonic. But Bro. Curteis is a lawyer.

As I have already said, it was only at the last moment, when the explanation so long sought for, was forthcoming, that Bro. Curteis came upon the scene, but it cannot be said that he has in any way helped us out of the difficulty. His two letters did certainly contain just three facts, and they were—first, that he was a Mason, secondly, that he was a member of the Committee, and thirdly, that he is a W.M. These are not matters of the least public interest, but taking them for what they are worth, we were acquainted with them before.

And now, sir, having taken Bro. Curteis to task, permit me the opportunity of doing another act of justice. In my previous letters I was led, through an unfortunate misunderstanding, to reflect upon the action of Bro. Colonel Elliott, as a member of the Committee, but having satisfied myself beyond doubt that that gentleman is in no way responsible for what took place, I am desirous at the earliest moment of fully and freely expressing my regret that in the discussion of a question in which I took a very deep interest, I should have been induced to cast reflections upon a gallant officer and an excellent brother, which I am now convinced were undeserved. I am quite sure that Bro. Colonel Elliott will accept this expression of my regret in the same spirit in which it is given.

Thanking you for your courtesy in allowing such a free discussion of this unfortunate question to take place in your columns, I beg to subscribe myself.

Yours fraternally,
C.M. (1205).

THE LATE GRAND MASTER.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

I cordially echo the conclusion at which you have arrived in "A Few Words of Caution" in your number of 24th inst. Perhaps you could not conclude this very unmasonic controversy in a better manner than by the insertion of the following clever anagram, which may also amuse your readers:—

"The Marquess of Ripon."

"R.I.P. quoth Freemasons."

Yours fraternally,
P.M.

MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I think your reply to our "South African Brother" will not prove quite satisfactory to him; another glance at his letter will show you that he meant proxy of person.

1st. The S.W. being absent through illness a proxy or substitute might have been invested by the W.M., and the brother so substituted could have acted for the absent brother, and as, I presume, he had previously held the office of J.W., he would have "regularly served as a Warden for one year," and would therefore be eligible for the Master's chair; but if he did not serve the office of J.W., and was absent a great part of the year, his having a substitute would not help him. He could not be installed even if elected, or if he were he will find it will come to the long ears of the "Board of General Purposes," which reach all over the world, and the "Board of Installed Masters," and the lodge must answer for it.

I should rule in my own lodge that if a J.W.

appointed by me was absent through illness on the installation night, and I invested a substitute, that if the J.W. proper attended at the next meeting of the lodge, and continued his lodge attendances for the remainder of the year, that he was eligible for the chair. But the J.W. in "South Africa" had no pretence for being put forward; he was not appointed or invested by proxy, and only took the J.W.'s chair by favour on the resignation of the brother who was appointed and invested. Dispensations are not granted in such cases.

I am, yours fraternally,
MAGNUS ORREN,
P.P.G.J.W. for Surrey.
Sydenham, Oct. 20, 1874.

ITALY.

Bro. George Kenning has received a most flattering communication from the lodge "Anziani Virtuosi," at Leghorn, of which the following is the translation from the original Italian:— "It affords us gratification, to send you, in the name of the Worshipful Lodge Anziani Virtuosi, Orient of Leghorn, a diploma of honorary membership, to which you have been elected, as a proof of our esteem for your Masonic virtues, and we are proud to place upon the roll of our lodge your honourable name. We consider ourselves fortunate in having entrusted to us the duty of acquainting you of the above resolution, and we inform you, as a Member of our Lodge Anziani Virtuosi, that we should be happy to greet you between the Grand Columns. In the meantime accept, in the name of the Craft, our Triple Masonic Fraternal Greeting."

(Here follow the official signatures.)

The "Masonic Magazine" of August, September, and October, 1873, being out of print, copies will be thankfully received by the publisher, at 198, Fleet-street, London.

The "Cosmopolitan Calendar" is now ready, price 2s., post free, 2s. 2d. To America, post free, 2s. 6d.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, November 6, 1874.

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

Saturday, October 31.

Manchester Lodge of Instruction (179), Yorkshire Gate, 77, London-street, Fitzroy-square, at 8; Bro. H. Asprey, Preceptor.

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

Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquess of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. G. Dille, Preceptor.

Monday, November 3.

Lodge 12, Fortitude and Old Cumberland, Ship Street, Turtle, Leadenhall-street.

" 25, Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall.

" 72, Royal Jubilee, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street.

" 90, St. John's, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.

" 144, St. Luke's, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street.

" 188, Joppa, Albion, Aldersgate-street.

" 256, Unions, Freemasons' Hall.

" 1319, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall.

Mark Lodge 139, Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.

K. T. Preceptory, 128, Oxford and Cambridge University, 33, Golden-square.

Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction (1445), Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland.

Bro. T. Austin, Preceptor.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Crown Tavern, Clerkenwell green, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.

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

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

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

British Oak Lodge of Instruction (813), Bank of Friends Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.

St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Horse Groom Tavern, (opposite the Pantheon), Oxford-street, at 8.30; Bro. G. P. P. M.

Wellington Lodge of Instruction (180), P.M. Deptford, Preceptor.

1st Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
Metropolitan Mark Lodge of Instruction, Coach and Horses Hotel, 343, Strand, at 8.

Tuesday, November 3.

Annual Board at 3.
Lodge 7, Royal York Lodge of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall.
18, Old Dundee, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.
101, Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
172, Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall.
217, Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
764, St. James's, Bridge House Hotel, London-bridge.
1257, Grosvenor, Caledonian Hotel, Adelphi.
1259, Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tavern, Commercial-road, E.
1261, Golden Rule, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, Piccadilly.
1298, Royal Standard, Marquess Tavern, Canonbury.
1311, Kennington, Surrey Tavern, Kennington Oval.
1369, Temperance, White Swan Tavern, Deptford.
307, United Pilgrims, Horns Tavern, Kennington.
Lodge 1, St. Mark's, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street.

rough Lodge of Instruction (354), Green Dragon Steeple, at 8; Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.
atic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tavern, Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 8; Bro. Larlham, Preceptor.
Lodge of Instruction (141), Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st., (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cotebrune, Preceptor.
Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Lord's Hotel, Lord's Cricket Ground, St. John's-wood, at 8; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.
usie Lodge of Instruction (860), King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. Crawley, Preceptor.
rity Lodge of Instruction (65), Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st., Within, at 7.30; Bro. Bolton, W.M. 217, Preceptor.
ytlebone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, New-street, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. T. Adams, Preceptor.
tutional Lodge of Instruction (55), Wheat-sheaf Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.
Lodge of Instruction, Grapes Tavern, Little Windmill-street, W.
orean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor.
Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, 7.30.

Wednesday, November 4.

Chapter at 7.
511, Zealand, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
1491, Athenaeum, Camden-road, Holloway.
Lodge, Old Kent, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street.
oncord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8.
Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. T. A. Ams, Preceptor.
Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Barking, at 8; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor.
Lodge in the East Lodge of Instruction, George the 4th, Catherine-street, Poplar.
Lodge of Instruction, Thicket Hotel, Anerley, at 7 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
Park Lodge of Instruction (1288), Finsbury Park Tavern, Seven Sisters-road, N., at 8. Bro. P. Kinson, Acting Preceptor.
Strength Lodge of Instruction (218), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8; J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
Lodge of Instruction, (879), Southwark Park Tavern, Southwark Park, at 8; Bro. Charles William 4, Preceptor.
Lodge of Instruction (975), Havelock Tavern, Cannon-road, Dalston, at 8.

Thursday, November 5.

Egyptian, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
Strong Man, Old Jerusalem Tavern St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell.
Lion and Lamb, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.
Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall.
La Tolerance, Freemasons' Hall.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Steeple.
Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall.
St. Clement's Danes, King's Head Hotel, 265 Strand.
Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road.
Caveac, Westminster Palace Hotel.
Chapter, St. George, 33, Golden-square.
Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London-streatham Court-road, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, 700.
Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Anglers' Tavern, Fleet-street, City-road; Bro. Stean, Preceptor.

United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
Whittington Lodge of Instruction (863), Crown Tavern, Holborn, at 8; Bro. Lewis Alexander, P.M. 188, Preceptor.
Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
Ebury Lodge of Instruction, Bro. Palmer's, 12, Pensonby-st., Millbank.
Highgate Lodge of Instruction (1366), Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
The Great City Lodge of Instruction (1426), 111, Cheapside, at 6.30.

Friday, November 6.

Lodge 143, Middlesex, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
" 706, Florence Nightingale, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich.
" 890, Hornsey, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
" 1412, Logia de la Iberia, Hill-road, St. John's Wood.
Chap. 3, Fidelity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.
St. George's Lodge of Instruction (140), Globe Tavern, Royal-hill, Greenwich.
Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, (749), Lyceum Tavern, 354, Strand, at 8; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.
Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Malham Hotel, Barking, at 7.30.
Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s, Freemasons' Hall, a 7.
Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tavern, Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.
Clapton Lodge of Instruction (1365), White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., Preceptor.
Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1293), the Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. W. F. Rogers, Preceptor.
Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-road, at 8; Comp. W. West Smith, Preceptor.
Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Bro. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.
Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (733), Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8.
United Pilgrims, Lodge of Instruction, Antelope Tavern, Lorne-road, Brixton, at 7.
St. James's Lodge of Instruction, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-road, Bermondsey, at 8; Bro. Howes, P.M., Preceptor.
Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Bro. D. S. Potts, Preceptor.
Doric Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8.
Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8; Bro. P. M. Wuest, Preceptor.
St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Rose Tavern, Fulham-road, S.W.
Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.
High Cross Lodge of Instruction (754), Coach & Horses High-road, Tottenham.
Burd at Courts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park, at 8; Bro. Geo. W. Verry, Preceptor.
Stability Lodge of Instruction (217), Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street; Bro. H. Muggidge, P.M., Preceptor.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, November 7, 1874.

Monday, November 2.

Lodge 113, Unanimity, Bull Hotel Assembly Rooms, Preston.
" 1051, Howley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
" 1380, Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, near Liverpool, at 5.
Chap. 605, De Tabley, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, at 6.
Everton Lodge of Instruction (823), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30.
West Lancashire Mark Lodge (65), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.

Tuesday, November 3.

Lodge 995, Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverstone.
" 1476, Blackpool, Clifton Arms Hotel, Blackpool.
Chap. 203, St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.
Mark Lodge, Walton (161), Masonic Hall, Kirkdale.

Wednesday, November 4.

Lodge 673, St. John's, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.30.
" 730, Ellesmere, Royal Oak Hotel, Chorley.
" 1013, Royal Victoria, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
" 1413, West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk, at 6.
" 1335, Lindsay, 20, King-street, Wigan.
" 1354, Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Hall, Leigh.
Chap. 477, Fidelity, 55, Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
De Grey and Ripon Lodge of Instruction (1356), 80, North Hill-street, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 7.30.

Thursday, November 5.
Lodge 249, Mariners', Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
" 1473, Booile, Molyneux Assembly Rooms, Booile, Chap. 758, Bridgewater, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, a 6.
Friday, November 6.
Lodge 680, Sefton, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, at 5.
" 1264, Neptune, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
" 1375, Architect, Didsbury Hotel, Didsbury.
" 1387, Churlton, Masonic Rooms, Churlton-cum-Hardy.
Chap. 1086, Walton, St. Lawrence Schools, Kirkdale, at 6.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND VICINITY.

For the week ending Saturday, November 7, 1874.
All the Meetings take place at 8 o'clock.

Monday, November 2.

Lodge 20, St. John's, Freemasons' Hall, Lesmahagow.
" 119, Rosslyn, Freemasons' Hall, 25, Robertson-street.
" 129, St. Mirren, St. Mirren's Hall, Paisley.
" 332, Union, 170, Buchanan-street.

Tuesday, November 3.

Lodge 34, St. John, St. John's Hall, Buchanan-st.
" 68, Doric, 44, Church-street, Port Glasgow.
" 73, Thistle and Rose, 170, Buchanan-street.
" 87, Thistle, 12, Trongate.
" 177, St. James, Masons' Hall, Coatbridge.
" 233, Hamilton, Spalding's Hotel, Hamilton.
" 406, St. John, Masonic Hall, Motherwell.
" 437, Govanale, Portland Building 5.

Wednesday, November 4.

Lodge 4, Kilwinning, 170, Buchanan-street.
" 21, Old St. John's, Freemasons' Hall, Lanark.
" 117, St. Mary, Freemasons' Hall, Patrick.
" 126, St. Andrew, George Hotel, Kilmarnock.
" 128, St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Shettleston.
" 166, St. John, 29, Grange-street, Airdrie.
" 354, Caledonian Railway, 213, Buchanan-st.
Chap. 87, Shamrock and Thistle, 12, Trongate.

Thursday, November 5.

Lodge 22, St. John's, George Hotel, Kilmarnock.
" 27, St. Mungo, 213, Buchanan-street.
" 149, St. Andrew's, Masonic Hall, Irvine.
" 202, St. Clement's, Trades' Tavern, Kilmarnock.
" 290, Dalry Blair, Masonic Hall, Dalry.
" 370, Renfrew County Kilwinning, High-street, Paisley.
" 465, St. Andrew's, Masons' Hall, Garnad-road.

Friday, November 6.

Lodge 7, Kilwinning, Masonic Hall, Hamilton.
" 116, Royal Arch, Council Hall, Rutherglen.
" 135, St. James, Crown Inn, Tarbolton.
" 217, Cumberland, Old Town Hall, Port Glasgow.
" 242, Houston, Cross Keys, Johnstone.
" 248, Lockhart, St. John's Masonic Hall, Carnwath.
" 360, Commercial, 30 Hope-street.
" 408, Clyde, 170, Buchanan-st.
" 459, Shelburne, Cumbrac Hotel, Milport.
" 512, Thorntree, Thornliebank.

Saturday, November 7.

Lodge 215, St. Andrew, Avondale Inn, Strathaven.
" 305, St. John Woodhall, Freemasons' Hall, Holytown.
" 458, St. John's, Freemasons' Hall, Busby.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH AND VICINITY.

For the Week ending Saturday, November 7th, 1874.

Monday, November 2.

Grand Lodge, Quarterly Committee, Freemasons' Hall, at 5 p.m.
Lodge 10, Dalkeith Kilwig Masonic Hall, High-street, Dalkeith, at 8.
" 429, St. Kentigern, Royal Hotel, Penicuik, at 8.
" 468, Oswald of Dunnikier, Public Buildings, Kirkcaldy, at 8.

Tuesday, November 3.

Lodge 5, Canongate and Leith, 83, Constitution-street, Leith, at 8.
" 36, St. David's, Ship Hotel, East Register-street, at 8.
" 400, Dunearn, Town Hall, Burntisland, at 8.

Wednesday, November 4.

Lodge 160, Roman Eagle, Iona Hotel, Nicholson-street, at 8.
" 261, Tweed, Cross Keys Hotel, K. Iso, at 8.

Friday, November 5.

Lodge 291, Celtic, Ship Hotel, East Register-street, at 8.
Chap. 83, St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall, at 8.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN DUBLIN.

For the week ending November 7.

Monday, November 2.

Lodge 2, Dublin, Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, at 8.
Chap. 245, Dublin, Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, at 7.30.

Tuesday, November 3.

Lodge 171, Duke of Clarence, Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, at 7.30.
" 227, Dublin, Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, at 8.
Prince Masons Chap. 5, Dublin, Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, at 5.

Wednesday, November 4.
Lodge 125, Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, at 7.30.
" 158, Dublin, Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, at 8.
" 620, Dublin, Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, at 4.30.
Grand R. A. Chap., Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, at 8.
Chap. 12, Dublin, Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, at 4.30.
K. T. Preceptory, Kilmainham, Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, at 4.30.

Thursday, November 5.
Grand Lodge, Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, at 8.
Prince Masons Chap. 9, Dublin, Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, at 4.30.

Friday, November 6.
Lodge 232, Dublin, Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, at 8.
Chap. 50, Dublin, Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, at 8.
K. T. Preceptory, Eblana, Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, at 7.30.
Prince Masons Chap. Kilwinning, Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, at 5.

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In pursuance of the foregoing resolution, a meeting was held at Southampton, which was largely attended, when the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:—

"That the Lodges and Chapters of the Province and Freemasons generally be solicited to subscribe to a fund, to be appropriated as the Committee shall determine, for the benefit of the Widow of our late lamented Bro. J. R. Stebbing, whose circumstances at the time of his decease render this appeal absolutely necessary."

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—That each encampment be requested to send a memorial signed by the whole of its members.

—That an interview be sought with the Hon. the Earl of Limerick.

—That a deputation be appointed to prepare memorials and discuss the subject with the Provincial Prior.

—That in accordance with the foregoing suggestions, a committee be appointed to consider and report upon the subject, with power to add to the number, viz:—

Provincial Prior, Sub Prior, Chancellor, and Knights Lees, Birchall, and Jones.

2, River-street, Rochdale,
Sept. 16th, 1874.

Sir Knight,—By command of the Very Eminent Provincial Prior, Sir Knight Albert Beswicke-Royds, I forward you form of Memorial drawn up by the committee appointed by the Provincial Priory, to consider the suggestions of Sir Knight Wright, Past Deputy Provincial Commander, (see Priory proceedings at Bolton, May 21st, 1874).

I request that the same be submitted to the Provincial Prior, for his approval of the Sir Knights of your Preceptory, notice thereof being given in the

agenda paper, and, if necessary, that you will convene a special meeting for that purpose.

Also that you will cause the Memorial to be entered in the minutes of the proceedings of your Preceptory, and that a copy of the resolution thereon be forwarded to me stating whether the Memorial was adopted unanimously or otherwise.

And further, that the Memorial, together with the copy resolution duly signed by the Preceptor, (E.C.) Constable (1st Captain), Marshal (2nd Captain), and attested by the Registrar, be forwarded to me not later than the 31st October proximo.

I am, dear Sir Knight, yours faithfully,
WM. ASHWORTH, Prov. Chancellor.

To the Eminent Preceptor
of the Preceptory.

The Memorial alluded to appeared in our impression of October 10th, page 615.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF ANCIENT
FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS
OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

ENGLISH CONSTITUTION.

At the Quarterly Communication holden at Freemasons' Hall, 20th July, 1874. Present: R.W. A. T. Holrord, District Grand Master in the Chair; V.W. Ernest O. Smith, Dep. District Grand Master; V.W. Watson Wilson, P.S.P.G.W. as S.D.G. Warden; V.W. W. G. Cassidy, P.J.D.G.W. as J.D.G. Warden; V.W. R. Leeworthy, District Grand Secretary; V.W. Jno. Gray, D.G.S. Deacon; V.W. A. Gardiner, D.G.A.D. Ceremonies; V.W. Jno. Ferguson, D.G. Swordbearer; V.W. W. Thomas, District Grand Pursuivant; V.W. S. A. DeLissa, District Grand Tyler.

District Grand Stewards, Past District Grand Officers, Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, and Wardens as per Presence Book.

The District Grand Lodge was opened by the Right Worshipful the District Grand Master, in due form, at 7-45 p.m.

The Minutes of the Annual Communication of the 20th April were read.

Brother Deeper, P.M. Lodge 556, objected to the confirmation of that part of the Minutes referring to the election of the Committee of General Purposes, as also to the statement that the Report of the Orphan Society was received and adopted.

The District Grand Master explained that the putting the Minutes for confirmation, is intended to test their accuracy as a record of what was done; if, as he believed they were correctly taken, they ought to be confirmed. After a slight discussion, they were put and confirmed.

REPORTS.

The District Grand Secretary stated that the Reports of the Committees of General Purposes and Benevolence had not been signed by the Presidents, and therefore could not be brought up.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Letter read, dated 25th June, 1874, from the Secretary of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Scotland, addressed to the Right Worshipful District Grand Master, E.C., drawing attention to the fact, "That Bro. Wm. Vial, under suspension as a member of the late St. Andrew's Lodge, had been admitted as a Joining Member into the Robert Burns Lodge 817, E.C."

Letter also read from the District Grand Secretary, dated 4th July, addressed to the Worshipful Master of the Robert Burns Lodge 817, referring to the admission of Bro. Vial, and requesting an explanation of the matter.

In reply, the Worshipful Master of the Robert Burns Lodge, Brother James Spratt, stated, "That no communication had been received from the Provincial Grand Lodge, Scotch Constitution, concerning the suspension of Brother Vial, late of Lodge St. Andrew's, of which Lodge it was not known he was a member."

The District Grand Master said he did not consider the letter of Brother Spratt a reply or

explanation to the District Grand Secretary's letter.

MOTION.

The Deputy District Grand Master moved—That the following alteration be made in Bye-Laws of District Grand Lodge at pages 7 and 8, referring to the Committees of General Purposes and Benevolence, viz., by the insertion of the following words in each Bye-Law after the word quorum: "Not more than one Past Master to be elected from the same lodge." He said, in moving this motion, standing in his name, he did so in the interests of the Order; for he considered it was but right and equitable that all the lodges should, as far as practicable, be equally represented on the several Committees, as was the case in England, where, by the Book of Constitutions, only one Past Master was eligible to be elected from the same lodge for service upon its Board of General Purposes. It was very desirable to assimilate our practice to that of the Grand Lodge, and he thought the time had now arrived when the alteration of the Bye-Laws as proposed in this motion might well be made, and prove beneficial and equitable.

Brother W. Wilson, Acting S.D.G. Warden, seconded the motion and said: He thought it was a very proper one; it would place all the lodges on the same footing, and give the younger lodges an equal chance with the older ones.

Brother Cassidy, Acting J.D.G. Warden, did not think District Grand Lodge had any right to interfere with the present practice; it should be left to District Grand Lodge to elect whom they pleased.

Brother P. L. Murray, D.G. Steward, supported the motion, and said: If it was carried it would not take a retrospective effect, and he believed the business of the Committees would be quite as well carried on as at present.

Bro. C. H. May, P.M. 1169, thought there was plenty of room for reform, and he agreed with the Dep. Dist. Grand Master, but he considered it would be advisable, as the question to be decided was of importance, that owing to the small attendance of members, it should be postponed. He would therefore, move as an amendment, that the motion stand over till next Quarterly Communication.

Bro. Gardiner, D. G. A. D. Ceremonies, seconded the amendment, and thought some reform very desirable.

Bro. Marshall, Worshipful Master, Lodge 390, thought it was but right that large lodges who subscribed most to the funds of the Order should be more largely represented on the Committees thereof. He should support Bro. May's motion for adjournment.

Bro. Deeper, P.M., 556, thought both motion and amendment were out of order, as the matter was clearly provided for by the Book of Constitutions.

Bro. Douglas, P.M., Lodge 390, supported the amendment, and thought it was not right in so thin a meeting to decide such an important matter; the larger lodges contributed more to the funds, and should not be snuffed out by the smaller ones, whose contributions were comparatively trifling. The decision of the D.G. Lodge should be postponed till next Communication.

Bro. Thomas, D.G. Pursuivant, said it was possible that the larger lodges might swamp the smaller ones; although the latter had as much interest in the order as the former, he hoped the amendment would not be carried.

The Dep. Dist. Grnd. Mast. said: He thought it possible, though not probable, that a strong lodge might seek to swamp the Committees; the Book of Constitutions had provided against this. His great desire was to ensure equal privileges to all lodges, who, no matter what their size, have a like interest. As the proper notice had been given, he trusted the question would be settled to-night by the members present, who were far from wanting in intelligence, and were mostly those who took a foremost position in all matters connected with the government and advancement of the Craft, and who do not allow engagements or inclement weather to deter them from regularly attending to their important Masonic duties. By deciding the matter to

night, at our Annual Meeting in April next, the new Committees could be elected under the new rules, if approved of by the Most Worshipful Grand Master,

The District Grand Master said he was also of opinion that as regular notice had been given, no need existed for a postponement of the consideration of the subjects which ought to be decided this evening; he should, therefore proceed to put the amendment and motion.

The amendment that the decision of District Grand Lodge on D.D.G.M.'s motion be adjourned till the next Quarterly Communication was lost.

The motion was then put and carried.

TREASURER'S BALANCES.

The District Grand Secretary in the absence of the Treasurer, stated the balances to credit.

District Grand Lodge . . . £183 14 3
Benevolent Fund 469 2 4

Bro. C. H. May enquired whether Irish and Scotch Past Masters ranked as Past Masters under the English Constitution, and are eligible as Members of District Grand Lodge.

The District Grand Master said the question had already been decided in the negative.

Bro. Deeper enquired whether a Member of two Lodges, in one of which he was in arrear, was entitled to a seat in District Grand Lodge.

The District Grand Master replied that full subscription to one Lodge would be sufficient to ensure Membership of District Grand Lodge.

The District Grand Lodge was then closed in due form at 9 p.m.

The following circular has been issued by the District Grand Lodge of New South Wales:—

Freemasons' Hall, New South Wales,
Sydney, 22nd August, 1874.

I am directed by the Right Worshipful the District Grand Master to inform you that he has considered it necessary to issue a circular, as annexed, to every member of lodges under the English Constitution in this Colony, and to express the hope that steps may be taken by you to draw the special attention of Freemasons under your jurisdiction to the important matter therein referred to, which course, it is trusted, may prove the means of checking the advancement of spurious Masonry amongst us.

Yours fraternally,

R. LEWORTHY,
District Grand Secretary.

To _____

Freemasons' Hall, New South Wales,
Sydney, 22nd August, 1874.

To Brother _____
Lodge No. _____

(English Constitution.)

You are particularly warned against the so-called lodges in this Colony working under the auspices of the Lodge of Memphis, the Grand Lodge of New South Wales, and the Grand Lodge of Australia, as those who join, visit, or encourage such lodges, or admit members thereof into their own lodges, are liable to suspension from all the rights and privileges of ancient Freemasonry, which can only be legitimately exercised in this Colony under the authority of the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland, under the supervision of the District Grand Master of the English Constitution (Arthur Todd Holroyd), Provincial Grand Master of the Irish Constitution (James Squire Farnell), and the Provincial Grand Master of the Scottish Constitution (William Gillet Sedgwick), and their duly authorised successors or deputies.

It is hoped that your best efforts will not be wanting in inducing unwary persons not to join, or at all countenance, these spurious lodges referred to herein; and further, that you will explain to those who have unfortunately joined, that until their connection therewith ceases, and they are regularly initiated into Freemasonry, they are prohibited from visiting, or being visited by, Freemasons' lodges, or being in any way re-

cognised Masonically, or being permitted to be participators in the benefits of Freemasonry in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, or elsewhere.

By order of the District Grand Master.

R. LEWORTHY,
District Grand Secretary.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF CHESHIRE.

On Friday last, the 23rd inst., Comp. the Right Hon. Lord de Tabley, R.W.P.G. Superintendent, held his Provincial Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Freemasonry, at the Literary Institution, Altrincham. The following is a list of the brethren present:—Lord de Tabley, R.W.P.G.S.; Wm. Halley, P.G.H.; Rev. J. W. N. Tanner, P.G.I.; G. W. Latham, P.G.S.E.; J. Liddeley, P.G.S.N.; J. Woodcock, P.G.P.S.; J. Wood, P.G. Reg.; E. Harbord, P.G.S.B.; P. H. Kirk, P.G. Org.; J. A. Birch, P.P.G.J.; R. Cope, P.P.G.H.; Henry Howard, P.Z. 323; C. C. Immison, P.P.G.S.B. 758; W. Goodacre, Z. 423; E. G. Simpson, H. 941; M. Fentern, H. 324; R. Gracie, P.Z. 605; C. Coode, P.Z. 323; J. Little, Z. 941; T. Dixon, 477; H. Bulley, P.P.G.H.; J. P. Platt, P.P.G.H.; W. Fair; J. 491; J. Duffield, P.P.G.S., East Lancashire; T. E. Hignett, Z. 537; W. Worrall, E. 477; S. Warhurst, Z. 89; J. Sudrem, P.Z. 1045; C. N. Coates, Z. 1045; W. A. Renshaw, 1045; A. H. Hithen, 321; G. Burrows, Z. 430; J. Eaton, Jun., H. 430; J. J. Lawton, 430; W. M. Asher, Treasurer, 477; J. Dutton, P.S. 477; J. Clayton, E. 89; J. M. Beach, 361; W. Mathew, 721; J. Davenport, 1045; J. C. Cheetham, P.Z. 322; J. Davenport, Jun., 1045; W. Batchelor, Z. 324; T. Meadows, Z. 322; C. Dutton, H. 321; H. Balshaw, 1045; J. W. Petty, P.Z. 204; J. Hill, 323; W. H. Wakefield, 1045; W. Jackson, 1045; W. Spratley, 683; E. G. Parker, 1045; W. Shepherd, 287; H. S. Carrington, Z. 287; J. Turner, E. 287; C. H. Devereux, 295; J. Worthington, 1045; J. H. Waldon, P.Z. 361; J. F. Lawson, 430; C. Cook, P.S. 323; W. H. Wathefield, N. 323; H. Kenyon, P.S. 1045; J. Beach, P.S. 361; and W. Shepherd, P.S. 287.

The interesting proceedings of the day were characterised by a spirit and vitality which clearly indicated how great is the progress of this section of the Masonic Order in this particular section of the Kingdom.

The P.G. Chapter was opened in ancient form by Comp. Lord de Tabley, P.G. Superintendent, assisted by Comp. W. Bulley, P.G.H., and Comp. the Rev. J. W. N. Tanner, P.G.J. The Roll of Chapters was called, when it was found that all within the large Province were represented, except one, the Chapter of Integrity, No. 320, Mottram. The minutes of the previous Provincial Grand Chapter was then read and confirmed unanimously.

The first business of importance was the reception of a very long report from the Committee of Inspection and Direction for the past year, giving ample details as to the working of the Chapters throughout the Province. In the course of the report it was stated that most satisfactory progress had been made in the different chapters in that division. This progress, the report stated, was not only an advance in numbers which by itself would be of little account, but in the loyal spirit and the determination to act according to the Book of Constitutions, and on the general system which seemed now to animate every Chapter in the Province. From personal visitation, the Committee were able to report that now the ritual was pretty nearly uniform throughout the province, and that nearly every Chapter in the Division had now acknowledged the authority of the Provincial Grand Superintendent. One Chapter only was at present not working. The committee had to report a most extraordinary improvement, both in the regularity of the proceedings, and the manner in which these proceedings were recorded. Instances were given of the change which the energy of the P.G.S. of the Province had effected since his rule began, yet in a smaller

degree the change was as manifest throughout all the chapters. The report concluded thus:—"A uniform ritual, an avoidance of all irregularities, a correct record of proceedings, and a practical adoption of the great virtue of charity, are all in striking contrast with the scattered and independent efforts—well meant in most cases, but feeble through their want of order and cohesion—that prevailed some few years ago; and though your committee can no longer now expect from the very nature of things that much more progress can be made, yet they feel sure that the ground gained can never be lost, and that Cheshire Arch Masons will continue to act, (if such a term can be applied to a society whose existence is one of active charity and practical usefulness) on the firm basis of loyalty to its head and devotion to the order.

The P.G. Supt. said the report just read indicated a most satisfactory state of things throughout his province. He was gratified to find that not only did their numbers advance, but there was a loyal determination to work according to the Book of Constitutions, and a desire to follow one system of working. There could be only one feeling amongst the companions, after having heard the very minutely detailed report just read, that the committee deserved their very best thanks, and that they be requested to act again for the ensuing year. The efforts of the committee had been in the past, and would no doubt in the future be eminently valuable.

A motion to this effect, seconded by the M.E.H. was unanimously agreed to, and it was agreed that a copy of the report should be sent to every chapter in the province.

Captain Cope, P.P.G.H., briefly acknowledged the vote of thanks, and pledged the committee to a renewal of faithful and zealous services.

The Right Hon. Lord de Tabley said the review of the province submitted by the committee was so thoroughly exhaustive in its character that it left him but little to say on that occasion, and he was rejoiced that that was so for two reasons, first, because the state of the province had been already placed before them in a manner more able than he could pretend to do, and secondly, because his strength would not enable him to address his companions as he could have desired. This much, however, he might say—that it was with gratitude to the Most High, and with feelings of personal satisfaction that he found himself for the fifth time presiding over the Provincial Grand Chapter of Cheshire (Loud applause). It was true that the P.G. Chapter was a young one, but it had already shown signs of vigorous existence, and had unquestionably produced wholesome and salutary fruit. The sacred virtue of charity had been amply exemplified last year, and he was proud to know that this year they would give an additional proof of their love for that virtue by a liberal grant in aid of one of the great Masonic charities. (Applause.) The way in which the various chapters had rallied round the Provincial Grand Chapter most gratifying to him; and he was persuaded that not only would they reap their reward individually by doing so, but he believed that the sacred cause of Masonry in general would be benefited by their adhesion to the provincial authority. By working together in harmony and brotherly unity, they could do much to alleviate suffering humanity and to promote social intercourse amongst various classes of society; whereas separate and isolated efforts, even though well meant, would be thrown away.—(Hear, hear.) He was rejoiced that Royal Arch Masonry in Cheshire was in the position it should hold—at once the cornerstone and glory of solid Freemasonry—and could only say that so long as his energies and health were spared to him by the Supreme Ruler of events, they should be devoted to the cause of Masonry, in whose behalf, too, he would vouch the continued and zealous support of the province of Cheshire, over which it was his pride and his very great pleasure to rule. (Applause.)

The Provincial Grand Superintendent nominated and invested the following as officers for the coming year:—
Companions T. J. Platt, P.P.G.H., Secretary; H. J. Dutton, P.S. 477, Treasurer.

J.; C. H. Coates, P.S.; James Gerrard, 1st Assist. S.; E. G. Simpson, 2nd Assist. S.; J. S. Mort, D. of C.; Wm. Fair, Sd. B.; James Goodwin, Std. B.; T. Kirk, Org.; John Wood, Reg.; G. W. Latham, E.; John Siddley, N.; F. Jackson, Treas.; Alcock, Janitor.

Comp. J. P. Platt, in the absence of the Treasurer, read the financial statement, which showed a balance in hand of £32 15s. 4d. On the motion of Comp. Lord de Tabley, seconded by Comp. T. Platt, M.E.H., the accounts were passed.

On the motion of Comp. Cope, P.P.G.H., seconded by Comp. Kirk, P.G.O., twenty guineas were voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

His Lordship having announced his attention of holding the next Provincial Grand Chapter at Crewe, the chapter was closed, and the companions banqueted together in the evening at the Town Hall, under the presidency of Captain Cope, P.P.G.H., Lord de Tabley being unable to attend in consequence of the state of his health.

THE MARK MASON.

Revised and reprinted from the *Sussex Daily News*, October 19th, 1874.

"Perseverance dear, my Lord,
Keeps honour bright: to have done is to hang
Quite out of fashion, like a rusty mail,
In monumental mockery."

Passing events in the local Masonic world during the last year or two lead us to ask the question, What is the "Mark Degree" in the Masonic Order? and the near approach of the institution of a Province of Mark Masons in Sussex, which will take place on Friday next, October 23rd, at the Old Ship Hotel, Brighton, suggests an inquiry into the origin of the degree, the value of its practice, and the more immediate object of its establishment. First in order comes the question, "What is the Mark Degree?" At once it may be said that no degree of the whole Masonic system can lay a claim to greater antiquity than this. The degrees of Mark Man, "Mark Mason," and "Mark Master Mason" were perfected at the time of building the Temple of Solomon. At that period of the world's history it was found necessary, in order to ensure perfect accuracy and completeness in all departments of the work, to establish a system of grades amongst the immense number of workmen employed, each member of each grade marking his work with some peculiar mark or symbol, which enabled the overseers to know the hands from whence each piece of work came. Even to this day it is the custom in stone quarries and in the mason's yard to keep up a similar practice, and no doubt the modern practice of "Trade Marks," applied to manufactured goods or articles of special character, took its rise from this circumstance. It had another object besides the discovery of each individual's work. This was to bring men of each grade together for mutual protection from the misfortunes of life, and to give the unfortunate worker to lay some claim to the assistance of his more fortunate brother, thereby encouraging every worker to endure pain and hardship, to exercise the thinking faculties, and to use the cunning of his hand to the advantage of his employer and the ultimate benefit of himself. In another sense the practice of the "Mark Degree" was of value for the purpose of encouraging a proper study of and practical working in the arts and sciences, which the magnificent structures of the Egyptian, the splendid castles of Germany, the noble cathedrals of France, the gorgeous cathedrals of Italy, the palaces of the Affghans, the Buddhist temples, or the peculiar buildings of the Chinese could not have been designed, either to the honour of God or for the benefit of man. The Mark Degree is an essentially practical degree, and the wise, and good, and benevolent craft Freemason will be the better able to understand the peculiar mysteries, the potent teaching, the practical benevolence, and the broad adaptability of the Masonic system

to the world-wide wants of the human race, by seeking within the lodge of the Mark Mason the truth as to the practice of the Mark Degree. By this course, much that appears hazy and uncertain will be cleared and explained. This will account for the very large number of craft Masons, men holding a distinguished position in the arts and sciences, in politics and religion, in peaceful or warlike pursuits, the teacher and the scholar, the painter and the sculptor, the poet and the author, the mechanic and the engineer, the philosopher and the divine, and all true Masons extend their researches into Mark Masonry. From the Mason of title down to the most humble Masonic worker, all join in working the Mark Degree, and practise in their daily lives the exalted teachings of its symbolism. The *Craft Mason*, in speaking of the Royal Arch Degree, says:—"It is the Master Mason's degree completed." But the *Mark Mason* goes further still, and says, "Craft Masonry is practically and really incomplete until the Mark Degree has been taken between the degree of Master Mason and Royal Arch Mason." The *Mark Mason* thus places the Masonic order of things under existing circumstances:—"Ancient Freemasonry consists of five degrees and no more—viz., 1st, the Entered Apprentice; 2nd, the Fellowcraft; 3rd, the Master Mason; 4th, the Mark Master Mason; 5th, the Holy Royal Arch." And it is with this view of Masonic matters before them that intelligent and generous-minded members of the craft degrees have taken to, worked in, and supported the Mark degree. At the present time the Mark Degree is acknowledged and practised by nearly every Grand Masonic jurisdiction in the world. Scotland, Ireland, America, Germany, and other countries make it a "sine qua non" to the Royal Arch Degree, and English Royal Arch Freemasons have frequently been refused admission to R. A. Chapters, under foreign jurisdiction, for the want of a knowledge of the Mark. Some Craft Masons, a few of whom live in Sussex, have hitherto opposed and still continue to oppose the spread of the Mark Degree, but their sole objection is, "The Grand (Craft) Lodge of England does not acknowledge it." This, at best, is a poor argument, because some sixty years ago the few men who then held the reins of authority chose to exclude the Mark Degree, which up to that time had been practised in the "Craft" lodges throughout the country. It must be remembered that this was a period when the readiness of intercommunication of men with each other was not of so easy a character as it is at present. The penny post, the railway train, and the telegraph have in a peaceful manner revolutionised the world, and brought the thinkers and the workers of all countries into one common brotherhood. If sixty years ago Masons could have readily interchanged thoughts of interest to the Order, it is not likely that so useful a degree, at that time extensively practised, would have been excluded. The universal character of its practice and teachings would have rendered it necessary to be included in "Pure and Ancient Freemasonry" at that time as it does to-day. The world of Masonry does not stand still, and therefore to oppose this Mark Degree to-day because a few ancient brethren chose to do so "sixty years ago" is puerile. Notwithstanding this, "The Mark Degree continued to be extensively worked, especially in the Northern and Midland districts of England, the lodges being held under immemorial constitution, derived from the old Athol York Grand Lodge." Again, in a report issued by the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters, the following paragraph appears, and has never yet been contradicted: "In England, the knowledge and working of the degree has never been lost, but it has been practised from the earliest time in distinct and independent Mark lodges, which have never acknowledged the jurisdiction of either the Craft Grand Lodges of 1717 or 1813, or of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of 1813." Since the establishment of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons in 1856, the degree has steadily progressed. The number of lodges has increased, and many provinces

formed. Its muster roll now comprises nearly two hundred lodges and nineteen provinces, in many instances presided over as Provincial Grand Mark Masters by the Grand Masters of the Craft Province. Notably is this the case in Somersetshire, the Mark Past Grand Master being also the Craft Provincial Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master of England, the Right Honourable the Earl of Carnarvon. It is the same in South Wales, Leicestershire, Middlesex, Cumberland, Westmoreland, and other counties. In Sussex the Mark Degree has been taken up warmly by the principal Craft Masons of Brighton, Eastbourne, Lewes, and Hastings. The opposition which has been accorded to it has, to a certain extent, helped its success, and it is to be hoped that for the future the Craft Masons of Sussex will cease from opposition, and will spend their time in emulating the benevolence which the Mark Masons personally and through their lodges have evinced towards those institutions where the young of both sexes are sheltered, educated, and trained to meet the requirements of their future lives, and the aged and distressed are pensioned for a life of comfortable ending. Mark Masonry especially inculcates a deep and lasting respect for the wants of others. Its charity tends to lead the distressed to comfort, to diminish the aggregate of human woe, to diffuse unalloyed its beautiful influence amongst every grade of universal Freemasonry. The members of the Mark Degree have but to remain true to their lodges and to their obligations. This done, they need never fear the opposition of the ungenerous few, or be dismayed by the faint and heartless approbation of those who fear a bolder and more honourable course. The time has long since passed when such influence can prevail. The liberty of action, of thought, of enterprise, and, above all, of pure benevolence, has been secured, thanks to the good influence of Craft, Mark, and Royal Arch Freemasonry in combined action, and represented by true members of the brotherhood throughout the globe.

REVIEWS.

The "COSMOPOLITAN MASONIC CALENDAR" for 1874-75. George Kenning, 198, Fleet Street.

We have to congratulate Bro. Kenning on the appearance once again of his valuable "Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar." Our enterprising brother likes to "take time by the forelock," and in this year of light appears the first in the field with his goodly and useful Masonic vademecum.

At a time when so many violent and unscrupulous attacks are being almost daily made by the ignorant or the intolerant on our benevolent brotherhood, it is most satisfactory to note and to realize, nevertheless, what progress Freemasonry is making in all parts of the world, and in this respect Bro. Kenning's "Cosmo." comes before us as a seasonable reminder of Masonic advance, and as a most interesting record of Freemasonry itself.

For Bro. Kenning takes us all over the world, like a Masonic "Cook," and his convenient and portable pocket book certainly well deserves the name of Cosmopolitan. Indeed, when Dr. Johnson wrote those memorable lines,

"Let observation, with extensive view,
Survey mankind from England to Peru,"
he clearly foresaw the day when Bro. Kenning was to issue his *Cosmopolitan Calendar*, which was to transport us, like the magic carpet in the *Arabian Nights*, in a moment of time, wherever Masons or Masons lodges are to be found, whether within the "Bills of Mortality" or in any quarter of the habitable world.

We can also safely say this, that the *Calendar* is well printed, well arranged, and well got up, and reflects every credit on Bro. Kenning and his staff.

And when we take up the "Cosmo." and turn over its well-filled pages, it appears very difficult to ascertain where, just now, despite maledictions and manifestoes not a few, Freemasonry is not to be found.

North and south, east and west, in lands civilised and lands uncivilised, there are Free-

asons to be "tracked;" and there, too, the "Cosmo." records alike the existence of Freemasonry and that of Masonic life which is evidenced by lodges and grand lodges.

To all who take an interest in the universal spread and organisation of Freemasonry, the "Cosmopolitan Calendar" is invaluable, as it brings them into Masonic contact, so to say, at once with friends and brethren far, far away.

We congratulate Bro. Kenning, we repeat, on this seasonable appearance of so useful and commodious a Masonic compendium, and we trust sincerely that it will receive, as it deserves to receive, the large and liberal support of our cosmopolitan craft.

Most valuable is the information it affords, especially to travelling Freemasons.

Wherever they go, wherever their weary feet may touch in the world-journey of life, if not exactly like Dibdin's hero of old, who was able to say,

"In every land I finds a friend,
In every port a wife,"

they yet can everywhere claim Masonic friendship and rely on Masonic sympathy. Our highly respectable brotherhood will, we feel sure, repudiate at once any approval of "plural wives," but they will hope that, guided by the carefully compiled pages of the "Cosmo." when travelling here or wandering there, amid a strange people or in a foreign clime, they may yet be aided and encouraged thereby to discover both a friend and a brother, a home and a shelter, amid storm or trial, and that, earnest Masons themselves, they may hail some equally faithful brethren, even in some most distant spot, who will offer them the true hand of Masonic welcome and the warm heart of Masonic hospitality, brotherhood, and good will.

TWELVE SCOTCH SONGS. By Bro. Gordon Campbell, Exeter College, Oxford. Whitaker and Co.

We have received the little "brochure" of our poetical brother, and we are glad to commend it to the notice of the craft.

There are many good Scotch songs, and many touching ballads, and we think that Bro. Gordon Campbell has caught the true spirit of the former, and the touching simplicity of the latter. Set to music, we doubt not that they will be most effective; as one or two, if not all of them, have already been set; and, even as we write to-day, memory rushes away to some Scotch ballads sung in days of old, as we do not suppose that we are ever likely to hear Scotch ballads sung again.

We give three specimens of the touching, the satirical, and the cheery, which we think will be appreciated by all our readers, as Masons, like other men, are not at all insensible to the charms of some Scottish lassie warbling so effectively her cherished ballads, which, for the nonce, turn all the gentlemen into ardent Jacobites.

The first is sentimental.

My Dearie, Oh!

The winter winds are sad,
The winter winds are eerie, oh;
Oh, shouldna' I be glad,
An' I was with my dearie, oh!

I love her—she's awa'—
And I am lone and dreary, oh;
She careth not at a'
For me though she's my dearie, oh!

But gin the simmer come,
The winter winds will weary, oh,
I'll gang to my old home,
And then I'll see my dearie, oh!

I'll woo my dearie, when
The gloaming is so eerie, oh;
I'll end my roaming then
And live and love my dearie, oh!

The second is satirical.

Donald's Dochter.

There is a sweet glen, though I'll tell na the name,

Because it's sufficiently known unto fame
As the place where auld Donald the Piper abides,

And the bonnie bright dochter of Donald resides.

O what is the reason that a' the young men
To get to the toun maun gang round by the glen?

Ye glen is na' far from the toun, ye maun know,
The glen is na' far from the country, and so
The lads from the country and lads from the toun

Baith come to auld Donald and ask for a tune.

Ance Donald's fair dochter went off for a wee,
To stay with an aunt near the braes of Dundee,
And somehow the lads lost their musical taste,
And Donald he gave up his piping almaist.

But a laddie there came while the lass was awa',
Asked Donald to pipe him a strathspey and a';
He asked the wee lass when she cam' back agen,—
He marrit the lassie and lives in the glen.

Noo what is the reason that a' the young men
To get to the toun wad gang round by the glen.

The third is thoroughly genial.

In Ither Days.

In ither days did lassies fair,
Their lover laddies meet,
And lovers then as happy were,
And kisses were as sweet;
Yes, lassies were as fickle then,
And aye the varra ways
That noo they have of snaring men.
They had in ither days.

In ither days a "na" meant "yes,"
When 'twas a lassie spake,
And ilka lad a severed tress,
As leelang pledge did take;
There is as fair a lass I ken,
As e'er met mortal gaze,
I thocht she loved me ance, but then
That was in ither days.

We give our readers one more extract for the benefit of many who find their wives the sweetening influence of their life, and sagacious advisers of their worldly career.

"Sugar in my Toddy."

And oh it was so lang ago,
Before I knew my dearie,
I feared the winter's cauld and snow,
They made me feel so eerie;
I love my whisky and my wife,
My wife's a sonsie body;
She is the sweetness of my life,
The sugar in my toddy.

But noo before our ain fireside,
With 'a the bairnies round us,
We know there's naething can divide
The chain of love that's bound us.

So noo we're merry in our day,
And when there comes the gloaming,
We'll tak' fond hands and aye be gay,
To mak' a happy homing.

We hope soon to welcome Bro. Gordon Campbell again.

MEMORIALS OF THE MASONIC UNION OF 1813, &c. By Bro. W. J. Hughan.

We have perused this goodly contribution to Masonic Archæology with much interest. It contains, in the first place, an interesting account of the Articles and Arrangements of Union in 1813; an introduction to the history of Freemasonry in England; a list of Lodges, with their numbers, immediately before and after the Union; William's Constitution of 1815; and that rare Masonic work, Fifield Dausignys, "Serious and Impartial Enquiry." It is of course impossible in the limited pages of the *Freemason* to give a full review of this most valuable publication, and all we can do, therefore, is to call attention to its publication, and to thank Bro. Hughan for this fresh addition of his to our now numerous stores happily of Masonic archæological publications.

The questions which arise out of the facts Bro. Hughan has so laboriously put before us, are neither few nor unimportant.

Everything, indeed, convinces us that we are still, so to say, on the threshold of English Masonic History, and that we require yet further researches to lighten up the obscurity which hangs on our Pre-masonic annals if we accept 1717 as the date of our English Grand Lodge Revival.

But one question we should like to ask of excellent and able Bro. Hughan.

What authority had Dermott for the alleged arms of the "operative stonemasons?"

Where did he obtain them?

The undoubtedly original and indisputable arms of the old mason's guild or company of the City of London have been already published in the *Masonic Magazine*. The grant is still to be read in the British Museum.

But where did Dermott obtain these "supporters?" And who are the "operative stonemasons" to whom Dermott alludes.

Having studied Dermott very carefully, we confess that we do not set much store by his authority, unless supported by irrefragable evidence.

He was both a partizan, and somewhat unscrupulous as such, in his assertions and assurances, and before we could accept the coat of arms he gives us, as *heraldic or real* in the true sense of the word, we should much like to know where he obtained it. Is it the coat of arms of the Irish stonemasons, and is there any proof that that coat of arms was granted by the Irish College-of-Arms? We hope that the labours of our indefatigable Bro. W. J. Hughan will be appreciated by our entire Craft.

THE HISTORY OF PROTESTANTISM. By Revd. J. A. Wylie. Illustrated. Cassell, Petter, and Galpin.

Though the history of Protestantism might a priori seem more suitable for a magazine like "Good Words" or "Sunday at Home" than for the *Freemason*, yet we think it well just to mention its appearance.

Part I. of an illustrated History of Protestantism, has just been submitted to our notice, and we feel that we should be wanting in courtesy to the publishers not to acknowledge its receipt, and note its publication in our pages.

Of course, as Freemasons, whatever our individual views may be, we do not profess to enter into doctrinal discussions or theological controversies.

We have no right, it appears to us, whatever our own honest convictions may be, to mix up our Masonic profession, which is purely and avowedly unsectarian, with any expressed opinion, as to those grave questions of religious difference, and conscientious antagonism, which are regarded as of such vital importance by many excellent persons, if even in opposing camps of thought and of persuasion.

The Illustrated History of Protestantism may appeal to many strongly, even as a subject of serious study, and whatever our opinion may be on the whole question, however we may approach the subject from conflicting and even opposing points of view, there can be no doubt but that Messrs. Cassell's publication will be welcomed and appreciated by many readers.

The first number is well got up, and admirably illustrated.

We confess that we are not great admirers of double columns, for the purpose of study, as we read a great deal, and find the double column often very wearisome and trying to the eyesight.

Messrs. Cassell give with the first number of their History, a copy of Mr. Ward's painting "Luther's First Study of the Bible," and we have no doubt whatever, but, that, with that great sympathy which many feel in England, with the struggles even of religious liberty, and the sacred rights of each individual conscience in matter of truth, if the work answers to the expectations this first specimen of it has undoubtedly given ground for, it will receive a very large share of the approval and support of those many readers, who have not, in all matters alike, an anxious eye for the truth, and an

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At a meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge, recently held at Landport, it was unanimously resolved that a Committee be appointed for the purpose of raising a fund, to provide a suitable memorial to our late deeply-lamented Bro. Stebbing.

In pursuance of the foregoing resolution, a meeting was held at Southampton, which was largely attended, when the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:—

"That the Lodges and Chapters of the Province and Freemasons generally be solicited to subscribe to a fund, to be appropriated as the Committee shall determine, for the benefit of the Widow of our late lamented Bro. J. R. Stebbing, whose circumstances at the time of his decease render this appeal absolutely necessary."

"That copies of these resolutions be forwarded to each Lodge and Chapter in the Province, inviting their co-operation, as well as that of Brethren and Companions generally, in obtaining subscriptions to the fund."

"That a circular stating the circumstances be also transmitted to all other Lodges and Chapters in England."

The name of the late Bro. J. R. Stebbing is so well known in all Masonic circles that it seems unnecessary to set forth at length his long and valuable services. For many years he was a constant attendant at Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, assisting the interests of the Brethren and Companions. He was Vice-President of the Board of General Purposes in 1861, 1862 and 1863, and also an active member of the Building Committee of the present Freemasons' Hall, London.

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SH UNION LODGE (No. 114).—This met after the summer recess on Thursday ult., at the Masonic Hall, Ipswich, and were present Bros. the Rev. R. N. M., P.P.G.C., acting W.M., in the absence of Bro. Peter de Lande Vice President of the Board of General; the Worshipful Master; C. Schulen, C.; Emra Holmes, P.P.G. Reg., M.C.; Barber, P.G.O.; S. Wright, acting J. Burton, J.W.; the Rev. A. W. G. G. Chap., S.D.; H. Miller, J.D.; the B. Tweed, I.G.; Viscount Mahon, Senior Lord of the Treasury; P. Mavor, ng, P.M., Sec.; Visiting Bro. N. Tracy, V. The lodge having been opened in form, and the minutes of last meeting, Bro. Percy Mavor was duly examined and passed to the Second Degree, or C., the lodge being previously opened free, the ceremony being performed by Bro. Sanderson's well known ability and Bro. Emra Holmes brought forward, postponed from last meeting, relative to the appointment of a salaried Organist and the augmentation of the initiation fee; but the Secretary had omitted to make mention of notice of motion in the circulars of the meeting, Bro. Holmes, at the suggestion of the acting W.M., deferred the questions to the vote until next meeting. The Secretary undertaking to give due notice of the routine business having been discussed, the lodge was finally closed and the members retired for refreshment, where, under the auspices of Bro. Barber, an agreeable evening was spent. The usual toasts having been duly returned, the acting W.M. said, as a rule they returned personal toasts, but he felt sure that, in this occasion, he might be pardoned if he returned a toast to them. They had amongst them a brother of the lodge, whom they did not see as they could wish, but whose important duties elsewhere prevented attendance at lodge. He gave them a toast to Lord Mahon. The toast having been returned, Lord Mahon responded. His lordship, in a few well-chosen words, expressed the great pleasure it gave him to be amongst the brethren of his lodge, and his public avocations and the distance from his residence, prevented his attending more often. He said, one often saw in the papers, stating that if you wanted a happy day you should go to Rosherville; his part he could only say if he had a happy evening he would come to the Union Lodge. His lordship's pleasant little speech was much appreciated, and the speaker sat down amidst

the hearty plaudits of his Masonic brethren. The poor having been remembered and the last toast given, the brethren retired at twelve.

BURGOYNE LODGE (No. 902).—The first regular meeting of this lodge after the annual autumnal recess was held at Anderton's on Monday evening last, under the able presidency of its popular W.M., Bro. Field, who opened the proceedings with commendable punctuality at the hour at which the brethren were summoned—viz., 5 p.m. The business of the evening consisted of passing Bro. Abbott to the second degree, and initiating Messrs. Bartlett, Kellway, and Aveling into the mystic science, ceremonies performed by the W.M., not only with a degree of accuracy almost marvellous, but with a dignity and impressiveness calculated to enhance to the utmost the effect of the beautiful ritual. After labour the brethren sat down to a very elegant banquet, where, after the cloth was cleared, the W.M. proposed the usual toasts which loyalty alike to the Crown and Craft have incorporated with our landmarks. The health of H.R.H., the M.W.G.M. designate, was introduced by the W.M. with a few remarks appropriate to the occasion of the accession to the greatest dignity in the Craft of our beloved Prince. Referring to the progress of Freemasonry and its flourishing condition under ecclesiastical anathema, the W.M. observed that the impotence of denunciation recently displayed reminded him of the contemptuous reception of a similar curse from the Pope. Dr. Westland Marston in his tragedy of Philip of France and Marie de Meranie had attributed to the king of the threatened realm—

“Let him ban the fields,
The grass will grow in spite of him.”

The toast was followed by an exquisite rendering by Bro. Rogers, I.P.M., accompanied on the pianoforte by Bro. Earnshaw, Organist to the lodge, of the popular “God Bless the Prince of Wales,” introducing the new verses composed by Bro. Hook, of the Great City Lodge, and which was received with much delight. Bro. Rogers, I.P.M., then proposed the health of the W.M., and highly eulogised the working they had beheld that evening. The W.M. briefly responded and proposed the health of the I.P.M., Bro. Rogers, which, having been duly honoured and responded to, the W.M. gave the health of the initiates, and when the honours had been duly rendered, and the very vociferous applause with which that toast is always received in a Mason's lodge had subsided, Bro. Poynter, P.M. and Treasurer, favoured the brethren with “The Entered Apprentice's” Song, as usually rendered by him, and which equally as usual was most warmly received. The three initiates individually responded, and the W.M., in terms of most cordial hospitality proposed the health of the visitors (who were as usual in this lodge very numerous), in acknowledging which, on his own part, Bro. Mallam, P.M. Chigwell (453), Burdett (1293), and Treasurer of the Athenæum (1491), gracefully alluded to the courtesy and fraternal kindness displayed by the Burgoyne Lodge, not only as experienced by him (Bro. Mallam) and those of his brother visitors who were members, with himself, of the infant lodge, in their reception that evening, but in the great goodness of the W.M. and brethren in aiding the recent rising of that northern light, the Athenæum, by the loan of much of the furniture indispensably essential to the working of a new lodge. But (the speaker went on to say) great as these favours were they sunk into insignificance by the side of a greater—the loan of something much more valuable. In the person of their esteemed Treasurer they had lent the north a light indeed which had shed lustre upon the infant lodge over which he had been called to preside. The working of Bro. Poynter which for distinctness and impressiveness had probably never been surpassed, had not only deeply impressed those whom he had been privileged to admit into the Craft—had not only delighted the founders and joining members of the Athenæum, but had called forth, for its accuracy and beauty the warmest eulogies from distinguished but discriminating Grand Officers, who had visited the lodge, which, he was sure the Burgoyne would be glad to hear, was now

eminently flourishing. Bro. Headon, W.M., and Bro. Moody, P.M., Sec. of the Great City Lodge, also responded in eloquent terms to this toast. The W.M., in proposing the health of the P.M.'s of the Burgoyne Lodge, with which he coupled the name of their popular Treasurer, expressed his sense of the obligation he felt under to the P.M.'s, who were ready on every occasion with advice and assistance. He also alluded to the panegyric passed upon Bro. Poynter by Bro. Mallam, and expressed his gratification that their Treasurer's endeavour to maintain the reputation of the Burgoyne Lodge for good working had, by its appreciative reception in the north, been so entirely successful. Bro. Poynter in responding for the P.M.'s, begged to be allowed, although a P.M. himself, to confirm what the W.M. had been good enough to affirm of the P.M.'s of the Burgoyne; that they might always be relied upon when the interests of the lodge required their aid. Of this he in his capacity of Treasurer had had ample proof. So far as he was concerned in that character, it was nothing new to him to have to return thanks for the kindness and cordiality with which the mention of his name was invariably received in the lodge. He attributed it however rather to the kind appreciation of the brethren of the delicate nature of the duties of a Masonic Treasurer's office, than to any personal merit. Any ordinary body might be content to find a Treasurer in a joint-stock bank, or any body corporate or individual who would limit the duty to taking care of the money entrusted, and disbursing it according to order. The cheers of the brethren evinced however that they estimated the duty of Treasurer of a lodge as requiring the display of more tact and judgment than could be looked for in an ordinary parochial or municipal functionary. A Masonic Treasurer was, if he might be allowed the expression, a sort of grouting to cement the whole body of the brethren in the lodge together. Any success however he (Bro. Poynter) had attained in fulfilling this function, he attributed entirely to the cordial co-operation he had ever received from the P.M.'s and members of the lodge. He felt that like the noble Talbot in Shakespeare's Henry VI., alone he “was but the shadow of himself” they—the brethren—were “his substance, sinews, arms and strength.” he however begged to return them his very sincere thanks for the kindness and acclamation with which the toast of his health had been received. The Treasurer having sat down amidst vehement applause, the other Masonic toasts followed, and a very pleasant evening, which had been enlivened by songs and recitations admirably rendered by some of the brethren, was brought to a most harmonious conclusion. The P.M.'s of the lodge present, besides those above mentioned, were Bros. Harvey, Iron, Vevers, H. Smith and Simmons. In addition to the visitors whose names appear in our report, we observed Bros. Coker, P.M.; Larham, P.M.; Albert C. Lewis, St. Andrews, 231, and Athenæum, 1491; Heaton, 1491; and several other more or less distinguished brethren.

Red Cross of Constantine.

In the columns of this journal for November, 1873, we recorded the very successful gathering of this Order at Leicester on the occasion of holding the first moveable Grand Conclave. The impetus thus given to the movement has resulted in a most cordial invitation from the three conclaves at Liverpool, Nos. 55, 77, and 97, to hold the next Grand Meeting at their town, and the Grand Imperial Council accepted it. We understand the arrangements are now complete, and that the Grand Conclave will be held at the new Masonic Temple, Liverpool, on Friday, 13th November. We believe the officers of the Grand Imperial Council and Grand Senate will muster in large numbers on this occasion, and we are sure that the Liverpool Knights will give them a cordial and hearty reception. The Order is progressing most favourably throughout the West Lancashire Division, which is in charge of Illus. Sir Knight Turner, Int. General, and his Deputy, Sir Knight J. Kellett Smith, M.D.,

K.G.C. &c. It is proposed to form a Sanctuary of the K.H.S. and a Commandery of the Order of St John in connection with the Liverpool Conclaves, and judging from the number of candidates offered, success must attend the proposal.

CONSECRATION OF THE PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF LINCOLNSHIRE.

On Thursday, the 29th ult., the new Province of Lincolnshire was constituted, and the Provincial Grand Master installed, at the School-room, Newland, Lincoln.

The brethren of Lincolnshire having been desirous that the Mark Degree in the East of England should, like the Craft, have a province of its own, petitioned the Grand Mark Lodge for a Warrant of Constitution, and came forward with the proposition of a Mark Mason for Provincial Grand Master, who they felt would reflect honour on Grand Lodge, and the Degree. The Most Worshipful Grand Mark Master, with his usual readiness to promote the good of the Order and to aid its extension, immediately granted the prayer of the petition, and knowing that Bro. John Sutcliffe, of Great Grimsby, the proposed first Grand Master of the Province, had always reflected honour on Freemasonry, and would be a most desirable representative of Grand Lodge in the province, designated him as the ruler of the province. The fame of Bro. Sutcliffe was not confined to the county in which he resided. As a native of Rochdale, and as having a wide connection with Lancashire, Cheshire, Durham, Northumberland, the Midland Counties and Yorkshire, he had acquired the esteem and respect of a large circle of business men and Freemasons, and it was not, therefore, surprising that his installation should be seized upon as a fitting opportunity to do him honour. On no occasion probably has there been such a numerous assemblage of brethren, who came from a long distance to pay respect to any one short of Royalty. Four hundred brethren hailing from London, Liverpool, Manchester, Rochdale; from Cheshire, Durham, and the North generally, together with representatives from intermediate places, arrived in Lincoln on the day previous to, and on the morning of the celebration. Among these were a large muster of Present and Past Grand Officers, both of Grand Lodge, and of Provincial Grand Lodges, Lancashire supplying a great proportion of the latter. This was partly to be accounted for by the arrangement that Bro. Romaine Callender, M.P., F.S.A., Prov. Grand Mark Master Mason of the County Palatine of Lancaster, would perform the ceremonies of Constitution of Grand Lodge, and Installation of the Grand Master assisted by his officers. Unfortunately, however, illness prevented Bro. Callender from attending, but his officers, headed by the banner of the Province, which was conspicuous in Grand Lodge made what amends they could for the disappointment caused by this untoward event. The trains, which arrived about half past twelve o'clock, brought the great bulk of the brethren, who were, by the liberality of Bro. Sutcliffe, immediately regaled with a repast, and Grand Lodge was opened by two o'clock. The appearance of Grand Lodge was very imposing. Jewels in the Craft, Arch, and Mark degrees of a gorgeous character were everywhere to be seen, and the room in which the brethren met being of noble dimensions, gave sufficient scope for a full display of gold and silk. The preliminary proceedings were admirably arranged by the Committee, and the brethren who acted as Director of Ceremonies, Secretary, and Organist, were well posted up in their duties, and acted as if these duties were in daily practice among them.

Among the brethren from London who attended, were Bro. F. Binckes, Grand Secretary; Bro. H. W. Binckes, Assistant Grand Secretary; Bro. Thos. Cubitt, G.D.C.; Bro. Thomas J. Sabine, Past Grand Overseer; and Bro. James Terry; and among the past and present Grand Officers, and Provincial Grand Officers, the following Mark Lodges were represented,—viz., Old York, 14; Joppa, 14; Minerva, 12; Prince Edward, 14; Howe, 12; Southwark, 22;

Roberts, 24; Union, 32; Eclectic, 39; Britannic, 53; Fearnley, 58; West Lancashire, 65; St. Botolph, 108; Copley, 111; Blair, 113; Remigi- us, 117; Callender, 123; Alfred, 136; Faith, 137; Skelmersdale, 141; Wike, 142; Egerton, 155; and John of Gaunt, 172.

The brethren having assembled, a Lodge was formally opened.

Bro. Binckes then addressed the brethren, and said they had been brought together to assist one whom they honoured and whose name was widely known in the neighbourhood where they were assembled and in the surrounding districts, and who was esteemed and respected in every capacity of life which he filled, and at the same time adorned. He alluded to Bro. Romaine Callender, whose absence it was his duty to inform them of, but who had been specially nominated by the Most Worshipful the Grand Mark Master, Earl Percy, to instal Bro. Sutcliffe as Provincial Grand Master of Lincolnshire. He (Bro. Binckes) had had no idea up to that morning that there was any possibility that Bro. Callender would be absent, but on seeing Bro. Chadwick he had been informed that the ceremonies of that day would be shorn of their chief ornament. Although they had known that Bro. Callender was not well, they yet had indulged the hope that he would have been so far recovered from his indisposition as to be able to be present; indeed, he knew and was satisfied that nothing but a very severe cause would have kept that brother from his post of duty. He was very sorry at the last moment to find that Bro. Callender would not be present, and that he had commissioned Bro. Chadwick to communicate this fact to the brethren. He (Bro. Binckes) had been requested to supply his place, and he was therefore called upon at a moment's notice to undertake the onerous, but at the same time honourable duty of presiding over this Grand Lodge, and conducting the proceedings and installing Bro. Sutcliffe in the chair. He need hardly say that he felt it the most difficult task of his life, because Bro. Callender would have performed the ceremonies with consummate ability; but whilst lamenting his absence and its cause, in which every brother he was sure would sympathise, he would throw himself on the indulgence of the brethren, for which he knew he should not appeal in vain. He would now request Bro. Chadwick to read two communications he had received from Bro. Callender.

Bro. Chadwick then read the two communications, the first of which stated that Bro. Callender was laid up with a very severe attack of influenza, and might possibly not be able to attend, and the second that he had not recovered, and would positively not be present.

Bro. Binckes added that he thought those two communications would be accepted by the brethren as quite sufficient excuse for Bro. Callender's absence, and that while sincerely regretting it no one would have wished him to attend at any risk to himself. He would request that both the communications from Bro. Callender be entered on the minutes of this Provincial Grand Lodge. The brethren would now assist in the performance of the ceremonies of the day.

The Acting Provincial Grand Secretary, by direction of Bro. Binckes, read the summons convening the meeting, and the minutes of preliminary proceedings, after which, as Bro. Sutcliffe had not previously filled the Master's chair of a Mark Lodge, Bro. Binckes and a score of Installed Masters adjourned to another room, and a board of Installed Masters having been formed, Bro. Binckes installed Bro. Sutcliffe as a W.M. Bro. Binckes again repaired to the lodge, accompanied by the Board of Installed Masters, but leaving Bro. Sutcliffe behind. On Bro. Binckes resuming the chair, Bro. Roberts, Director of Ceremonies, announced that the Provincial Grand Master Designate, Bro. John Sutcliffe, was without and requested to be installed. Bro. Binckes inquired if the patent of approval and appointment by the Most Worshipful Grand Master had been issued to the Provincial Grand Master Designate, and was in his possession. Bro. Roberts announced that it had been issued, and was in Bro. Sutcliffe's possession; whereupon at the request of Bro. Binckes, Bro. Roberts retired, and after-

wards returned with the patent, which he handed to Bro. Binckes, who having examined it, handed it to the Acting Grand Secretary to be read aloud. This ceremony concluded, Bro. Binckes pronounced his satisfaction, and called upon the Acting Provincial Grand Wardens, two installed W.M.'s and such Grand Officers as were present to retire and conduct Bro. Sutcliffe into lodge. This was done, and Bro. Sutcliffe placed in front of the W.M.'s pedestal. Rev. D. Ace, D.D., who wore his Doctor's Divinity's gown, then offered up a prayer of great earnestness for a blessing on the work which the brethren were engaged, and at the conclusion of the prayer,

Bro. Binckes, addressing Bro. Sutcliffe, he was too painfully aware that the observation he was about to make with reference to W.M.'s qualifications for the very high office was about to fall would fall lamentably short of the effect they would have produced on W.M., if they had been uttered by the distinguished brother who had hoped to deliver them. He would wish that the brethren should judge too critically the remarks which fell from himself, who had been called upon suddenly to take the Installing Master's place. But however perfect his words might be, they were simple and earnest words, and he trusted that the brethren would well weigh the importance of the occasion. This, however, he was sure they would do, as recommendation of Bro. Sutcliffe to the Grand Master for nomination was an earnest of the appreciation of this important event. They were perfectly aware that there were many who knew nothing of the principles, the practice, or the merits of Freemasonry, who looked upon the Order with varied feelings, some of ridicule and some of scorn. Some stigmatised it in terms of obloquy, and some would if they had the power resort to persecution. There were also many light or careless minds who either undervalued or did not value at all the principles and tenets sought to be inculcated by the Masonic organization, which dated from a remote antiquity, and which had for its object nothing but the good of humanity. In the Provincial Grand Master of Lincolnshire he was sure they had one who did not belong to the first of these classes of men, nor to the second; but who, from the time of his initiation, had thoroughly realised the importance and value of the principles of Masonry, had carried out those principles in the most practical manner, and had done every thing in his power—and power had been large and his influence great—and both had been most beneficially exercised to extend those principles. To him the Craft large were under an enormous debt of gratitude for the happiness he had diffused among its members. As concerned the Grand Mark Lodge, they knew there many Craft Freemasons who regarded the Mark Degree but slightly, but Mark Masons called themselves a select body and studied Mark Masonry, fully impressed with the importance of those principles so well inculcated in the Craft degrees; in point of fact if they knew it, they were exactly synonymous for, if there were any men who had laid themselves out to promote brotherly love, relieve truth, they would be found among the Master Masons. After referring to the distinction conferred on Bro. Sutcliffe by the Grand Master appointing him as Provincial Grand Master of Lincolnshire,

Bro. Binckes administered to him the obligation and invested him with the insignia of his office, and inducted him on the throne, and placed in his hands the emblem of power.

Taking the time from Bro. Roberts, the ven. saluted the Grand Master, and vociferously cheered him. With the heat and volume of their applause the Provincial Grand Master was completely overcome, and for minutes was quite unable to speak. He fore requested Bro. Binckes to oblige a vest Dr. Charles Harrison, P.M. 127, as Provincial Grand Master. When this ceremony was concluded,

Bro. Radley, of Boston, rose and said their next business was to nominate a Treasurer for the province, and he felt sure he mentioned the name of the brother he propose for that office, and he received

heartiest expressions of approval. He would have been glad if the task had been committed to a brother more capable of doing justice to it than himself, but still no one could do it with more sincerity, and it was with the knowledge of his feeling that he took upon himself the task with so much confidence. He would propose Bro. Jack Sutcliffe, the son of their Provincial Grand Master, as the Provincial Grand Master. He was glad to say that in Bro. Jack Sutcliffe they would have a brother who would take his father in the discharge of those duties which were attached to the office he proposed they should confer upon him.

Bro. H. Watson, of Lincoln, in seconding the motion, said he fully endorsed all the resolutions concerning Bro. Jack Sutcliffe, which had been proposed by Bro. Radley, and he believed the Provincial Grand Lodge would also endorse them.

Bro. Jack Sutcliffe was then unanimously elected Provincial Grand Treasurer.

The Provincial Grand Master thereupon proposed to invest the undermentioned brethren with their collars and jewels of office:—

- Bro. Radley..... S.G.W.
- Bro. Dick Watson..... J.G.W.
- Bro. Oldman..... G.M.O.
- Bro. Bellamy..... G.S.O.
- Bro. Watkins..... G.J.O.
- Bro. J. Ace, D.D..... G. Chaplain.
- Bro. Sutcliffe..... G. Treas.
- Bro. Carline..... G. Reg.
- Bro. Gough..... G. Sec.
- Bro. G.S.D..... G.S.D.
- Bro. G.J.D..... G.J.D.
- Bro. G.D.C..... G.D.C.
- Bro. G.A.D.C..... G.A.D.C.
- Bro. G.I. of Works..... G. I. of Works.
- Bro. G. Sword Bearer..... G. Sword Bearer.
- Bro. G. Std. Bearer..... G. Std. Bearer.
- Bro. G. Organist..... G. Organist.
- Bro. G.I.G..... G.I.G.
- Bro. G. Stewards..... G. Stewards.
- Bro. G. Tyler..... G. Tyler.

These officers having been duly saluted on the occasion, a committee was nominated, on the motion of Bro. Oldham, seconded by Bro. Binckes, to frame the provincial bye-laws. The Provincial Grand Master then rose and said; he revolved upon him to perform a very duty, and he regretted exceedingly that he was not of the power of speech to give to the brethren what he was about to propose the force of the law deserved. They had all heard the excellent and superior style in which their Provincial Grand Master had discharged the duties of the Installing Master. The ceremony had been performed with a talent which could not be equalled even by Bro. Romaine Callender, and he regretted so much that he was not present to see them. The Provincial Grand Master's absence from the Provincial Grand Lodge during the ceremony had filled all the brethren with deep regret when Bro. Callender agreed to perform the ceremonies the brethren of Lincoln had so highly honoured. This sore disappointment, however, was in some measure cured by the representation of Bro. Binckes, who always brought to the Provincial Grand Lodge with an earnestness of purpose which rendered him acceptable to the Provincial Grand Master. He (the Prov. G.M.) spoke as he could not refrain from saying he was proud of the service Bro. Binckes had rendered the lodge had been fortunate to secure. He would therefore ask the Provincial Grand Master to join with him in passing a vote of thanks to Bro. Binckes for his kindness in conducting the business of the day, and for the manner in which he had performed the duties they had had the pleasure of seeing him perform. He felt quite certain that every brother would agree with these remarks, and the resolution would be carried with acclamation.

The Provincial Grand Master having been seconded and carried, the Provincial Grand Master, in acknowledging the compliment, said, in acknowledging the compliment, he should occupy the time of the Provincial Grand Master for a few seconds, as he should have done so much earlier in the afternoon of speaking

at greater length. He would simply say that he would rather this resolution had taken the form it was originally intended to take, of a vote of thanks to Bro. Romaine Callender. He regarded himself as only the *locum tenens* of that brother, and he looked upon it as a highly regrettable circumstance that Bro. Callender, who was such an excellent worker of the ceremonies, was not present. For he himself felt very acutely the disappointment they must all have experienced, and he was heavily oppressed with the responsibility of his position in having to take the place of such a distinguished brother. Nevertheless, he felt most grateful for their recognition of his services.

The Deputy Prov. G.M. said that he had great pleasure in informing the brethren that the aprons, jewels, and collars had been presented to the Provincial Grand Lodge by the esteemed Provincial Grand Master, and he would therefore move the thanks of the Grand Lodge to Bro. Sutcliffe, and that they be recorded on the minutes.

The Prov. S. Grand Warden seconded the motion, which was put by Bro. Binckes, and carried unanimously.

A vote of thanks was also passed to Bro. Fred. Watson, the chairman of the Committee of Management, for the loan of the organ, and to the Committee of Management; and the Provincial Grand Master said that for several weeks past Bro. Watson had been devoted to the duties which had fallen upon him as chairman. Very few knew the amount of work he had had to do. It had been most arduous, but it had certainly been discharged in a most efficient manner. Whatever Bro. Watson undertook to carry out he carried out with a will, and if it had not been for him the brethren would not then have been together.

Bro. F. Watson, in reply, said that on behalf of himself and the committee he had to thank the Provincial Grand Master and the brethren for their kindly-expressed vote of thanks. Although the labours of the committee had been very arduous, the brethren were amply repaid by seeing the eminent brother they had recommended to the Grand Master as Provincial Grand Master installed in the provincial chair. He was highly esteemed, and could not fail to bring honour upon the province. Any services the Committee of Management had performed were well compensated for by such a result.

This closed the business of Grand Lodge.

The Provincial G. Master, before closing the lodge, rose and said that he would take that opportunity of thanking from the chair the brethren who had come such long distances, at such great inconvenience, to do him honour as they had done that day. It was, indeed, a proud moment to him to see so very many brethren. From all parts they had come, from London, from Lancashire, from Cheshire. From Yorkshire, also, he was glad to see such a handsome muster. He could assure them all that he should ever remember it as a great honour they had done him, and he was sorry it was not in his power to recognise the obligation in any other way than by these words of thanks.

The Provincial Grand Mark Lodge was then closed, and the brethren were entertained, to the number of over 400, by the Provincial Grand Master at a splendid banquet in the concert room of the beautiful Masonic hall, provided by Bro. Trafford of the Spread Eagle Hotel, Lincoln.

At the termination of the banquet the "Non Nobis" was sung, and the Prov. G.M. proceeded with the toasts; and in giving the toast of "The Queen and Mark Masonry," referred to the well-known loyalty of Masons in the Mark Degree, and to the bright example that Her Majesty set as a Queen and a Mother.

The Prov. G. Master next gave "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and the members of the Royal Family." Whenever they drank the health of the Prince of Wales in Masonry it was in the double capacity of head of the Royal Family and the head of Masonry. He was not, however, a Mark Mason, but it was extremely gratifying to Mark Masons that he should be ruler of the Craft. With reference to the late Grand Master of the Craft, whom they all had honoured, he

would simply say, "Requiescat in pace." They were sorry that there should have been a secession from the Masonic ranks, as they would have been if even the humblest man in Masonry had seceded; but when the head of the fraternity left them, he thought "the least said the soonest mended." But there flowed from it this happy result, the development and bringing out of the Prince of Wales, the Heir Apparent of Great Britain, as Grand Master. Now, they would give spontaneous and undivided loyalty to His Royal Highness, and they did not want among their ranks any who would give but a divided loyalty either to the throne, the altar, or the cottage. The Prince of Wales had shown himself a first-rate fellow, and had taken the opportunity of informing himself on all matters which were likely to be of service in the position in life he was called on to fill. His duties as heir apparent had been discharged satisfactorily, and also those which he had performed for the Queen. He had made himself beloved wherever he went, and he was well imitated by the Duke of Edinburgh, the Duke of Connaught, and Prince Leopold. At the formation of this new Provincial Grand Lodge it was but right that the loyalty of the brethren composing it should be displayed, and it was with the greatest pleasure he gave them the opportunity of doing so by proposing "The Health of the Prince of Wales and the Royal Family."

The toast was enthusiastically responded to.

The Prov. G. Master next gave "the M.W. Grand Mark Master Mason, the Rt. Hon. Earl Percy, M.P.," and as time was getting short for the brethren from Manchester and the West, joined with it "the M.W. Past Grand Mark Master Mason, the Rt. Hon. Lord Leigh, Rt. Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, Viscount Holmesdale, M.P.; W. W. B. Beach, Esq., M.P.; and the Rev. George Raymond Portal, M.A." Earl Percy had made his mark in Masonry, or he would not now have been in the position he was in. He (the Prov. G.M.) could not say the same thing for himself; for although he was an old and experienced officer in the Craft he was not an old Mark Master. Under the peculiar privileges granted by the Mark Degree, which the Craft did not, the Grand Master and the Provincial Grand Masters retained their offices only for a limited time, to give an opportunity for other brethren who were ambitious and desirous of getting into office to do so. There were in the Craft many enthusiastic men who worked for years and did not get high position. In the Mark it was not so, for there was a better opening for such brethren. They had, therefore, what was not to be found in the Craft, a good roll of Past Grand Masters, and what was more, they obtained the cream of the Craft. He then called upon the brethren to drink the toast.

Bro. Thos. Chadwick, Prov. Grand Secretary, Lancashire, said he did not know why a humble brother like himself should be entrusted with the proposal of toast No. 5, "The R.W. Dep. Grand Mark Master Mason, the Right Hon. the Earl of Limerick, and the Grand Officers past and present," but the Right Worshipful Master had made the duty comparatively easy by showing them that short speeches were the best. Again, the toast was so good a one that no words were necessary to recommend it to notice. The Earl of Limerick was well known to them all as a good worker in Masonry and a good Mason. Those who had had the opportunity of seeing him do the work knew this, and to those who had not he would only say they had missed a treat, for he was one of the best working Masons he (Bro. Chadwick) ever knew. The Provincial Grand Masters were always ready to do their work and any duty which might devolve upon them,—and the Grand Officers generally seized every opportunity that offered, to assist the Grand Master in the duties of his office.

Bro. Smallpiece, in thanking the brethren for the toast, assured them that it was the intention and wish of all the Grand Officers to give their support to the Grand Master and to further the interests of Mark Masonry in every way. He would not detain the brethren by any lengthened remarks, but he would refer to the success of Mark Masonry as evidenced by the great desire of brethren to join it, and by the establishment

of new provinces. It was only on the previous Friday that a new province had been established in Sussex, when the brethren assembled in large numbers at Brighton. These facts pointed to the estimation in which the Mark was held, and described it far better than any words he could use would do.

Bro. F. Binckes proposed "The R.W. Provincial Grand Mark Master Mason of Lincolnshire, Bro. John Sutcliffe," and in doing so said it was always a difficult and delicate matter to approach what the Director of Ceremonies had just announced as the toast of the evening. He had, however, the most excellent subject for the toast that he ever had in his life. Their excellent Provincial Grand Master he (Bro. Binckes) had at last found out, was the cleverest man within the circle of his acquaintance; for he had discovered the grand secret of renewing his youth. He would tell them why—and this he firmly believed—he had told him (Bro. Binckes) that evening while sitting beside him that he had enlorged him too much in the observations he had made, and he had seen mantling to Bro. Sutcliffe's cheeks the blush of modesty. Now they all knew that modesty was the peculiarly distinguishing characteristic of youth. If the Grand Master had not restored himself by some process into which he (Bro. Binckes) did not care to pry, he could not have seen that blush of modesty mantling to his cheek, but he would ask the brethren whether one word he had used concerning the Provincial Grand Master, in the course of the proceedings of the day, under the difficult circumstances in which he had been placed, had been in any respect more than he thoroughly and richly deserved by a long course of service both in Masonry and [out of it? Of course not. Truly "on their own merits modest men are dumb;" but surely in the presence of one like Bro. Sutcliffe no one should be debarred speaking of those merits and commending them to a body of men like those then present. He was not speaking of Bro. Sutcliffe in empty terms of compliment, but he could speak of his qualifications, which were known to every one in the room. If he said more of him he felt he should be guilty of what was superfluousness and excess—of "gilding refined gold" or attempting to "paint the lily." He would therefore, as simply as he could, but nevertheless most heartily and earnestly, ask the brethren to respond to the toast. The subject of that toast was the first Provincial Grand Master of Lincolnshire, and the brethren of that Province and of the Province of Lancaster testified their hearty approval of the Grand Master's choice by responding heartily to the toast. They wished to show how they valued what he had done in the past; they congratulated him heartily on his present position, and they wished him a prosperous career in the future.

The Prov. G. Master, on rising to respond, was received with loud applause. This lasted for some time, and on its subsiding he said the occasion was one of very serious and great importance to him. He would refer to the short remarks made by the Installing Master, Bro. Binckes, who spoke of the past so much, and who had the gift of eloquence in such a large measure. Unfortunately for himself he (the Prov. G. M.) had not that gift, but he was a practical man. He could not make the worse appear the better reason, and he hoped that Bro. Binckes would not flatter him too much. All that Bro. Binckes had said that he (the Prov. G. M.) had done and would do, he hoped would turn out to be the fact, and what he had been in the past he would try to be in the future. He had certainly undertaken that day a position of responsibility, which, perhaps, he should not have undertaken, but he was in this difficulty: that the brethren of Lincolnshire would not take any from him. They appealed to him to take the office on the ground that he would be promoting the interests of Mark Freemasonry in the province. On consideration he thought there were other brethren in the province more deserving of high rank and position than he was. Being however, strongly pressed, and told it was a duty he owed to Freemasonry that he should take the office, and that there was no one else they considered more worthy, he considered the matter

again, and finding there was no help for it, he consented. As he had recently said, in Mark Masonry they must have the cream of Craft Masonry, and he was sure from the assemblage he saw before him that day they did get the cream of Craft Masonry. It occurred to him to say that Mark Masonry should be recognised by Grand Lodge; for, as they stood at present it seemed to him that they were dissenters from the Craft. (Bro. Binckes: "No. No"). As he had told the brethren of Lincolnshire, if he could be of any service in promoting the interests of Freemasonry it would afford him great pleasure to do so. He had undertaken this office on the same principle as that which guided all his actions through life, that what was worth doing at all was worth doing well. He never "went in" for half measures; he always "went the whole hog," and he would take Mark Masonry in hand in this province so long as it did not come in collision with Craft Masonry. (Bro. Binckes: "It never can"). Their Brother Binckes said it never could. Looking at Lancashire they found Craft Masonry, Mark Masonry, Royal Arch Masonry, and every other kind of Masonry there; the land was covered with it. He remembered William Dugdale of Bolton saying of the people there, "They stink of brass." He would not use the word offensively, but he would apply the meaning conveyed by the expression, to the position of Masonry in Lancashire; that province was the most Masonic province in England. He was not at all ashamed of being a Lancashire lad. In Lincolnshire they were not so thickly strewn as the brethren in Lancashire; but he should not depart from his desire of making Masonry great in Lincolnshire. He would once more thank the brethren for the compliment they had paid him by coming that day to witness his installation. It was such a compliment as any Provincial Grand Master must feel most deeply. He did not know all the brethren who attended individually, but he looked upon the gathering as though he knew every person composing it, and it was such a noble one that it must be an encouragement to him to perform his duties. He would pledge them his word, every one of them, that when they held Provincial Grand Lodge every brother there that day should have notice of it. To his thanks he would add another expression of brotherliness by drinking the good health of every brother present, and that of their wives and sweethearts.

The Prov. G. Master then said that as the special train for the north-west would not leave till half-past seven there was no necessity for the brethren from that quarter to leave at present; for he would request their attention for a few minutes while he gave "The Health of the Installing Master, Bro. Binckes." He desired to thank that brother very much for the honour he had done him by installing him that day. They all knew Bro. Binckes, and he could not say anything of him which they were not previously aware of. Had Bro. Romaine Callender been present he might have had more to remark upon; but with regard to so well known a brother as Bro. Binckes, he would simply propose his health and leave it in their hands.

Bro. Binckes rose to reply immediately, and said they must not pause for a single moment, as the trains would not wait. They had all partaken of Bro. Sutcliffe's hospitality, and would gladly have enjoyed it still longer were it not for the exigencies of the railway. The proceedings of the day in Grand Lodge were peculiar; and he felt that they resembled very much a performance in a theatre where there was a thickly-packed audience to hear the play of "Hamlet," with the principal character to be filled by a distinguished actor, but before the proceedings commenced, the stage manager had to come forward to announce that the character would, through the illness of the great actor, have to be represented by a minor actor. The distinguished tragedian engaged at enormous expense could not come, and the audience must either be content to see the character played by a minor performer, or they could have their money returned at the doors. That was just the position of affairs that day. Bro. Romaine Callender had been taken ill. Although he (Bro. Binckes) along with all the brethren, were much grieved at his absence and the cause of it, he was very glad to

fill his post, and however imperfectly he performed his duties he had endeavoured to do in the best way he could. He felt indebted to them for the credit they had given him for his endeavours. He knew that one of the causes of this great gathering was the announcement that Bro. Callender would be present. No one more regretted than he (Bro. Binckes) throughout the day's proceedings, the absence of their distinguished brother, to whom he was quite prepared to render any assistance in a subordinate position but he never thought for a single instant of being representative. When the prompter's bell rung and the green curtain drawn up, and the magnificent mountings of the piece were displayed, it was found that the principal performer was not present, and he was called upon to do his part. Whether he should ever again be boldened to fill the same part he did not know perhaps he might be like "single-speech Hamlet," who made a brilliant oration once, and never attempted it again; or like a sky-rocket which made a great show as it went up, and nothing but the stick remained to come down. He was very much pleased to have had to install his old friend, although he much regretted the absence of Bro. Callender. Some remarks had been made about Grand Craft Lodge, and some Masons did not know Mark Masonry so intimately as the brethren present. It had been thought by some that Mark Masons were casting a slur on Craft Masonry, but any such objections must have been made unguardedly and from want of knowledge of what Mark Masonry was. He must ask them to take from him the fullest assurance that if the time of danger ever came to Craft Masonry, Grand Craft Lodge in England would find its warmest supporters in Mark Masons. Bro. Binckes then referred to the G. Master's remark that he (Bro. Binckes) had the power of speech; but he said that it was necessary that some one should be able to appeal to the hearts and sympathies of the brethren. He would now discharge another duty, and thank the brethren on behalf of himself and the absent Bro. Callender, whose representative he was. The brethren all wished but better health, also long life, happiness, and prosperity, and on all occasions received his name with respect. He (Bro. Binckes) took the reception of his name that day as a testimony how highly they esteemed him, how deeply they regretted his absence, and how much they wished for his reappearance among them in health and strength.

The Prov. G. Master next proposed "The Health of the Visiting Brethren," and spoke with gratification of the presence of the many saw before him from Lincolnshire, Cheshire, Yorkshire, and numerous other places. To all of them he tendered his most sincere and hearty thanks for following the brethren of Lincolnshire to the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge. It was always pleasant to drink the health of the visitors to whom they never gave the cold shoulder. He rather gave them the saddle of mutton, whatever would make them enjoy themselves. That day they offered them a hearty reception but he was sorry that train time was becoming so short that a general stampede of the visiting brethren might soon be expected. He would not therefore enlarge on this toast, but he could not conclude without saying that the Province of Lincolnshire felt greatly complimented by having such a large body of visitors from all parts of the country. He would call on Bro. Young, of the province of Durham to respond.

Bro. Young said that the fact of his coming from Durham would speak as much for the opinion of the Prov. G. Master as even a volume of words. The journey from such a distance would show that he had at heart the good of Masonry in Lincolnshire, and that he had honoured the Prov. G. Master. He was lighted to have the opportunity of doing this to Bro. Sutcliffe, and eagerly seized the opportunity of giving him a welcome. With the view of giving him a welcome. With the view of doing so he immediately undertook to represent Northumberland and Durham. In its Provincial Grand Master, Lincolnshire had one who would be most welcome at all times in this (Bro. Young's) district. He was a most excellent representative of the Craft, one of those brilliant fellows who should have been in times

Let them thank Heaven, though, that he is not, and that the present generation were personally acquainted with him. He (Bro. Ung) was proud to have known him. He is sorry that time would not permit him to say so. If it had not been for the train leaving soon, and making the brethren so anxious to away, he should have been glad of a few notes to express more strongly and fully the affection he had in being present on that occasion.

Bro. Hartley also responded, and expressed great pleasure it was to him after a lengthened period of absence from that district to meet the Prov. Grand Master; still it was a pleasure to see a brother who was so much respected installed in the high position of Master of that important province. The same he had given all the brethren was in agreement with all his other acts, and for that same he (Bro. Hartley) offered him his best wishes. It was with the greatest possible pleasure he came to the ceremony of that day, and believed all the brethren who accompanied him in acknowledging the kindness of the Prov. Grand Master. He hoped he would live long to enjoy his Prov. Grand Mastership, and to remember that the brethren ever spent a more pleasurable day.

Bro. T. Bashworth, of Rochdale, also gladly testified to the pleasure the brethren had experienced. They had gladly travelled from Rochdale to witness the installation, and he added that they would envy the brethren of Lancashire their Prov. Grand Master. Lincolnshire had shown them a very good sample of a Prov. Grand Master, and it ought to be a source of pride to him. The brethren who hailed Rochdale were very glad to have been represented by a brother from Cheshire also briefly referred to.

The brethren hereupon, with few exceptions, returned by the special trains for the north-west, east, and south, and the business was accordingly closed.

Among the London brethren, however, including Bro. Binckes, H. W. Binckes, James Terry, Bro. Cubitt, and Bro. Sabine, of Brighton, who were present for the night at Lincoln, and honoured the evening with toasts, which were "The Provincial Officers and the Mark Lodge of Lincolnshire," "The Masonic Institutions and the Mark Benevolent Fund," "The W.M., of the Mark Lodge, No. 117, Lincoln, Bro. R. Carline," and "The Ladies."

Bro. J. Sabine proposed "The Masonic Institutions and the Mark Benevolent Fund," and invited the brethren to support his list for the festival of the Boys' School. He presented the Mark Degree at that festival, and it was strongly supported, and his list was supported with 40 guineas from Grand Mark Lodge, and he had one donation of £21, eight of £5 each, seven of five guineas, and a number of smaller sums.

Bro. James Terry, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution responded, and thanked the Lincolnshire brethren for their interest in the cause of Masonry, and for the support of all the Masonic Institutions which had done so well.

MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The annual monthly meeting of the General Assembly of this Institution was held on Thursday, 6th ult., at Freemason's Hall. Bro. W. H. Russell was in the Chair. There were also present Bro. A. H. Tattershall, Major J. Walter Wellsman, Robert B. Webster, Bro. W. H. Hemsworth, Henry Griffith Smith, Fred. Adlard, John S. W. White, Wm. F. Moutrie. Bro. W. H. Russell was authorized to sign cheques for the payment of the Bills for the September quarter in accordance with the recommenda-

tion of the House Committee the salaries of the educational staff were increased.

A petition on behalf of Mary G. N. Swain was deferred on account of her reading being imperfect.

A resolution was moved by Bro. Tattershall, seconded by Major J. Creaton and unanimously carried to the following effect:—"That the proxies shall in all cases be sent to the parties to whom they belong, that is, to the Subscribers and Governors whose names are registered in the office books, unless the owner of a proxy or proxies should authorize the Secretary otherwise to deal with them, and in the case of such authority being given, it must be renewed previous to every election." The Secretary then read a letter in reference to the transfer of the Marquis of Ripon's votes which the committee would not entertain, and the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot, Prov. Grand Master of Staffordshire, has kindly consented to take the chair at the next festival of this Institution which is to be held on Wednesday, the 27th January, 1875. Brethren who may wish to become Stewards, will be glad to know that the Stewards' fee is fixed at two guineas, which includes dinner ticket and expenses.

Masonic Tidings.

NEW ORDER IN LIVERPOOL.—It has been proposed and resolved to attach to the Liverpool Conclaves of the Red Cross of Constantine a Sanctuary of the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre and Commandery of the Knights of St. John. Candidates will be installed by the Grand Conclave to be held at the Masonic Hall, Liverpool, on the 13th inst. Names of candidates will in the meanwhile be received by Ill. Sir Knight G. Turner, Int. Gen. for West Lancashire.

The meeting of the Moveable Grand Conclave of the Red Cross of Constantine will take place on Friday, the 13th of November, not 15th, as, by the printer's error, appeared in our last.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction (No. 1445), at the Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland, on Monday evening, November 9th, 1874, at seven o'clock.

We regret to announce the death of Bro. Robert Atkinson Bradley, who died after a long and painful illness at his residence, 3, Albany-villas, Queensland-road, N., Saturday, October 31st, aged 78 years. He was initiated in the Strong Man Lodge, No. 45, in 1840.

PERSONAL.

BRO. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN.—By reference to the Boston *Masonic Mirror* of Dec. 5th, 1829, will be found the following paragraph: "For evidence of the estimation in which this great man, Benjamin Franklin, held Masonry, this statement is amply sufficient. It appears from the minutes of the Order, that during thirty years and upward, while he was Deputy Grand Master of Pennsylvania, he was never absent from a single meeting." Does not this fact bear a noble testimony to the value and worth of Masonry?

BRO. G. A. SALA'S treatise on "Cookery in its Historical Aspect" may, we understand, be expected shortly to appear.

FOREIGN DECORATION.—The Emperor of Austria has conferred the Commandership of the Order of Francis Joseph on Bro. W. H. Russell, who was engaged as British Juror on the Small Arms Jury at the Great Exhibition in Vienna last year.

SIR JULIUS BENEDICT.—Numerous friends of Sir Julius Benedict, appreciating the eminent services which, during a long period of 40 years, he has devoted so effectively for the advancement of musical art in this country—as well as the uniform and unceasing zeal in all his transactions, and the good faith in all his engagements—are desirous of evincing their esteem by

presenting him, on the occasion of his 70th birthday, at the end of November, with a testimonial which will serve to embody such sentiments, and, at the same time, convey to his family a lasting remembrance of the cordial respect and esteem in which he is held, and which his high and honourable character so justly merits. The following noblemen and gentlemen have already consented to form a committee on the subject:—Lord Skelmersdale, Lord Shrewsbury, Lord Sydney, the Earl of Mar, Sir Robert Gerald, Lord Gerald Fitz-Gerald, Lord Suffield, Sir Robert Peel, Lord Camory, and Lord Londesborough.

MR. JUSTICE HONYMAN.—The *Observer* is enabled to state that, although the condition of Mr. Justice Honyman's health will not allow of his resuming his seat on the Bench at the commencement of Term, there is no foundation for the rumour that he intends immediately to give in his resignation.

THE BOARD OF WORKS AND THE BOARD OF TRADE.—The written opinion of the Law Officers of the Crown, signed by Sir Richard Baggallay and the Solicitor-General, on the interpretation of those clauses of the Petroleum Act which give power to regulate the landing, storage, and conveyance of petroleum has been officially communicated by the Board of Trade to the Metropolitan Board of Works, and has been referred by the latter Board to its Works Committee.

MR. EDWARD S. NORRIS, of Regent's-park-road, has been elected Master of the Carriers' Company for the ensuing year.

MR. WILLIAM HANCOCK has been appointed manager of the National Discount Company in succession to Mr. Thomas Smith, who has been compelled to retire in consequence of ill-health.

MR. ALBERT GRANT presided on October 30th at a meeting held at Westminster in support of the movement for the free opening of the Tower, and a memorial to the Government with that object was adopted.

SIR JOHN KARSLAKE, M.P., Q.C., is seriously indisposed; he has been ordered abroad by his medical advisers, and probably will not return to this country before the meeting of Parliament.

MR. D. M. AIRD, of the Middle Temple, author of "Blackstone Economized," &c., has undertaken a work that is nearly completed, "The Civil Law of France to the Present Time," which comprises all the Code Napoléon.

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Answers to Correspondents.

All Communications, Advertisements, &c., intended for insertion in the Number of the following Saturday, must reach the Office not later than 6 o'clock on Wednesday evening.

The following stand over:—"Masonic Revival," communications from Capt. S. and W. J. Hughan; Reports Lodges 177; 818, 862, 871, 973, 1141, 1276, 1415, 1421, Instruction 860; Chapter 995; Preceptory 123; Red Cross Conclave 17; Council R. and S. M. 5; Albion Rose Chapter 1; Prov G. Lodge of Durham.

ERRATA.—In the letter of "A Country P.M.," page 62 for "all W.M.'s," read "all M.M.'s." In the advertisement of Mrs. Osborne, for "Boys" read "Girls."

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 1874

OUR ROYAL GRAND MASTER.

The return of our Royal Brother, H.R.H. Prince of Wales to England from his continental tour, naturally directs the attention of the Craft to his formal assumption of the high office which he has accepted, in accordance with the very wise provision of the Book of Constitutions on the subject. Some little obscurity rests on the actual verbiage of the section which relates to the Past Grand Master, and as to what present position of our exalted Brother is, in respect of his actual governance of our Order. For the question, we think, may fairly be asked: Does the Grand Mastership of H.R.H. Prince of Wales date from the date of his acceptance of the office, or from the date of his installation as Grand Master? The "Grand Master" is to be "invited to a new election takes place," and we are inclined to think (pace a superior authority on our Masonic traditions), an actual and formal construction of the section of the Book of Constitutions fairly be arrived at, that the

Past Grand Master of the direction of the Craft, "sede vacante," was in truth the initiatory and only needful act of his temporary administration of the Grand Mastership, the more so as nothing is said about his installation. Indeed, the section relating to Pro Grand Master, which follows, contemplates an immediate assumption of office, and is silent about installation. We are not aware at this moment of any precedent on the question, and shall be glad to hear what the legal authority of the Craft recommends and decides in the matter. The usage of Grand Lodge is probably in favour of a special installation of the "Grand Master," and we are sure that we are but expressing the feeling of the entire Order when we say that we hope, as we doubt not, that a full and distinct announcement of the ceremony of installation will be given to the fraternity. From all parts of England the loyal members of our body will be anxious, if even at much personal cost, to come together to witness their personal attachment to their new Royal Grand Master and their unwavering loyalty to Freemasonry. The past is over and forgotten, however deep may be our regret for a somewhat melancholy page in the annals of Freemasonry, and we look on to the future, to-day, in all of trust, gratification, hope, and confidence. For we have now, happily, at our head the Heir-Apparent to the throne, the eldest son of our beloved Sovereign, and as Freemasons have ever been truly loyal, alike in days of sunshine and storm, so they rejoice with heartfelt unanimity to-day when they realize that the personal union between the Royal Family and themselves, which was so strong in days of old, is reknit officially, and above all most solemnly and firmly once again. With no mere words of adulation, with no mere expression of service, or even of sycophancy, do we English Freemasons desire or seek to approach our Royal and distinguished brother, but as true and trusted members of our ancient Order, we welcome with heart and voice as our chief ruler the grandson of an old Grand Master. Happy, are we all in knowing and believing, that amid many obloquies, and not a few false insinuations just now, our Brother, the Prince of Wales, has accepted with promptness and pleasure the vacant Grand Mastership of our fraternity, in an hour, too, of no little anxiety and trial. We require no better answer to the sneers of the ignorant, or the condemnations of the intolerant, than to seek for no more complete compensation for our momentary regrets, than this one most agreeable fact, patent to all, a fact which, as we justly believe, will prove to be alike a source of strength, and of pride, and of rejoicing to Freemasonry, and specially to our English brotherhood. It was only a short time ago, that the foolish and hot-headed prelate of the Roman Catholic Church thought well in an dinner speech to describe Freemasonry as a secret political society, to liken it to that of the Jesuits, and to attribute to it consequently, the most violent views and revolutionary proclivities. Here to-day we behold the second person in this realm, as if in answer to this arrant insinuation, not only not "ashamed to hear himself named a Free and Accepted Mason," but

associating himself intimately with the brotherhood, assuming the Mastership of his own lodge, and ultimately acceding with genial readiness to the request of Grand Lodge, to take upon himself the "ad interim" rulership of the Craft. In our humble opinion this kindly and most fraternal acceptance by our Royal Brother of the Grand Mastership of English Freemasons is alike the best proof of his true Masonic zeal, and the surest guarantee of our own Masonic progress. Despite any momentary halt or temporary depression, we shall continue to move on, we venture to think, even more unitedly, even more trustfully, and even more zealously than ever, because in answer to unjust arraignments and intolerant anathemas, we have rallied around our Royal Grand Master as one man, and because, too, we all are also resolved, "Favente Deo Optimo et Maximo," "Teucro duce et auspice Teucro," to maintain before the world and our universal confraternity, alike our professions of Freemasonry, and to augment and to perpetuate our untiring labours of generous sympathy and brotherly love.

THE PROGRESS OF ENGLISH FREEMASONRY.

It is not a little remarkable, we think, and we wish therefore to remind our brethren and readers to-day how, despite sundry difficulties, our English brotherhood is rapidly increasing its lodge-roll and in numbers everywhere. A priori, the recent attacks upon Freemasonry, by heated partisans and one or two disturbing causes might have been presumed to stand in the way of the progression of English Freemasonry, to have hindered its advance, to have constituted a stumbling block in its path. But on the contrary, we record in each hebdomadal impression of the *Freemason* some new lodge added to our long calendar, some fresh centre of light, and peace, and amity, and good will marked out and established in Metropolitan or Provincial "limits," to use an old Masonic term. So that we see, in the first place, and let us lay to heart the seasonable and solemn truth that slander and detraction, ill words and foul words, never have done much harm and never will do much harm, after all, in this fair world of ours. They may have a momentary effect on the incredulous and careless, they may inflict pain on some, or do passing injury to others, but the good sense of mankind revolts against them, in the long run, and the certain Nemesis of a higher Providence, always restores the balance sooner or later, here, between right and wrong. So that when to-day we hear or we read the heated declamations, or the unjustifiable falsehoods of unreasoning, or needlessly angry opponents, (for Freemasonry antagonises none), we note at once how, despite it all, and despite them all, Freemasonry finds its "compensation" in the rapid development of its universal organization and in the remarkable progress of its peaceful brotherhood. What better answer do we need? What safer response can we offer?—whether to the childish complaint or the bitter incrimination? Even amid the combined assaults of most heterogeneous allies, Freemasonry fears nothing and cares nothing, but passing by alike false friends

and relentless adversaries, marches on, to use a military simile, "with drums beating and colours flying," to combat with increasing success, ignorance, intolerance, suffering, and calamity. And in the next place, we think, despite much, no doubt, that may be said on the other side, that this extension of our brotherhood and this increase of our lodges are greatly to be encouraged and commended. There are some good brethren of ours who would apparently like to consider Freemasonry a little select society, not meant to be too large or to do too much, and who regard our material prosperity and numerical development as a subject of some little anxiety. Now we take, we confess, an entirely opposite view. Our opinion long has been that it is the duty of the authorities to give a full and free development to Masonic augmentation and expansion, whenever they can properly do so. We are also perfectly ready to admit, that, we believe, at no time in our Masonic history were the central authorities so alive to the requirements of our Order, and so wishful, in all of courtesy and good will, to further the wishes and aid the efforts of metropolitan and provincial brethren. But circumstances, even in Freemasonry, prove sometimes too strong for them and are "beyond their control." Their wishes may go in one direction; the technicalities of constitutional arrangements may compel them to pursue an opposite one. It often happens for instance, (we have known several illustrations in our Masonic career), where some young and active brethren, in large numbers, find the lodge accommodation of the district too small for them, and wish to make a "swarm," and constitute another Masonic hive of workers, not of drones. It is astonishing how often local prejudices and personal feeling, (which ought never to exist or be manifested among Masons) step in to oppose, to impede, to prevent. Though the mother lodge, or the older lodge, are, as we say, "full up," though, for local reasons, or class sympathies the existing lodges do not afford the opportunity of Masonic life or work for many excellent and worthy Masons, this youngest offshoot of our great Masonic tree is regarded by some as a set of "novi homines," whom it is desirable to put down, and the petition for a new lodge is considered as an opposition to "vested interests." Many of our readers will, we feel sure, remember exactly similar cases, and agree with us that we have not set forth in any measure an exaggerated or overdrawn picture. And yet how unmasonic it really is to be governed by such perverse prejudice and petty personalities. Freemasonry knows nothing either of favoured "castes" or "class legislation;" it is open, and wishes to be open, to all "good men and true," whether their social position be higher or lower in the scale, making every allowance for those needful cautions and restrictions which prudence may suggest, or safety may dictate. Now, were these impediments which are thus thrown in the way, sometimes, of local development removed or overruled we believe that, despite our most rapid progress, as Freemasons, we should see yet, even more lodges springing up on every side of us. And of one thing we are sure, nothing is so mis-

taken a course in Freemasonry, as in everything else human, as to regard with favour, on the one hand, a stationary prosperity, or to view with suspicion, on the other, active progressive zeal. Freemasonry, like all other human institutions, amid its many excellences, shares the common tendency to the "Valley of dry bones." We all want ever to be convinced that new blood and younger energies are requisite for the safe progress of society, and even the true development of Freemasonry. If our Freemasonry is of the heart as well as of the head, if we have mastered its great truths, if we wish to practice what we profess often so loudly to believe in, let us remember that our brother's interests are or ought to be as dear to us as our own, and let us jealously guard against any temptation to allow personal feelings or unworthy fears to impede the zealous efforts of some good men and Masons, or to stand in the way of the safe and advisable increase of local lodges. We have served our apprenticeship in our famous old Order in happy days gone by, surrounded by many dear friends and comrades. Let us commit without a doubt and without hesitation the handing on of our traditions and teachings of our principles and our labours of love to younger, and even, perchance, less experienced hands, believing and assured that every new lodge, composed of worthy and zealous brethren, is a fresh guarantee for the happiness of society, for the intellectual elevation of our fellows, for the good of the brotherhood, and for the safe and peaceful progress of mankind.

Original Correspondence.

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

ORDER OF THE TEMPLE.

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Would you permit me to make a few remarks on the subject of the Templar Statutes, &c., as referred to by Bros. Davies and Woodworth in your paper of the 10th inst. I shall be as brief as possible.

Bro. Davies complains that at the end of his office he "will retire with the honours of a full private, as this office does not carry past rank." It is a pity that as Preceptor he has not been successful in acquiring an accurate knowledge of the statutes and laws of the Order. He will not retire as a mere private, but will, as long as he is a subscribing member of the Order, continue to be a member of the Convent General and of the Great Priory of England and Wales. In fact, in addition to the rights and privileges hitherto held by Past Commanders, now called Past Preceptors, he will have the right of voice and vote in the supreme body of the Order, rights similar to those possessed by the highest in rank. The past rank which has been abolished refers only to the Grand Officers. For the correctness of these statements I refer him to the statutes, &c., or to the Chancellor of the Order, should he prefer such official ruling. There has been no severance of the Masonic connection, but the reverse. The Great Priory statute referring to the connection between the Order of the Temple and the Craft is word for word the same as that in the old law in the Grand Conclave statutes, while the recent rule, extends the Masonic qualification. But Bro. Davies and others err in classing the Order of the Temple amongst Masonic degrees—a classification for which they have no official or other warrant. The Order has been from an early period connected with Freemasonry, but it is not a degree of the Masonic Rite. Its Christian and Trinitarian character is a sufficient proof of

this, and all Craft Masons should protest against a Masonic prefix to the Order of the Temple. Such a prefix is of recent origin in England, and has not been used in the statutes of either the Irish or Scotch Conclaves. Let us the Masonic society within its ancient landmarks, and not tolerate Masonic prefixes to Polanical bodies.

As to the change of name from Encampment to Preceptory, it is a small matter, and if an error, it can hardly require such an agitation to correct. To me it appears that the term encampment is wholly inapplicable to such bodies as he termed encampments. The Knights of old were not so termed unless when in the field; their meetings were called chapters, and their separate abodes preceptories.

As to Bro. Woodworth's complaint about the dress. He seems to forget that the Templars in England, Wales, and Ireland now form one body, subject to the same Grand Master and to the same general rules and regulations, and that the dress he complains of is, with the General Statutes of the Order, formally assented to and ratified by both countries. In making such General Statutes, both parties had to give and take, and, as far as I can see, Ireland had more of the taking than the giving. Almost the only thing she had to concede was the giving up of her absurd Templar Apron—a recent invention of their own. But leaving out the absurdity of the Irish Templar costume, was it expected that the English &c. Knights, who form at least four-fifths of the Order under the Grand Master, were to give up their old Templar costume, which corresponds with that worn by the Scotch and continental Knights, and conform to that of the Irish Knights, invented for the purpose of confounding the Templar Order with the Craft? Aprons properly belong to the Craft alone, and in the higher degrees of the A. and A. rite no aprons are used. If the brethren wish to alter the dress, let their representatives, the Preceptors and Past Preceptors, attend the Convent General, wherein they have the same right of voice and vote as the highest officers of the Order, for there, and there alone, can any alterations be made in the costume of the Order.

In conclusion, allow me to say that it is a pity that brethren appointed to rule over Preceptories should rush into print with their grievances, or fancied grievances, and, unintentionally of course, bring into disrepute their own position, and the laws which they are bound to respect and maintain.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

X. Y. Z.

Past Preceptor.

THE PLYMOUTH QUESTION.

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

Before your promised "finale" on the above is issued, kindly permit me the following few remarks:—

1st. This meeting took place on the 14th August.

2nd. I received the enclosed programme five or six days before.

3rd. The General's sanction was not asked till the 11th (after the programme was printed and distributed, mark!) when the Masonic non-commissioned officers of the Royal Marines applied to him through their commanding officer, and were refused, as I am creditably informed, on the ground that the programme entirely ignored their uniforms.

4th. As soon as this state of affairs was communicated to me, I wrote the following letter, which appeared next day in the *Western Daily Mercury*, a widely circulated local journal, in order that the Provincial programme manufacturers might, even at the eleventh hour, do something towards remedying their blunder:—

"THE NEW GUILDHALL.

"Sir,—As one of a numerous class of military Freemasons residing in Plymouth, kindly insert my protest against the action of the United Grand Lodges of Devon and Cornwall in excluding us from taking part in the reception of our Most Worshipful Past Grand Master, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, on Friday next.

"The official programme issued a few days ago,

prescribes black coats, black silk hats, &c., &c., for all brethren assembling on that occasion. But plain clothes not being allowed to be worn by any soldier in that garrison (it is considered a crime of great magnitude to do so), I Sir, and I may add, more than one hundred of my comrades, are thus debarred from what we consider our just rights, and feel ourselves thrown aside and slighted in the extreme.—I remain, yours truly,

"SOLDIER FREEMASON.

"Plymouth, 12th August, 1874."

No further notice, however, was taken, and as you already know, we were not permitted to enjoy what I always thought was our right, thereby exposing us to the ridicule of the outside world (our wives most especially included) which I think is not at all desirable.

In conclusion, I would like the committee, either collectively or individually, to answer in a straightforward manner the following pertinent question:—

Was the Major-General's sanction for Masonic soldiers in uniform to attend the demonstration asked before the programme was compiled and circulated (upon this the whole question hinges), and if he refused, why did they aid to exclude us by their insertion of black hats, &c., they well knowing that soldiers in the Plymouth Garrison were and are liable to heavy punishment if found in the streets in "mufti?"

I beg to remain, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

SOLDIER FREEMASON.

WAS THE POPE A FREEMASON?

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

I see one of your correspondents (who signs himself C.A.) asks in last week's paper whether the present Pope was a Freemason and priest at one and the same time, to which you reply, in somewhat vague terms, that it is averred by some of the Italian Freemasons that he was initiated into a lodge when a young man, but we are not aware of any actual or trustworthy evidence on the subject; now I have a distinct remembrance of seeing in the columns of the now defunct "Magazine and Masonic Mirror" some few years ago, a detailed statement concerning this matter, in which, if I remember rightly, it was proved beyond a doubt that the Pope belonged to one of the lodges in Palermo, and was admitted when he was serving the office of Legate or Nuncio in that city, and therefore in holy orders, but of this latter part I am not sure. Extracts were also given from the lodge minute book, giving the speech made by Bro. Mastai Feretti when raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason.

I am, yours fraternally,

W. E. GUMBLETON, P.G.D.

[The vagueness of our answer is occasioned by the vagueness of the assertions of our Italian brother, for it has been confidently asserted that the Pope was made at Havannah, that he was initiated in America, that he was received in one of the South American republics under the "Rite Ecosaise," and lastly, that he was accepted as a member of our Order in Italy. All we seek for is proof; but up to this time no satisfactory or reliable evidence has been offered by any one.—Ed.]

THE JOHN THOMAS MEMORIAL.

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

While at Norwood Cemetery on Thursday last, paying the last sad tribute of respect to our late Bro. Wisby, the W.M. of my lodge, and myself thought we should like to see what memorial had been erected to the memory of our late Brother John Thomas. After much personal fatigue, and then only by the assistance of the clerk in charge, whose kindness we here gratefully acknowledge, we at length discovered the spot, but, Sir, imagine our surprise, (which will, we think, be shared in by all those who knew and esteemed our late brother, at finding that not only had no memorial been erected, but that his name had not even been cut upon the stone placed at the head of the grave, which

marks only the resting-place of his wife. Truly "To live in hearts we leave behind Is not to die," and one who, while living, so endeared himself to all those who were brought into contact with him, needs no monument to perpetuate his memory; but, Sir, what has become 'of the money subscribed to the "Thomas Memorial Fund?"

Yours fraternally,
A SUBSCRIBER TO THE FUND.

THE HIGH DEGREES.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In the Book of Constitutions I find the following preamble to the Regulations for the government of the Craft at page 16 :— "By the solemn Act of Union between the two Grand Lodges of Freemasons of England, in December, 1813, it was declared that pure ancient Freemasonry consists of three degrees and no more, viz.: those of the Entered Apprentice, the Fellow Craft, and the Master Mason, including the Supreme Order of the Holy Royal Arch."

The Constitutions further recite, in three different places, that no jewel, medal, or device, belonging to any order or degree not recognised by the Grand Lodge of England as part of pure Ancient Masonry, may be worn either in Grand Lodge or in any private lodge. And I believe I am correct in saying, that not very long ago a Provincial Grand Master was deprived of his command for an infringement of this law.

It is not probably known to very many that the second paragraph of the Act of Union above quoted runs as follows :—

"It is declared and pronounced, that pure Ancient Masonry consists of three degrees and no more, viz.: those of the Entered Apprentice, the Fellow Craft, and the Master Mason, including the Supreme Order of the Holy Royal Arch. But this Article is not intended to prevent any lodge or chapter from holding a meeting in any of the degrees of the Orders of Chivalry, according to the Constitutions of the said Orders."

I would like to ask, through the medium of our valuable journal, how in the history of modern Freemasonry the latter portion of this article was omitted, and how the present ruling rept in; and why the Grand Lodge of England should not recognise such branches of Freemasonry as; for instance, the Ancient and Accepted Rite, and the Order of the Temple, which not only acknowledge its position and authority, but decline to receive any brethren who do not possess certain qualifications as Blue Masons.

I am, yours fraternally,
BUSY BBS.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, November 13, 1874.

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

Saturday, November 7.

General Committee Boys' School at 4.
Lodge 142, St. Thomas's, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.

chester Lodge of Instruction (179), Yorkshire Grey, 77, London-street, Fitzroy-square, at 8; Bro. H. Ash, Preceptor.

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

Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquess of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. G. Dilley, Preceptor.

Monday, November 9.

Lodge 59, Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall.
136, Good Report, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.

193, Confidence, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
222, St. Andrew's, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.

1366, Highgate, Gatehouse Hotel, Highgate.

Lodge 22, Mount St. Guilhall Tavern, Gresham-street.

720, Panmure, Horns Tavern, Kennington.
Cross Conclave, 2, Plantagenet, Caledonian Hotel, Robert-street, Adelphi.

Lodge Leopold Lodge of Instruction (1445), Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland, at 7; Bro. T. Austin, Preceptor.

Lodge Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Crown Tavern, Clerkenwell green, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.

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

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

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

British Oak Lodge of Instruction (813), Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.

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

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

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

Metropolitan Mark Lodge of Instruction, Coach and Horses Hotel, 323, Strand, at 8.

Tuesday, November 10.

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

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

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

" 198, Percy, Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street.

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

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

" 235, Nine Muses, Queen's Hotel, Cork-street, Bond-street.

" 548, Wellington, White Swan Tavern, Deptford.

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

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

Mark Lodge, 22, Southwark, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.

Yarborough Lodge of Instruction (554), Green Dragon Steppney, at 8; Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.

Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tavern, Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 8; Bro. Larham, Preceptor.

Faith Lodge of Instruction (141), Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st., (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Preceptor.

Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Lord's Hotel, Lord's Cricket Ground, St. John's-wood, at 8; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.

Dalhouse Lodge of Instruction (860), King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. Crawley, Preceptor.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction (65), Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st., Within, at 7.30; Bro. Bolton, W.M. 1217, Preceptor.

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

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

Percy Lodge of Instruction, Grapes Tavern, Little Windmill-street, W.

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

Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30.

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement (975), Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's Alley, Cornhill, at 6.30; Comp. Jas. Brett, Preceptor.

Wednesday, November 11.

General Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution at 3.

Lodge 3, Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall.

" 11, Enoch, Freemasons' Hall.

" 13, Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, William-st., Woolwich.

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

" 147, Justice, White Swan, High-street, Deptford.

" 238, Pilgrim, Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street.

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

" 781, Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, Limehouse.

" 823, Liberty L. of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, Surrey.

" 1017, Montefiore, Freemasons' Hall.

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

Chap. 1260, Hervey, Freemasons' Hall.

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

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

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.

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

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

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

Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction (1288), Finsbury Park Tavern, Seven Sisters'-road, N., at 8. Bro. P. Dickinson, Acting Preceptor.

United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales'-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.

Southwark Lodge of Instruction, (879), Southwark Park Tavern, Southwark Park, at 8; Bro. Charles William Kent, Preceptor.

Dalston Lodge of Instruction (975), Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.

Thursday, November 12.

Lodge 19, Royal Athelstan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.

Lodge 91, Regularity, Freemasons' Hall.

" 206, Friendship, Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street.

" 263, Bank of England, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.

" 534, Polish National, Freemasons' Hall.

" 657, Canonbury, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.

" 860, Dalhouse, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.

" 879, Southwark, Southwark-park Tavern, Southwark-park.

" 1076, Capper, Marine Hotel, Victoria Docks, West Ham.

" 1288, Finsbury-park, Finsbury-park Tavern, Seven Sisters'-road, Holloway.

" 1321, Emblematic, Tulse-hill Hotel, Tulse-hill, Chap. 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, London-bridge.

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

" 538, Vane, Freemasons' Hall.

" 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Steppney.

K. T. Preceptory, 45, Temple Crossing, Bridge House Hotel, London-bridge.

" 117, New Temple, The Inner Temple.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Highgate Lodge of Instruction (1366), Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.

The Great City Lodge of Instruction (1426), 111, Cheap-side, at 6.30.

High Cross Lodge of Instruction (754), Coach & Horses High-road, Tottenham.

Friday, November 13.

Lodge 33, Britannic, Freemasons' Hall.

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

" 157, Bedford, Freemasons' Hall.

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

" 1420, Earl Spencer, Northcote Hotel, New Wandsworth.

Rose Croix Chap. Mount Calvary, 33, Golden-square.

St. George's Lodge of Instruction (140), Globe Tavern, Royal-hill, Greenwich.

Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.

Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, (749), Lyceum Tavern, 354, Strand, at 8; Bro. Pulford, Preceptor.

Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.

Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s, Freemasons' Hall, a 7.

Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tavern, Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.

Clapton Lodge of Instruction (1365), White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., Preceptor.

Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1294), the Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. W. F. Rogers, Preceptor.

Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-road, at 8; Comp. W. West Smith, Preceptor.

Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Bro. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.

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

United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Antelope Tavern, Lorne-road, Brixton, at 7.

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Doric Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8.

Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales'-road, N.W., at 8; Bro. P. M. Wuest, Preceptor.

St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Rose Tavern, Fulham-road, S.W.

Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.

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

Stability Lodge of Instruction (217), Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street; Bro. H. Muggeridge, P.M., Preceptor.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, November 14, 1874.

Monday, November 9.

Lodge 314: Peace and Unity, Militia Mess Rooms, Preston.

" 477, Mersey, 55, Argyle-street, Birkenhead, at 6.

" 721, Independence, Masonic Rooms, Eastgate-row, North Chester, at 5.

" 1021, Hartington, Masonic Hall, Barrow-in-Furness.

" 1398, Baldwin Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.

Chap. 148, Elias Ashmole, Chapter Rooms, Warrington, at 6.30.

Tuesday, November 10.
Lodge 241, Merchants', Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 5.
" 1250, Gilbert Greenall, Masonic Rooms, Warrington.
Chap. 537, Zion, 9, Hamilton-square, Birkenhead.
Wednesday, November 11.
Lodge 281, Fortitude, Athenaeum, Lancaster.
" 1052, Callender, Public Hall, Rusholme.
" 1094, Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
" 1356, De Grey and Ripon, North Hill-street, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 6.
St. John's Lodge of Instruction (673), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8.
Neptune's Lodge of Instruction (1264), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.
Thursday, November 12.
Lodge 216, Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, at 5.
" 333, Royal Preston, Victoria Garrison Hotel, Fulwood, near Preston.
" 786, Croxteth United Service, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.
" 1035, Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, at 6.
" 1213, Bridgewater, Cross Keys Hotel, Patricroft, near Manchester.
Chap. 220, Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, near Liverpool, at 5.
Mariners' Lodge of Instruction (249), Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8.
Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction (1182), 150, Park-lane, Liverpool, at 7.
Friday, November 13.
Lodge 1289, Rock, Rock Ferry Hotel, Rock Ferry, at 7.
Chap. 249, Mariners', Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND VICINITY.

For the week ending Saturday, November 14, 1874.
All the Meetings take place at 8 o'clock.

Monday, November 9.
Lodge 102, St. Mark, St. Mark's Hall, Buchanan-street.
" 205, St. Winnoch, Eagle Inn, Lochwinnoch.
" 219, Star, 12, Trongate.
" 307, Union and Crown, Freemasons' Hall, Barrhead.
" 362, St. Clair, 25, Robinson-street.
" 503, St. George, Odd Fellows' Hall, Helensburgh.
Tuesday, November 10.
Lodge 413, Athole, 213, Buchanan-st.
" 419, Neptune, 35, St. James-st., Kingston.
" 426, Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Renfrew.
" 441, Glasgow, 22, Struthers-street.
Chap. 69, St. Andrew, 170, Buchanan-street.
Wednesday, November 11.
Lodge 178, Scotia, 170, Buchanan-st.
" 333, St. George, 213, Buchanan-st.
" 510, Maryhill, 167, Main-street, Maryhill.
Chap. 113, Partick, St. Mary's Hall, Partick.
Thursday, November 12.
Lodge 88, New Monkland, Montrose, Town Hall, Airdrie.
Chap. 50, Glasgow, 213, Buchanan-street.
Friday, November 13.
Lodge 18, Dumbarton Kilwinning, Mission Hall, Dumbarton.
" 170, Leven St. John's, Black Bull Inn, Renton.
" 179, St. Mungo, London Hotel, Mauchline.
" 427, St. Clair, Masonic Hall, Cambusnethan. ||
Chap. 144, St. Rollox, Freemasons' Hall, Garngad-road, Saturday, November 14.
Lodge 31, St. Mary Coltness, Scott's Hall, Wishaw.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH AND VICINITY.

For the Week ending Saturday, November 14th, 1874.
Monday, November 9.
Lodge 145, St. Stephen, Masonic Hall, Writer's-court, High-street, at 8.
" 349, St. Clair, Freemasons' Hall, George-street, at 8.
Chap. 152, Perseverance, 86, Constitution-street, Leith, at 8.
Tuesday, November 10.
Lodge 1, Edinburgh Mary's Chapel, Waterloo Hotel, Waterloo-place, at 8.
" 151, Edinburgh Defensive Band, Lodge-room, 4, Nicholson-sq., at 8.
Wednesday, November 11.
Lodge 2, Cannongate Kilwinning, St. John's Chapel, St. John's-street, at 8.
Chap. 1, Edinburgh, Freemasons' Hall, George-street, at 8.
Thursday, November 12.
Lodge 8, Journeymen, Masonic Hall, Blackfriars-st., at 8.
" 272, St. John's, Torphichen Arms Hotel, Mid Calder, at 7.30.
Friday, November 13.
Lodge 548, St. Margaret's Burgh, School-room, Queensferry, at 8.
Chap. 56, Cannongate Kilwinning, St. John's Chapel, St. John's-street, at 8.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN DUBLIN.

For the week ending Friday, November 13.

Saturday, November 7.
Lodge 238, Dublin, Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, at 7.
K. T. Preceptory, 25, Dublin, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
Prince Masons Chap. 4, Funnell, Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, at 4.

Monday, November 9.
Lodge 100, Dublin, Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, at 8.
Chap. 2, Dublin, Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, at 8.
Tuesday, November 10.
Lodge 245, Dublin, Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, at 7.30.
Chap. 100, Dublin, Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, at 8.
Wednesday, November 11.
Lodge 143, Shakspeare, Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, at 5.
" 120 Hiram, Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, at 7.30.
Chap. 250, Dublin, Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, at 8.
K. T. Preceptory, 620, First Volunteer, Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, at 5.
Thursday, November 12.
Grand Lodge of Instruction, Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, at 8.
Knights K. H. 307, Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, at 5.
Friday, November 13.
Grand Master's Lodge, Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, at 4.30.
Lodge 53, Dublin, Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, at 8.
Chap. 4, Dublin, Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, at 8.
K. T. Preceptory, 93, Dublin, Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, at 8.

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CONSTITUTION OF THE PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF SUSSEX.

The Earl of Limerick, M.W., Deputy Grand Mark Mason, acting as R.W. Grand Master in the unavoidable absence of the Earl Percy, on Friday last, presided over a Moveable Grand Lodge, having on his right Colonel Burdett, M.W. Provincial Grand Mark Master of Middlesex and Surrey, as V.W. Deputy Grand Master, and on his left the M.W. Bro. G. Raymond Portal, M.A., R.W. Past Grand Mark Master, Col. A. W. Adair, Past Grand Senior Mark Warden, as S.G.W., and Bro. J. Gilbert Smallpiece (Guildford), G.T.W., as Grand Junior Warden, Bro. J. Binckes, Grand Secretary, Bro. C. Wadhams Wyndham (Wimborne, Dorset), Grand D. of Ceremonies, Bro. Rev. W. Mortimer Heath (Lychett Rectors, Poole), Grand Chaplain, Bro. E. Dubose (London), Grand S.B., as Grand Sword Bearer, Bro. Thos. Cubitt (London), P.A. Grand D. of C., as Grand Deacon; Bro. S. R. Ade, Grand Standard Bearer. The Moveable Grand Lodge was opened in form, and the Earl of Limerick explained the nature of the meeting in a neat and effective speech, which contained a considerable amount of information respecting the origin, progress, present position and future prospects of the degree in this country, and its connection with several foreign Grand Districts. His Lordship also dilated upon the necessity of union among all the Mark Lodges, and the advantages to be derived from the formation of a Provincial Lodge. The only business before the Moveable Grand Lodge, except the constitution of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Sussex and installation of the R.W.P.G.M. Grand Mark Mason, was the nomination of a brother for election at the half-yearly communication of Grand Mark Lodge in December next, as Grand Treasurer, in the room of Bro. R. Stebbing, of Southampton, whose death, which took place a few months ago, caused a vacancy in the office of Grand Treasurer. Bro. J. Sabine then nominated Bro. F. Davison, Deputy Grand Mark Master of Middlesex and Surrey, as a candidate for election to that office, and took occasion to point out the special qualifications of Bro. Davison, who, as a good and steady worker in Freemasonry for many years, especially in the Mark Degree, had won the esteem and respect of all who knew him. The business of the constitution of the Mark Province of Sussex was then proceeded with; the petition for the formation was then produced and read. It was quite a work of art, being emblazoned with the arms of Sussex, Brighton, Hastings at each corner; a keystone with names and numbers of the lodges now open in Sussex, viz., Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 75, Brighton; Southdown Lodge, No. 164, Haywards Heath; East Sussex Lodge, No. 166; Hastings and the Keystone Lodge, No. 168, Brighton. The petition was signed by nearly thirty subscribing and honorary members of the Province mentioned. The Patent of appointment of Bro. Sir John Cordy Burrows was then read, upon which he announced that he desired to appoint an old and very able Mason as his Deputy, naming Bro. J. M. Cunningham, who was duly elected as Deputy G.M.M.M.

The R.W.P.G. Master then invested his Deputies for the ensuing year, as follows:—

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- G.D. of C. Bro. C. J. Smith (Cliftonville), Sec. 168 Mark Lodge.
- G. Assistant D. of C. Bro. C. W. Duke (Hastings), J.W. 166 Mark Lodge.
- G.S. of W. Bro. G. R. Lockyer (Brighton), P.M. 75 Mark Lodge.
- S.S.B. Bro. G. Smith (Brighton), J.W. 75 and 164 Mark Lodge.
- G. Standard Bearer Bro. G. Emery (Brighton), Treas. 75 Mark Lodge.
- G. Organist Bro. A. Croucher (St. Leonards), No. 166 Mark Lodge.
- G.I.G. Bro. G. Moren (Heathfield), M.O. 166 Mark Lodge.
- G. Stewards Bro. J. Donan (Hastings), Sec. 166 Mark Lodge.
- Bro. W. J. Kemp (Cliftonville), M.O. 164 Mark Lodge.
- Bro. J. R. Hawkins (Preston), No. 168 Mark Lodge.
- G. Tyler Bro. Thomas Hughes.

As each officer was conducted by the acting Grand Director of Ceremonies to the R.W.P.G.M. he, investing with the collar of office, addressed them in appropriate terms on the duties they should perform, and pointed out briefly the reasons, which had induced him to give the respective appointments to those he was then investing. The bye-laws were considered and approved, other formal business was transacted, and the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed. The jewels were manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, of London, Liverpool, and Glasgow.

THE BANQUET.

Was subsequently held in the spacious Assembly Room of the Old Ship Hotel, an apartment, which in "the good old times," was wont to be ever and anon, devoted to the Masonic fraternity. The brethren felt at home in their old familiar quarters, and were fully prepared in anticipation to enjoy the feast of good things which Mr. Bacon had so well prepared for them. Nor were they in the least disappointed, for the banquet was of the true Old Ship type, leaving nothing to be desired for, but reflecting the highest credit on all engaged in its preparation and serving.

The newly-installed R.W. P. Grand M.M.M., Bro. Sir John Cordy Burrows, J.P., presided, supported by the R.W. Dep. G.M.M., the Right Hon. the Earl of Limerick, on his right, and the M.W., Bro. Cunningham, Deputy Provincial Grand M.M.M., on his left, also by the other officers of Grand Lodge, altogether about 100 brethren. The banquet ended, the Prov. G.M.M., proposed the first toast,—that of the Queen,—a toast he remarked, dear to every Englishman. He coupled with the toast "Mark Masonry," and congratulated his brethren that we lived under a constitutional Government of which every Englishman ought to be proud—proud of his country, proud of his Queen. (Applause.)

The R.W.P.G.M.M.M., next gave "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family." The Prince of Wales, who took a great interest in Freemasonry, and would soon be Grand Master of the Masonic body in England, would, he trusted, endear himself to the Masonic body by becoming a Mark Mason, a member of this degree. (Applause.) He was sure that no man, no prince living, had a greater hold on the affections of the people of his country than had our noble Prince of Wales. He might have run a little wild at first—so much the better if it made him a better man in after life. He also referred in glowing terms to the Duke of Edinburgh and his amiable consort, and concluded by saying, "I love my Queen, I love the Royal Family, and above all the rest I love the Prince of Wales." (Applause.)

The next toast from the Master was that of "the M.W. Grand Mark Master Mason, the

Right Hon. Earl Percy, M.P." Earl Percy, the head of the Mark Master Masons, and presumptive heir to the Duke of Northumberland, one of the oldest of England's nobility, had given his best attention to the promotion of Mark Masonry throughout the country, more especially in the north. They must always reverence the head and chief of such a body as theirs: in all his relations of life Earl Percy had won the esteem and love of all his countrymen, more especially the Mark Master Masons. (Applause.)

The R.W. Prov. G.M.M. next gave "the M.W. Past Grand Mark Master Masons, the Right Hon. Lord Leigh, the Earl of Carnarvon, Viscount Holmesdale, M.P., W. W. Beach, Esq., M.P., and the Rev. George Raymond Portal, M.A." The proposer of the toast observed that most of those names were well known to them all as those of men of note, not as Mark Masons alone, but as men of mark who had done good service for their country. He desired especially to couple with the toast, the name of the only Past Grand Master Mark Mason then with them, Bro. the Rev. George Raymond Portal. (Applause.) He was pleased to see a clergyman of the Church of England acting in that capacity, because, without desiring to say anything condemnatory of the order to which he belonged, he feared there was a want of liberality towards Masonry too often exhibited among them. But if the clergy, as a body, were not all they ought to be, Bro. Portal was all he ought to be,—how pleased they must all be to know that they had a Past Master who was a Minister of the Church of England. (Applause.)

The M.W. Past Grand M.M.M., Bro. the Rev. G. Raymond Portal, who was received with the warmest Masonic demonstration responded. He remarked that he had great pleasure in so doing. In the first place, because he thought it to be one of the peculiar privileges of the Degree of Mark Masonry that they should have a large body of Past Grand Mark Master Masons. (Hear, hear.) In other orders when the Chief got on to the throne, he stuck there for the rest of his natural life: in this degree, the Chief, following out their old landmarks, was changed every three years, new blood being thus introduced to office, and in the event of the death or failure of one Grand Master, another well acquainted with the duties was prepared to take temporarily the reins of office, and to advise and assist his successor. (Hear, hear.) He also thanked them for proposing the toast, because in the body of Past Grand Mark Master Masons, they had such distinguished men, notably the Earl of Carnarvon, the Deputy Grand Master of Craft Masonry, and who would soon be the Pro-Grand Master. (Hear, hear.) In other orders the Grand Masters, partly from the decrees of fate, and partly from the decrees of the Vatican were of a rare character, something like the Brighton octopus, few and far between. (Laughter.) A great deal had been talked about the matter to which he had been incidentally referring, and one would almost be led to think that the Masonic body were at a loss to find a distinguished man to preside over them. But such, he could assure them, was far from being the case, for if the Prince of Wales, whose acceptance of the post of honour he was proud of, had declined it there were other well-fitted and illustrious men ready to occupy it. How great was the contumely heaped upon the body by the Roman Catholic press! Masonry did not profess to be an antagonistic profession to that of any religious body; its simple claim upon all men was that it opened its doors to men of all religions, and of all politics, setting an example of universal brotherhood to men of all religion and of all politics. And they might depend upon it that despite the opposition from the Romanists, all persons who were worth having in the fraternity would come to them on these terms—(Applause.) In the crisis that was approaching, men of all religions and politics would be glad to come to them, knowing that in Freemasonry, whatever else might happen, they would have one place within the four seas of Britain where men could meet without differences, or desiring to cut each others' throats, and this alone would

suffice to draw within their ranks all who were worth having—(Loud applause).

The Prov. G.M.M. then gave the "R.W. Dep. Grand Mark Master Mason, the Right Hon. the Earl of Limerick, and the Grand Officers Present and Past." Referring to the enthusiastic reception given to the toast, he remarked that he knew when he mentioned Lord Limerick's name how well it would be greeted. He felt deeply indebted to his Lordship for his attendance; by his cordiality of manner he had won the affectionate regard of every one present—(Hear, hear). As well as being for two years Deputy Grand Mark Master, his Lordship was Provincial Grand Master of Bristol in Craft Masonry. He was not alone thus high in office, was not only a Peer of the Realm and Legislator, but he was an exceedingly kind and good man, one of whom the more they saw the more they would love. He asked them to love his Lordship as all good Masons should love each other, and he desired them to show their love, on that occasion, by drinking his health from the very bottom of their hearts—(Applause).

Lord Limerick, on rising, was heartily received. He observed he always felt that calling on the Grand Deputy Master or Senior Grand Officer present to return thanks was like putting the last first, because he had to return thanks for Past as well as Present Officers, the Present reaping all the advantages of those who had gone before them. It was so in Mark Masonry, wherein they were now reaping, in increased numbers, the advantages they had derived from having good officers in those who had gone before, with whose exertions they could not be too much pleased. He was delighted with the addition made to Mark Masonry that day, in the constitution of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Sussex, and he had pleasure in knowing that, in a few days more, another Province would be formed, that of Lincolnshire—(Applause). Let all remember in all they did in Masonry that they desired simply to act as an hand-maiden of religion, irrespective of sect, desiring also to be obedient to the laws of God, and to the laws for the good government of the country wherein they resided. They desired also to carry out charity, not only as to themselves, and those dependent on them (although it had been said that they desired this only for themselves), the true Mason not only gave his utmost for the good of his brethren, but, as they would find if they looked abroad, that in whatever concerned the maintenance of true charity, Masonry was never far behind—(Hear, hear). They did not go into theories, but they claimed to be judged by their fruits, and let them always remember, whether in Craft Masonry or Mark Masonry, whatever the Order might be, that, combined with the Order and the Craft, there were solemn obligations they had undertaken, which were but means to an end, that end being the promotion of the glory of God and the welfare of their fellow men—(Loud applause).

Immediately after resuming his seat, his Lordship rose again and proposed the toast of the R.W. Prov. Grand Mark Master Mason of Sussex, Bro. Sir J. Cordy Burrows. He observed that he felt he should not be doing justice to the toast were he to spend many minutes in proposing it, for that would seem as though he felt the necessity to have recourse to argument in its favour. Moreover, most of the brethren present knew more of the Right Worshipful Brother than he did, and the number of names appended to the petition for his installation to office, proved how highly he was esteemed by all—(Applause). They were also well acquainted with his services to the town of Brighton, and it had added to the pleasure he felt in coming there that day to make the acquaintance of a brother of whom, from the ordinary sources of information, he had already heard so much—(Applause). Long might he continue to hold offices as their Provincial Grand Master, long might the province flourish under his rule, and when old time should call him away, might the province still continue to flourish—(Applause).

Bro. Sir J. Cordy Burrows, R.W. Prov. G.M.M.M., responded. He desired not only to thank his brother members for drinking his

health, but for having that day placed him in so high and distinguished a position, one of the greatest honour and dignity, that of the first Grand Master of Mark Masonry in the Province of Sussex. He could only assure them that those sentiments which he knew to pervade their bosoms with regard to the spread of Mark Masonry would be carried out most thoroughly by himself—(Hear, hear). He felt that in his officers he had a number of most honourable brethren to assist him in the discharge of his duties. No man should rely too much on himself, but he knew that those appointed to office were all good men and true. He knew, with regard to the post he occupied, that the Head and Chief must be a peace-maker; he hoped and trusted he should ever remember that his first duty was to make men love and trust each other, and then that he should relinquish his gavel, having gained the love and esteem of the Mark Master Masons of Sussex—(Applause).

The Prov. G.M. then proposed "the R.W. Provincial Grand Mark Master Masons present," observing that he trusted they would ever find a welcome to their table, hospitality being one of their characteristics as Mark Masons. He coupled with the toast the names of Col Burdett, Prov. G.M. of Middlesex and Surrey, Bro. the Rev. J. Sicklemore, Prov. G.M. of Kent, and Bro. the Rev. G. Raymond Portal, Prov. G.M. for Hants.

Bro. Col. Burdett, in responding, remarked that they had all that day been delighted in witnessing the manner in which the constitution ceremony had been performed. He had witnessed many consecrations, but never one that had given him greater pleasure. (Applause) He considered that it would be a most important Province, and that Sussex would shortly hold a very high position in Mark Masonry.

Bro. Sutcliffe, Prov. G.M. designate of Lincolnshire, also responded and expressed a hope that he should be favoured with the presence of some visiting brethren from Brighton, on the occasion of his installation on the 29th.

The M.W. Past Grand M.M.M., Bro. the Rev. G. Raymond Portal, then proposed "the W. Dep. Provincial Grand Mark Master Mason, Bro. J. M. Cunningham, M.D., and the Provincial Grand Officers."

Bro. Dr. Cunningham, Prov. D.G.M., responded. He also observed that some time ago Mark Masonry was received very coolly by many brethren holding high offices in Craft Masonry, but he thought the time was now come, under the leadership of their Grand Officers, that Mark Masonry would make its mark among the Grand Lodges of England. He was afraid with regard to what had lately happened in the Province of Sussex, that some of them might desire to make Mark Masonry antagonistic to Craft Masonry. (No, no.) But he trusted the officers appointed that day, would not during their year of office, take it up in that way, but strive to make it a still more beautiful addendum to Craft Masonry, all doing what they could to carry out the great principles of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth, and that they might be eventually bound together in one great chain of universal brotherhood. (Applause.)

Bro. Braithwaite and Bro. W. R. Wood also responded to the toast of the Provincial Grand Officers.

Bro. T. J. Sabine, P.G.M. Secretary of Sussex, then, at the desire of the R.W. Provincial Mark Master, proposed the toast of "the R.W. Provincial Grand Mark Master Masons present," and alluded to the gratifying fact that on the present occasion they were favoured with the company of the P.G.M.M. of Kent, (Bro. J. Sicklemore, M.A.), of the P.G.M.M. of Hants and Isle of Wight (Bro. Rev. G. R. Portal, M.A.), and of Middlesex and Surrey (Bro. Col. Burdett), and in addition to these, the R.W. Provincial Grand Mark Master designate of Lincolnshire (Bro. John Sutcliffe of Great Grimsby), who would be installed in the Masonic Hall, at Lincoln, on Thursday next. The brethren associated together in Mark Masonry, were, as a rule, good and earnest Craft Masons who recognised the necessity and importance of combining the Mark degree with the Craft and Royal Arch degrees, so

as to complete with unmistakable links, the chain of universal Freemasonry. It had been said of the degree by an influential Craft Mason in this Province, "I have been informed they (including the Mark with other non-universal degrees) owe their origin mostly to the political and religious intrigues of the middle ages." Now he (Bro. Sabine) claimed an antiquity for the Mark degree in ages far beyond the middle period of England's history. He claimed a world-wide universality for the Mark degree, extended as was the Craft degrees themselves, because all who could be received into Craft Masonry were entitled to receive the Mark degree, be they Hindoo or Turk, Catholic or Protestant, Chinese or Persian, in fact all who were true to the idea of God and faithful to their fellow-men and benevolent to those in misery and distress. (Applause.) He took this opportunity to allude thus briefly to these matters, because for years he had been opposed in a bitter and unforgiving spirit by certain brethren in Sussex, whose education, whose position, and whose knowledge of Freemasonry, should have led them to have assisted rather than have retarded the establishment of the Mark degree in Sussex, the interests of which would now be watched over by the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge, that day established under such happy circumstances, and in the presence of the large number of distinguished brethren from all parts of the country. That distance was no object to prevent attendance was apparent from the presence there that day of Bro. J. Sutcliffe, who had travelled all the way from Grimsby to do honour to the occasion, and to give support to the spread of the degree in the south of England. It would be impossible for him to allude to the qualifications of each brother, and he might be pardoned for stating generally that they were all good and true Craft Masons as well as earnest and sincere Mark Masons. On this occasion he desired to couple the name of Bro. John Sutcliffe with the toast, and asked them to accept it from him with more than usual heartiness, in honour of the many distinguished Masons present that day—(Applause).

The toast was duly acknowledged by Bro. Sutcliffe, by Bro. Colonel Adair, and by Bro. Henry Brett, of the Southwark Mark Lodge, who observed that Masonry equally esteemed Jews, Mahomedans, Parsees and Hindoos, and that so long as Masonry in England excluded discussion among its members of matters of controversial religion and politics, so long would it present high position continue.

Bro. Binckes said the next toast was one that as a rule, when he appeared before his brother Masons, he was called upon to respond to, and not to propose—it was that of the "Masonic Institutions and the Mark Benevolent Fund." That evening they had had their principles very fairly discussed, but there was one matter which all could meet on common ground, that the support of the Masonic Charities. Mark Masonry had done its duty to all the Masonic Charities; especially was this manifest in the case of Bro. Sabine, who placed before them a list of £170, procured by him for the Boy's School.

Bro. Little, Secretary of the Girls' School, also spoke of the claims of that institution.

Bro. T. J. Sabine responded, and instanced the vast amount of support the charities had received from Mark Masonry.

The Prov. G.M.M.M. then proposed the toast of Bro. Ade, observing that he was one who had done everything in his power for the promotion of Mark Masonry—(Applause). Wherever they went they required Ade—(Laughter)

Bro. S. R. Ade, in responding, observed that in Mark Masonry he had been honoured beyond his deserts in being appointed an officer of Grand Lodge. Mark Masonry had performed the manly and noble act that day which Craft Masonry had never performed towards him (Hear, hear).

"The Ladies," from the Prov. G.M.M.M., responded to by Bro. Charles Hudson brought proceedings of a very pleasant evening to close.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF THE NORTH AND EAST RIDINGS OF YORKSHIRE.

MASONIC BANQUET AT SCARBOROUGH.

Yesterday there was a great gathering of Freemasons at Scarborough, the Provincial Grand Lodge of the North and East Ridings having accepted the invitation of the Denison Lodge, Scarborough, to hold its annual assembly in that town. There was a numerous muster ofasonic celebrities in the Grand Hotel. It was agreed that the business of the lodge should be transacted during the afternoon, so as to leave the banquet in the evening open to non-masons. Accordingly the Provincial Grand Lodge was held in the spacious drawing-room of the hotel; the business commenced at 1.30, and the Provincial Grand Master, the Earl of Denison, followed by a large and brilliant retinue, entered in procession up the main staircase amid a flourish of trumpets. The procession was imposing. In the evening a banquet was served up in the large dining hall, which was appropriately decorated for the occasion, and the hall, when filled with its numerous distinguished guests, presented a brilliant appearance. Around the table were arranged groups of gay flags with Masonic emblems and devices, and there was a profuse display of flowers and other decorations. Nearly 200 guests sat down to an unobtrusive repast. Lord Zetland occupied the chair, supported on his right by Bro. W. M.D., Hull, D.P.G.M., of the North and East Ridings; Bro. Sir H. Johnstone, Bart., P.P.G.W.; Bro. Sir Charles Legard, Bart., P.P.G.W.; Bro. J. W. Teal, P.D.C.W.M., No. 200; W. F. Rooke, M.D., P.P.G.W.; Bro. Peck, F.S.; and on the left by Lord Londesborough, P.P.S.W.P.G.W.; Major Bannister, W.; Bro. Chris. Sykes, M.P., P.P.S.W.; R. Bower, P.P.S.W.; Bro. J. W. Woodall, W.; Bro. Sir James Meek; and Bro. W. M., P.G.T. Amongst the company were present from Hull, Malton, Richmond, Leeds, including the Lord Mayor, and other lodges of the district, and the brethren of the Scarborough district, mustered in strong force in order to give a cordial reception to their Masonic brethren. The guests were distinguished among the guests by their uniform. The band of the 3rd Dragoon Guards, York, under the command of the late Sergeant-Major Tallet and Farrier-Sergeant Lawrence performed selections during the banquet, which was served in an excellent style. Grace before and after was said by the chaplain, the Rev. W. M. At the close of the banquet, the noble Chairman proposed "The Queen and the Craft." Wherever a lodge of Masons is, there he knew that toast would be received with enthusiasm. The noble Chairman next proposed the health of the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, R.W., Provincial Grand Master of England, with the aid of Past Grand Officers. It was a painful duty to have to propose such a toast at the present moment, when they might be expected to have no Grand Master. At their last Provincial Lodge they were honoured by the presence of their Grand Master, who bestowed on the Earl of Zetland the office he now holds. That was a day he should always look back upon with feelings of the utmost pleasure. The marks of respect with which their Provincial Grand Master was then received indicated that he was esteemed by every Mason. It would be severely felt not only in that district throughout the country. With respect to the Earl of Carnarvon, many present were no doubt well acquainted with the interest he took in Freemasonry. Lord Londesborough, who was received with applause, proposed—"The Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland, R.W. Provincial Grand Master of the North and East Ridings of Yorkshire." He felt sure that the name of Zetland was well received in any part of the world, and especially in Yorkshire. He congratulated the noble Lord on the office he had just received in the order, and hoped he would be

come equally respected with his late father. (Cheers.) The noble Chairman appropriately responded to the toast, and referred to the connection that had so long existed between his family and that province. He also spoke of the progress of Freemasonry. Sir John Harcourt Johnstone, M.P., next proposed "The health of Bro. John Pearson Bell, Deputy Provincial Grand Master of the North and East Ridings," and spoke highly of the services that gentleman had rendered to Freemasonry in the province. Bro. Bell, in responding, dwelt upon the advantages to be derived from Freemasonry, and complimented the Provincial Grand Master on the excellent way in which the business of the day had been gone through under his auspices. The noble Chairman then proposed "The Denison Lodge, No. 1,240, and the various Lodges in the Province." His Lordship expressed his gratification at the splendid reception accorded to them by the Scarborough Lodge. Bro. Delamere suitably responded. Mr. Christopher Sykes, M.P., proposed "The Visiting Brethren," which was responded to by Bro. Henry Smith, Provincial Grand Secretary of West Yorkshire. Sir Charles Legard, M.P., in a humorous speech, proposed "The Ladies," which toast was humorously responded to by Mr. Christopher Sykes. This brought the proceedings to a close.

MASONIC PILGRIMAGE TO SHAKESPEARE'S TOMB.

There set forth from Paddington Station the other morning a pilgrimage of unwonted character, the purpose being to offer, on part of the Masonic Brotherhood of England, a tribute to the memory of England's great poet. A special meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Warwickshire had been convoked by Lord Leigh, the Provincial Grand Master of the county, to meet the "pilgrims," all of whom, without exception, were Masons. Primarily the pilgrimage had been organised by the Bard of Avon Lodge (whose present Master is Sir George Elliot, M.P.) to unveil a window which the lodge, which is chiefly composed of literary and artistic brethren, had placed in this shrine of one whose written works have discovered to the eyes of all who have had the benefit of Masonic light and teaching that he himself had practical knowledge of the craft. The pilgrims yesterday from Paddington were headed by the Worshipful Master of the Bard of Avon Lodge, Sir George Elliot, M.P., and among those with him were Bros. Prince Iskander Khan (son of the King of Afghanistan); Colonel Burdett (the Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex); W. P. Frith, R.A.; Edward Piggot (the Examiner of Plays); Edmund Yates; G. A. Sala; J. C. Parkinson (of the Grand Lodge, Deputy Grand Master of Middlesex); J. B. Monckton (Town Clerk of the City of London); Aeneas McIntyre, Q.C. (the Grand Registrar); Thomas Fenn; John Hervey; Dr. Ramsay; Major Harding; R. G. Glover; Alfred Layton, P.M., 181; W. Donne, P.M., 181; F. Gray; De Ross Hyde (Bard of Avon Lodge); Captain Cotton (Bard of Avon Lodge); Octavius Hansard, P.M., 181, W. Burgess, &c., &c. Before the "retained" carriages provided by the Great Western Company had arrived at Stratford-on-Avon, the Provincial Grand Lodge had been, by the special permission of the mayor, in the Town-hall of Stratford, and the members of the lodge went forth to meet their masonic brethren at the station, providing carriages to convey them and other brethren to the house where Shakespeare was born. Thence on the invitation of the Vicar of Stratford, the Rev. Dr. Collis, Grand Provincial Chaplain of Warwickshire, after the brethren had been formally met in the Town-hall, procession "in clothing" was made to the church. A full choral service was held in the

historic shrine, and Dr. Collis preached a short sermon—a discourse fitted to the occasion, the place, and the hearers. The brethren then broke off for a time, the window was unveiled, a tablet placed beneath it shown, and the pilgrims had an opportunity of once more looking upon the treasures of the erst Warwickshire hamlet, where the stone lies which, on pain of the poet's curse, stops human curiosity and all posthumous honours which humanity would give. Beneath the monument which Shakespeare's daughter erected, and which John Ward, the forgotten leader of the strolling players, the father of the Kembles re-erected, Dr. Collis read a paper showing the need of restoration of the church, if it is to be preserved. In the evening the pilgrims dined at the Red Horse Hotel (famous through Washington Irving's pilgrimage), the Master of the Bard of Avon Lodge, Sir George Elliot, presiding. The toast of "The Queen and the Craft" was duly honoured, and then Bro. Parkinson, the Grand Deacon of the Grand Lodge of England, in proposing, by the Worshipful Master's command, the toast of "The New Ruler of the Craft, the Prince of Wales," made a speech, in which he said:—"In proposing the toast of 'The New Ruler of the Craft, the Prince of Wales,' it is not necessary to dwell upon the circumstances which have led to his Royal Highness now filling the position of Grand Master. It may be well-known, and not inappropriately in connection with the name of the constituted chief of the Freemasons who is destined to be the future Defender of the Faith in England, that the Masonic memorial, the erection of which in the chancel of Shakespeare's church we have celebrated to-day, speaks of a long-standing and close connection between Freemasonry and the Church of England, especially in this place. The late vicar of Stratford was an old and ardent Freemason, and was chaplain to the Bard of Avon Lodge, a position in which he is succeeded by the present vicar, who is also Provincial Grand Chaplain of Middlesex. It is cheering in times like these to know that there is nothing exceptional in this union between the Protestant Church and Freemasonry; that we number distinguished brethren upon the bench of bishops, and that in all parts of this realm the craft and the reformed religion go hand in hand, inculcating the same duties, inspiring the same hopes, and impressing upon their adherents that broad charity and that lively faith in good works in which sensible men are content to live and die. (Cheers.) There was a time—a time which measured by the years of our national life, was not so very long ago, when the English clergy might have felt difficulty in becoming Freemasons, because of the absolute obedience to duly constituted authority and to the law of the land to which our brotherhood is committed. The House of Commons, after the fall of Wolsey complained that the clergy made laws in Convocation for disobedience to which the laity were excommunicated. Yet those laws were often at variance with the laws of the realm. Archbishop Warham said he was sorry for this; but as the laws made by the clergy were always in conformity with the will of God, the laws of the realm had only to be altered for the difficulty to vanish. (A laugh.) Well might the historian ask what must have been the position of the clergy in the fulness of their power when they could speak thus on the eve of their prostration. The public of England had been warned recently, and by high authority, that the opposing principles of sacerdotalism and impious teaching are abroad, marshalling their respective forces, and that England may be called upon to steer a middle course between—the language is Mr. Disraeli's—"the cold and withering blast of atheism and the scorching simoom of sacerdotal usurpation." Should that time unhappily arrive, Freemasons will rejoice in the knowledge that so many English clergymen have sworn fidelity to the principles of the craft. It is good for them and good for us that these clerical brethren should have voluntarily laid aside all distinctiveness to present themselves at the door of the lodge, candidates for Masonic instruction. It is good, as

our mysteries are gradually made known to them—and they are taught as Burns wrote—

"By that hieroglyphic bright,
Which none but craftsmen ever saw,"
to take part in our solemn ordinances and mystic rites, and to offer up with us, as brethren, their adoration to the Most High, that God of the Mason's Lodge and of the English Liturgy, who is the "lover of concord," and "whose service is perfect freedom." Churchmen soon learn that Masons are zealous ritualists; but that their ritualism is a foe to bigotry, to nebulous superstition and to idolatry, however specious may be its forms. Masonry and the Protestant religion both proclaim the volume of the Sacred Law to be the rule and guide of faith, but they do not teach that any frail and erring creature of the dust is infallible, or that interpretations of the sacred volume are to be accepted blindly and without judgment. In brief, the principles of the Reformation and the spirit of Freemasonry have so much in common that if ever the hard-won fruits of the first are threatened the duties and teachings of the Masonic Lodge will assuredly keep the brotherhoods, both lay and clerical, on the side of loyalty, truth, and freedom. (Cheers).

The W.M., Sir George Elliot, M.P., then gave "The Earl of Carnarvon and the Grand Officers, Past and Present," which was responded to by Bro. Æneas McIntyre, the Grand Registrar of England, who, in a speech of great eloquence, defined the duties of the Grand officers, and proclaimed the earnest desire of all filling the positions to discharge those duties. The Grand Registrar pointed out that the Craft is most fortunate in having a nobleman of Lord Carnarvon's lofty character and versatile accomplishments in high office, and added that if his Royal Highness the Grand Master appointed his lordship Provincial Grand Master, as was probable, the order would have still stronger reasons for appreciating Lord Carnarvon's qualities. An appointment of Deputy Grand Master would then have to be made, and the Grand Registrar knew of no better training for that high position than a long and successful discharge of the duties of Provincial Grand Master. He had however, no sort of doubt but that whoever it might please his Royal Highness to appoint would be loyally received by the brethren, and that the Grand officers would meet as heretofore with that warm welcome at the hands of the brethren which was one of the high privileges of their position. The Grand Registrar, who had been most warmly received throughout, resumed his seat amid a tumult of enthusiastic applause. The toasts of the Provincial Grand Master of Warwickshire, Lord Leigh, and the Provincial Grand Master of Lancashire, Colonel Burdett, were severally given from the chair, and were responded to, Lord Leigh wishing that the officers of the Grand Lodge of England could visit the Provinces more frequently, and Colonel Burdett expressing for Middlesex the great satisfaction experienced at the cordial greeting and welcome given the brethren from that county by Lord Leigh and the brothers of Warwickshire. The health of the Vicar of Stratford as the Chaplain of the Bard of Avon Lodge, gave Canon Collis an opportunity in reply of again explaining the urgent needs of Shakespeare's church for repair and reconstruction. A Provisional Committee was formed, in which Lord Leigh, Sir George Elliot, Brother Edgar Flower (a leading resident of Stratford), Colonel Burdett, Bro. J. C. Parkinson, and Bro. Edmund Yates consented to serve, for the purpose of ascertaining the best modes of laying before the English public the present condition of Shakespeare's Church.

The health of Dr. Ramsey, of Inveresk, as W.M. elect of the Bard of Avon Lodge was then given by Sir George Elliot, who expressed himself warmly on the subject of being elected for a second year to the chair of this Lodge, and on the personal esteem felt for the brother who would succeed him. Dr. Ramsey in reply expressed his firm intention to uphold the prestige of the Bard of Avon, and in the course of an animated and successful speech informed the brethren that Bro. Edmund Yates had grati-

fied him by applying for office, and that Bro. Yates would be one of the Deacons under him, and would in due time present himself for election into the chair—an announcement received with loud cheers. Bro. J. C. Warden returned thanks for the Stratford Past Masters of the Bard of Avon Lodge, and the proceedings terminated. Some of the pilgrims returned to town the same evening, but the majority came back by special train next day.

Scotland.

LAYING OF THE FOUNDATION STONE OF THE NEW MASONIC HALL AT ALLOA.

As intimated by us last week, the laying of the foundation-stone of this hall could not be laid by the Grand Lodge, on account of their having held a funeral lodge on the 12th inst., in favour of the Earl of Dalhousie and Lord Murray, and accordingly the brethren of the Alloa St. John's Lodge (No. 69) had to put off the public demonstration in the meantime, as the laying of the foundation-stone could not be retarded longer, and therefore had no alternative but to take the initiative themselves, and lay it with full Masonic honours by the R.W.M. The Oddfellows, Foresters, Free Gardeners, Shepherds, &c., will, no doubt, have met with a disappointment on this occasion, as it was not in the power of the St. John's Lodge to allow them to proceed in procession without the attendance of the Sister Masonic Lodges from other quarters. It is gratifying, however, to state for their information that when the hall is completed, which it is expected to be early in spring, they will then have an opportunity of turning out in procession along with the Masons, as it is intended to have then a gigantic demonstration on the day the hall is opened. It is just two years past on the 17th of this month since a grand demonstration took place in Alloa, in connection with the laying of the foundation-stone of the New Burgh Buildings, which ceremony was performed by Major-General Sir James E. Alexander, Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master for Stirlingshire. If the grand demonstration had taken place as at first anticipated, it was expected that the same gentleman would have performed the ceremony; but, in the circumstances, he deputed the Right Worshipful Master for Alloa—Mr. G. B. Graham—to lay the stone. Accordingly, on Tuesday, this was done with full Masonic honours. The weather was most unpropitious for the occasion, but, notwithstanding, the proceedings were witnessed by a large number of spectators. The building which is being erected is next to the Archaeological Museum in the Glebe. It lies back off the street a little, but railings are to be placed in front so as to make it in a line with the pathway. The building is a plain substantial one, and is designed by Mr. James Mitchell, joiner. It is to contain on the lower flat a public room, which is 15 feet by 14 ft. 6 in.; three bed-rooms, 14 ft. 6 in. by 12 ft. 6 in., 13 ft. by 10 ft., and 10 ft. by 8 ft. 6 in., respectively; kitchen, 14 ft. by 11 ft.; bath-room, 9 ft. by 6 ft. 6 in.; and scullery, 8 ft. by 5 ft. 6 in. The height of the ceiling will be 11 ft. 6 in. The entrance to this flat is from the front, with a vestibule glass door into the lobby, which is 6 ft. wide. In the upper flat will be the hall, which is 30 ft. by 20 ft., with curved ceiling 14 ft. 6 in. in height, and will be lighted by four windows. There will be also two ante-rooms on the same flat adjoining the hall, the one 15 ft. 5 in. by 12 ft. 5 in., and the other 12 ft. 6 in. by 10 ft. 6 in., the height of ceiling being 11 ft. 5 in. The flat is entered from the end of the south gable by a stone stair, built in with brick, and roofed. The entrance door to the hall is 3 ft. back from the south gable, which cannot be seen from the front. The contractors are Mr. Alex. Gloag, mason work; Mr. James Marshall, joiner work; Mr. James Grant, plaster work; Mr. Alex. Mitchell, plumber work; and Mr. John Walker, slater

work. We have only to congratulate the Alloa St. John's Lodge (No. 69) on their having at last obtained such a suitable resting place after being jostled about for many years.

The Lodge formed in the Royal Oak Hotel at three o'clock, at which a goodly number of the brethren attended, and at half-past three they formed in procession and marched to the site of the hall, headed by the band of the 1st C.R.V. playing the "Hallelujah Chorus." After all the brethren had assembled, along with a few friends, at the "scene of action," the band played the "Queen's Anthem," after which the worthy Chaplain, Rev. A. Bryson, offered up a most impressive prayer for the occasion.

The Right Worshipful Master, Mr. G. B. Graham, then said the architect, Mr. Andrew Mitchell, will kindly step forward, and bring forth the various workmen necessary for the completion of the work, which was done. He then called on the treasurer, Mr. Alice, to place the bottle in the cavity, and the secretary, Mr. Johnstone, to cover it with the brass inscription plate; the Junior Warden, Capt. Cobb, to apply the instrument of his office, the plumb to the stone; the Senior Warden, Mr. Philp, to apply his instrument of office, the level, to the stone; and then upon the Past Master, Mr. S. N. Morison, to apply his instrument, the square, to the stone, all which having been done, the R.W.M. said—Having full confidence in you, brethren, as being perfectly qualified for your various duties, it only remains for me to finish this noble work which we have begun, and accordingly he gave three knocks on the stone with a mallet, and declared it duly laid in full Masonic form. This being done, the Past Master handed to the R.W.M. the cornucopia, or horn of plenty, which he put on the stone, after which the Senior Warden handed the vase of wine to the P.M., who handed it to the R.W.M. he pouring it upon the stone. This being done, the Junior Warden handed to the Senior Warden the vase of oil, who handed it to the P.M., and then to the R.W.M., and he also poured it on the stone.

While this ceremony was being gone through the band played "Old Hundred."

The Chaplain of the Lodge then said—Right Worshipful Master, this is a day upon which may felicitate the Alloa St. John's Lodge (No. 69) upon the attainment of an object to which they have long looked forward. It is a most worthy object of ambition to have a permanent meeting-place, and a permanent locality for the brethren. We have to congratulate ourselves not only upon the feeling immediately within the Lodge, but also by the kindly feeling which has been manifested to us by many brethren around us contributing to our finances, enabling us to obtain this the object of our ambition. And while I congratulate you, honourable brethren around me, I have to press the hope that having at last a local habitation and a name, that this our Lodge will be used further the ends of Masonry, to which we have sworn fealty. I have also no doubt that the ties of brotherhood which we have sworn to observe, will, in time to come, extend throughout the community, and that the position will become more than a name—that it will become a reality for good in all social movements. If the day had been better, I should have liked to have said something more, but considering the state of the weather, I have only to say, in conclusion, that I congratulate you heartily that the Lodge, which after an existence of more than a century, has attained this worthy object of ambition, and let me also add, so I have an interest apart from being a member of the lodge, in the buildings that are erected upon this bit of land. I must also congratulate you on the admirable plans and the excellent house which is here being erected. And God bless us all in our union that this our Lodge may always be used by the brethren to glory, and to the welfare of our fellows. So, as the years go on and our lodge grows old, let us hope in good work and good brotherhood it will promote the welfare of the locality which we are placed.

The procession again formed and marched

the tune of "Oh the Merry Masons," and proceeded along the length of the Glasshouse Loan, where they returned, the band playing Jenny's Bawbee."

The foundation-stone was placed in the north-east corner of the hall which is on the south flat.

The brethren then marched in to the Royal Oak Hotel, where the Lodge was closed in due form. The following are the articles inserted in the title, which was placed in the stone, viz.—*Alloa Journal and Alloa Advertiser* of date the 10th October; *Alloa Illustrated Family Almanac*; and *Lothian's Annual Register* for 1874; *The Freemason* of London; *The Masonic News*; *The Circular*; also *The Scotsman*, *Courant*, and *Argyll Herald* of date the 20th; a parchment deed, containing the names of the Office-bearers of the Alloa Lodge (No. 69) for 1874, the Conductors, the Architect, and members of Committee of the Building Fund. The coins of the realm complete the articles sealed up in the title.

The following inscription was on the plate that covered the cavity of the stone:—The new Masonic Hall for the Alloa Lodge (No. 69) was laid 20th Oct., 1874.

THE DINNER.

At five o'clock the brethren, along with a number of friends, sat down to dinner in the Royal Oak Hotel. The Right Worshipful Master, Mr. G. B. Graham occupied the chair, and was supported on the right by the Chaplain of the Lodge (Rev. A. Bryson), Mr. John Ailer, and Mr. John Johnstone, Treasurer; on the left by Mr. Stephen N. Morison, Andrew Alice, Secretary, Mr. Alexander Hill, and Mr. James Mitchell. The croupiers were Mr. John Philp, Senior Warden, and Captain Cobb, Junior Warden. A blessing having been asked by the worthy Chaplain, the company partook of a sumptuous repast, prepared by Mr. Reid in his usual first-class style.

After dinner had been partaken of, the Chairman gave the first toast, "The Queen," which was drunk and should be the first toast on the

The Chairman then proposed the "Prince of Wales, and the other members of the Royal Family." He said that the Prince of Wales must be in particular favour with all members of the Lodge, on account of his being installed Grand Master of England (Hear, hear). It was now some years since he was installed into the secrets of Masonry, since that time he had shown himself worthy of the trust and confidence that was then reposed in him, so much so that the Craft in England deemed it expedient to raise him to the rank of the Grand Lodge of England—(Hear, hear, and applause). It bears out the old saying and it was not so much of a saying as a fact in Masonry, that kings, dukes, and lords never thought it beneath them to lay aside their swords to put on aprons as brother Masons. The Prince of Wales was in that position just now and they wished him God speed, and that Masonry, not only in Great Britain, but in every other country, would not be dissatisfied by the choice that had been made by the Grand Lodge of England at this time. The toast was drunk with great enthusiasm.

The Chairman then proposed the "Army, Navy, and Volunteers," and coupled the toast with the name of Sergeant M'Clelland. The toast being duly honoured, Sergeant M'Clelland in reply said that they were all aware of his having been in the army for many years. He had been in the year 1838, and had been in the army ever since. He said they always had a great respect for the army, but they were not afraid, but at the present day their science, steadiness, and determination would make a great multitude—(Applause). With regard to the volunteers he said they were just nursing education into a small number, and when required it would burst out abundantly to support Her Gracious Majesty—(Applause).

The Chairman then proposed the "Grand Army of Great Britain and Ireland," and thought they could not meet without dedicating a toast to those Lodges—(Great applause).

Mr. Philp said that the toast that he had to propose was one he would just require to mention—that was the toast of their worthy and most respected friend "Lord Kellie." He need not say anything of Lord Kellie, but there was one thing that he would say, that a more genial gentleman, a better friend, and a kinder-hearted man they never met than Lord Kellie. They had experienced that in regard to their Masonic Hall. He said Lord Kellie was certainly a friend of all to further the interests of the town; but he was not only respected in the town, if they went to Edinburgh, he occupied a very proud position—Grand Senior Warden—and he hoped that ere long he would be raised to the throne; and he was certain of this, that if he was he would sway the sceptre in the same just way—(Loud applause).

Mr. Robert Pauling replied, and said that Lord Kellie's health had been proposed in very complimentary terms, but he was sure that too much had not been said of his Lordship—(Applause).

The Chaplain, Mr. Bryson, said he had a toast to propose, in the accomplishment of which they were all deeply concerned, which was "Prosperity to our Lodge, Alloa St. John's (No. 69)." After alluding at some length to the state of the different lodges in the various countries, he said there was a rising sun of prosperity amongst their Craft; and he thought the Alloa St. John's, after a hundred and twenty years or so, sometimes blessed with a great accession of members, though never blessed with a permanent situation, had passed through very many vicissitudes. They had been looking forward to the event which that night had inaugurated. First of all it was to the enthusiasm of their worthy chairman that it had been laid; to the other, a growing feeling among the brethren in the parish—the growing feeling that they should have a local habitation, and he thought that was a second reason. The third reason was that there were a great many people throughout the parish who were Masons who had hitherto been affiliated to their lodge, and who felt that the interest of the lodge would be best promoted by having that hall. He then dwelt at some length on these three reasons. He continued, and said that with the toasting of the Alloa St. John's Lodge he had a duty to perform which was perfectly congruous with the toast, and that was the presentation of that beautiful trowel by which their Chairman, as Master of the Lodge, had laid the corner-stone that day—(Great applause). He had singular pleasure in doing so. First of all, because their Chairman was an Alloa man bred and born, and he thought he was an honour to their town. After speaking about the Chairman's history, he said that he was a thoroughly self-made man, and it showed that it was within the reach of any of them if they were sober and honest to be the same. They wished him profoundly all domestic happiness and bliss, that his children may rise up to call him blessed, and that his wife might be spared to him. He always wondered where those beautiful presentations went as they were never to be seen. It was a monstrous thing to put it into a box, and he was going to suggest that when the season began in which one of his friends there was so much engaged, he meant the salmon fishing, he thought he should just ask them six in rotation, and that that trowel would make an excellent fish slice—(Loud applause and laughter). That trowel was presented to him because they held him in very high respect,—as a man of integrity they hoped that he would be long spared amongst them—(Loud applause and song, "For he's a jolly good fellow").

The trowel was furnished by Mr. P. W. Hill, jeweller, and bore the following inscription:—

Presented to

Brother GEORGE B. GRAHAM, R.W.M.,

on the occasion of his laying
the Foundation-stone of the
"Masonic Hall" at Alloa.

20th October, 1874.

The Chairman said that he returned thanks for the toast that had been proposed. He had now been for several years connected with the

Alloa Lodge, and during those years he had passed through the different grades of office. He could assure them that he was very much pleased and gratified on this occasion, and he took that particular opportunity of thanking the brethren for the confidence they placed in him, and for the cordial support that they had given him in that day's proceedings. He then spoke about Masonry, and trusted that the Alloa Lodge would long prosper in the new hall that they should very shortly have the pleasure of occupying—(Loud applause).

Mr. S. N. Morison then proposed the "Office-bearers." He assured them that he had looked forward for years and years back to have accomplished what they had done that day. Of course their building had not yet been finished. No member of that lodge could tell the tale how they had been tossed to and fro like wild fowls hunted upon the mountain side, having no place to plant their foot; but with the energy of their friends and the office-bearers in the lodge, they had laid the foundation-stone of the hall that day. He looked to the Senior Warden and all other office-bearers, for without their guidance, support, and energy which they had displayed ever since the canvass began they would not have been in such a position as they now enjoyed. A good deal has to be done yet; but he was sure that they would be ready, however much they had done heretofore; not to lack in what was to be done, but that they would make a pull, a strong pull, and a pull together, to accomplish the end they had all heartily wished for. He coupled the toast with the name of the Senior Warden, which was duly drunk and responded to in pleasing terms by Mr. Philp.

The Chairman then proposed the "Commissioners of Alloa," and coupled the toast, which was enthusiastically drunk, with the name of Mr. Mailer.

Mr. Mailer said he did not know where to begin to reply to the speech made by Mr. Graham. Before the present ministry came into power, the town was a very different looking place to what it was now. Sometime ago he said their town was hardly passable, but now it was a different thing. (Cheers.) He said they had good streets now, and were not charged anything more than before—2s. a pound. (Applause.) They had plenty of water to drink now, and they had well-caused streets. He said he was one of the oldest Commissioners who were at the Board, and he had the satisfaction of looking back that the town of Alloa was considerably better than when he got it. He then referred to 1689, and what had been done since, and sat down amidst loud applause.

Other toasts followed—"The Press," by Mr. Philp, and responded to by Mr. Lothian; "The Architects and Contractors," by Mr. Pauling, and replied to by Mr. A. Mitchell for the architect, who said he could not take all the honour, as his son drew out the plans, and by Mr. Grant for the contractors; "The Stranger Brethren," by the Chairman, and responded to by Mr. Robertson. Other healths were proposed, such as "The Chairman," &c., which were all duly acknowledged.

Several songs were sung by the brethren and friends present, and the happy company broke up at a seasonable hour after having enjoyed a happy meeting.

KILSYTH.

Lodge St. John's (39).—On Tuesday, the 27th ult., the remains of Bro. Alexander M'Kenzie, for many years Tyler to this lodge, were interred with Masonic honours. The brethren of the lodge, under the leadership of Bro. John Cuddie, R.W.D.M., proceeded to Newton Street, the residence of deceased. After a short devotional service by the Rev. R. H. Burns, parish minister, the coffin was mounted on the shoulders of four brethren, and shortly past three o'clock, the band playing the Dead March in "Saul," the mournful procession, which was of great length, moved slowly along to the place of interment in the Old Church-

yard. At the grave an appropriate hymn was sung by the assemblage, and a pathetic and touching address delivered by the Rev. George Rutherford, Independent Minister, after which the remains were lowered to their last resting place.

GLASGOW.

Lodge Marie Stuart (541).—The regular meeting of this flourishing suburban lodge was held on Monday, the 26th ult., within the hall, Queen's Park Rooms. Present, Bro. J. D. Porteous, R.W.M.; Bro. Julius Brodè, S.W.; Bro. W. M'G. Mason, J.W.; and a large attendance of brethren. The lodge having been opened in the Apprentice degree, the minutes of previous meetings were read and confirmed. The list of office-bearers for the ensuing year, as submitted by the Standing Committee, was unanimously adopted, and the election and installation will take place at next regular meeting. The R.W.M. intimated that it was his intention to hold Lodges of Instruction at stated intervals during the course of the current year. The R.W.M. also brought under the notice of the lodge the rules and regulations of the Royal Scottish Masonic Benevolent Institution, and, after recapitulating the purposes of its formation, warmly commended it to the attention of the brethren.

Lodge St. Clair (362) met in their hall, 25, Robertson Street, on Monday evening, 26th ult., Bro. James Black, R.W.M., presiding. The lodge was opened on the Apprentice degree, and the minutes of the last meeting read and approved of. The brethren then had under consideration estimates from several tradesmen for painting and decorating the hall, with the result that the offer of Bro. D. R. Gray was accepted. There was next considered the suitability of a harmonium sent in for the approval of members; and it was agreed to defer decision on the matter till next regular meeting. The R.W.M. then announced that at the meeting to be held on 9th November, the nomination of office-bearers for the ensuing year would take place. There being no further business, the lodge was closed in due form.

Lodge Star (219) met in their hall, No. 12, Trongate, on 26th ult. Bro. Wilson, R.W.M., presided, Bro. R. S. Alston, D.M.; Bro. Garth, S.W.; Bro. Horn, J.W.; and the other principal office-bearers being present. Amongst the visiting brethren were Bro. Millar, R.W.M., 87; Bro. Stark, D.M., 553; Bro. Peterson, Secretary, 27; and Bro. M'Dougall, Secretary, 87. The lodge having been opened on the first degree, the minutes of the last meeting were read and sustained. Bro. Millar, 87, requested the privilege of initiating a candidate for admission into that lodge, which was granted. The other work done was the affiliation of a brother from Thistle Lodge, Stewarton, two raised to the Fellow Craft degree, and one to the Sublime degree of Master Mason. Bros. Crawford, Currie, Mutter, and Daly were then appointed auditors of the books, and, there being no further business, the lodge was duly closed.

Cathedral Chapter (67) met in the Masonic Hall, Struthers Street, Calton, on the 27th ult. A lodge of Mark Masters was opened, Bro. Duthie in the chair, when two brethren took that degree. The lodge was then closed, and opened on the Excellent Master Mason degree, the same office-bearers in the chairs, when Bros. Alexander Williamson, John Ferguson, and Robert Pettigrew took that degree. This lodge having been closed, the Royal Arch Chap-

ter was opened, Comps. J. Duthie, W. Mack, and G. Thallon, as principals, and Comps. D. Ronald, J. Nagle, and J. Dickie, Sojourners. Bros. Williamson, Ferguson, and Pettigrew were admitted, and exalted to the Royal Arch degree in full chapter of comps. The scribe then read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were passed, and, there being no further business, the Chapter was closed in due form, Comps. Duthie, first; William Mack, second; and George Thallon, third Principals, the comps. all standing to order as Royal Arch Masons.

Caledonian of Unity Chapter, (73), met in their rooms at 170, Buchanan Street, on the 27th ult., when a Mark Lodge was opened, with Bros. G. W. Wheeler, R.W. Mark Master in the chair, John Tweed, S.W., and John Stewart, J.W. The Secretary (Bro. Balfour), read the minutes of the meeting on 29th of September, which were duly passed. An application was read from Bro. Henry Mitchell, M.M., Lodge Buefort, E.C. 103; also an affiliated member of the Lodge Thistle and Rose, 73, Glasgow. He was recommended by Bros. John Tweed and Jas. Balfour; and no objection being made, the applicant was duly prepared and received the degree at the hands of Bro. Wheeler. The Mark Lodge was then closed, and that of Excellent Master opened, when Bro. Henry Mitchell, along with Bro. Jno. B. Neil, (who received the Mark degree on the 28th of October, 1873), received that degree at the hands of Bro. Jas. A. Park. The Excellent Master Lodge was closed, and opened to that of the Royal Arch, when the aforesaid Bros. Henry Mitchell, and Jno. B. Neil were received and admitted as companions of the said degree by Comp. Wheeler, 1st. Principal Z., ably assisted by Comps. Park and Stewart, Comp. Jas. Balfour, acting as 1st Sojourner, with Comps. Murray and Mc. Gregor as 2nd and 3rd Sojourners, respectively. Comp. Balfour installed into office Comps. Wm. McGregor, 3rd Sojourner, and Thos. Yule, 2nd Captain. After some other business had been transacted, the Chapter was duly closed.

Lodge Athol (413), met in St. Mark's Hall, 213, Buchanan Street, on the 27th ult. In the unavoidable absence of the R.W.M. (Bro. John Wallace), the chair was occupied by P.M. Bro. John Miller; S.W. Bro. J. Louttit; J.W. Bro. O'Brien. The Lodge having been opened on the first degree, a candidate for admittance to that order was duly installed by Bro. Dobbie, P.M. 362. At the close, a vote of thanks to Mr. Dobbie for the impressive and generally excellent way in which he had worked the degree, was moved by the chairman, seconded by the S.W., and was carried unanimously. Bro. Dobbie, in briefly acknowledging the compliment, remarked that he had always found the brethren of the Athole very kind and friendly, and it was a source of great pleasure to him in any way to reciprocate such good feeling. If at any time it lay in his power to assist them, he should be only too glad to do so. Thereafter the lodge was raised to the Fellow-craft degree, and two brethren advanced to that degree from the one below, the work being performed in the most efficient manner by the chairman. Thereafter the Lodge was duly closed.

Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow.—The quarterly communication of this Lodge was held in St. Mark's Hall, Buchanan Street, on the 29th ult. There were present: Bros. W. Montgomerie Neilson, R.W.P.G.M.;

F. A. Barrow, D.P.G.M.; John Baird, P.G.S.W.; Thos. Halket, P.G.S.D.; Geo. Thallon, P.G.J.D.; Alexr. Bain, P.G.B.B.; Robert Robb, P.G. Marshal; John Fraser, Assistant P.G. Marshal; James Balfour, P.G. Director of Ceremonies; Wm. Phillips, P.G.I.G.; Bro. Fletcher, R.W.M. 346, Acting P.G.S.W.; and Bro. Westcott, R.W.M. 73, Acting P.G.J.W. The minutes of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and several Committees were read by Bro. McTaggart, (P.G. Secretary), and confirmed. A discussion then ensued upon a question Bro. Spiers v. Lodge St. Mary, Partick, 11, which was ruled from the chair to be irregular. The question of the advisability of holding a P.G. Masonic Festival this winter was next taken up and fully discussed; being ultimately resolved that the festival should take place, and that it should, as in former years, be in the shape of a soiree concert and ball. The P.G.L. Committee were deputed to make the necessary arrangements. On the motion of Bro. Fraser, Assistant P.G. Marshal, seconded by Bro. Robb, P.G. Marshal, it was unanimously resolved that new clothing should be forthwith provided for the P.G.L. office-bearers and stewards, as well as a supply for visitors from a distance. There being no further business on the card, the chairman (whose first appearance it was after lengthened absence from ill-health), said they would allow him to express the great pleasure he had in being able once more to come back amongst them. For the last six months he had had a bad time of it, but he was on his legs again and hoped to be able to assist in carrying out the work. He concluded by, in very cordial terms, thanking the D.P.G.M. for his valuable services to the Province during his (the chairman's) absence, and especially for his indefatigable attention during the season of lodge visitations. The P.G.L. heartily applauded the compliments thus paid to the D.P.G.M., who, in returning thanks for the same, observed that he had merely done his duty. After some business of minor importance, the Lodge was duly closed.

Lodge St. Vincent (553).—The minutes of the quarterly communication of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow, held on the 29th ult., embodied a notice of the consecration of this lodge. There were present on the occasion, Bro. F. A. Barrow, D.P.G.M., presiding, assisted by Bros. John Baird, P.G.S.W.; J. B. Walker, P.G. Treasurer; A. McTaggart, P.G. Secretary; Thos. Halket, P.G.S.D.; Jas. Balfour, P.G. Director of Ceremonies; John Fraser, P.G. Assistant Marshal; Wm. Phillips, P.G. and Thos. Fletcher, P.G. Convener of Committee. The P.G.L. having been opened in proper form, the ceremony of consecration was performed in a very solemn and impressive manner by the presiding Brother. Bro. Millar, Grand Director of Music, conducted the choir most efficiently. At the consecration had been completed, the D.P.G.M. installed the office-bearers, congratulated them on the establishment of a new and promising lodge at the West end. The newly elected R.W.M., Bro. Robert McDougall, replied, and in most felicitous terms thanked the D.P.G.M. for the invaluable services he had rendered to the Lodge St. Vincent at the commencement of what he (the speaker) hoped would be a prosperous career. The following were the office-bearers installed upon the occasion: Bros. Robert McDougall, R.W.M.; Bro. John Stark, D.M.; Bro. J. B. Walker, S.W.; Bro. Thos. Boston, S.W.; A. C. Hunter, J.W.; John M. Yelland, Treasurer; Bro. Ha-

ary; Jno. Fletcher, S.D.; Thos. Best. An after meeting of the lodge in the office-bearers of P.G.L. took as a pleasant and harmonious one.

Clydesdale (556).—The minutes of provincial Grand lodge, read at its on the 29th ult., bore reference to consecration of this lodge, which took within the Crown Street Assembly on the 17th of September last. A. Barrow, D.P.G.M. presided, by a competent number of office-bearers of P.G.L. The approaches to the having been securely guarded, the was opened in due and proper form, ceremony of consecration there- performed in a decorous and solemn according to the prescribed ritual. Congratulatory speeches were read, and the installation of office-bearers was then proceeded with. The list is as follows: William Phillips; J. B. McNaught, S.W.; J. McNaught, S.M.; J. Howie, S.W.; John Freu, James Weir, S.S.; John Doig, B.B.; J. G. G.; McDougall, J.S.; Wm. J. son, Provincial Grand Steward; Jackson, Architect; Thos. Russell. After the installation, the D.P.G.M. expressed his opinion that from Bro. Phil- ist experience in the capacity of his well-known zeal for the order, active position he had occupied affairs generally, that Lodge Clydes- dale in the future hold a prominent place in the annals of Freemasonry on this side of the river, and he hoped the incoming Masters would emulate the example of the first. A hearty vote of thanks from the P.G.D.M. for his services con- cluded the proceedings.

Commercial (79).—Some months ago a movement on the part of a number of members of this Chapter, and a few brethren of the Lodge Commercial, being Royal Arch Companions, was initiated, having for its object the re- formation of the chapter, which has for some time been in abeyance. Owing to rather exceptional circumstances, and other property of the chap- ter not being got possession of by the interested, and as the difficulty in the way of this seemed for the time to be insurmountable, it was deemed neces- sary to apply to the Supreme Grand Body for permission to open the chapter and officers in the absence of the consti- tutional authority. In accordance with this, the members were summoned for the evening of the 23rd ult., by authority of A. Barrow, the worthy Provin- cial Superintendent for the West of Scotland, who was held and largely attended meeting of the order in Glasgow. Com- mander Barrow presided, and, after reading the minutes, proceeded to open the meeting, after which the nominations to the offices having been made and accepted, he performed the ceremony of installation in his usual lucid and impres- sive manner. Companions Julius Brode, James Kenzie, and Andrew Ritchie were elected and installed as Principals, A. Barrow and W. Smith as Scribes E and W, and Thos. Herson as Treasurer, and Baird, James Jack as Sojourners. Com- mander Barrow thanked the Provincial Grand Superintendent for the very efficient man- ner in which he had conducted the cere- mony, and alluded to the substantial exer- cise made in assisting in procuring the same. The M.E. Superintendent re- sponded in brief but courteous terms, and the meeting was thereafter closed in proper

form, all being delighted with the complete success of this, the first meeting of the chapter's second existence. It is but right to say that since their installa- tion the property of the chapter has been delivered to the office-bearers, so that it will not be necessary to meet again under the special dispensation.

Lodge Thistle (87) held their usual meet- ing in the hall, No. 12, Trongate, on Tues- day, the 20th inst., Brother John Miller, R.W.M., in the chair. There were also present Bros. John Fraser, P.M.; C. K. Jenkins, D.M.; Thos. Paton, Treasurer; and a numerous gathering of members and visiting brethren. The lodge having been opened in the first degree, after some pre- liminary business Bro. Fraser proposed Bro. W. H. Bickerton, 360, for affiliation, which, having been duly seconded and car- ried, was accordingly done by the R.W.M. After the initiation of a candidate into the mysteries of the order, the lodge was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft, and then raised to the Sublime degree of Master Mason, when a Fellow Craft received that high honour from the R.W.M. in a masterly and impressive manner. After the trans- action of some private business, the lodge was closed in due form.

DUMFRIES.

Presentation Supper.—It having been in- timated to some of the brethren of the Thistle Lodge of Freemasons, Dumfries, that it was the desire of Bro. John Crosbie, of Lantonside, to present the lodge with a banner, it was resolved to entertain Bro. Crosbie to supper on the occasion. Ac- cordingly a large number of the brethren met in the Lodge Room, White Swan Hotel, last night, Bro. Dykes in the chair, and Bro. Riddick, Croupier. Ample justice having been done to the good things pro- vided by Mrs. McGowan, the lodge was opened by Bro. Robert Wilson, R.W.M. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were then given, after which Bro. Crosbie, in a few neat and well chosen remarks, pre- sented to his Mother Lodge, Thistle, a very elegant banner, and the R.W.M., in name of the lodge, thanked Bro. Crosbie for his magnificent present, which will be publicly displayed at Lockerbie for the first time on Friday next. The banner was ordered through Bro. Riddick, and was supplied by Bro. George Kenning, 145, Argyle Street, Glasgow. Toast, song, and sentiment fol- lowed in the usual Masonic style, till the lodge was closed in due form.

Ireland.

IRISH FREEMASONRY.

IN the *Freeman's Journal* a column or so is devoted to publications on the authority of "The Catholic Union of Ireland." It professes to supply trustworthy intelligence on Catholic subjects, domestic and foreign, likely to be of interest to Irish Catholic readers. It is not often, indeed, that the subjects treated of are of interest outside that communion, or that the mode of treat- ing them adopted is such as to recommend these *communiqués* to the general public as likely to supply "trustworthy intelligence." It may be interesting, however, to the public to learn that these unfortunate "Irish Catholics" are afflicted with a new grievance, if we are to believe the Catholic Union. The last publication of the Union refers to the bugbear of Freemasonry, and we learn that it is an untold insult to good Catholics

that the Prince of Wales in England and the Duke of Abercorn in Ireland, should have accepted Grand Masterships in the Order. But, true to the provincialism which seems fated to pervade everything really "Irish," the Union are much more incensed against the new Irish Grand Master than against his illustrious English colleague. Speaking of the Prince of Wales, the Union seems inclined to be merciful, if strong:—"We protested, as most of the Catholics of the empire did protest, against the parade which His Royal Highness made of his Masonic belongings, and we are convinced that it would have been more prudent for the Prince of Wales not to have done so." How did His Royal Highness survive such a crushing dis- approval of his masonic doings? In the reign of George IV. an absurd English journal hinted that the Duke of Wellington was aiming at sovereign power in the State, but added for the reassurance of affrighted Royalists—"But we shall take care, &c." Possibly the spirited protest of the Union, even if it never reached its distinguished object, brought consolation to many a pious Irish Catholic heart. It is to be hoped so; for, otherwise, there was a great waste of virtuous indignation. But, as we said before, the Union reserves its bitterest resentment for the conduct of the Duke of Abercorn. We are told that whatever excuse might be made for the Prince of Wales there is none for the Irish Viceroy. "He shares largely in the actual government of Ireland, and has at his disposal a huge amount of valuable patronage. Therefore it is that we say that it would be injudicious, and would most probably be attended with serious suspicions as to the mode in which the Castle work of Ireland would be done, were his Excellency to take office in an organization that is looked upon with odium by the vast majority of the Irish people. That vast majority has no sympathy with Freemasonry. It is a con- demned association, whose members are held together by a bond of profane oath, and which is a recognized branch of the most anti-social, anti-Christian secret societies of the Continent and of America." Then the reader is reminded of all that the "secret societies" of the Continent are doing against the faithful in Germany and Switzerland, and "the frightful evils which Freemasonry is accomplishing in Brazil!" And—will the reader believe it?—as a piece of "trustworthy information," the Union states that here at home Freemasonry "is struggling to crush our Catholic enter- prise; to keep back Catholic youth from employment in various public offices; to shut the hospital professorships against Catholic doctors, and to monopolise various departments in connection with the legal administration of the country." Freemasons will smile at the petty spite which could dictate such falsehoods. The numerous Roman Catholics who, scorning the presumption of the Italian priesthood, have found their way into the craft, will blush for their co- religionists. And the general public, who know the characters of recognised Masons, comprising the best and most distinguished men in the country, will know what to think of the authors of such scurrility—only to be equalled by the pastorals of the Papal Legate. Seriously to reply to such false- hoods—advanced by those who, if they be honest, can know nothing of Freemasonry—is not our object. We simply desire to show our readers the character of one of the influences at work in forming Roman Catholic opinion in Ireland. We are free to admit that very few Roman Catholics

whose opinion is worth considering would endorse such "trustworthy" teaching. We attach no importance to the fact that the present Pope was a Freemason before his office compelled him to abandon the brotherhood, any more than to the late secession of the Marquis of Ripon from his Faith and from the Order. These are events which concern merely the individuals themselves. Freemasonry is not one whit more respectable because Giovanni Maria Mastai Ferretti once belonged to one of its lodges; nor will it be thought less of because the Marquis of Ripon is not permitted by his new masters to maintain his connection with the craft. Both events are matters of very little importance to the Order. And it is equally unimportant to Masons that the Roman Catholic Church should have "cursed altogether" an Association where protestant and Roman Catholic meet in Christian brotherhood. Ultramontane jealousy did not influence the Prince of Wales, if he ever heard of it. Nor will it, we need not say, in the slightest degree influence the Duke of Abercorn. Whether his Grace has become Grand Master or not, we cannot say, notwithstanding the rumour to that effect. There is, we believe, some technical difficulty in giving him the highest post in an Order, where civil distinctions are not held superior to legal qualifications. But this we may be assured of that the whinings of the "Catholic Union" will not prevent his following in the steps of the Heir to the Throne of England.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF ANTRIM.

At the last meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Antrim, held in Ballymena, on the 14th inst., the D.P. Grand Master, Sir Charles Lanyon, in the chair—the following resolution, expressing regret at the death of his Grace the late Duke of Leinster, Grand Master of the Freemasons in Ireland, was proposed by Bro. Frederick A. Matthews, Past D.P.G.M., seconded by Bro. John H. Lawlor, P.M. No. 431, and unanimously passed, and copies directed to be forwarded to the Grand Lodge and the present Duke—viz.: "That, on this the first meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Antrim since the death of his Grace Augustus, Duke of Leinster, who for upwards of sixty years filled the position of Grand Master of the Freemasons of Ireland, we cannot refrain from recording our heartfelt sorrow at his removal from amongst us. His Grace, whose ancestors in by-gone centuries more than once filled the high office of Grand Master in this country, conferred great, continuous, and lasting benefits on the Order during the lengthened period of his rule. We feel profound regret that we shall no more enjoy the advantage of his wise and able counsel; but the conspicuous example of the Masonic virtues which, in his exalted station, his long and honoured life afforded, will ever live in the memories of a grateful brotherhood."—*Correspondent.*

OBITUARY.

Liverpool last week was suddenly deprived of two good Masonic sons, and the news of their deaths will spread much sorrow amongst those to whom our deceased Masonic brethren were best known. Bro. Thomas Page, licensed victualler, Low-hill, died very suddenly on Thursday week.

Our brother had been in ill health for some time, and during the day dined in Liverpool, after which he lay down on a sofa to rest awhile. During the afternoon a friend called, and as he appeared to be asleep, it was resolved to arouse him, but he was then found to be unconscious. A doctor was called, who directed Bro. Page's removal to his house, where his own medical man was called in to attend him. He never regained consciousness, but died the same night about eleven o'clock. Bro. Page, although never prominently taking part in Masonic affairs, was well-known in connection with public matters. He was chairman of the Licensed Victuallers' Association about ten years ago, and, besides being a member of the committee, he took a leading part in matters connected with the trade, frequently attending in London on deputations to the Government having reference to the interests of licensed victuallers. Bro. Page also interested himself in the welfare of the Licensed Victuallers' Institution, in West Derby-road, and was generally present at the annual treats given to the inmates, for whom he always exhibited a kindly regard. Bro. Page a few years ago was a member of the West Derby board of guardians; and three years since he contested West Derby ward, in the Conservative interest, for a seat in the town council, but was unsuccessful. Bro. Page died in his 46th year. His remains were interred in Smithdown-lane Cemetery, on Saturday last, and the funeral was largely and very influentially attended. Amongst those who were present were Mr. Alderman Rigby, Bro. E. Samuelson, Mr. Alderman Heintz, Dr. Monk, Bro. W. J. Lunt, Mr. T. Blezard, Mr. J. Tarbuck, Bro. J. Ellis, Mr. H. Danson, Mr. J. Atkinson, Mr. W. Coward, Mr. T. Hamson, Mr. R. Lumb, Bro. W. Vines, Bro. Richard Bennett, Mr. T. Hughes, Mr. Nuttall, Mr. T. Heyes, Mr. J. Andrews, Mr. Coward, Bro. Captain Berry, and a great many others, members of the Licensed Victuallers' Association and licensed victuallers generally. Bro. Page has left five children.

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Another death which took place on Saturday, was that of Bro. George Rigby Smith, Wine and Spirit Merchant, formerly Sec., and afterwards S.W. of the Harmonic Lodge, and also, we believe, either W.M. or P.M. of Lodge No. 155. He died at his residence, Parkside House, Stanley-road, Bootle, near Liverpool, the immediate cause being consumption. He had been ill for some time, and had been confined to his house for nearly the whole period since the burning of the landing stage, at which he was present, and, in consequence of getting wet, caught a cold which aggravated the complaint of which he has died at the early age of 37 years. Bro. Rigby Smith served his apprenticeship as a printer with Messrs. M'Corquodale at Newton. When he was out of his apprenticeship he went into the employ of his uncle, Mr. Alderman Thomas Rigby, and during the time he was with him he not only gave great satisfaction, but he gained the respect of all with whom he had business to transact, and made himself a host of friends. He took a warm interest in the charitable institutions of Liverpool, particularly the Seamen's Orphanage and the Bluecoat Hospital. The inmates of the last-mentioned institution will miss him greatly, for he was always interesting himself on their behalf, and gave them a treat annually. He was also a member of the Licensed Victuallers' Association. Mr. Smith has left a widow and four children.

Rebicks.

STOKES' RAPID WRITING. Houlston, and 7, Paternoster-buildings.

We think Mr. Stokes' book is both very nice, and likely to be very useful. In it is there still so much defect to be noted in handwriting. Either through custom or carelessness, through haste or the habit of years, often write a "fist," to use a popular word, decipherable by our best friends. We shall remember Sergt. Snubbins' Clerk, who boasted the vivacious little Perker with a self-approved chuckle that no one could read Sergt. Snubbins' "Court hand" but himself, and that an "education fee" had been paid in several most important opinions. And probably every day we arise in which, as a friend of ours once observed, "if you have a little spare time, I shall be willing to pay for some writing lessons for you." Indeed we are disposed to think, we may be certain, hardly a day elapses but that the members of some "chapel" ask with "a breath," for they never use strong language. Mr. Weller once did, "where" that gent "baptized," whose MS. so puzzles them well as their foreman compositor, and deplored the same time, that when he was sent to school he was not taught to write better. Indeed has been asserted that, in some cases, such as the despair over some passages of hope-caligraphy, that the "devil" has been patched to the "Fox and Grapes" for a mild beer to soothe the feelings of the assembly.

We feel, then, how all printers will hail Stokes' well-conceived and most interesting manual; and will hope that, in this case at rate, theory and practice may go hand-in-hand.

Mr. Stokes gives some admirable rules and examples, which, we trust, all will profit by nothing is so pleasant in itself as good writing.

We quite agree with the old schoolmaster who once told a bevy of laughing girls notwithstanding many other nice things, pretty things, (here he looked at the young ladies), and good things in the world, none was so pretty, nice, or good, as a fine man's hand! Whether the young ladies believed we are not told. We have been deeply affected we admit, by one example Mr. Stokes gives of bad hand-writing, and which we think to transcribe for the benefit of our readers.

As Mr. Stokes says, sentimentally, "Impetuous writing sometimes produces deplorable results."

AN AP(PE)ALLING WARNING.

A gentleman wrote to a captain at sea. To ask, as a curious favour, if he would bring him home "two," if two could be found.

On the captain's return he wrote off to his friend,

To say, that he hoped for his monkeys he'd ship Tho' he'd shipped a full hundred, and bro't them away,

On the passage some died, he was sorry to say, So, in spite of all care, he could only contrive To bring him home eighty-six monkeys alive.

The gentleman started, the gentleman stared For eighty-six monkeys he wasn't prepared. Either he or the captain had made a blunder,

To think how it occurred, overwhelmed with wonder.

When his letter was read, nothing clearer could he'd put t double o, and had not crossed h Thus he'd eighty-six monkeys consigned to dwelling,

As a little reward for bad writing and spell! Gentle reader, and writer, and speller beware Remember the monkeys; take care, oh, care.

Can any thing be more ap(e)lling? One monkey is enough as a general rule most quiet people, especially if it be like of the Simian genus, dirty in habit, noisy, a mischievous; an habitual thief, and of a chcerous disposition. No further example needed to prove the absolute importance of good writing, and the possible consequences of bad.

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PRESIDENT.—The Right Worshipful W. W. B. BRECH
M.P., Provincial Grand Master.

At a meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge,
recently held at Landport, it was unanimously
resolved that a Committee be appointed for the
purpose of raising a fund, to provide a suitable
memorial to our late deeply-lamented Bro.
Stebbing.

In pursuance of the foregoing resolution, a
meeting was held at Southampton, which was
largely attended, when the following resolutions
were unanimously adopted:—

"That the Lodges and Chapters of the
Province and Freemasons generally be solicited
to subscribe to a fund, to be appropriated as
the Committee shall determine, for the benefit
of the Widow of our late lamented Bro. J. R.
Stebbing, whose circumstances at the time
of his decease render this appeal absolutely
necessary."

"That copies of these resolutions be
forwarded to each Lodge and Chapter in the
Province, inviting their co-operation, as well as
that of Brethren and Companions generally, in
obtaining subscriptions to the fund."

"That a circular stating the circumstances
be also transmitted to all other Lodges and
Chapters in England."

The name of the late Bro. J. R. Stebbing is
so well known in all Masonic circles that it
seems unnecessary to set forth at length his
long and valuable services. For many years he
was a constant attendant at Grand Lodge and
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President of the Board of General Purposes in
1861, 1862 and 1863, and also an active mem-
ber of the Building Committee of the present
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the various Charities, giving his valuable aid to
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and their relatives, contributing from his means
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he had qualified as Vice-Patron of the Boys'
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Life Governor of the Benevolent Institution;
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Craft Masonry.

LODGE OF FAITH (No. 141).—The installation meeting of this old lodge, the charter of which bears date 1774, took place at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 27th ultimo. A very large assemblage of the brethren was present to witness some excellent working by the retiring W.M., Bro. Themans. He having resigned the lodge in the three degrees, resumed the second, passed Bro. Ashton, and resumed the third degree. when Bros. Hall, Stott, and Havard were raised to the sublime degree of M.M., both ceremonies having been accomplished in a most faultless manner by the W.M. After a short repose the installation was effected with the selection of Master having fallen on Bro. L.W. Kennett, and a more zealous officer cannot exist in any lodge, he being much beloved by his brethren. Having been placed in the chair of K.S., he proceeded to invest his officers as follows:—Bros. Waygood, S.W.; Jones, J.W.; Mattell, S.D.; Scot, J.D.; Taylor, I.G.; Bye, W.S.; D. Davies, M.C.; Staff, Tyler, having served this office seven years. The W.M. then proceeded with a few appropriate remarks to invest the Immediate Past Master with the retiring jewel of the lodge's installation, to which he returned a suitable answer. The lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren, by the command of the W.M., dressed in clothing. The banquet was ably conducted by Bro. Clemow, assisted by Bro. Smith, and attention was all that could be desired—of which upwards of 90 partook, amongst which were many visitors, of whom we mention Bros. Franks, P.M. Euphrates Lodge; Wilson, P.M. Etonian Lodge, 209; H. Ver-W.M. Gibon Lodge, 49; also W. A. Sharp, Gibon Lodge, 49.

EMERGENCY LODGE (No. 177).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday at Anderson's Hotel, when Bro. Frederick C.C., W.M., in the presence of P.M.'s John Smith, James Brett, Frederick Smith, Foulger, Tims, the officers, and a good number of lay members, initiated in excellent style

Mr. W. H. Richards, corn factor, of 3, Catherine-court, Seething-lane; Bro. J. R. S. Vine, Secretary to the Lord Mayor; and Bro. J. W. Williams, Fellow of the Institute of Actuaries, were admitted joining members of the lodge.

WINDSOR.—Etonian Lodge of St. John (No. 209).—One of the most influential and numerous meetings of this lodge which has been known for some considerable time, took place at the Masonic Hall, Windsor, on Tuesday, the 3rd inst., when the W.M., Bro. G. W. Dixon, was supported by Bros. Bladon, S.W.; J. O. Cartar, J.W.; J. Strange, P.M., Sec., P.G.S.D. Berks and Bucks; W. R. Denne, S.D.; W. N. Crowhurst, J.D.; G. Gavin, I.G.; R. Roberts, S.; E. Schiemann, S.; J. Wilson, P.M.; J. H. S. Reid, P.M.; W. S. Nicholes, A. Pears, Duffield, Jones, Stollery, A. W. Wilson, W. H. Webster, T. Hiscock, Tully, P. Lovegrove, &c., and the following visiting brethren:—Bros. Wiggington (Windsor Castle), 771, P.P.S.G.W. Berks and Bucks; W. H. Bingham, W.M. 771; Grisebrook, P.M. 771, P.G.J.D. Berks and Bucks; Tolley, P.M. 771, P.P.G.O. Berks and Bucks; Powell, P.M. 771; E. Hopwood, P.M. (Faith) 141, and S.W. (Heating), 1512; W. E. Chorley, J.D. (Dalhousie), 865; and Ridge (Villiers), 1194. The lodge having been duly opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting unanimously confirmed, Mr. Joseph Andrews, of St. Margaret's, Twickenham, who had been previously balloted for, was initiated into Masonry by the W.M., the charge being given by the J.W. The next business of importance, the passing to the second degree of Bro. R. S. Garrett, was postponed until the next meeting of the lodge, in consequence of his inability to attend, an intimation which was announced by telegram. The report of the committee appointed at last meeting, to revise the bye-laws of the lodge, was then taken, and so thoroughly were the brethren of the lodge satisfied with their labours, that the several alterations and additions were accepted without discussion. Two new propositions were made—one a candidate for initiation, and the other as a joining member. Before closing the lodge the W.M. alluded in graceful terms to the re-appearance, after a considerable interval, of the father of the lodge, Bro. Wiggington, who is now in his eighty-sixth year; it need scarcely be said the brethren by hearing from Bro. Wiggington his high estimation of the present flourishing position of the lodge after his acquaintance with it through its many vicissitudes was in every respect highly gratifying. The J.W., Bro. J. O. Carter, announced his intention of serving the office of Steward at the approaching festival in aid of the Benevolent Institution. After the lodge had been closed in due form, the brethren adjourned to the Castle Hotel for refreshment, and separated at an early hour.

WHITTINGTON LODGE (No. 862).—The audit committee of this lodge met on Saturday last at Anderson's Hotel. The accounts were carefully examined, and it was found at the conclusion of the business that the outgoing W.M., Bro. Frederick Smith, will leave the chair on the 16th inst., with a balance of over £66 in the Treasurer's hands.

ABERGAVERN.—Philanthropic Lodge (No. 818).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall on Friday, October 23rd, when the High Sheriff of the county, Bro. Crawshaw Bailey, S.W., was duly elevated to the chair of K.S. by the D.P.G.M. of Monmouthshire, Bro. S. G. Humphrey, assisted by a full attendance of Brethren of the P.G.L., and Past Masters. The new W.M. invested the following officers for the ensuing year: Bros. J. W. Price, I.P.M.; E. D. Thomas, S.W. and Treasurer; G. H. Garwin, J.W.; the Rev. W. D. Harwood, Chaplain; W. C. Freeman, P.M., Sec.; J. V. O'Bryan Harsford, S.D.; H. Jenkins, J.D.; C. Hawells, Org.; J. Smith, Dir. Cer.; H. Barrett, I.G.; J. Morgan and E. G. Davies, Stewards; and J. Green, Tyler. After the lodge the brethren adjourned to banquet at the Angel Hotel, when about eighty sat down. After the usual loyal toasts the W.M., in returning thanks for the enthusiastic way his health had been received, assured the

brethren that he would use his utmost endeavours to follow in the footsteps of his predecessor, the I.P.M. Bro. J. W. Prin, whom he truly designated as one of the best W.M.'s that has occupied the chair. This meeting has been the most successful since the revival of the lodge in 1860. The original lodge was established by the French prisoners in the Peninsular war, who were detained in the town, and the old collars and jewels are still worn by the officers, having been kept by Bro. James Jones, a P.M. of the old lodge for more than forty years, till the lodge was resuscitated, when they were presented to the W.M. and brethren of No. 818.

DEPTFORD.—Royal Oak Lodge (No. 871).—At the White Swan Tavern, High-street, Deptford, on Thursday, October 22nd, the regular meeting of this lodge was held. There were present Bros. G. Andrews, W.M.; S. A. Lewin, S.W.; H. J. Tissen, J.W.; W. Andrews, P.M., Treasurer; F. Walters, P.G.P. Middlesex, P.M., Secretary; Rev. J. M. Vaughan, A.M., P.P.G. Chaplain Middlesex, P.M., Chaplain; J. J. Pakes, S.D.; J. Baxter Langley, I.G.; H. J. Dawe, M.C.; Fisher, Organist; W. Myatt, I.P.M.; J. Truelove, P.M.; J. Hawker, P.M.; J. C. Craig, L. Lemon, G. Alford, R. West, F. H. Burr, W. Atkins, J. G. Vohmann, E. James, G. Harvey, E. Good, J. W. Hadingham, F. G. Skinner, J. G. Thomas, R. Killick, E. Wood, W. Elgood, G. H. Stables, R. K. Hood, R. Harvey, W. A. R. Harris, T. Horton, and many more. Amongst the visitors we noticed Bros. H. Green, S.D. 190; W. Y. Laing, P.M. 45, 1326; J. Howe, 1326; W. J. A. Dench, 1326; W. R. W. Middleton, 1326; C. Howe, 1326; J. Woister, 1326; G. Fawe, 1275; Rev. P.M. Holden, J.D. 907; W. Lane, S.W. 28; W. M. Jacobs, 1348; Loughborough, 140; Fisher, 700; Watson, 1155; C. G. C. Stahr, P.M. 871, 1329; J. Patterson, 1002, Newton, 157, besides others whose names we did not know. The W.M. in a manner worthy of the fame of such predecessors as Bros. Dr. Dixon and Scott, Wilton, Collington, Walters, and others well known in the Craft, maintained the high proficiency of the usual working of the chair, by the admirable, painstaking, efficient, impressive, and correct manner in which he raised Bros. Pierce, Fawn, 1275; Dench, 1326; and Middleton, 1326; to the third degree. He afterwards passed Bros. Alford, Home 1326, and Woister, 1326, to the second degree. Some gentlemen were proposed for initiation. The lodge was closed. Banquet followed. The usual toasts were given and received.

FROME.—Royal Somerset Lodge (No. 973).—This lodge met on the afternoon of Thursday, October 22nd, at the Masonic Hall, Frome, for the purpose of installing the W.M. elect for the year, when there was a numerous attendance of the members, and of visiting brethren from Bristol, Bath, Trowbridge, Wincanton, Glastonbury, and other neighbouring lodges. The W.M. elect, Bro. M. Messiter, P.P.G.J.W. Somerset, was in the most able and impressive manner installed in the chair of K.S. by Bro. R. C. Else, P.G.S. Somerset, in the regretted absence of V.W.D.P.G.M., Bro. Bridges, who, from ill health, was unable to attend. The W.M. then proceeded to invest his officers as follows:—Bros. H. C. Lopes, Q.C., M.P., S.W.; W. H. Perrett, J.W.; W. Mason, Treasurer; A. R. Bailey, Secretary; R. Taylor, S.D.; E. Harewood, J.D.; Benale, D.C.; H. Haley, Derry, Organist; and Keed and Gullick, Stewards. At the close of the business the brethren adjourned for refreshment to the Crown Hotel, where an excellent repast was furnished by Bro. Gough, who deserved and received high praise for his first rate bill of fare, the high character of his wines, and the completeness of his arrangement. The W.M. was supported by a goodly gathering including Bros. Lord H. T. Thynne, M.P., Grand S.W. of England; General Doherty, P.G.S.W. Somerset; H. C. Lopes, M.M.; Else, P.G.S. Somerset, &c., and a most enjoyable evening was spent, the pleasures of the evening being greatly enhanced by the musical efforts of several of those present.

ALNWICK.—Alnwick Lodge (No. 1167).—At the regular lodge, held in the Masonic Hall, on Wednesday, the 4th inst., Bro. Henry

Heatley, S.W., was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. The lodge was opened by Bro. Blair, P.M., and the installation ceremony was performed by Bro. Davidson, P.M., P.P.J.D., The W.M., having been duly installed, invested the following officers: Bro. A. Robertson, S.W.; J. Davison, J.W.; Rev. W. L. J. Gooley, Chaplain; J. W. Bowey, Treasurer; G. Simpson, Sec.; H. S. Johnson, S.D.; W. Hall, J.D.; G. Challoner, I.G.; W. Walters, Tyler; Bros. Logan and G. H. Thompson were the appointed Stewards. The business of the lodge being over, the brethren adjourned to Bro. Whiteford's, Star Hotel, where a most excellent dinner was served up, and afterwards a most pleasant and harmonious evening spent.

SEACOMBE.—*Warren Lodge* (No. 1276).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Stanley Arms Hotel, Seacombe, on Tuesday, 20th ult. The W.M., Bro. J. H. Ward, took the chair at five o'clock, supported by Bro. T. Platt, P.P.G.W., as S.W.; Bro. J. Redshalg, J.W.; and the other officers of the lodge. Amongst those present were Bros. W. Bulley, P.J.G.; J. P. Platt, P.P.J.G.W.; T. Platt, P.P.J.G. Deacon; R. C. Mellor, P.P.G.D., N.W. and S.; C. Hill, P.P.G.R.W.L.; W. R. Bainbridge, P.M. 721, the W.M. elect, R. W. Holt, P.M.; T. S. Jones, P.M.; C. Leedham, P.M. 220; T. Ashmore, P.M. 823. T. Shepherd, and the following brethren: W. Evans, W. H. Francis, T. M. Pennington, T. Miller, D. Gillet, T. Gray, John Williams, G. Mason, J. C. Lawrance, J. Moore, F. Coulton; E. J. McMurdie, H. Skinner, E. Miller, W. S. McGraa, F. Raby, A. Paynter, W. M. French, T. Marcus, 724, J. P. Gamble, 1264, John Melloy, 269, E. Chater, 1094, T. Maxwell, and several others. After the confirmation of the minutes of the last meeting Bro. W. R. Bainbridge was presented to the W. Master, Bro. T. H. Ward, to receive at his hands the benefit of installation, by Bro. W. Bulley, P.J.G.W., and Bro. R. W. Holt, P.M.; and having taken the obligation a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. W. R. Bainbridge was installed and received the salutations; and after the brethren had been re-admitted to the lodge, he was proclaimed according to ancient custom. The Installing Master performed the ceremony in an admirable manner. The W.M. then appointed his officers as follows: Bros. T. H. Ward, I.P.M.; Jas. Redshalg, S.W.; John Williams, J.W.; W. H. Frances, Treas.; Wm. Jones, Sec.; H. Skinner, S.D.; J. C. Lawrance, J.D.; R. W. Holt, P.M., D.C.; Pemberton, P.M. Organist; J. Higgin, I.G.; and Bros. Burgess and Nash, Stewards. Afterwards the lodge was called from labour to refreshment. The brethren re-assembled at the banquet, served by Bro. J. Martin. On the removal of the cloth the W.M. proposed "The Queen and the Craft;" this was highly honoured. He then proposed "Our Royal Bro. the Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and rest of the Royal Family." This was received with much enthusiasm. The W.M. then proposed "The Earl of Carnarvon, R.W.D.G.M., and the other Grand Officers." (Masonic honours.) The W.M. then said, in proposing the next toast it gave him great pleasure, for he was honoured with the presence of the V.W.J.G. Warden. The toast was that of "The Right Hon. Lord de Tabley, R.W.P.G.M.; the R.W.D.P.G.M., and the rest of the P.G.L. Officers," coupling the name of Bro. W. Bulley, the much-respected P.J.G.W.; this was responded to with the highest honours, &c., the V.W. Bro. W. Bulley, returned thanks and gave some good advice to the brethren with regard to their duties. "The health of the W.M." having been proposed, and received heartily by the brethren, he returned thanks, said he felt highly honoured at being installed W.M. of a lodge for a second time; he never neglected his duties during seven years he filled the various offices in Lodge 721, and he would do his best to promote the interest of the Warren Lodge, for his love for Masonry was unabated. The W.M. then said he had a pleasing duty to perform. Bro. Ward, I have much pleasure in presenting you with this P.M. jewel, on behalf of the Warren Lodge, for the masterly manner you have discharged the duties of your office, and

I hope you will be spared many years to wear this jewel at Masonic meetings, as a mark of distinction, you have so deservingly won. Brethren, I now give you "Health and happiness to our Brother Thomas Houghton Ward." This was enthusiastically received. Bro. Ward rose to return thanks, and said: W.M., and brethren all, I feel myself incompetent to thank you sufficiently for the kind way in which you have presented me with this jewel, it has been my study to work for the benefit of the lodge; again, brethren, I thank you, heartily. Bro. J. P. Platt returned thanks for the Charities, particularly the C.M.E. Institute, and hoped the brethren would subscribe as they had hitherto done. Bro. Constable's drawing for Life Governorships of the Girls' Masonic Institution was well received by the brethren, many taking tickets. The other toasts having been proposed and responded to, the lodge was called to labour. Some business of a formal character having been gone through, the lodge was finally closed, in solemn form, and the brethren separated.

HAMPTON COURT.—*Campbell Lodge* (No. 1415).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, Oct. 28, at the Mitre Hotel. There were present Bro. Dr. Kimber, W.M.; Bro. D. M. Dewar, S.W.; Bro. T. Keene, J.W.; Bro. A. Codner, P. Prov. G. Reg. Middlesex, S.D.; Bro. J. Levander, J.D.; Bro. T. Cubitt, P.M., G. Purs., Treas.; Bro. H. C. Levander, P.M. Sec.; and other brethren. Visitors: Bro. Rev. Dr. Thompson, No. 1, Bros. Lee and Symons. The business of the evening was the passing by the W.M. of Bros. Johnson and Summers, and the election of W.M. and Treasurer, the ballot being unanimous for Bro. Dewar as W.M., and Bro. Cubitt as Treas. One gentleman was proposed for initiation, and two as joining members. The usual excellent banquet followed, and the brethren separated apparently well contented both with their "labour and refreshment."

HAMPTON COURT.—*Era Lodge* (No. 1423). On Saturday, 10th October, at the King's Arms Hotel, Hampton Court, the regular meeting of this prosperous and flourishing lodge was held. Bro. H. A. Dubois, P.G.A.D.C. Middlesex, W.M., opened the lodge. There were present during the afternoon Bros. J. C. Parkinson, D.P.G.M. Middlesex; J. W. Baldwin, S.W.; J. Baxter Langley, J.W.; T. J. Sabine, P.G.S.B. Middlesex, P.M. Treasurer; F. Walters, P.G.P. Middlesex, P.M., Sec.; J. S. Sweasey, S.D.; S. Woolf, J.D.; E. W. Deveux, I.G.; Rev. P. M. Holden, Chaplain; A. F. Loose, M.C.; B. Wright, W.S.; W. A. Simmons, C.S.; and several others. The visitors were Bros. E. Harris, P.M., Treas. 73; B. Swallow, W.M. 382; Morrell, P.M. 111; P. Magee, 148; S. Kennins, 278; H. Andrews, 784; W. Hardman, 1275; J. Barton &c. The minutes were read and unanimously confirmed. Bro. F. Walters, P.M., the veteran Secretary, took the chair. He passed Bros. Becker, Barton, and Hardman to the second degree, and raised Bros. Pearson, Thornhill, and Munday to the third degree, the work being done in an impressive and painstaking manner. The W.M. resumed the chair, and presided for the remainder of the evening. On motion, made by Bro. F. Walters, and seconded by Bro. J. S. Sweasey, "The sum of ten guineas was voted from the lodge charity fund to be given to the widow of a deceased member." The petition was recommended to the Lodge of Benevolence. Several names were given in to the Secretary and announced for initiation. The lodge was closed. A good banquet followed.

ATHENÆUM LODGE (No. 1491).—The sixth meeting of this highly flourishing lodge was held on Wednesday evening, the 4th inst., in the lodge room, within the Athenæum, situated in Camden-road, Holloway. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Samuel Poynter, P.M., assisted by Bros. W. Giles, S.W.; Angelo J. Lewis, J.W.; Benjamin Mallam, Treas.; George J. Brocklersby, Sec.; A. C. Lewis, S.D.; C. Giles, J.D.; and W. H. Thomas, I.G. There were also present as visitors Bros. R. N. Marsh, P.M. 1105; R. N. Field, W.M. 902; Robert Shackell, P.M., 30, and W.M.

1299; John Williams, 699 (*Freemason*), and numerous other brethren. After the confirmation of minutes of last meeting, the brethren proceeded to work, and passed to the sublime degree of M.M. Bros. Dodds, Smiles, and Wyman. The ceremony was rendered thorough in such a manner that will never be forgotten, and the explanation of the tracing boards was given in that usual eloquent style which distinguishes the W.M. of the Athenæum Lodge. Ballot was then taken for Bros. Marsh, Ray, St. James' Union, 180; James Robert Brown, Neptune, 22; and Carl Adolph La Freedom, 77, as joining members, which proving unanimous, those brethren were admitted and duly elected. Ballots having been duly taken and declared unanimous in each case, the W.M. proceeded to initiate into the first degree of Freemasonry Messrs. Armand William Duret, Joseph Buzzegoli, and Alfred George Driver, the ceremony being performed with great impressiveness. A discussion then took place respecting the bye-laws, &c., and a vote of thanks was unanimously passed to the Burgoyne Lodge, No. 902, for the kind loan of much of the furniture required for working so far the business of the Athenæum Lodge, which Bro. R. N. Field, the W.M. of the Burgoyne Lodge of which Bro. Poynter, the W.M. of the Athenæum, is a P.M. and Treasurer, being present, eloquently acknowledged, after which lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren proceeded to refreshment in the great hall of the building, where the W.M. presided over an elegant collation. After the removal of the cloth, the W.M. rose to propose the "Queen and the Craft," to which the brethren instantly responded. In proposing the health of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and G.M. designate of England," he (the W.M.) trusted the brethren would all heartily respond to that toast which needed no encomium from him. The toast was drank most enthusiastically. The healths of the Earl of Carnarvon and rest of Grand Officers, both Past and Present, was proposed, and the W.M. felt a deal of pleasure in seeing his old friend and lodge-mate, Bro. Shackell, whom he should ask to respond for the Grand Officers, and therefore, the W.M. continued, I give you the "Healths of the Earl of Carnarvon and rest of Grand Officers, both Past and Present," and would couple with that toast the name of Bro. Shackell. Bro. Shackell returned thanks in suitable terms. Bro. J. Brocklerby rose and said: It is my privilege to propose the health of our W.M. He is a most sincere Mason, and a very happy one in his working. For myself I have received very great assistance from him, and you will am sure, drink heartily his very good health. The toast was received and responded to with loud cheers. The W.M. in responding said I will not detain you at so late an hour. I am extremely indebted to you for the very high compliment you have just paid me. I would say that every brother in this lodge should know his work, and then every initiate should go out into the world well posted in the principles of Masonry. We have turned out some very good men. I would quote the words of the Poet.

"In the latter days of art
Builders wrought with greatest care
Each minute and unseen part
For the Gods see everywhere."
Let us do our work as well,
Both the unseen and the seen
Make the place where Gods may dwell,
Beautiful, entire and clean."

I am very thankful to know that during presence in this lodge we have had great success. I feel a pleasure in saying that our esteemed Bro. Shirley has offered to present this lodge with a set of candlesticks and stands. It proves him to be an excellent Mason, and I return you my sincerest thanks. The W.M. then said I have to propose is one of great importance, being the healths of those who we have admitted to the light this evening. They began at once to see the great power of intellect has over human progress, and how every human being and to every man

of our valuable Order. This system they have undertaken to promulgate, and we hope the path they have taken to tread will be a long one, and as they go on from year to year we wish them very success, and trust the higher position we have obtained may be an inferior one to that to which they may one day hope to attain. I therefore ask you to drink heartily the healths of those new members. The toast was highly honoured. The new members severally responded in suitable terms. The W.M. next rose to propose the Visitors, and said he was always pleased to see strangers. I therefore give you the visitors, beginning with that the health of Bro. Field, W.M. 903. The toast being drunk, Bro. Field rose and said: I feel highly honoured to reply to the visitors, and feel perfectly certain I echo the feelings of our brother visitors. We are exceedingly obliged for your hospitality, and delighted to see the working of this lodge. At the consecration of this lodge it was prophesied that success would attend its operations, and it was said that learning originated in the East, but I find it has rested in the north. As W.M. of the Burgoyne Lodge I shall be always happy to extend the right hand of fellowship to who visit us; and with respect to what your brethren have been pleased so graciously to acknowledge up stairs, I can only express my firm conviction that, from the working of your esteemed W.M., the furniture the Burgoyne Lodge has been privileged to lend you will come back to us with an added lustre. We again thank you. The health of Bro. Shirley was next proposed in acknowledgement of his kind present to the lodge, and, having been warmly drunk, suitably responded to. Each of the officers responded in suitable terms. The Tyler's toast brought the meeting to a close. The pleasures of the evening were greatly enhanced by the singing of Bro. Westerton. Bro. Marsh also gave a most beautiful recitation.

INSTRUCTION.

ALOUSIE LODGE OF INSTRUCTION (No. 1).—The Fifteen Sections were worked by the lodge, held at Bro. Allen's, Royal Edward, Temple, Hackney, on Tuesday, 27th inst. Bro. Allen, P.M. 933; W.M.; Bro. Verry, P.M. 174; S.W.; Bro. Crawley, P.M. 174; J.W.

FIRST LECTURE.

- 1st Section Bro. Ashburner, P.M. 1278
- 2nd " " Constable, W.M. 185
- 3rd " " Christian, D.C. 1278
- 4th " " Wallington, J.W. 850
- 5th " " Crawley, P.M. 174
- 6th " " Fieldwick, 1364
- 7th " " Gross, W.S. 1278.

SECOND LECTURE.

- 1st " " Bro. Hill, J.D. 1278
- 2nd " " Myers, W.M. 820
- 3rd " " Musto, P.M. 1349
- 4th " " Verry, P.M. 554
- 5th " " Gottheil, P.M. 141

THIRD LECTURE.

- 1st " " Bro. Barnes, P.M. 933
- 2nd " " Webb, 174
- 3rd " " Howe, P.M. 1445.

It is with pleasure we mention that this was the largest meeting on record, in the annals of the old established lodge, and great praise is due to the presiding officers and brethren who aided them, for the very able and efficient manner in which the work was performed.

Royal Arch.

VERSTON.—Chapter of Furness (No. 995). Quarterly convocation of this Chapter was on Monday evening, the 19th ult., in the new Temple, Theatre Street, at six o'clock, there were present Comps. Reuben Pearson; Roger Dodgson, H.; George Dounfield, J. Postlethwaite, S.E.; Wm. Whiteside, J.; Taylor, P.G.M., Reg.; J. Case, P.Z., J.; T. Dodgson, P.Z., P.G.D.C.; and a number of other companions of the Chapter. Hill and Settle, of the Hindpool Lodge, 1225, were exalted, the ceremony being performed by the M.E.Z. in the same effective manner as he performs the ceremonies in the Craft. Comp. Dodgson, P.Z., officiated as

Prin. Soj., and rendered this part of the exaltation in his well known effective manner. The Historic Lecture was, at the conclusion of the exaltation, rendered by Comp. Dounfield, J., and the Symbolical Lecture by the M.E.Z. The next convocation of this Chapter will be held at the same hour on the third Monday in January next.

Knights Templar.

LIVERPOOL.—Alpass Preceptory.—The usual quarterly meeting of this Preceptory was held in the new Masonic Hall, Hope Street, Liverpool, on Thursday, the 29th ultimo. Sir Knight Thomas Clark, E.P., presided. There were also present Sir Knights, H. S. Alpass, P.E.P., John Lloyd, Prelate, W. Doyle, First Capt. and Treasurer; J. E. Jackson, Second Capt.; Moses Mawson, Registrar; Richard Brown, Expert, John Kenyon, Second Standard Bearer; W. H. Shakespeare, Capt. of Lines; Wm. Shortis, and John Gallagher, First and Second Heralds; Thomas Evans, Chamberlain; Peter Ball, Equerry; James Chisnall, Henry Firth, H. Burrows, Samuel Hinkins, Sam Hague, C.R.N. Beswicke-Royds, Gen. Sub Prior; Joseph Wood, Treas. William de la More Preceptory, Prescott; Edward Pierpoint, P.E.C., P. Second Gd. Capt. of Lines, Jacques de Molay Preceptory, Liverpool. The Preceptory having been formally opened ballot was taken for Comps. Chesworth and Cassell; which proved unanimous in both cases. Comp. Cassell being in attendance, was admitted and duly installed a Knight of this chivalrous Order. A memorial to the V.H. and E.G. Prior, as to the recent changes in the Order, was discussed, when it was resolved unanimously that the memorial submitted be signed by the Preceptor, First and Second Captains, attested by the Registrar, and forwarded in due course to the provincial Chancellor. Sir Knt. Clark, E.P., in a very pleasing and complimentary address, now reminded the Sir Knights that the portrait of their esteemed P.E. Preceptor, Sir Knt. Alpass, was completed, and that it was the special pleasure of the Sir Knights on this occasion to make presentation thereof. Sir Knt. Clarke thereupon called upon E. Sir Knt. C.R.N. Beswicke-Royds, Sub Prior, to unveil the portrait. The E. Sir Knight then passed under the arch of steel, and before formally making the presentation, which he did in a most effective and telling manner, he descanted upon the many valuable services that Sir Knt. Alpass had performed, not only in Knight Templary, but in every branch of Masonry and more particularly for this Order—it is needless to say that the remarks were rapturously and cordially received and reciprocated. Sir Knt. Alpass, in reply to these eulogiums, stated that it was a proud moment for him to be the recipient of so much kind expression of feeling, and that what he had done was not in expectation of such a mark of esteem; all his efforts had been solely for the love of the Order, fully satisfied within himself that Masonry was a great means of social and moral improvement. A candidate was proposed for installation in the Preceptory, the alms were collected, and the Preceptory closed in due form. The Knights Companions then adjourned to the refectory, where they partook of a sumptuous banquet which was set out in the most recherché style by Frater Ball, resulting in a most enjoyable evening. It will probably be interesting to know that the portrait of Bro. Alpass, which is a splendid work of art, has been subscribed for by the members of the Preceptory which bears his honoured name, and will be hung up in the large lodge room of the new Masonic Hall. The portrait is of life size, finished in the highest possible style of art, on a permanent basis, produced by the best known method of enlargement from a *carte de visite* of Sir Knight Alpass. The frame, specially designed for the occasion by Messrs. Vandyke and Brown, is exceedingly unique and artistic. It is surmounted by the Knights Templar arms, accurately modelled, the corner being ornamented with the shields of the Order. In the centres are the emblems appertaining to Sir Knight Alpass's position in Great Masonry as the P.G. Sec. The decoration is completed by a

neat model of the "three great lights." In the internal part of the frame is a band of ruby velvet, emblazoned with the five-pointed star. A gilt tablet contains these words—"Presented to Bro. H. S. Alpass, by the members of the Alpass Preceptory, 1874." In the portrait Bro. Alpass is shown as wearing the ribbon and jewel of a P.E.C. of the Order of Knights Templar. The portrait in every essential is a splendid and most successful work of art, life-like and eminently happy in every respect, and reflects the very highest credit upon the artistic taste of Messrs. Vandyke and Brown, the eminent photographers and artists, of Liverpool.

A meeting of the Holy Palestine Preceptory was held on Monday, the 28th ult., at the Masonic Hall, 33, Golden-square. Present Sir Knts. Major Shadwell Clerke, 33°, Eminent Preceptor; Col. Francis Burdett, Constable; P.M. Holden, Prelate; J. Boyd, Marshall; Dicketts, Edmands, Yeoman, Stanton Jones, Thiellay, Dubois, Kenning, and others. The following companions being present were duly installed as Knights Templar by Sir Knt. Major Shadwell Clerke, in his usual impressive manner, assisted by the other officers, Comp. James Lewis Thomas P.Z. Union Waterloo Chapter; Comp. Henry Venn, and Comp. J. J. Hooper Wilkins. The Sir Knights dined at the Café Royal, Regent-street.

Red Cross of Constantine.

BRISTOL.—Wm. De Irwin Conclave (No. 17.) The Sir Knights assembled on Friday, the 23rd inst. M.P.S. G. F. Tuckey occupied the Throne. The Sir Knights present were J. T. Hallam, S.G.; W. Munro, J.G.; J. M. Hunt, H.P.; G. Tonkin, Recorder; W. Ansaldo, S.B.; J. W. Lane, O.; W. Richards, T. Brooke, E. Ware, Kirbey, &c., &c.—Visitor W. A. Scott, M.P.S. of the Munbee Military Conclave, No. 101. The minutes of the last, as also of a subsequent Conclave of Emergency were read; the M.P.S. said the first business of the Conclave was to ballot for, and, if elected, instal Bros. Louie Barni and Thomas Woodland, M.M.'s of Lodge 68. The Sir Knights having balloted, it was declared free in the E. and W. and the brethren duly elected. Bro. L. Barni being in attendance was duly installed and proclaimed a Sir Knight of the Order. The next business before the Conclave was the election of M.P.S. for the ensuing year. The M.P.S. said, two years since he was first installed a Knight of the Red Cross in the Rose and Lily Conclave, Weston Super Mare, and from what he saw of the Order during the first twelve months he felt a strong desire to see it established in the province of Bristol. After some conversation with Ill. Sir Knight Captain F. G. Irwin, Intendant General of this province (we all know the great interest taken and zeal shown at all times by Sir Knight Capt. Irwin in anything appertaining to Freemasonry); from him he received great assistance and encouragement. It was determined to inaugurate and consecrate two Conclaves, viz., the Wm. De Irwin, No. 17, and the Munbee, No. 101, which ceremony was performed that day twelve months, when they were pleased to elect him their first Sovereign, and he assured them he looked back with pride and pleasure at the success of the past year. When he accepted that high position, it was with faith that with the unity he knew existed among the Sir Knights installed, their love of Freemasonry would create in them such a zeal that the Order of the Red Cross, especially the Wm. De Irwin Conclave, could not but flourish. He felt certain that when they heard the audited accounts of the Treasurer, they would say his faith had been well founded, and their unity and zeal rewarded. He had that day received an acknowledgement for a cheque sent to the Imperial Grand Council through Ill. Sir Knight R. W. Little. Accompanying that acknowledgement were some very gratifying remarks of the opinion of Imperial Grand Council as to the position and success of the Order in this province. He would impress upon the Sir Knights the necessity of guarding well the entrance to

the Conclave, that no foe or false friend might gain admission. Up to the present time there was not a Sir Knight that he would not hail and recognise wherever he met him, and so long as they continued to exercise due caution in the admission of members, the Order of the Red Cross of Rome and Constantine and its appendant degrees would not only recommend itself, but ultimately become one of the recognised Orders of Freemasonry in the Province of Bristol. He would not occupy their time further but to propose an Eminent Sir Knight as their Sovereign, one who, during the past year, had held an important position in the conclave, and performed the duties with that zeal which should animate all who accepted office. He was absent from us that day, from a severe family affliction, yet we all knew his best wishes were with us. It was therefore with much pleasure that he proposed Sir Knt. W. Hodges as their Sovereign for the ensuing year. The ballot being taken, Sir Knt. W. Hodges was declared duly elected, and Sir Knt. G. F. Tuckey was elected Treasurer. This concluded the business of the conclave, which was closed in due form. The enthronement of the sovereign will take place on the second Friday in December next.

KIRKDALE.—*Walton Conclave* (No. 97).—The usual assembly of this conclave was held on Monday, 9th Nov. In anticipation of practising the Grand Conclave drill, there was a goodly array of visiting Knights from the sister conclaves. Em. Sir Knt. Banning, M.P.S., assisted by his Viceroy, Em. Sir Knt. Rev. T. W. Richardson, opened the conclave in imperial form. After some routine business and balloting for candidates, Bros. the Rev. C. R. Hyde, LL.D., and N. Turner were duly admitted and installed Knights of the Order. The Historical Lecture was given in a very effective manner by Sir Knt. Quayle. Sir Knt. Hyde was then invested and appointed to the office of High Prelate, and Sir Knt. Turner was appointed Prefect. The Knights then took their posts in the conclave, and went through the special military drill and Masonic ceremonies, presented for the reception of the Grand Imperial Council on their visit to Liverpool to hold a Grand Conclave on Friday, 13th November. The conclave was closed in due form, and the Knights afterwards adjourned to the refectory.

Royal and Select Masters.

HAVANT.—On Tuesday, 7th Oct. the first Provincial Council of Royal and Select Masters, was opened at Havant, under the style of the Carnarvon Council, No. 5. The ceremonies of consecration and dedication were performed by the V.P. Bro. F. Binckes, Grand Recorder, assisted by Bro. Hyde Pullen, 33°, and Bro. Major Barlow, 32°, and at their close the degree of Most Excellent Master and the Cryptic degree were conferred upon Bros. Best, (Prov. G. Mark S.W., Hants); Trigg, (Prov. G.M.O., Hants); Rastrick, Harrison, (Prov. G. Mark Stewards, Hants); Carter and Blackmore. The T. Illust. Master, Bro. H. Martin Green, together with the Deputy Master, Bro. Purnell, and the P. Conductor of Works; Bro. Trigg, were then installed, and the proceedings terminated with a vote of thanks to the consecrating and installing officers. A banquet was afterwards held at the Dolphin Hotel, (Bro. Purnell's) where an extremely pleasant evening was spent.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—These celebrated Pills are especially useful in preventing the bad effects of luxurious living. They purify the blood, cleanse the stomach, gently stimulate the kidneys, and act as mild aperients. Without some such corrective as Holloway's Pills, the festivity of one day often debars us from all enjoyment for a week. A few doses of this purifying medicine set the foulest stomach right, restrain biliousness, steady the circulation, give strength to the muscles, and comfort to the brain and nerves. These Pills are incapable of doing mischief to the most delicate constitutions. The hypochondriac will find this medicine to comfort his miserable nerves; it will increase the appetite, exhilarate the spirits, fill the vessels with pure healthy blood, and regulate excretory organs.—*ADVERT.*

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF JERSEY.

The annual meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge was held on Wednesday, October 21st, at the Masonic Temple. There was a fair attendance of the brethren,—all the lodges of the Province were represented. In the absence of the Rt. W. Bro. Col. E. C. Malet de Carteret, the P.G. Lodge was opened by the V.W. Bro. Dr. Jas. Le Cronier, D.P.G.M., as P.G.M.; supported by Bros. A. Schmitt, P.P.G.S.W., as D.P.G.M.; Ph. Binet, P.G.S.W., Treas.; Geo. J. Renouf, P.P.J.W.; Charles Kingsnorth, P.P.J.W.; J. O. LeSueur, P.G. Sec.; Jas Oatley, P.G.S.D.; Ellis A. Owen, S. of W.; Edward Martel, G.D. of C; Ph. Blamfied, Ass. D.C.; the Stewards of the year, the Masters, Past M.'s, and Wardens. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Major H. C. Spearman, G. E. Evans, P.M., P. Grand Steward of England, Dupuis, from Paris, &c.

The minutes of the P.G.L. held in October, 1873, were read by the Secretary and unanimously confirmed. The reports of several meetings in reference to the Local Fund of Benevolence were read and approved. The report of the proceedings of the Local Board of General Purposes, on motion duly made, was taken as read.

The Treasurer presented his annual statement, duly examined by the Audit Committee, which, being approved, was passed and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

Agreeably with his notice of motion on the agenda paper, Bro. A. Schmitt moved:—"That the Prov. Grand Secretary shall compile from the annual returns a list of members erased by lodges for non-payment of subscription, for the purpose of communicating the said list to the Prov. Grand Lodge at each of its anniversary meetings, and of transmitting a correct copy thereof to the Masters of lodges for reading in open lodge and being entered on the minutes, thereby preventing a brother so struck off the list, from either visiting or becoming a joining member of some other lodge, unless he shall have previously regulated his position as a defaulter with his former lodge." The mover, not anticipating any opposition, very briefly explained the reasons compelling him to bring forth his motion before the Prov. G.L., which being supported and seconded by Bros. Benham and du Jardin, was put, and carried unanimously.

The brethren were now called to elect a Prov. G. Treas., when Bro. A. Schmitt said that the P.G. Lodge had every reason to be satisfied with the way in which Bro. Benham had hitherto discharged the duties devolving upon him during his retention of that important office. He therefore, moved, seconded by Bro. du Jardin, that Bro. P. W. Benham be re-elected P.G. Treas. for the ensuing year, which motion was carried nem. con.

The following brethren were appointed and invited to hold offices set opposite their respective names:—

Geo. J. Renouf, P.M. 1003	Prov. G.S.W.
John Oatley, P.M. 590	Prov. G.J.W.
Charles Marett, M.A., P.M.	Prov. G. Chap.
P. W. Benham, P.M. 1603	Prov. G. Treas.
Ellis A. Owen, W.M. 877	Prov. G. Reg.
John O. LeSueur, P.M. 491	Prov. G. Sec.
E. Leigh Bennett, P.M. 244	Prov. G.S.D.
A. Taylor, P.M. 245	Prov. G.J.D.
Holloway, P.S.W. 245	Prov. G. Sup. of W.
Edward Martel, W.M. 491	Prov. G.D. of C.
Edward Gilley, S.W. 491	G. Asst. D.C.
Col. Stallard, R.A. 877	Prov. G.S.B.
Jos. Gregg, P.M. 590	Prov. G. Org.
Jos. O'Flaherty, W.M. 1003	Prov. G. Purs.

Bros. Gen. Thos. C. Kelly, C.B., S.D. 877; L. Pitcher, P.M. 1003; John Pallot, W.M. 1008; H. E. le V. dit Durett, Advocate, S.W. 590; Geo. Hewett, Secretary 877; and J. Ennis, J. W. 877, Provincial Grand Stewards; Bro. Berryman, P.G. Tyler.

This being the annual period for electing six Past Masters to serve on the Local Board of General Purposes, the Scrutinizers, after having collected the balloting papers, withdrew, and

on their return they handed to the P.G.M. report of the result of the ballot, when the following brethren were declared duly elected, viz.: Edward Martel, Jos. O'Flaherty, W. T. Pugsley, Jos. Pallot, W.M. 590; A. Le Maquand, P.M. 491; R. Barrow, P.M. 491. The P.G.M. nominated Bros. A. Schmitt, President, and Ellis A. Owen, Member of the Board.

Hearty good wishes having been expressed the P.G.L. was closed in form, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet.

BRO. CONSTABLES' DRAWING.

We understand that Bro. Constable has decided to issue 3,150 tickets at one shilling each, making a total of 15 Life Governorships of the "Royal Masonic Institution for Girls," the value of each being ten guineas. The sum of £157 10s. 0d. will be handed to the Secretary of that excellent Institution, without any deduction whatever, so that our indefatigable brother (the originator of the "Drawing") will benefit the society to that amount, and without such a scheme it is not likely that any of the shillings, florins, or crowns would have found their way to the coffers of the Institution. We consider Bro. Constable deserves every encouragement in his noble "labour of love," and we hope that all the brethren who have taken tickets to sell will lose no time in disposing of them, and remitting the cost to our brother, whose business address is 13, Sise-lane, London, E.C. for even the interest of the moneys invested until the "Drawing" is to be devoted to the Institution Bro. Constable is seeking thus to benefit.

STANLEY HOSPITAL FETE AND GALA, LIVERPOOL.

A meeting of the committee of gentlemen who managed the fete and gala held in Stanley Park during the week of the royal visit in aid of the funds of Stanley Hospital took place on Thursday, 22nd, at the hospital, when the accounts of the fete were carefully gone into, and a balance sheet drawn up. There were present Bro. Costine, Sheldon, Smith, and Hughes; Messrs. David Campbell, D. Grannell, Bateman, W. Stanley, Hughes, and Evans. The committee found that after the payment of all expenses they had a balance in hand of £100 11s. 10d. The committee feel that, taking into account the very unfavourable weather which prevailed during the fete, this result is satisfactory. It will be remembered that they were anxious means of the fete to clear off the debt of about £1000 which remained upon the hospital, also to furnish and make several additions to the building. The proceeds of the fete will meet remaining liabilities on the building account and the committee, whilst regretting that the was not more profitable, feel highly gratified they have been able to free the institution of debt.

The contribution of articles to be drawn proved, as usual, a very valuable source of come. The amounts received from the sale of tickets for the principal drawings were as follows:—For the pony given by Major B. field, M.P., £190; for the piano, £145 15s.; the gold watch, £70 13s.; for the silver tea coffee service, £68; for the billiard table, 16s.; and for the brass bedstead, £52 14s. The committee are entitled to the utmost credit for the great toil and care which must necessarily have undergone in organising and managing the fete; and much sympathy will be felt for them in their disappointment the pecuniary result has not been more gratifying. It is stated that the bazaar, which raised £1300, was organised entirely by Miss Smith and Mrs. I. E. Bennett.

It may be mentioned here that Bro. Costine has received instructions from Mrs. W. Bronte, to expend for her a sum of £1000 of £750 in furnishing a ward in the hospital to be called the Woodhouse Ward.—*The Liverpool Mercury.*

Obituary.

F. M. PERKINS, GRAND MASTER OF LOUISIANA.

his unexpected death, at Chicago, of Bro. F. M. Perkins, Vice Consul of Sweden and Mayor at New Orleans, and senior partner of long established and widely known commercial house of Perkins, Swenson, and Co., mission merchants and cotton factors, evoked a widespread sorrow throughout the city.

On the arrival of his remains at the Union Railway Depot at eight o'clock on Monday, Sept. 20, they were received by officers of the Grand Lodge, over which Bro. Perkins presided for several years as Grand Master, by a detachment of Knights Templar.

The funeral ceremonies took place at three o'clock p.m. The various Grand Masonic Societies of the State were assembled at two at the Lodge Hall, and proceeded thence to the residence of Bro. Chaffe in carriages. The Grand Lodge, Grand Royal Arch Chapter, Grand Council Royal and Select Masters, Grand Convent of Knights Templar, and Grand Convent of Scottish Rite Thirty-second Degree, were represented, and Marion Lodge, No. 68, of which lodge Bro. Perkins was at the time of his death the oldest living initiate and Master, took part in the proceedings as a member.

The Grand Lodge assumed the charge of the obsequies. Jacques de Molay Commandery No. 2, Sir R. L. Bruce, E. Commander, of the organization the deceased was a member, presided by the officers and members of the city commanderies, performed escort duty, under the command of E. Sir W. L. Stanford, Capt. Gen. The Knights Templar were accompanied by Jaeger's band.

The following is a list of the officers of the Lodge present in the funeral procession: J. G. Fleming, D.G.M. as G.M.; R. W. L. Gordy, P.S.G.W. as D.G.M.; R. W. Perkins, S.G.W.; R. W. Wm. R. Whittaker, S.G.W.; R. W. W. S. Pike, G. Treasurer; R. C. Batchelor, M.D., G. Sec.; W. and C. Carpenter, G. Chaplain; W. H. C. S.G. Deacon; W. A. L. Abbott, as J.G. Marshal; W. J. H. DeGrange, G. Marshal; Berge, as G.S. Bearer; R. W. H. Carter, Pursuivant; W. Bros. I. W. Homan, W. T. Chings, M. Heiseman, and Geo. S. G. Stewards, and Bro. F. A. Dentzel, also, Past Grand Masters S. Manning and J. Q. A. Fellows; Past Junior Grand Masters J. B. Sorapu and Wm. Macduff, and Grand Treasurer Harman Doane. The Grand Wardens of constituent lodges bore their appropriate jewels. The following were pall-bearers; Bros. J. Q. A. Fellows, J. Todd, (representing the Grand Lodge), Winslow, Geo. Johnson, (representing the Grand Chapter,) D. W. C. Peck, T. F. (representing the Grand and J. de Commanderies,) J. B. Scot, and Harman (representing the Grand Consistory.)

The escort of the procession was—the Knights as escort; the Masonic fraternity; Marion Lodge, No. 68, C. Chaffe, C. McRae Selph as W.M.; the Grand hearse, the family and friends of the and the consular representatives of nations. The funeral cortege was of very great length, presented a most imposing appearance, and to the universal sorrow occasioned by the sudden demise of Bro. Perkins. The brethren turned out in great force to do honor to their illustrious dead. The route of the procession was by way of First, Magazine, Charles and Canal Streets, to the St. Charles Cemetery. The escort took carriages from the corner of Franklin and Canal Streets. The Masonic burial service was read by Past Master J. C. Carpenter, assisted by the Grand Rev. J. C. Carpenter, who also officiated in religious services held at the residence of Bro. Chaffe.—*New Orleans Picayune.*

JESSE M. WHITE, 33°.—We regret to announce the death of this distinguished brother after a brief but painless illness. His obsequies were observed by Masters' (symbolic) Lodge, of Albany, and a large attendance of the membership of our beautiful Rite attested the high estimation in which our deceased brother was held. Cut off in the very prime of manhood, he was not unprepared for the great change, but died "Like one who draws the drapery of his couch About him, and lies down to pleasant dreams."

Poetry.

IN MEMORY OF HIS GRACE THE LATE DUKE OF LEINSTER.

Inscribed to R. W. SHEKLETON, Esq., Dep. Gd. Master, Grand Lodge of Ireland.

What dismal echoes do the winds impart?
What sad foreboding is it chills the heart?
Why bated breath, and silent speaking eye;
The starting tear, and deep convulsive sigh?
A solemn sense of swiftly-coming woe,
Striking each mind, and clouding every brow.
Sharp from the bow of Death a fatal arrow
Has pierced a noble heart, and grief and sorrow
Now fill with dire consternation all
Those friends around him, in his stately hall.
He, in whom nature every good combined—
A generous hand, warm heart, and noble mind;
Waiting the final summons of release
From his long life of charity and peace,
To live for ever in that Home above—
Exchanging earthly ties for heavenly love.
Yes? a long life of honour and of years;
A retrospect of good, which haply cheers
The Christian soul, rich in that "Pearl of Price,"
The passport from this world to Paradise.
Is there no hope? brother to brother crying;
Ah, no! his race is run—our Duke is dying.
Hark to that sound of agony and dread!
And weep, indeed, our noble Duke is dead.

One of the few of nature's noble men!
"When shall we look upon his like again?"
Gently, in Christian path, he wore his state—
Worthy successor of the "good and great."
Well may the Ancient Craft he loved so well
Revere his memory, and fondly dwell
With happy thoughts upon his virtuous life;
So free from earthly vanity or strife.
Till Masonry and Time shall cease to be,
With Leinster's name join peace and charity;
For love to all, his generous heart and room—
Just fitting words to place upon his tomb—
Meekly his ducal coronet was worn;
Now wreaths of glorious gems his brows adorn;
His voice, harmonious with the angelic throng,
Mingles in chorus of the heavenly song.
As in its breast some secrets were concealed,
So to him now the great one is revealed;
Dwelling in regions so celestial bright,
Robed in the habit of the "Sons of Light."

CHAS. H. G. EMERSON,
P.M. 620.

Mulum in Parbo, or Masonic Notes and Queries.

"TALES OF THE TALMUD."

Some reference has recently been made by Bro. Hughan and Bro. Norton to some "Tales from the Talmud," published about 1715, and alluded to by Bro. Dr. Oliver. I have had a long search made. No such book as "Tales from the Talmud" exists, at any rate, of that date, but by the kind assistance of R. L. Bensly, Esq., University Library, Cambridge, it seemed that a book was published at Amsterdam (not London) in 1715, 4to, by David Wilkins, containing "The Targums of the Book of Chronicles," which are taken from a MS. in the University Library, Cambridge. What is in that work, if anything, I shall hope next week to say. There seems to have been an edition of the same work put out by the Rabbi Joseph and David Wilkins conjointly, which was printed at Amsterdam in 1717, and at Cambridge, 1725.

A. F. A. WOODFORD.

Masonic Tidings.

On the 25th inst. a Lodge of Instruction in the Mark Degree will be inaugurated at 2, Red Lion-square, the office of Grand Mark Lodge. The W.M. (Bro. Stidolph) of the Southwark Lodge, No. 22, is desirous of having a meeting there of his officers once a fortnight, and he recommends that all metropolitan lodges should do the same, choosing their own days. He proposes that the Masters and officers of lodges should each take the position he holds in his lodge and work the duties of that position in the Lodge of Instruction. Every Mark Mason is invited to attend and assist in working the degree. An able instructor, say Bros. Binckes, Meggy, or James Stevens, will be present to see that the work is properly performed and afford information. The scheme meets with much approval.

At the same time a ballot will be held in the Mark Benevolent Association. Bro. Meggy, P.G.M.O., will preside.

The ceremony of constituting and consecrating a new Masonic Lodge for the city of Oxford was performed on Friday 6th inst., in the presence of a large assembly of brethren belonging to the province and elsewhere. The new lodge is designated "The Bertie," that being the family name of the Earl of Abingdon, who is Lord High Steward of the city. Its number is 1415, and the warrant of constitution was granted by the Prince of Wales, as the Most Worshipful Grand Master of England—the first that his Royal Highness has issued. The Mayor was installed as Worshipful Master, and at the conclusion of the ceremony the inauguration banquet was held in the City Council Chamber. There are now four lodges in Oxford. [A full report of the proceedings will appear in our next.]

On Nov. 9th our Grand Master the Prince of Wales attained his 33rd year, having been born on the 9th of November, 1841. The anniversary was observed with the customary manifestations of loyalty.

The Manchester Lodge of Instruction No. 179, meet every Saturday evening at the Yorkshire Grey, London St. Fitzroy-Square at 8 o'clock.

LORD MAYOR'S DAY.—Basinghall Street, which is in the Bassishaw Ward, was decorated by Bro. Wm. Holland of North Woolwich Gardens, and the Surrey Theatre. The Police arrangements of the city were ably carried out by Bro. J. R. Foulger, P.M. 177.

We call the attention of our readers to the prospectus in our advertisement pages, of the Burngullow Hematite Iron Ore Company (Limited). This company, it is stated, is promoted for the purchase of an estate of 80 acres, situate near the shipping port of Par, in Cornwall, which seems to possess a combination of advantages. There is an abundance of hematite ore of rich quality, a vein at present being worked 12ft. to 18ft. in width, which, it is estimated, will provide a large output for a lifetime. The property is intersected by a railway, a great advantage, as it will enable the ore to be delivered in South Wales at a cost of 9s. 6d. per ton. The estimated output, when the extension works are completed, which will take but a short time, is stated to be 200 tons a day, but the directors state that 100 tons per day will yield a net revenue of £10,140 per annum, equal to 40 per cent. on the entire capital of the company. A favourable feature of the undertaking is comprised in the statement that the only contract entered into is one for the purchase of the property for £15,000, and that the vendor has consented to leave one-half the purchase money in the hands of the directors to secure the payment of a ten per cent. dividend for the first three years.

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The Freemason,

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1874.

THE GRAND MASTERSHIP OF IRISH FREEMASONRY.

We publish in another column the report of the recent meeting of the Irish Grand Lodge, by which it appears that, by the unanimous vote of an influential and crowded assembly, the Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland, the Duke of Abercorn, was elected Grand Master of Irish Freemasons. There can be no doubt that in the selection of so distinguished and so popular a nobleman, the Irish Grand Lodge has manifested alike the highest wisdom and the soundest judgment. For our noble brother the Duke of Abercorn, is in our humble opinion, emphatically the right man in the right place. Himself of most noble and patrician descent, he is endowed with all those qualities which have gained him so many friends and enabled him to play so distinguished a part in public affairs. Kind and genial, tolerant, and yet firm in his administrative career, he has satisfied his friends and conciliated his opponents, while in private life his personal amiability and his many and sterling social qualities have endeared him to his family and his friends. When then, at a crisis in its history, the Irish Grand Lodge, bereft of its old and venerated ruler in the providence of the Great Architect of the Universe, looks around for a fitting successor, it finds its search not prolonged, nor its choice at all doubtful. With one glad voice of heartfelt acclaim and rejoicing the Irish Grand Lodge nominates its noble brother the Duke of Abercorn, Grand Master of Irish Freemasonry, and as the Irish Grand Lodge has so well and wisely chosen, we trust most sincerely that all happiness and prosperity will attend on its judicious and truly Masonic choice. Certainly it is very amusing to us, calumniated and excommunicated Masons, to observe how all this recent plethora of nonsense as well as "verborum" is answered, both in England and Ireland. We leave the anathemas and the excommunications to the anathemizers and the excommunicators and we go on our way, "no one making us afraid." In England, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, our august brother, assumes the head of the Craft, and in Ireland, the Lord-Lieutenant becomes the unanimous selection of our loyal and honourable and benevolent fraternity. What a useful warning to impertinent interference on the one hand, what a happy encouragement to calm performance of duty on the other. So long as Freemasonry is true to itself and to its great and sound principles—so long as it continues peaceful and tolerant, avoiding political discussions and religious controversies, so long as it evidences the sincerity of its professions, by its unwearied practice of benevolence, sympathy, relief, and brotherly love, so long will it flourish, so long will it attract to itself the confidence of the good, and the support of the wise. Indeed, all these attacks upon Freemasonry will, it appears to us, only tend to throw Freemasons closer together, and we shall move on in defiance of our motley host of assailants, a good compact column,

keeping the "step," and keeping the "touch." Our banner is floating over our heads, unstained and undisgraced, and while some may ridicule and others may condemn, we are certain that our Order, closely united in the bonds of sympathetic affection and fraternal concord, has no fear of any antagonists, if this foolish and perverse hostility to our charitable and innocuous brotherhood, should be fomented by some, or perpetuated by others. It seems that Archbishop Manning is going to favour the reading world with an article on Freemasonry in the December number of the "Contemporary Review," at least, so it is stated, but as there is, and can be nothing new, even in his able hands, in the accusations against Freemasonry, so we venture to believe that the answer will be easy and will be at once forthcoming to so distinguished an opponent. In the meanwhile, Freemasonry cares nothing for attacks, or pamphlets or edicts, or anathemas, but selecting the most exalted brethren in our land, to rule over its organization, to uphold its interests, and to increase its reputation before the world, conscious of its good intentions, its true principles, and its beneficent customs, awaits, if in indifference yet tranquil confidence, the sober judgment of sound thinking, the fair, the tolerant, and the true. We wish, in all heartfelt simplicity, possible prosperity to our good Irish brethren and their new Grand Master, our excellent and exalted brother the Duke of Abercorn.

THE PLYMOUTH QUESTION.

In accordance with our promise we close discussion with a few words, and a communication we print to-day, and we do propose to publish any more letters on subject, pace our good Bro. "Soldier Mason." In one respect the discussion has somewhat remarkable in demonstrating the certainties of even contemporary evidence. The first place we beg to repeat our conviction, that our soldier brethren had hard measure indeed meted out to them have a right to complain of very invidious treatment. They have, however, this one consolation, that they have obtained the sympathy of the entire Craft, and that it is quite clear no blunder will not occur again. In the next we think that the committee are fully exonerated from any intended desire to show any disrespect to our soldier brethren. We who know some of the distinguished brethren who form the joint committee, excellent Masons and men, were quite sure of the fact from the first they were guiltless of any such unbecoming sentiments or actions. It seems that the two committees, however, and a little of purposes may have arisen in consequence there was clearly no intentional wish to our soldier brethren of their Masonic We are still of opinion, despite able and various correspondents like "Leo," that there is no formal evidence of any actual military violation. The mistake, such as it was, a perverse one, seems to have arisen in the fact that there had been, in a previous issue, an official refusal to

announced that such refusal extended to all similar processions. But that assumption was based on two great errors. First, the cases were not identical; and, secondly, the original refusal had evidently only been a refusal "ad hoc," and bound the supreme military authority at Plymouth no farther necessarily than it went. For 'non constat' that because a refusal was given on a band to march in a temperance procession, therefore an application to march by 120 non-commissioned officers, with two thousand of the "élite" of Devon and Cornwall, to welcome the Prince of Wales, would have been refused. We do not think that the permission would have been refused, and therefore, we believe that the "assumption" was grossly incorrect in its first position. But in the next place what evidence is there that the application ever came before the military general commanding, except informally? No one ever applied to him formally, that is quite clear. It is true that it was stated in the Marine orderly room, and by the gallant officer commanding that distinguished body of men, that a refusal had been sent. But who wrote the letter? or who had it from the only lawful authority? Bro. Col. Elliott assumed from the beginning that it was so, but he was not in communication with the Major-General commanding, but wrote, it seems, to a Colonel, who had nothing whatever to do with the matter. "Leo" had good reason for believing, no doubt, and saying, that a refusal had been given, but "Leo," we believe, like everybody else, was a victim of a false "assumption" from the beginning to the end. It is just possible that the Major-General commanding may have naturally said, "I cannot allow, for the sake of precedent, 120 non-commissioned officers to parade before their comrades in Plymouth in coloured clothes and round hats, and therefore I cannot allow them to appear in such a procession at all." No soldier can blame the Major-General commanding for such a view, if such a view was expressed, and certainly no civilian has a right to do so. Would we believe that the Major-General commanding understood that the Masonic procession was forbidden by the Queen's Regulations, then, would be the duty of Grand Lodge to obtain an official declaration on the subject. But we do not apprehend that any such view exists, or that any such interpretation was put on the military regulations in the present case. An important, if subsidiary, question has been raised by an able correspondent, "P. G. D.," relative to soldiers appearing "properly dressed." No doubt, "without leave," no soldier Freeman could put on Masonic clothing over his uniform at any time; but "with leave," it has been done on several occasions. The two non-commissioned officers at Dover were "without leave," evidently, and no good soldier would do such a thing without previously applying for "permission" to do so. If the Major-General commanding took that view, that is another matter, but no evidence appears of such question having been raised, and we are to our opinion, that greatly to the prejudice and untoward annoyance of our soldier brethren, the whole affair was a "mal entendu,"

a mistaken "assumption," an unauthoritative opinion, to which the committee or committees too rashly deferred.

IS THE POPE A FREEMASON?

We are endeavouring to solve this question by a reference to America. The Italian Freemasons having now stated, distinctly, that the Pope was made a Freemason at Philadelphia, U.S., in an Italian lodge called the "Figli di Hiram, we have written to Philadelphia to verify such an important and distinct assertion. Havannah, one of the South American Republics, Palermo, Rome, New York, Madrid, have all been asserted to be the locale of the Pope's reception into the Order, so it is really most important to ascertain the precise spot of earth where Pio Nono saw the "Light." A correspondent has written to say that Dr. Leeson declared that Pio Nono belonged to the High Degrees, but Dr. Leeson could know nothing of the subject on his own authority. The Italian Masons aver that he attended, as Nuncio, a secret lodge at Madrid, and was also made "Rose Croix, 18°." We presume in the "Rite Ecossaise," as the statement comes from the "Luce del Terreno" of Palermo, a lodge, we believe, of the "Rite Ecossaise." We fancy all the statements have but one foundation, partly true and partly false, but until we have a distinct reply from America we can say nothing more positively on the subject. We shall publish a letter from Bro. Gallico on the subject in our next impression.

GRAND CHAPTER.

The Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter was holden on Wednesday, 4th inst., at Freemasons' Hall. Comp. H. D. Sandeman occupied the Z. chair, Comp. S. Rawson, the H., and Comp. M'Intyre, Q.C., the J. Comp. John Hervey, S.E.; Comp. J. E. Saunders, as S.N.; Comp. Rucker, P.S.; Comp. Percy Leith, 1st A.; Comp. Philbrick, Q.C., 2nd A.; Comp. Joseph Parkinson, S.B.; Comp. Josh. Smith, D. of C.; and Comps. H. G. Buss, Joshua Nunn, C. A. Murton, Berry Head, E. S. Snell, H. Muggeridge, and C. B. Payne, Janitor, with several others, were also present.

The following report of the Committee of General Purposes was unanimously adopted.

"The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 15th July, to the 20th October, 1874, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

To balance 15th July	£530	0	8
To subsequent receipts.....	245	1	6
	£775	2	2
By disbursements during the quarter	£190	1	10
By purchase of £300 consols at 92½ and commission	278	5	0
By balance.....	306	13	4
	£772	2	2

which balance is in the hands of Messrs. Willis, Percival, and Co., bankers of the Grand Treasurer.

In compliance with the Committee's recommendation, the following petitions for charters for new chapters were granted.

1st. From Comps. Mark Newsome as Z., Henry Ingram as H., Joseph Hebblethwaite as J., and eight others, for a chapter to be attached to the Scarborough Lodge, No. 1214, Soothill, to be called "The Scarborough Chapter," and to

meet at the Station Hotel, Soothill, near Batley, Yorkshire.

2nd. From Comps. John Brown as Z., William Henry Gillman as H., James Henry Blackell as J., and seven others, for a chapter to be attached to the Huyshe Lodge, No. 1099, Stoke, to be called "The Huyshe Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Home Park, Stoke, Devonport.

The Companions also adopted a further recommendation of the committee that in printing new books of the general regulations of Royal Arch Masons, in conformity with the resolution passed at the meeting of the Supreme Grand Chapter on Wednesday the 5th of August, with the view of making any needful alterations, the numbers of the paragraphs be made to run in sequence from the beginning to the end of the volume; and that the regulations should be printed in duodecimo (but without plates) as well as in the present octavo size.

After this there was a long discussion on an extensive list of verbal alterations in the Book of General Regulations proposed by the Committee. There was then brought before Grand Chapter the letter from Grand Chapter of Ireland referred to and read at the Quarterly Communication of August 5th, with reference to the recognition of Grand Mark Lodge of England, but the matter was again deferred. We give, however, the letter, which is as follows:—

"Grand Secretary's Office,
"Freemasons' Hall, Dublin,
"13th day of July, 1874.

"Dear Sir and Companion,

"With reference to the correspondence which has taken place at various times between the Grand Royal Arch Chapters of England, Ireland, and Scotland, and the Grand Mark Master Masons Lodge of England and Wales on the subject of recognition of the last named Grand Body, I am directed to inform you that the attention of the Grand R.A.C. of Ireland having been again called to the subject, it was directed at its meeting on the 1st inst., that a correspondence be opened with the Grand R.A. Chapter of England, in order to ascertain its views.

"The Grand Chapter of Ireland is now, as ever, desirous of maintaining the most fraternal relations with the Grand Chapter of England, and, as the latter has not thought fit to recognise the Grand Mark Masons Lodge of England, our Grand Chapter has always hesitated to do so, but now wishes to explain the difficulty in which it is placed.

"The Grand Chapter of Ireland is fully aware that the Mark degree is not recognised by the Grand Chapter of England, but in this country that degree has always been recognised, and is now worked under our R.A. warrants, and under our recent rules (copy by book-post sent herewith), it is required as an indispensable step to the R.A. degree.

"It therefore appears to the Grand Chapter of Ireland, that its position (in respect of the Grand Mark Master Masons Lodge of England), is essentially different from that of the Grand Chapter of England; and that the principal, perhaps the only reason which prevents the latter from recognising the Grand M.M. Lodge, (viz.:—its non-recognition of the degree itself) does not operate with us, and that our recognition of that Grand Body would not in any way interfere with the friendly relations between the two Grand Chapters which the Grand Chapter of Ireland is always anxious to maintain.

"I am however directed to assure you that this Grand Chapter has deferred considering the desirability of recognising the Grand M.M.M. Lodge of England until it shall have ascertained the views of the Grand Chapter of England, but feels that, as it requires the Mark degree to be conferred as a preliminary to the R.A. degree, and as the Grand Chapter of England does not work that degree, it ought seriously to take into consideration whether or not the only authority in England under which that degree is conferred ought not to be recognised by the Grand Chapter of Ireland.

"Might we therefore ask you to favour us with the views of the Grand Chapter of England on this subject, and particularly whether there

be any, and what objections to the recognition of the Grand M.M.M. Lodge of England, other than the non-recognition of the degree itself.

"With fraternal regard, I remain, dear Sir and Companion, your's faithfully,

"CHARLES T. WALMISLEY,

Gd. Reg. Gd. R.A.C. of Ireland.

"JOHN HERVEY, Esq., Gd. Scribe, E., G.R.A.C. of England, Freemasons' Hall, London." Grand Chapter and then formally closed.

Original Correspondence.

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

THE "JOHN THOMAS" MEMORIAL.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

I am glad to observe that attention is being called to the non-fulfilment of the wishes and expectations of the numerous brethren to whom our late lamented brother, John Thomas, had so much endeared himself.

The reason of the apparent neglect is that the brethren who first promoted the memorial have aimed too high, and, not being so readily able to reach their mark as they had anticipated, have become apathetic. To my personal knowledge they have been and still are extremely desirous to secure such evidence of the high esteem in which our late Brother Thomas was held, as should satisfy the Craft generally that the memory of a good Mason, such as he was, would be effectually perpetuated. Their deliberations to this end were, however, hampered by many suggestions as to the propriety of founding scholarships, of providing for the permanent support of one or more aged brethren or widows, and the like means of transmitting his beloved name to posterity. These gave rise to diversity of opinion, and the consequence has been that very many who would have willingly assisted have refrained from doing so until the point in question was finally determined. So valuable time has gone by, the spirit of the moment has been lost, and forgetfulness begins to creep over the promoters and their friends.

But had all agreed, as I contend they should have done, that the first thing to be secured was to mark the last resting place of our dear brother by the erection of a tomb, simple or elaborate as might have been decided, but at least bearing the record of his name and the "sprig of acacia" (I saw his coffin covered with branches thrown into his grave by the numerous mourners who attended his funeral), the present reproach that "nothing has been done" could have had no existence.

I am sure that a great majority are of this way of thinking, and will agree with me that after we shall have marked the place where the remains of our friend and Masonic tutor lie, it will be all in good time to further perpetuate his memory by Masonic scholarships or additions to our almshouses, as contributions to the fund may provide for so doing.

Yours fraternally,

JAMES STEVENS, P.M., P.Z., &c.
Clapham, Nov. 7, 1874.

INSTALLATION OF THE GRAND MASTER.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

This event, whenever it takes place, will be looked upon as an epoch in Freemasonry. Every Mason who has the privilege of attending Grand Lodge will, no doubt, wish and endeavour to be there. If the meeting is to be held in our own grand house, a line must be drawn somewhere—all cannot be admitted—will the admission be confined to Masters only, (I mean the present W.M.'s of lodges), excluding Past Masters and Wardens. All who are now entitled to attend will consider themselves slighted if their privilege is withheld, and if it is "first come first served," not above one in forty or fifty who try will obtain a seat. Those who were at Grand Lodge on the occasion of H.R.H.

the Prince of Wales's first visit will not readily forget the confusion (a very mild word) that took place. Under these circumstances would it not be much better to look for a larger building than we possess, and I do not see that it is at all necessary, as many think, that the installation must take place in Queen-street; for instance, as Grand Master the Duke of Buccleuch was installed by proxy, at Merchant Taylors' Hall, Lord Colerane at Mercers' Hall, the Earl of London at Fishmongers' Hall, the Earl of Morton at Haberdashers' Hall, Lord Byron at Drapers' Hall, and many other noblemen were installed as Grand Masters at the above halls until Grand Lodge had its head quarters at the Crown and Anchor Tavern, Strand, prior to the first building in Great Queen-street being erected. In several lodges and chapters that I have attended lately, the Agricultural Hall, the Crystal Palace, and the Albert Hall have been suggested; the latter has by far the most numerous supporters, and I think no better building could be obtained—every one could then be accommodated—brethren from the East and the West, from the North and the South, could then be certain that their journey to London would not end in disappointment, and timely notice would give them an opportunity for arranging special trains, whilst London, with her large number of lodges, would be represented as upon no other occasion.

Yours fraternally,

J. B., P.M., P.Z.

THE ROYAL VISIT TO PLYMOUTH.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I think a few words from me in reply to the last letter of C.M. (1205) are absolutely necessary, but as he promises his remarks shall be the last, I shall confine myself as nearly as I possibly can to simple replies to the issues which he has raised.

First, however, let me assure C.M. that I have no intention to allow the discussion to become a personal matter between him and me, and to express my conviction that so far from having a weak case or attempting to "bully" him. I maintain my contention that the Committee did all they possibly could to obtain the presence of the military and naval brethren, and I shall endeavour to justify the expressions made use of in my last letter, feeling convinced that to those better qualified to judge than C.M. I have ample materials with which to do so.

I say that for one brother to insinuate, as C.M. did, in his letter published on the 3rd ult., that Bro. Col. Elliott and I had undertaken to stand together in the defence of a fictitious set of circumstances, that I have the "hardihood," which I conceive implies in the strongest manner the writer's belief that I was guilty of an endeavour to mislead the brethren, to take exception to a statement made by a brother, who however worthy would hardly set himself up as infallible, that Bro. Col. Elliott was guilty of falsehood; for such according to unprejudiced readers did C.M.'s letter amount to, is not only insulting, but unmasonic and ungentlemanly, and C.M.'s last letter is almost an admission of this fact, for in offering "the expression of regret" to Col. Elliott, evoked in a manner which I am unable to refer to here, but with which C.M. is perfectly cognizant, he so manifestly admits his wrong doing that it is really hardly necessary for me to touch upon it.

C.M. appears more obtuse than one would expect from a member of the fourth estate, but when he talks of tumbling "headlong into a pit," &c., &c., it certainly has the appearance of a personal attack.

When I wrote my former letter, it was under a misapprehension as to whom C.M. really was but the cap fits, and I will content myself with expressing a hope that a longer acquaintance with Masonic observance will teach him more of the true principles of Freemasonry than he at present appears to have knowledge of, and at the same time to adopt a more conciliatory policy than that at present advocated by his powerful pen.

Brotherly love and truth are two of the essential characteristics of a Mason, which C.M.

fails to realize, and doubtless a careful study on his part of our beautiful ritual will enlighten him still further on the subject, and if my presence upon the scene has only had the effect of extracting an expression of regret, it has been of some use in bringing C.M. into charity with at least one man, and demonstrates how little fit he was, and the small right he had to act as the champion of our soldier brethren and friends—whom with C.M. I shall be very happy to meet in lodge and show that although we may not have held the same views we may yet meet in the bonds of fraternal friendship.

Yours fraternally,

J. EDWARD CURTIS, W.M. 189.

THE MASONIC REVIVAL.

PART I.—LABOUR.

The most thorough pessimist in the Craft would hardly be bold enough, in the presence of existing facts, to deny the propriety of the title we have chosen for a few reflections upon Masonry as it was and as it is. For good or for evil, a renaissance in Freemasonry—a revival resembling in its vigour and intensity that brilliant awakening from the torpor of the middle ages to which Italy owes its grandest productions, a new birth like to that "great upheaval," as Lord Bacon terms it, which resulted in the splendid avatar of the literature of our Eliza bethan period—must be admitted to have occurred. The strong man, to use Milton's nervous language, hath roused himself after sleep and shaken his invincible locks "like an eagle renewing her mighty youth and kindling her undazzled eyes at the full mid-day beam, purging and unscaling her long abused sight at the fountain itself of heavenly radiance, while the whole noise of timorous and flocking birds, with those also that love the twilight, flutter about amazed at what she means."

The great cloud that burst upon our beloved fraternity some two months since has displayed its silver lining. The affliction—as is the case with many afflictions—proved to be but a blessing in disguise. If, under that blow, the giant struck his mother earth, he has, Anteus like, risen up refreshed from the contact, and the grand old institution, ignorantly, intolerantly, spitefully denounced, promises, under the leadership of "the expectancy and rose of this fair state," to enter upon a new career of usefulness and philanthropy, immeasurably grander and more comprehensive than was ever conceived in the wildest dreams of departed enthusiasts, who are now after life's fitful fever sleeping well.

It can scarcely, then, be an inappropriate time to trace this glorious development from its source, and to compare it or contrast it, as necessity may suggest, with the similar movements in art, literature, and science, which are among the most noticeable phenomena of the times in which we live, and our scheme must in its completeness, involve some inquiry into the former practice of the Craft and some illustration—always of course observing that due caution which is the first duty of a Freemason,—of the working of the various lodges in the present day. We cannot apply to ourselves in its integrity the poet's exhortation. We can confidently pledge ourselves to set down naught in malice; but we will not bind ourselves not to use the blessed privilege of extension, and we must beg our readers to give us credit, when we may find it necessary to employ language in description from which indirect censure may be implied, to believe the principles and not persons provoke the implied animadversion, and that we seek rather to represent broad groups and salient types of features than to descend to individual detail or specific definition.

Such a review as we propose to present would we think, be too abruptly introduced—the principle of *in medias res* would be too rigidly applied—were we to begin our treatise altogether with reference to the coincident phenomena of development we have already referred to as illustrations of our main proposition, a proposition which, it has not already been deduced from the preceding observations; we will now proceed to

categoryally to formulate, viz., that the essence of Freemasonry has within the last few years been more attended to than its accidents, that an honest, energetic endeavour has been made to develop its ritual, and formulate its teachings, to an extent probably never before known in the Craft, certainly never since Speculative, as disjoined and apart from Operative, Masonry commanded the attention of intellectual brethren.

As we have pointed out, we claim for Freemasonry in this respect no more than we are willing to allow to every other branch of human speculation and practice in the regions of intellect and art. The laws of action and reaction are inexorable. The feverish spasmodic energy of one generation will degenerate into the lethargic sloth of the next, and again the stertorous sleep, shall than,

"—the fat weed that rots itself at ease

On Lethe's wharf,"

one age, is startled by a trumpet blast sharply wakening it in the one succeeding. It is the eternally operating law of action and re-action, but it is worth while occasionally to stand aside, as it were, and take stock of the results achieved. In this eternal law of action and re-action, the result is most palpable. To paraphrase Shakespeare, out of the nettle extravagance we pluck the flower plentitude. An excessive energy supplying a deficit is not only in itself an evidence that the vacuum existed, but a tolerably liable guarantee that it will be filled. A lofty aim may not hit its mark, but the projectile will be propelled to a greater height than when directed to an object nearer the earth's surface. This is a platitude—a truism—

"He strikes higher far

who aims the moon than he who shoots a star." Let us, before we begin to consider its application to Freemasonry, endeavour to illustrate it by examining how far it has within the last few years influenced religion and art.

Take the Church of England. Forty or fifty years ago how dull, cold, dead, and lethargic were her services. This is not the proper place, of course, to discuss anything bearing the most distant relation to polemics, religious or political, but it may not be without its utility as a matter of mere speculation to ponder how far the principles of disestablishment and disendowment are hereditary, and have been transmitted from Nonconformists, who lived in a period when the Church was the sluggard, and the dissenter the worker, in the vineyard, to dissenters who, in habit, and reliance on tradition, do not take trouble to verify their present impressions by temporary examination. Men who do not yet in middle life remember the "parson and the k duet," the mumbled sermon, the quarterly celebrations, the utter neglect of nearly all the duties of the Church, and the general *laissez faire* tone that pervaded all her ministers.

Then came the re-action. It is not our province, nor would it be becoming in us here, to enquire how, or if, the sharp competition of nonconformity animated the dead bones with life, but the life came. Then, to be brief, came the extravagancies of Pusey *et hoc genus omne*, excesses of ultra-ritualism, excesses even now prevalent in many places, ex. gr., the legislation of last year—but what has been the outcome of it? and here we are on ground where all can see, Romanist, Churchman, Dissenter, nay, Jew—for this is not a matter of discussion, the mere enunciation of a plain, naked fact. The net result of ritualistic extravagance has been a revival of Church life, a consignment degraded oblivion of the sluggishness of the age, a warmth in the services, an activity in the ministrations, an intelligence in the ceremonial dogmatic functions which, to say the least, has raised the Church of England of a past age, and—if we can so call it—the partially distinct present time, very favourably with the Puseyite age.

The same development is observable in art. A hundred, nay, fifty years ago, accuracy and colouring were as little regarded in the English school of painting as three hundred years ago they were in the Dutch. Indeed, it is doubtful whether, in these matters, we had at the beginning of this century progressed much beyond the practice of Hogarth, who, interpreting Scripture narrative, that our blessed Lord's

sepulchre was sealed, literally, paints the Roman soldiers sealing it with a stick of red sealing wax, upon which one still may read legibly inscribed the trade legend of its Dutch manufacturers in the seventeenth century, "Brend wel und houd fest." Burn well and hold fast. But apart from local colouring and accurate accessories the general slovenliness of treatment in every part of the picture, except the principal figure or figures, was conspicuously censurable. This, it is well known, resulted from the universal practice of allowing backgrounds and accessories to be filled in by the pupils; the artist reserving his manual efforts for the central group. But the result was atrocious, and, coupled with the ostentatious contempt for correctness and accuracy which characterised the artists of the first twenty years of this century, rendered the ante-Wilkie school of—at all events—historical or scripture painting worthless as tangible illustration. Take for instance Northcote, Westall, and even Haydon. The barons of John in the tunics and tights of Queen Elizabeth's time—and even those spuriously represented—the Hotspurs and Plantagenets in the armour of the Cavaliers and Roundheads; every period in a series of a thousand years in Roman history depicted by means of the same togas and helmets and mantles. What resulted from this long-continuous display of carelessness and ignorance? The feeling of a want; the energy to supply it; in a word what has been absurdly enough called Pre-Raphaelitism—the Ritualistic extravagance of art. But the fitful fever of Pre-Raphaelitism passed, what remained? What was the residuum? Surely the careful conscientious true art work of the present day. In morals no less than in matter, the motto *omne majus continet in se minus* applies, and when excess has been absorbed the probability is that sufficiency will remain. To apply these principles, assisted by an illustration we propose to adduce in our next, to the practice of the Craft, is the object of the present series of articles.

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THE M.W. GRAND MASTER.

We understand on good authority that it will be possible for the M.W.G.M. the Prince of Wales to attend the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge on the 2nd December.

REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

DOMATIC LODGE (No. 177.)—This lodge held its regular November meeting on the 13th inst. at Anderson's Hotel, and there was a large gathering of brethren on the occasion. The M., Bro. F. Kent, C.C., occupied the chair, which he was supported by his officers. Bro. Tims, P.M., taking the S.D.'s duties in absence of that brother, and Bros. Brett, Don, Foulger, Josh. Smith, W. F. Smith, Ferguson. The agenda paper showed a list of business to be performed and several resolutions to be discussed. These latter, however, were ordered, after some short conversation, to stand over; but the W.M. initiated his order, Mr. Kent, and Mr. Tribe, and passed resolutions, Bros. Vivian and Potter, to the 2nd Degree. The W.M. feelingly alluded to the death of Bro. Lillywhite, which was mentioned on the summons as having occurred at the last regular meeting of the lodge. He announced the death of Bro. Bradley. In connection to these announcements he read a letter from Mrs. Kent to the effect that with the balance of the "Domestic ball" she had become Governor of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. Another letter was read from Sir John Lubbock, apologising for his absence on that evening but hoping to be present at the next meeting of the lodge. The W.M. shortly afterwards closed the lodge, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, which was well supplied by Bro. Clemow, under the superintendence of Bro. George Smith.

LODGE OF TRANQUILITY (No. 185.)—The 11th monthly meeting of this lodge was held on the 16th instant at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C. The W.M. (Bro. John Stable) presided, assisted by the following officers:—Bros. J. H. Ross, S.W.; J. D. Barlow, J.W.; John Peartree, Treasurer; Phillip

Levy, Honorary Secretary; G. S. Pare, J.D.; W. O. Bayley, as I.G. The S.D., Bro. D. Posener, being absent in consequence of the death of his eldest son, which occurred on the morning of the same day, a general expression of heartfelt sympathy was manifested by the brethren of the Lodge, by whom Bro. Posener is held in high esteem. The Past Masters present were Bros. N. Moss, I.P.M., S. E. Moss, J. Holbrook, E. Harfeld, A. E. Sydney, M. Harris, E. Gottheil, and N. Gluckstein. Visitors—Bros. T. G. Bullen, J.W. 197; D. Still, P.M. 1293; and D. Cohen, 188. In the course of the evening Bros. Magnin, Christie, Jauralde, and Barber were passed to the second degree, and two brethren admitted joining members. The most noteworthy incident of the meeting was the discussion of a notice of motion given at the previous monthly meeting by P.M. S. E. Moss:—"That a sum not exceeding £60 be voted from the lodge funds to publish the History of the Lodge as written by the W.M., and the balance (after recouping the lodge) be given to the Benevolent Fund attached thereto." The motion was opposed by P.M. A. E. Sydney, who in his vigorous and fluent style endeavoured to show the impropriety of applying the funds for any such purpose. He was supported by Bro. Harris, P.M. Bros. Gluckstein P.M., Child, and Gottheil, P.M., supported the motion, which was carried by a goodly majority, there being 21 for the motion, and 5 against it, thus showing that the brethren had a truer appreciation of the disinterested labours of the W.M. for the prosperity of the lodge, than the old stagers who, after having passed the chair, are consigned to the ranks technically known as the incorrigibles. After an ample repast the toasts were given briefly and responded to, interspersed with songs by Bros. Child, Bayley, and Barnett; the Tyler's toast concluded the evening, and the brethren separated shortly after ten p.m.

LIVERPOOL.—Harmonic Lodge (No. 216.)—The usual monthly meeting of the Harmonic Lodge was held at the Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, on Thursday evening, the 12th inst. Bro. Ismay, W.M., presided, supported by Bros. J. Beasley, I.P.M.; J. Skeaf, P.G.O., P.M.; Moore, S.W.; G. Fowler, J.W.; J. Rees; Jenkins, Chaplain; W. Laidlaw, Treasurer; Derryhouse, Secretary; &c.; and amongst the members of the lodge present were—Bros. Councillor D. Campbell, Dr. Costine, Dr. Kisch, W. F. Naylor, Caine, T. J. Hughes, &c. Amongst the visitors were—Bro. the Rev. Dr. Hyde, Bro. Stoddart, P.G.S.W.; D. Jones, H. C. Harrison, &c. After the lodge had been opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting confirmed, the W.M., in a most complete, effective, and impressive manner, raised Bros. Wright, Gill, Gillmore, Thomas, and Williams to the sublime degree of M.M. At the close of the ceremony the W.M. said that since their last meeting they had lost a brother who was very much beloved, not only in that lodge, but in many others within the province—he referred to Bro. George Rigby Smith. He could not by any words add to the esteem in which the memory of their deceased brother was held, and therefore he would simply move the following resolution for the favourable consideration of the brethren:—"That we, the members of the Harmonic Lodge, No. 216, of Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons, in open lodge assembled, do testify that we have heard with the deepest sorrow of the death of our much-beloved brother, George Rigby Smith. He had endeared himself to the hearts of all by his many amiable and noble qualities, and by his assiduous attention to, and support of, every good and charitable work. He was a true man and most worthy Mason, of whom it has been well said, None knew him not to love him, or named him but to praise. We now desire to record our deepest sympathy with his bereaved widow and children, and agree that this resolution should be entered on the records of this lodge, and, further, that a copy should be sent to Mrs. George Rigby Smith." The resolution was seconded by Bro. the Rev. J. Rees Jenkins, Chaplain, in a very feeling speech, and at once adopted by the brethren. After the transaction of some formal business, the lodge was closed in due form. It

may be stated that the really artistic and splendidly-appointed new tracing boards, supplied from the well-known Masonic establishment of Bro. G. Kenning, were used for the first time, and they were the theme of general admiration and praise. At the close of business the brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet, under the presidency of the W.M.

GLOUCESTER.—Royal Lebanon Lodge (No. 493.)—The annual meeting of this lodge was held at the Spread Eagle Hotel, in this city, on Tuesday last, when Bro. Henry Jeffs (P.P.G.J.W. Gloucestershire), who filled the chair two years in succession nine years ago, was again unanimously elected as Worshipful Master. There was a large and influential gathering of the Craft, over sixty brethren being present, and of the number twenty-three were Past Masters of lodges—the Board of Installed Masters was therefore an unusually full one. The following is a list, as far as could be gleaned, of those who attended:—Bros. John Walker, Edwin Williams, J. Robertson, R. W. Holman, J. Winterbotham, D. J. Newman, and Dr. Julius Maier (Cheltenham), J. Brook Smith, W. R. Porcher, and W. L. Bain, (Cheltenham College), Dr. Partridge (Stroud), E. T. Inskip (Bristol), J. Gamble, T. Morse, W. Fairley (Forest of Dean), E. H. Edgell (Tewkesbury), W. Clifford (Frampton-on-Severn), W. H. James (Cirencester), E. Horlick (Tredgar), T. M. Jenkins (Liverpool), J. W. Handley (Madras), the Gloucester brethren being represented by Bros. Dr. Wesley, Captain J. Knight, T. H. Chance, A. Booth, R. W. White, A. S. Helps, J. Bryan, Trevor Powell, T. J. Pooley, F. W. Fisher, G. H. Edwards, F. and W. H. Roberts, Margretts, Stretche, Stephens, Waites, Hatton, Worsley, Joseph, Wilson, Stocker, Woodward, Prowse, Ford, Peters, Rumsey, Hadley, Hastie, Matthews, Rootes, Maitland, Moss, Jeans, Johnson, Winfield, Niblett, Shaqgett, and Pope. The lodge was opened at four o'clock, when the ceremony of installation was conducted by Bro. Rev. C. Raikes Davy, of Tracy Park, Bath, a Past Chaplain of Grand Lodge. This brother ranks very high in the Order, and will be remembered for the popular sermon he preached at the Cathedral in June of last year, on the occasion of the formal presentation of the reedos by the Freemasons of the province to the Dean and Chapter. The brethren appointed to office were:—E. D. Worsley, Immediate Past Master; F. G. Roberts, Treasurer; J. R. Wilson, Secretary; E. G. Woodward and Lewis Ford, Wardens; G. K. Prowse and D. J. Newman, Deacons; W. Curteis, Steward; W. B. Stocker, Director of Ceremonies; G. Peters, Organist; S. Moss, Inner Guard; Doyle and Thomas, Tylers. The banquet was served at six o'clock, and Bro. Henry Jeffs presided. Amongst letters expressive of good wishes for the success of the lodge and regret at being absent were those of Bros. General Money, Lieut.-Col. Basevi, Rev. C. J. Martyn, Grand Chaplain; G. F. Newmarch, W. P. Price, Captain W. E. Price, M.P. and P.M., C. J. Monk, M.P., W. K. Wait, M.P.; J. Agg-Gardner, M.P.; Major Fisher, Thos. Robinson, &c. Bro. Major General Gore Munbee, P.G.S.W., Somerset, had promised to be present, but business detained him in Ireland. On the removal of the cloth and the doors of the room being tyled the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given. Bro. John Walker, M.A., of Westbourne House, Cheltenham, responded for "The Craft," Bro. Rev. C. R. Davy, for "Grand Lodge," Bro. J. Brook Smith for "Provincial Grand Lodge," Bros. Porcher, Winterbotham, and Holman for "The Lodges of the Province," Bros. Horlick and Handley for "Lodges out of the Province," and Bros. Wilson and Stocker for "The Past Masters." A notable feature at the banquet was the presentation of Past Masters' gold jewels to Bros. E. D. Worsley, and E. S. Joseph. After the usual harmony, in which Bro. E. G. Woodward rendered effective accompaniment at the piano-forte, the Tyler's toast, "To all Poor and Distressed Brethren," brought the evening's proceedings to a close.

BELGRAVE LODGE (No. 749.)—The installation meeting of this highly interesting lodge

took place at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Wednesday, November 11th. Lodge met at four o'clock sharp, when the chair was taken by the W.M., Bro. E. J. Scott, supported by his officers. Amongst those present were Bro. W. Hester, P.M.; S. Hammond, P.M.; Geo. Pymm, P.M.; members of the lodge. The visitors included Bros. John Hervey, Grand Sec., R. W. Little, P.G. Sec. for Middlesex, Sec. Girls School; John Boyd, P.G. Purs.; James Terry, P.G.D.C. Herts, Secretary Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; James Linzell, W.M. 1287; E. Coste, P.M. 9; W. Shepherd, P.M. 1489 and W.M. 365; J. Sheppard, P.M. 27; W. Jones, P.M. 559; P. Parsons, P.M.; R. Buller, P.M. 9, Sec. 1365; J. Smith, P.M.; Thomas Strickland, P.P.G.O., Berks and Bucks; S. Bradley, D.C. 414; W. H. Waghorn, W.M. 946; John Williams, 699 (*Freemason*); and many others. After the confirmation of the minutes of the preceding meeting, Messrs. Dickson, Day, Wiltshire, Shead and Titley were duly initiated into the mysteries of Ancient Freemasonry, each candidate being initiated separately; after which Bro. Harvey was passed to the degree of F.C. Bro. John Painter was then presented by Bro. Scott to Bro. W. Hester for installation, and, having taken the obligation, a board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. John Painter was duly installed and received the salutations; and after the brethren had been readmitted to the lodge, he was proclaimed according to ancient custom. The Installing Master, Bro. W. Hester, performed the ceremony in an admirable manner. The new W.M. then appointed his officers as follows: Bros. W. Batley, S.W., J. Hobbs, J.W., W. Runting, Treas., H. Garrod, Sec., H. W. Greenwood, S.D., R. E. Booker, J.D., Geo. Gardiner, I.G. The Installing Master then addressed the W.M. and his officers on their various duties in such a manner that will never be forgotten. His elocutionary powers gained for him the admiration of all present. The W.M. then presented to Bro. Scott a P.M.'s jewel, and trusted that he would live long to wear it. After the hearty good wishes lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren proceeded to the banqueting room, where they sat down to an elegant banquet, presided over by the W.M., Bro. John Painter, supported by Bros. Hervey, Boyd, Hester, Pymm, Little, and others. On the removal of the cloth the W.M. proposed "The Queen and the Craft," and said it was always customary in all regular and recognised lodges to propose the health of one who, by her virtuous and sublime reign, has cemented her to every subject with one willingness of heart. The toast was highly honoured. The brethren sang the National Anthem. He then proposed "The Health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Master designate." His character, he said, is well known to us as our coming king, that our hopes are well centred in him. As a Mason he has done all he could to benefit the Order, and likely to do more when he becomes our Grand Master. This was received with much enthusiasm. The W.M. proposed "The Earl of Carnarvon, R.W.D.G.M., and the other Grand Officers," and said, You are all aware of the ability of our D.G.M., that I need say no more. I am proud to see so many Grand Officers amongst us to-night. We have our highly esteemed brother John Hervey, Grand Sec., also Bros. Boyd, Terry, and Little. I therefore ask you to drink heartily the health of the D.G.M. and rest of Grand Officers, and beg to couple with that toast the name of Bro. Hervey. The toast being highly honoured, Bro. Hervey rose and said: "Brethren, it is always very gratifying to have one's health drunk with so much enthusiasm, and to be associated with so eminent a personage as the Earl of Carnarvon. He is not only eminent as a Mason, but as one of high social standing. It is a honour to have one like him, I cannot say to preside over you, but to watch over your interests. It is also gratifying to know that he can have time to devote to Masonry. I feel highly honoured to-night to have my name coupled with the Earl of Carnarvon, and thank you very kindly for the manner you have received Bro. Boyd and myself. We have met with a very hearty reception to-night, and we feel quite at home. I was glad

to hear that the work of initiation was performed separately (cheers). If it took longer time yet it added to the effect and to their positive value; and it showed that the Belgrave Lodge does not perform its work in a slumbering manner. The ceremonies throughout this night have been performed with great accuracy, and I wish you prosperity, Worshipful Sir, and thank you on behalf of the Earl of Carnarvon and the rest of the Grand Officers (cheers). Bro. Boyd thanked the brethren in suitable terms. The W.M. next proposed "The Initiates," and said, we have five brethren who will, I am sure, make good and worthy Masons. The toast was duly honoured, Bro. Goddard singing the Entered Apprentice's Song. Bro. Dickson responded on behalf of the Initiates. The W.M. rose to propose "The Visitors," and said, it afforded him great pleasure to see so many visitors present. We have Bros. Little and Terry, who I shall ask to respond. The toast was highly honoured. Bro. Little rose to return thanks for the kind hospitality that had been shown, and was highly pleased to see the good working, and trusted that the progress that had hitherto attended the lodge would prove the same in the future. He (Bro. Little) highly appreciated the kindness that had been shown. Bro. Terry rose to return thanks, and said, it augurs well for a lodge when, at the installation, the W.M. offers to go as Steward to the Benevolent Institution. The speaker then went on to show the great necessity of the brethren subscribing to the institution which he represented, and strongly urged them, one and all, to do their best. After thanking the brethren for their kindness, and wishing the W.M. a successful year of office, Bro. Terry sat down amidst loud cheering. Bro. Scott rose and proposed the health of "The W.M." The toast was received and drank with great enthusiasm. The W.M., in returning thanks, assured the brethren that he was always happy to do good for the Belgrave Lodge, and for Freemasonry in general, and trusted his labours in the future would give satisfaction to all present. The W.M. then proposed "The Past Masters," and said the qualifications of the P.M.'s are so well known that I need not here dilate on what you are already acquainted with. Our worthy I.P.M., Bro. Scott, has proved himself a worthy Mason, and I trust he will long live to wear the jewel he has had presented him this evening. The toast was highly honoured. Bro. Scott rose to return thanks, and felt incompetent to thank the brethren all for their very high compliments, and assured them he should be happy to give them his services whenever required. (Hear, hear.) The W.M. then proposed "The Officers," and, this being drunk lustily, Bro. Batty rose and returned thanks on behalf of himself and his brother officers, and trusted their services in the future would meet with the approbation of all the members of the lodge. The Tylers' toast brought the proceedings to a close. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. McDavitt, which gave satisfaction to all, whilst his singing was admired. Bro. Dawson gave the "Maniac" in a masterly style.

COSMOPOLITAN LODGE (No. 917).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Cannon-street Hotel, City, on the 10th inst. The work done was the passing of Bro. Seares, and the initiation of Mr. Von Raalte, which ceremonies were performed in excellent style by Bro. Hames, P.M., who officiated for the W.M., Bro. Corke. The installation of Bro. Lovell Keays, as W.M., was then performed by Bro. Stean, the Secretary of the lodge. The newly-appointed officers were: F. Jones, S.W.; J. Rowley, J.W.; J. B. J. Deporta, Treasurer; L. Stean, Secretary; G. M. Taylor, S.D.; White, J.D.; J. Lamarque, I.G.; Geo. Gullock, Tyler. The banquet was attended by about 50 brethren, including several visitors. In proposing the health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., the W.M. observed that he took the earliest opportunity which had offered itself to express the satisfaction of himself, and also that of the lodge generally, at seeing His Royal Highness occupying so prominent a position in the Craft. Unhappily there was a species of fashion prevalent two or three years ago of

criticising the Prince of Wales and his movements, and these criticisms were generally couched in unkind and illiberal terms. For his own part the W.M. could not see any objection to a gentleman finding an agreeable evening amusement at a theatre, and so far from finding fault with His Royal Highness for attending theatres, he was disposed to regard it as being an indication of considerable refinement and judgment. And if that were all that his detractors could find against him, it was a subject of satisfaction that his life had been so blameless as to leave no other opportunity for the class referred to. Those of his own friends who had known the Prince of Wales personally were unanimous in pronouncing him to be a loving father, an affectionate husband, an agreeable companion, a true friend, and, the W.M. was about to add, a forgiving enemy, except that he did not believe that His Royal Highness really had an enemy to which he could extend his forgiveness. The W.M. therefore wound up by saying "a worthy Mason," which, in his opinion, included all the lesser good qualities possessed by him. The W.M. assured the brethren that for his part he should be anxious, during his year of office, to support the M.W.G.M. at Grand Lodge on every occasion, and he sincerely hoped that the Wardens would make efforts to attend there also. It is unnecessary to add that this toast was enthusiastically honoured. The other usual toasts followed, and it was not until past eleven that the Tyler's toast closed the evening.

LIMEHOUSE.—Duke of Edinburgh Lodge (No. 1259).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at Cape of Good Hope Tavern, Limehouse, on Tuesday, 3rd. inst. The business of the evening commenced by raising three brethren, Bros. Daniels, Spray and Weatherhead, and initiating Mr. Stichells. Bro. Weatherhead, W.M., then installed his successor in office, Bro. Darling, S.W., in a manner which gave him great credit, and for which he was highly complimented by the many Past Masters and visitors present, amongst whom were several Grand Officers. We may remark that we never remember seeing so many Past Masters in such a young lodge, there being no less than twenty present. The W.M. then appointed and invested his officers as follows:—Bro. W. Lusty S.W.; G. Rowe, J.W.; E. Jex, P.M., Treasurer; G. Clayton, Secretary; R. Bradbrook, S.D.; J. Holmes, J.D.; R. Atkins, I.G.; Verry, Tyler. He then presented to Bro. Weatherhead a handsome P.M. jewel and a silver snuff-box, the latter being a present from the brethren for the very efficient manner in which he discharged his heavy duties that devolved upon him during his year of office. This concluded the business of the evening, after which the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, served by their worthy host, Bro. Davies, and spent a very pleasant evening. Bro. Seddon presided at the harmonium and piano in his usual able manner.

KENNINGTON LODGE (No. 1381).—This lodge held its usual monthly meeting at the Surrey Club House, on Tuesday, November 3rd. Bros. Koch, P.M., W.M.; Higgins, S.V. Gardner, J.W.; Painter, S.D.; Webb, J.I. Reeves, I.G.; Boulton, Speedy, Poole, Ellis, and W. A. Ellis were passed to the second degree, and Messrs. Gibson and H. Cruse de initiated. The sum of £10 was voted by the W.M. as Steward for the Aged Freemasons Charity and the Widows' Fund. The lodge having been closed in due form, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where excellent repast awaited them. The "Queen and Craft" were toasted in the usual manner, and the health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master designate, loyally and heartily drunk. "God Bless the Prince of Wales" was sung by Bro. Walls, accompanied on the piano by Bro. Ellis. The usual Masonic toasts followed, and were given by the W.M. in commendable brevity. Between the toasts Webb sang "The Village Blacksmith," J. W. gave a comic effusion, Bro. Sirgoon buffo song, and Bro. Walls sang the tenor "Come into the Garden, Mand." The Tyler's toast having been given, the brethren separated.

Among the visitors present were representatives of the "Neptune," "Mount Edgecumbe," and "Enoch" Lodges.

STONEHOUSE.—*Metham Lodge* (No. 1502).—A very gratifying presentation was made at this lodge on Monday evening. Bro. W. Howe, a former member of this lodge, has for some years been stationed at Dartmouth, where, by his kindly disposition and pleasant and courteous demeanour, he has endeared himself to his Masonic brethren in that town. Although not a joining member, the brethren of Hanley Lodge (797) heartily welcomed him amongst them as one of themselves, and from time to time he rendered them so much assistance that when a few weeks since he was recalled to Plymouth, they determined upon giving him some memento of their regard and esteem. It was not practical to do so before his departure, but on Monday evening Bro. Heath attended Metham Lodge and presented Bro. Howe, through the Acting W.M. (Bro. Cross), a set of gold studs, a gold pendant, and a handsomely illuminated vellum containing the names of the officers and brethren of Hanley Lodge, and setting forth the love, esteem, and regard in which Bro. Howe was held by them.

HAMPTON HILL.—*Francis Burdett Lodge* No. 1503).—The first regular meeting of this lodge for the dispatch of business, after the consecration on the 5th inst., was held at the "King's Arms," Hampton Hill, on Wednesday, 17th inst. Bros. Colonel Wigginton, P.M. 02 and 1298, P.P.G.D.C. Worcestershire, V.M.; Saunders, S.W.; Tomlinson, P.M. and P.G.S.D., Norfolk, J.W.; Cox, S.D.; Deekes, D.; Walls, (1381) I.G., (pro tem); Harrison, Tyler. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. then proceeded to initiate, in a most excellent manner, Mr. S. H. Knaggs, M.D. The brethren were "called off," and upon resuming the W.M. read the draft of a book of bye-laws, which was unanimously passed and ordered to be submitted to the G.S. Bros. J. S. Merchant, M. 610, J. Merchant, 902, T. Gilbert, 902, and C. Horsley, P.M., 33, 69, 382, 811, and 309, who had been proposed at the previous meeting as joining members, were balloted for and unanimously admitted. Several gentlemen were proposed for initiation, and the J.D. proposed Bro. T. C. Walls, 1381, to be a joining member, which was seconded by the S.W. The W.M. announced his intention of calling an emergency meeting some time during the month, and invested Bro. Knaggs with the signia of Treasurer for the ensuing year, that other having kindly consented to take the responsible duties of that onerous position. His ceremony terminated the business, and the lodge was closed in ancient form. The visitors to the lodge were Bros. Hammond, P.M. and W.M. of 1502, (who kindly officiated as P.M.) rendered other valuable acts to the W.M. throughout the whole of the proceedings. Mr. 209, Court, 168, Latham, 946, Walls, 81. The lodge then partook of refreshment, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly given from the chair and duly honoured. The health of the W.M. was proposed by Bro. Hammond in an able speech, and heartily received by the brethren. The Tyler's Toast having been given, the proceedings then terminated at an advanced hour.

MADOC LODGE (No. 1509).—The first monthly meeting of this lodge, since its consecration, was held at the Queen's Hotel, Portmahon, on Tuesday, the 3rd inst., Bro. E. Breeze, 2. Reg. of Herefordshire, W.M., in the chair. The initiation fee was fixed at £6 6s., and the equal subscription £1 rs. Eleven candidates were initiated, and thirty-one for joining were proposed and seconded. Nothing further for the good of Masonry in general, or of this lodge in particular being proposed, the lodge was closed, after solemn prayer, by the W.M.

INSTRUCTION.

FAITH LODGE OF INSTRUCTION (No. 141). On Tuesday, 17th inst., the members of the above lodge of instruction held their annual

banquet, and more than forty brethren were gathered together for the purpose. It was provided at the usual place of meeting of the lodge, Bro. Cole's restaurant, 2, Westminster Chambers, and Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P., presided. Among the other brethren present were Bros. W. Mann, T. Bull, Swallow, Brock, Leggatt, Lister, Haslett, Cameron, Smale, Parkinson, Bowen, Olive, Cox, Belfrage, Harvey, Roberts and Brearey. The style and quality of the banquet and wines were most creditable to Bro. Cole, and to his chef, Bro. Lewis (343), and after it had been partaken of, the brethren honoured the usual loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. Cottebrune paid all the compliments to Her Majesty which she so richly deserves, and to the Prince of Wales, as an Englishman, a Mason, and Grand Master, he awarded high praise. The Earl of Carnarvon, as Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers present and past, he also warmly praised for the exertions they had made on behalf of the Order, and in the cause of charity. Bro. Mann proposed "The Health of the W.M., Bro. Cottebrune," and reminded the brethren of what they knew before, that he had always been an assiduous instructor in Masonry, and an energetic promoter of the welfare of the Craft. The toast was of course enthusiastically responded to, and Bro. Cottebrune having acknowledged it, proposed the toast of the evening, "Success to the Faith Lodge of Instruction." In doing so he gave a full account of its history, from its promotion to the present time, including its struggles its wanderings, and its final settlement, at 2, Westminster Chambers. He spoke approvingly of the conduct of its members, and the zeal they displayed in receiving information. He encouraged them to persevere in the course they had adopted, and assured them that was the real secret of success in striving for the office of Master of their different lodges. The proceedings of the evening were very gratifying, and were kept up till a late hour.

OXFORD.—*Apollo University Lodge* (No. 327).—A meeting of the above lodge for instruction took place on Friday evening, Nov. 6th. Bro. R. I. Williamson took the W.M.'s chair, and was supported by Bro. Col. the Hon. Sackville West, S.W.; Bro. C. J. S. Spedding, J.W.; Bro. Butler, S.D.; Bro. Gordon Campbell, J.D.; Bro. J. E. C. Bodley, I.G. The lodge was opened and closed in all three degrees, and the ceremony of initiation worked most ably by Bro. Williamson. There were present P.M.'s Bird and Pickard, and W. Bro. F. P. Morrell, who gave the working officers the benefit of their experience. The lodge is to be congratulated on having determined not to lose its ancient prestige.

UNION LODGE, LEICESTER.—The festival meeting of this lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on Wednesday, the 11th instant, when the seven sections of the first lecture were worked by the following brethren:—

- 1st Section Bro. S. S. Partridge, W.M. 523
- 2nd " " T. A. Wykes, Sec. 523
- 3rd " " W. Sculthorpe, P.M. 523
- 4th " " J. M. M'Allister, J.W. 279
- 5th " " S. S. Partridge, W.M. 523
- 6th " " J. T. Thorp, S.W. 523
- 7th " " J. Halford, I.P.M. 1391

The questions by Bro. G. Toller, Jun., P.M. 523. The work was performed in the most admirable manner, there being hardly a single mistake or slip of any kind throughout, and was listened to with evident attention and pleasure by a large assemblage of members of the several Leicester Lodges, including several P.M.'s. At the conclusion of the Sections, on the motion of Bro. A. P. Duff, P.M., a hearty vote of thanks to all concerned was unanimously accorded, and suitably acknowledged. The W.M. for the next meeting having been elected, and other routine business transacted, the brethren adjourned to the banquet. It is now several years since the Sections were publicly worked in Leicester; it is therefore satisfactory to find that there are brethren willing to undertake the duty who are so thoroughly competent to discharge it.

Royal Arch.

WHITEHAVEN.—*Sun, Square, and Compasses Chapter* (No. 119).—An emergency convocation of this chapter was held on Monday evening last, at the Masonic Hall, College-street, at 7 o'clock. The Principals, E. Comps. John Bass, Z.; Fearon, H.; Dr. Henry, J.; were supported by the following: Comps. Gibson, P.Z.; John Bowes, P.Z., P.P.G.S.B.; Atter, Scribe E.; E. Tyson, P.S.; McKelvie, Treas.; W. White; Spittal; Sandwith; Kyrie; Alsop; Rothery; Wiadross; Dr. Ablett; Cooper, Org.; Cowie, and Fitzgerald. The chapter having been opened by the Principals, the rest of the companions were admitted. The ballot was then taken for several candidates, and Bro. G. A. C. Bentinck, M.P., being present, was exalted, at the request of the M.E.Z., by E. Comp. John Bowes, the M.E.Z. delivering the symbolic lecture, and E. Comp. Pearson the historic lecture. The excellent working of Comp. E. Tyson, P.S., was very noteworthy. At the conclusion of the ceremony a unanimous and cordial vote of thanks was accorded to E. Comp. Bowes for his valuable assistance, and the same was ordered to be entered on the minutes of the chapter. A code of bye-laws was submitted and approved, and ordered to be printed and circulated among the members. A joining companion having been proposed, and there being no further business, the chapter was closed with the usual solemnities, and the companions adjourned to refreshment. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been duly honoured, Comp. Bowes proposed "The Health of the Principals of the Chapter," and observed that it was evident they had determined to master the work, and thereby render No. 119 a model chapter for the province. The Principals in response acknowledged that it was their intention to profit by the instruction they were receiving at the hands of their Preceptor, and hoped ere long to be able to work the chapter within themselves. Comp. Gibson, P.Z., proposed the health of the newly exalted companion, and referred to the impressive manner the proceedings of the evening had been conducted throughout. Comp. Bentinck, M.P., responded at considerable length, and said he had been waiting for the R.A. degree thirty years, and he considered himself fortunate that the ceremony of his exaltation should have been performed by a companion so able. He had listened most attentively to the ceremony throughout, and he must confess that he had been both gratified and impressed. He also most acknowledge his obligation to Comp. Tyson, P.S., who had introduced him and conducted him through the ceremony. Comp. Bentinck then made known his intention to present to the chapter some valuable engravings of King Solomon's Temple, which he had purchased on the Continent. Comp. McKelvie next proposed the health of their esteemed visitor, Comp. John Bowes. They had all been edified with the manner he had rendered the beautiful ceremony of exaltation, and they were greatly indebted to Comp. Bowes for so readily, and he had no doubt at personal inconvenience, coming to Whitehaven to lend them a helping hand. He considered that the proceedings of that evening would do much to rekindle a love for R.A. Masonry. Comp. John Bowes acknowledged his obligation for the flattering notice which had been taken of his endeavours to render a beautiful ceremony intelligently. As regarded Chapter 119, he should not leave it till it could do its own work efficiently, and judging from what had been done in so short a time, he should not have to wait very long. The M.E.Z. then proposed "The Subordinate Officers of the chapter," and coupled with the toast the name of Comp. Tyson, P.S., whose working that evening had both surprised and pleased them. Comp. Tyson in returning thanks said that he believed all the officers, equally with himself, were determined to do their work, and thus raise the R.A. degree in Whitehaven to its proper position. The chapter was long in abeyance, and after its resuscitation, for some time it was in a weakly condition, he hoped, however, that now they had

the "will," the "way" was plain enough, and he, for his part, should most heartily co-operate with the Principals in their labour of love. The meeting broke up about ten.

Mark Masonry.

SOUTHWARK LODGE (No. 22).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday evening, at the Bridge House Hotel. Bro. Isaac J. Hooper Wilkins, W.M., opened the lodge. Bro. Meggy advanced Bros. Walker and Bryant, and afterwards installed Bro. Edward Spencer Stidolph in the chair, as successor to Bro. Wilkins. The officers for the year, invested by Bro. Stidolph, were as follows:—Bro. Wilkins, the P.M.; Bro. Sparks, S.W.; Bro. Joseph Spencer, J.W.; Bro. Captain Mason, M.O.; Bro. Gilbert, S.O.; Bro. Horton, J. O.; Bro. Harry Brett, Treasurer; Bro. John Read, Secretary; Bro. Van Baerle, S.D.; Bro. Foster, J.D.; and Bro. Austin, T. At the conclusion of the work of the lodge, which was admirably performed, the brethren partook of a choice banquet, supplied by Joseph Spencer, the proprietor of the Bridge House Hotel. The following brethren were present during the evening in addition to those named above—Colonel Burdett, Provi Grand Master Middlesex and Surrey; James Stevens, Past G.M.O.; H. W. Binckes, Assistant Grand Secretary; S. M. Lazarus, Thomas J. Sabine, Provincial Grand Secretary, Sussex; Charles Allen, Prov. G. Reg., W.M., Keystone; H. C. Lavender, Past G.D.; H. Massey, Past Grand Steward; and Bro. Poore, besides Bros. Hodges, Thornton and De Lacy, of Westminster Abbey, who sang a number of glees in beautiful style after the banquet was removed. The W.M. proposed the usual loyal and Mark Masonic toasts, and dwelt with particular emphasis on the strong Masonic feelings of Earl Percy, Grand Master, and the Earl of Limerick, Deputy Grand Master. With this latter toast he connected the name of Bro. Meggy, who, he said, gave him great pleasure, as that brother had been the Installing Master that evening. It was pleasant too to know that Bro. Meggy worked out of pure love for the Craft, and it was exceedingly gratifying to be installed by such a brother. Bro. Meggy said that he esteemed it a high honour to have his name associated with that of the Deputy Grand Master. The Earl of Limerick, and all the Grand Officers, were deeply imbued with a sense of the great responsibility of their different offices. All the Grand Officers had a great deal of work to do, though this was not generally known. But when they accepted their appointments they determined to do their work thoroughly and to the best of their ability. As the W.M. had spoken of him (Bro. Meggy) he would add that he was proud of having been elected an honorary member of the Southwark Lodge, and whenever he was asked to assist in its work he should be happy to do so. In giving the toast of "The Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex and Surrey," the W.M. expressed his pleasure that Colonel Burdett's many engagements had not prevented him visiting the Southwark Lodge that evening, and said that the presence of such distinguished brethren always brought these meetings to a pleasant issue. Col. Burdett, in reply, after expressing his gratification at being present, said that, as a Provincial Grand Master, he should be glad if he could call the Southwark Lodge his constituents; but it rested entirely with them whether they would be part of his province or not. He had been so much gratified with the working that evening that he should be pleased to have that lodge under his rule. The proceedings of the evening had been admirably conducted. The W.M. had been but a short time a Mark Mason, and he deserved great credit for his exertions. The high opinion entertained of him must be gathered from the number of brethren who were assembled to do him honour, and by his having been placed in the chair of the lodge, a position he would certainly not have gained but for the brethren's good

opinion. The Southwark Lodge was a body of men who practised the great Masonic principles, and he felt perfectly confident that it would, not only in the province, but in the whole Masonic world, hold a very high and eminent position. He hoped he might be called upon to assist at many of the future proceedings of the lodge, though he could scarcely expect to be, as his reign was fast drawing to a close, and it depended on the brethren whom they would appoint as Grand Master of the province for the next three years. He would add that he felt very grateful to the brethren for the support they had given to him during the time he had held the office of Prov. G. Master. Bro. Meggy proposed "The W.M.," and mentioned that it had given him great pleasure to be the installing officer. The W.M. was very attentive to his duties, and had never been absent from lodge at any one meeting since he had been a member. Many after a time sank down, but if all the brethren imitated the W.M. of the Southwark Lodge the lodges would be well supported. He held him up as an example worthy of imitation. The W.M. said he had been very fortunate in reaching his position, but he certainly felt very great interest in the lodge and in the degree. He determined from the very first day he came into the Southwark Mark Lodge to make it a hobby of his own, whether he was Master in one or two years or not. There was before the brethren a fine opportunity for making the lodge an object of envy and jealousy to lodges which far outstripped it in the number of its members. The brethren were very zealous, and when a man threw his will into any matter it was only a question of time when he would be successful. Now he should throw himself into the work and do all he could to make the lodge prosper. He was well supported by his officers, and it was his stern purpose that, during his year of office, he would labour so hard that it should be very difficult for his successor to outdo him. He would try to make the lodge such that it should always be a pleasure for a brother to come into it. The W.M. then proposed "The Immediate Past Master, Bro. Wilkins," and after complimenting him on having brought the lodge to its present state of perfection, presented him with a handsome P.M. jewel. Bro. Wilkins, in acknowledging the compliment, said that this jewel was the first that had ever been presented to him, although he had many, and he should value it for that alone. But he should have the greater pride in wearing it inasmuch as he was almost the first Master who resuscitated the Southwark Mark Lodge. He knew the present Master would follow in his footsteps, and do all he could for the lodge, and at the next installation meeting he hoped the lodge would be found even in a much better position than it was in now. From what he knew of the W.M. he felt that it would be so. Bro. Bryant replied for "The newly-advanced Brethren," and Bro. S. M. Lazarus for "The Visitors." The latter brother, after saying he was 76 years of age, and had been 52 years a Mason, claimed the credit of Bro. Wilkins being in his present position. He (Bro. Lazarus) had been instrumental, by his influence with Earl Percy and the Grand Secretary, in raising the lodge from a low position to a high one. Bro. Sparks responded for "The Officers." Bro. Wilkins proposed "Bro. John Read, P.M.," who 15 or 18 months ago took the lodge in hand, and to whom its present prosperity was due. Their W.M. had said that it was due to him (Bro. Wilkins); but it was not so. He might have contributed to it, but if it had not been for the exertions of Bro. Read, all that he (Bro. Wilkins) could have done would have been as nought. Bro. John Read said he was very much pleased at being credited with such good service, and it was highly gratifying to find that the lodge was now a thoroughly good lodge. The officers would all be at their posts and would assist the W.M. in carrying on the work that was begun. The brethren had been far too flattering to him, but he would try and deserve what they had expressed. Thanks were then accorded to the musical brethren, Bros. Hodges, Thornton, and De Lacy, and Bro. Hodges having replied, the brethren separated, after having passed a charming evening.

Scotland.

GLASGOW.

MOTHER LODGE, KILWINNING (No. 9). On Thursday, 12th inst., at noon, the large number of candidates for initiation in the Mother Lodge that were ever presented at any one meeting on record were duly initiated here. They were mostly from Glasgow, and came down under the auspices of Bros. Tweed and Dunlop. After labour, the brethren and visitors sat together in the Eglinton Arms, and spent a very agreeable evening, until the Glasgow contingent had to betake them to the railway station for their return home.

LODGE ST. MARK (102) met in their hall, 213, Buchanan-street, on 9th inst., Bro. J. Mitchell, R.W.M., presiding; with Bro. Thomas Kerr and D. F. Forfar as acting S.W. and acting J.W. respectively. The lodge had been opened in the Apprentice degree, and Secretary, Bro. Neilson, read the minutes of the meeting, which were confirmed. Bro. J. Smith, from Lodge St. Mungo (27), was then affiliated as a member of this lodge. Thereafter the nomination of office-bearers for the ensuing year was proceeded with, which having been accomplished, and there being no other business before the meeting, the lodge was duly closed.

LODGE STAR (219).—The usual fortnightly meeting of this lodge was held in their hall, 12, Trovigate, on Monday, 9th inst. The chair was occupied by the R.W.M., Bro. James Wilson, by whom three candidates were duly initiated into the mysteries of the first degree. Thereafter, the chairman called the attention of the brethren to a large and fine emblematic picture newly hung in the lodge room above the door west, and which he stated he had received on behalf of the lodge from an American brother, Bro. Irah Chase, of Kane Lodge, 454, F. and A.M., New York. Along with the picture he had received a note from Bro. Chase, who the secretary, Bro. Miller, read to the meeting, and in which the writer stated that he asked the lodge's acceptance of the picture as a testimonial of fraternal regard and in token of the very kind reception he had experienced from his brethren of the Lodge Star on occasion of a visit to the lodge about two years ago. In proposing that the gift be entered on the minutes, and a note of acknowledgment forwarded to Bro. Chase—which was unanimously and heartily agreed to—the chairman remarked that it was quite obvious that they in Scotland (he could not say in England) were not so enthusiastic as American Masons. A request of the chairman, an American brother, Bro. Starkey, who was on the dais, then gave a brief description of some points in the working of Craft Masonry in America different from that in this country; after which the proceedings to the nomination of office-bearers which concluded the business.

LODGE ST. GEORGE (333) held their monthly meeting in the hall, 213, Buchanan-street, Wednesday, the 11th inst. The R.W.M., Bro. John Winton, presided; Bro. Finlay, S.W.; Brother J. Forsyth, J.W.; and Archibald McIntyre, Secretary. The only business of importance transacted was the nomination of office-bearers.

LODGE ATHOLE (413) held their fortnightly meeting in the hall, at 213, Buchanan-street, on the 10th inst., when two candidates took the Apprentice degree, the R.W.M., Bro. John Wallace, presiding. There was no business of importance.

LODGE GLASGOW (441) held their monthly meeting in the Masonic Hall, Struthers-street, Calton, on the 10th inst. Bro. W. H. Jackson, R.W.M., occupied the chair, and there was a large attendance. The business in chief of the meeting was the election of office-bearers for the ensuing year, after which several brethren were initiated and raised to the sublime degree of Master. Thereafter the lodge was closed, and ancient formalities were observed.

LODGE ST. VINCENT (553).—This lodge held their weekly meeting in the hall, at 162, Cent-road, on Thursday, the 12th inst. In the absence of the R.W.M. (Bro. R. M. Dougal) the chair was ably occupied by the D.M., Bro. Malcolm Stark. The lodge having been opened in the first degree, the Secretary (Bro. Talley) read the minutes of the last meeting, which, after being slightly supplemented, were approved and passed. The only business of importance was the raising of two Entered Apprentices to the Fellow Craft degree, which was performed in full and impressive style by the R.W.M. This young lodge—for it is one of the youngest in the province—appears to be prosperous and progressing to a degree.

"GLASGOW" ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER (No. 1000) held their regular monthly meeting in the Masonic Hall, 213, Buchanan-street, on Thursday, the 12th inst. A large number of Masonic celebrities were present on the occasion, among whom we observed H. J. Shields, 33°, John Miller, James Duthie, Julius Brodè, J. O. Park, J. F. Mitchell, all Principals, and a goodly gathering of the members of the chapter. Bro. M. Taylor, M.M., of Lodge St. John, No. 28, (Kirkintulloch) was received into the chapter, and carefully instructed in the secrets of the 1st degree, by Companion Miller. Three other brethren were exalted to the Royal Arch degree, viz.—Andrew Wilson, James Fraser, and John Barton Hardie, the ceremony being performed by Companion J. Duthie, Z. of Chapter 67, ably assisted by Companion Colin McKenzie as 1st Soj. (an office which he filled in a most admirable manner for the first time). The principal business of the evening was the promotion of Companion Duthie to the 50th rank on his new office-bearers, whom he highly eulogised, for the manner in which they performed their various parts, particularly the splendid success of Companion McKenzie's efforts as 1st S., he (Companion Duthie) begged to testify that he had never seen more efficient duties of that office more efficiently performed than they had been that night by Companion McKenzie. It augured well for the future success of the chapter that they had such men to fill its various offices as he saw and him. Companion Miller, 1st P., No. 1000, in thanking Companion Duthie for the kind remarks he had made on the Chapter, its officers, and its work, corroborated what he had said as to the manner in which Companion McKenzie had fulfilled the duties of his office; inspired him, Companion Miller, with courage and confidence, to find himself so well supported in his subordinate office-bearers, and no office in the Chapter, not excepting that of 1st P., contributed more to the beauty of its work than that of 1st S., when properly maintained as it was that night by Companion McKenzie. The chapter was thereafter closed in due and proper form.

CONSECRATION OF THE MADOC LODGE (1509).

No part of the United Kingdom is freer than in making more rapid progress than in any other principality, which is borne out by the fact that in the Province of North Wales and Shropshire one lodge was consecrated at Amlwch, in 1852, about six weeks ago, and now we have recorded the establishment of the above lodge at the rising town and Seaport, Portcarn, in Carnarvonshire; nor, is this to be wondered at when we consider the loyalty of the Welsh countrymen and their close allegiance to Protestant faith, and of whom it can, with truth and sincerity, be said that, "in all times of difficulty and danger they put their trust in God." In no part of the province was a lodge more needed, as there are computed to be in Carnarvon and its environs no less than seventy lodges, to whom the want was greatly felt. Accordingly the Grand Lodge was petitioned with a gratifying result, that on the 29th ult., the R.W.M., Bro. Sir Watkin Williams Wynn, P.G.M., held an Especial Grand Lodge (which is the custom in this province) for the

purpose of consecrating the Madoc Lodge No. 1509, at the Queen's Hotel.

The V.W. Bro. W. J. J. Goldsboro, P.P.G.S.W. of the province, was deputed by the R.W. Prov. G.M. to perform the ceremony, and among the distinguished brethren present were Bros. W. H. Spaul, P.G. Sec.; J. Peters, P.G.S.D., P.M. 597; G. Wood, P.G.S.W., W.M. 1224; W. Spraggon, P.G. Reg.; G. L. Woodley, P.G., S. of W., I.P.M. 755; Thos. Armstrong, P.G. Treas. of West Lancashire; J. Skeaf, P.G. Org. of West Lancashire; C. H. Rees, W.M. 606; T. Parmeter, W.M. 1309; Bremner Smith, S.W. 2403; S. Haslitt, J.W. 1432; T. R. Morris, S.D. 998; T. S. L. Kyffin, J.W. 1113; Sir Llewellyn Turner, Ex-Mayor of Carnarvon, 606; G. T. Picton Jones, Mayor of Pwllheli 606; Dr. R. A. Jones, P.M. 606; &c. The musical part of the ceremony was conducted by Bro. J. Skeaf, P.M., P.G. Org. of West Lancashire, assisted by Bros. Armstrong, Haswell, Harrison, and T. J. Hughes. The brethren assembled in the ante-room, about half past three o'clock, and entered the room, the consecrating officer took the Master's chair, Bro. Peters, P.M., the S.W.'s, and Bro. Woodley, the J.W.'s, and the lodge was opened in the three degrees and the brethren of the new lodge arranged in order. After a voluntary by Bro. Skeaf, the R.W.P.G.M. and Prov. G. Lodge entered and saluted by the brethren with true Masonic cheers, and after the usual formulae peculiar to the ceremony, the lodge was uncovered, and three P.M.'s carried corn, wine and oil round, and while Bro. Skeaf's beautiful Anthem, "Glory to God" was given, the Acting Chaplain, Rev. Bro. T. L. Kyffin carried the censer round. The second portion of the consecration ceremony was then proceeded with and brought to a close with Bro. Skeaf's Anthem.

After all under the rank of P.M. had retired, and the W.M., Bro. Edward Bresse, Prov. G. Reg. of Herefordshire installed, the brethren were re-admitted and saluted him in the three degrees. The following were then invested as first officers of the lodge, viz.: Bros. Thos. Casson, S.W.; Cornelius Davies, J.W.; Dr. Jones Morris, Sec.; W. G. Casson, Treas.; Dr. Roberts (represented on account of illness by S. Greaves), S.D.; J. E. Greaves, J.D.; Robt. Evens, J.G.; O. M. Roberts, S.S.; Morris Jones, J.S.; Edward Phycce, D. of C. The lodge is fortunate in having as its first I.P.M., Bro. J. W. Wallace, P.M. 1172, &c. The lodge was then closed in solemn form by the W.M., after having proposed that Bro. Goldsboro be elected an honorary member of the lodge. It should be stated that the whole of the furniture, clothing, officers' jewels, &c., with the exception of the Triangle and Ashlar, the gift of Bro. Haslitt, were supplied by Bro. Geo. Kenning, Little Britain, London, and gave universal satisfaction on account of their chaste workmanship and finish.

The brethren then repaired to the Sportsman Hotel, where a banquet awaited them, and after the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, the Chairman, R.W. Bro. Sir W. Wynn proposed the health of the newly installed W.M., Bro. Edward Bresse, in doing which he said that the brethren of the new lodge were particularly fortunate in having as their first W.M. a man of the social standing as Bro. Bresse, he being, the R.W. chairman believed, the chairman of every board in the district, and when he fulfilled those duties so well, he was sure that his duties in the Master's chair would be as satisfactorily carried out. (Received with immense cheering and Masonic honours.)

The W.M. in responding said: I thank you, Right Worshipful Sir, for the very kind manner in which you have proposed my health, and after the hearty response I feel I can hardly say anything. The W.M. continuing said he believed after the toast of the W.M., Bro. Skeaf must have found out his name when he introduced the last song into the programme "Blow Breezes Blow." (Laughter). He could scarcely express his gratitude for the handsome way in which the R.W. chairman had spoken of him, in fact he had spoken too well by far of him. Referring to the lodge's choice of him as W.M., he said he did not pretend to be an experienced

Mason, (would that we all were as good Masons as we ought to be!) and he felt his deficiency, and did not wish to accept the post, but pressure was brought to bear upon him so that at last he consented; not that he thought he was duly qualified, far from it, he was a very poor Mason. (No, no.) If not then, however disqualified he might be, he felt it incumbent upon him to do his utmost to promote the dignity and usefulness of the Order. He believed that in the innermost recesses of their lodges, beneath the ceremonies they had seen to-day in these convivialities, and even in outside display there were underlying great principles of Ethics and Christianity, which should make, more than Masons, thoroughly good men of them all. If in the Madoc Lodge they could display a just appreciation of the principles on which the great Order is founded, it would show that it was not in vain that a lodge had been established in this town. In conclusion he thanked the R.W.P.G.M. for presiding. He was always ready to do anything for his fellow countrymen, whether as Masons, as agriculturists, or as Welshmen. His motto seemed to be "always to the fore," wherever and whenever Welshmen were to be encouraged or benefited. After the usual toasts the Tyler's brought a very pleasant evening, and one never to be forgotten by those present, to a close.

CONSECRATION OF A ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER AT ST. AUSTELL.

On Thursday, the 12th inst., Bro. Sir Fredk. Martin Williams, Bart., M.P., and D.P.G.M. of Cornwall (in the absence of Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgcombe, P.G.M.), consecrated a Royal Arch Chapter, at St. Austell, in the presence of a very large number of the fraternity of the province, including Bro. Col. Peard, P.D.P.G.M.; E. L. Carlyon, P. G. Sec., S.W. *pro tem.*; A. A. Davies, P.G.W.; the Rev. A. H. Ferris, P.G.C., and others.

The interesting ceremony was performed according to ancient custom, and at its conclusion Sir Frederick spoke of the great pleasure which it gave him to be present, and congratulated the St. Austell brethren on the successful issue of their undertaking. He also expressed the hope that they would prosper in the future as they had done in the past, and that peace and harmony might ever be found within the walls of their lodge. He deeply regretted the absence of the Earl of Mount Edgcombe, and said he was quite sure that the whole of the brethren present would join him in a vote of condolence to his lordship on the severe loss which he had recently sustained.

This was seconded and carried unanimously.

After the business of the lodge had been disposed of the brethren adjourned to the White Hart Hotel, where Bro. Gregory provided them with an excellent dinner.

Sir F. M. Williams presided, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given.

In proposing the health of Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Sir Frederick said they would all regret exceedingly that they had lost their Grand Master, as well as the causes that led to it, but, on the other hand, every member of the order would be gratified to know that they would have as a successor to the Marquis of Ripon, the first gentleman in England and its future king. The importance of this it was not easy to estimate, and he hoped it would not be in his time that any further change would be made.

The toast was drunk with great cordiality. Other toasts followed and an enjoyable evening was passed.

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AFTER-DINNER SPEECHES.

The time was, even in all our memories, when the after-dinner speeches of our good old Order, were something very peculiarly striking in themselves. We remember, (years ago, it is now, alas!) that a friend of ours, a non-Mason walked into our room, and taking up the then Freemason's Magazine and Masonic Mirror scanned curiously its contents. "Ah!" he exclaimed, at last, "old fellow, I never did read such bosh as these speeches!" Well, we knew the speech to which he alluded, and so we admitted at once the soft impeachment, but said, (for it was all we could say) that, it was an "after-dinner speech." Some years ago, assuredly, our Masonic after-dinner speeches were but little to be commended, as a rule, and even the brethren complained of them. But, like as in all other things, both mundane and Masonic, improvement has set in. The Masonic schoolmaster has taught us to mind our P's and Q's, and the staple of our after-dinner speeches is now much a-head of what it used to be, say, twenty-five years ago. Of course every now and then some brother, some "enfant terrible" of Freemasonry, says just the thing he ought not to say. Still the "outcome" of many an eloquent oration, and many a burning peroration is neither very wise, nor very Masonic, and it may be true in its measure that Freemasonry, like Liberty, has many follies committed in its august name; has too often to implore in pathetic accents, "Save me! oh, save me from a candid friend!" Our opinion long has been that speeches, to be thoroughly good, ought to be alike pithy and pointed, short and telling, and the best speeches we have ever listened to, were delivered by those who knew what they were talking about, and felt that to be diffuse or verbose, or repetitive, could only mar their eloquence and bore their brethren. As a general rule, latterly, after-dinner speeches have been marked by excellent taste, and have been very much to the point. If injudicious remarks have been made from time to time, the brother might say, as the gentleman once said, who made a most inappropriate speech, "I beg your pardon, brethren, but I have lost one of my front teeth, and a word will fall out every now and then, which I can't keep in." Freemasons are very tolerant and are always ready to make allowance for timid, or bashful, or nervous speakers, though they are, and ought to have but little sympathy for the brother who cannot make a speech, or sing a song, or offer a sentiment. He is evidently one of our useless drones, of whom not a few seem to like to feed on the honey of our meritorious and hard-working Masonic bees. We always think, too, what a great pity it is, if anything is ever said on a festive occasion, or by those in authority, to mar the happiness of the hour, or inflict pain on the feelings of any worthy brethren, if even they be a little sensitive. Whether the gathering be Masonic or non-Masonic, it is clearly unjustifiable to seize an

occasion of a public character, to make "a liverance" on account of some personal view special idiosyncracies. But at a Masonic festival is most clearly out of place and wrong on a true principle of Freemasonry, and when we see such occurrences as Masonic journalists, we have a duty to perform to the Craft, which we always endeavoured and always shall endeavour to perform, without fear and without favour, our motto being "Fiat Justitia ruat cælum." Our attention has been called to a speech published in the Western Mail, and reproduced in our impression of Nov. 14th. All speeches thus publicly uttered and published become a subject for fair, general, and journalistic comment. We allude to the speech of the Past Master for the Eastern Division of South Wales, Mr. Bro. Theodore M. Talbot, which was recorded in the Western Mail, and loudly applauded by our brethren apparently, and has since been referred to our columns. Swansea is a town of 70,000 inhabitants, which has several lodges, the Indefatigable and the Talbot. Talbot alludes to the fact, to use his own words, not ours, that a "proposal" had been made to form a third lodge for Swansea, and goes on to say that "though he was glad to see that Masonry was so flourishing in South Wales he believed at the present moment three lodges in South Wales were not necessary." We think that by a mistake of the printer "South Wales" is here substituted for "Swansea," as it is that in the "Masonic Calendar nine lodges set down to South Wales Eastern Division have always understood that in matters of Masonry as well as in matters Masonic, no allusion is generally made to a question "sub judice." Prov. G. M., Bro. Talbot, when he made his after-dinner speech at Aberavon, knew that the question upon which he so decisively gave his opinion was practically now before the Master. And though we hope that we will not imitate his indiscretion, we cannot forbear to say, that such a speech, at such a time, and in such a place, is not only disrespectful either, to the Grand Master or to the Grand Secretary, or the undoubted private property of his brethren, as laid down in the Book of Constitutions. Bro. Talbot, as P.G.M., has a right, at a proper time, and in a proper place, to express his opinion, to which all claims of attention will be paid, but he has no right to venture to apprehend as impartial judge while the above matter is before the Master, to advert to a subject which is "in lite," according to the rights of the brethren, and the limits of comment prescribed by our most admired Book of Constitutions. We say this in all respect to Bro. Talbot, as we believe him to be a true Mason, and we know him to be a true ruler in the Craft.

ANOTHER ATTACK ON FREEMASONRY.

It is announced, apparently by the Review in the December number of the Freemasonry, written by an Archdeacon, and to that time unmentioned. The writer is a

in more than one daily and weekly journal, and too probably may turn out to be true. For much as we regret that any religious body, whether the Church of Rome or any other community, should commence a perverse assault on our peaceful order, yet like "Japhet in search of a father" we shall take it very "coolly." We have no apprehension of our antagonists, we have no fear for the result of their separate or combined aggression. It seems, however, as if the "mot d'ordre" just now of the Roman Catholic Church was to attack Freemasons anywhere. Abroad in all Roman Catholic countries the incriminations of Freemasonry are many and serious, from the unscrupulous pens of Jesuit and Ultramontane writers, all composed, apparently, according to "order," and sparing neither the violence of accusation nor the "acrimony of reproach." Indeed if we were to put together all the charges made against our peaceful and friendly Order, made, we repeat, just now by heated religionists of various denominations, we might derive an edifying example how good men, even, when it suits their purpose, can indulge in controversial "Billingsgate" and how very uncharitable, unwise, very unfair, and very untrue they can render their remarks and statements when directed against opponents. The object of this last Roman Catholic crusade is not very easy to realize. That astute and cautious body, as a general rule, does not care to commit itself to a useless contest, yet just now without any seeming rhyme or reason, it has thrown itself with hot taste into the arena, and challenged, as it were, Freemasonry everywhere with sweeping charges of unsoundness and ill-doings of every kind. Indeed there are few charges which they have not reaped on the heads of us devoted Freemasons. Indifferent, irreligious, Voltarian, Deistical, Atheistical, socialistic, profane, revolutionary, lestructive, impious, children of Satan, the raft of the evil one, members of that Grand Lodge whose Grand Master is Satan, are a few of the choice epithets which have appeared in print, and which educated men have not been ashamed to apply to our unoffending and inoffensive brotherhood. What the object of the Church of Rome, for she is the chief offender, can be in thus openly ignoring or violating every injunction or condition of good sense or fair play, we do not pretend to understand. It may be, as a facetious friend of ours puts it, "she may wish to keep her hand in for the excommunicating process." Or she may desire to divert the attention of her members from internal dissensions, and divergences of thought and teaching, by making war against a common enemy, as she proclaims Freemasonry to be. Whatever her motive really is, we venture to think that her "overt act" of tolerant condemnation is a most mistaken one, and one that will inevitably recoil upon herself, and that, like the assailant of old, she will be hoisted by her own petard." Freemasonry cares nothing for such attacks. Even abroad, here in some countries, the Freemasons, by wise addresses and questionable arrangements, have laid themselves open, to some extent, to the charges of their Roman Catholic adversaries, we do not believe that the Church of Rome will be so much by her "little game." And at home, here Freemasonry is absolutely free from any

such charges, where the religion and the loyalty of Freemasons are both conspicuous and undoubted, such attacks not only can make no impression, but they will hardly be noticed by our fraternity. As far as they have gone in England they have resolved themselves into this, that we are a non-Christian organisation, and that we are a secret society. Non-Christian we are not, as opposed to Christians, but universal we are, in our scope and constitution. We are permitted to meet as a secret Order by the Legislative of our land, and we apprehend that no one else, least of all Roman Catholics, have anything to do with the matter. And, therefore we shall go on our way, neither afraid nor ashamed to own ourselves Freemasons, but under our Royal Grand Master, and with those august personages and Royal brethren who are numbered among our rulers, shall persevere in our works of beneficence and sympathy and good will. Thus we shall demonstrate to the world, how false are the calumnies of our adversaries, how cruel and unmerited are the slanders and vituperation of our unreasoning opponents, in that our profession and practice go hand in hand, and we actually do, (good example for them), what we continually and habitually teach.

OUR ROYAL BROTHER PRINCE LEOPOLD.

OUR brethren will be glad to perceive, by the report we print in another column, that our Royal Brother has taken the Second Degree. We do not say this with any desire of intruding on the privacy of the lodge proceedings, or of appearing to parade the fact of one of the Royal Family being amongst us. But in these days of such continued aggression on Freemasonry, it is well for us, we think, to note how our Royal brethren have evidently "counted the cost" of Masonic membership; how quietly they persevere in the discharge of its duties and the development of its privileges; and how satisfactory it is for us all to feel, that Freemasonry has equally for them as for ourselves the constant claim of hearty adherence and admiring appreciation.

Original Correspondence.

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

THE ORDERS OF THE TEMPLE AND MALTA.

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Sir Knt. Coomb and J. C. G. L. for their digest of the statutes and for the gratifying information that a Preceptor, so long as he continues a subscribing member of any preceptory, retains the rank and privileges of a preceptor after he shall have ceased to preside over a preceptory. Having got so satisfactory a rendering of the statutes as to the rights and privileges of a Preceptor, acting or otherwise, let us see if we can elicit and trace any advantage in continuing active attention and devotion to the Order after the rank or degree of a Preceptor has been attained. It is the "hope of reward that sweetens labour" and keeps the feeling alive that leads us, after we have served one office to aspire to another, and persevere until we

attain the object of our ambition, thereby keeping alive that honest, pleasant and friendly emulation which has proved so advantageous to our Masonic charities and system, and gives satisfaction and gratification to those who obtained the badge of merit and ability. Since the new statutes came in force there has not been that interest exhibited that I have known and been accustomed to amongst Knights Templar; what is the reason? is it because the reward—that distinctive badge—has been removed and that there is now no distinction in dress between the *most active* and *most indolent* members of the Order? We wonder if there be anarchy in the Order and a desire to retrace our steps—if the distinctive insignia of past rank is everywhere removed and not allowed beyond the degree of Preceptor. I am just thinking we must be silly mortals, hard up for something better to do, if we continue year after year to spend our time and money for the mere sake of doing so and without any chance of reward, but that cannot be, for even under the present regime we have Great Officers and Officers in our Great Priory and Provincial Priors. Surely there is some deficiency in these. A Knight appointed to "Great" office in the Great Priory or Provincial Priory must surely bear some distinctive badge and enjoy some privilege higher than that enjoyed by a Knight who has simply been appointed an officer, after they shall both have retired from office. What is the advantage? Does the Great Officer retain the badge of the office he has served to enjoy the privileges thereof on the same principle as a Preceptor? If this is not so, and I am informed it is not, what inducement is there for one who has served the office and obtained the degree of Preceptor to continue his attendance and services, sometimes at great inconvenience and expense, or care to accept office in the Provincial Priory the mantle and insignia of which may fall from him any day and for ever. He must be an enthusiast indeed who will accept office, take long journies, spend his time and money for the purpose of discharging the duties of an office from which he knows he will ultimately have to retire, as he began, with no recognition for his services. If I misapprehend the status of an executive or great officer I shall be glad to be enlightened. W. A.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

X. Y. Z. says, page 698, Nov. 7th, 1874: "There has been no severance of the Masonic connection, but the reverse." That being so, why drop the word "Masonic" from the title of the order? It looks very much like wishing a severance, and if quietly allowed to go on will some day, no doubt, be used as an argument in favour of dropping the connection altogether. What is the use of keeping up a connection and being ashamed to own the relationship? He says the Masonic prefix is of recent origin in England, and has not been used in the statutes of either the Irish or Scotch conclaves. I have always understood that the order of Knights Templar was essentially a Masonic order. I have also been informed that the attempt made in Scotland thirty years ago to effect a separation from its Masonic foundations brought the order to grief, and that the injudicious step had to be retraced at the revival in 1856. Will some good Brother Knight of Scotland give us the history and a report of the proceedings at the revival above referred to? 31, Oldham Road, Rochdale. W. D.

WAS THE POPE A FREEMASON?

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

On my return to England, after an absence of several weeks, I have read with some interest the correspondence which has appeared in *The Freemason* on the subject of Pope Pius IX. being a Mason, and I observe that in an editorial note to the letter of Bro. W. E. Gumbleton, P.G.D., in your paper of the 7th instant, you say that "up to this time"

satisfactory or reliable evidence has been offered by anyone." The Pope, notwithstanding his bulls and fulminations against Freemasonry, I have always understood, and have seen it more than once stated, was a member of our Order; and, although I do not now remember on what authority, that he at one time belonged to one of the lodges in Palermo, as mentioned by Bro. Gumbleton. My impression on this subject is confirmed by the enclosed paragraph cut from the *Milwaukee Sentinel*, one of the most respectable newspapers in the North Western States of America, and is published by that paper on the authority of the *Voice of Masonry*, a well-known American periodical. If this authority is to be relied on, it would appear that Pope Pius IX., whose name is Mastai Ferretti, was a Freemason, and, for his perjury, was expelled from the Order on the 27th March last, by a decree of the Grand Lodge of the Orient at Palermo, which decree, it is said, was signed by King Victor Emanuel, the Grand Master of the Orient of Italy, and was published in an official Masonic paper at Cologne, with the minutes of the lodge in which he was initiated. Trusting that this information may lead to the discovery of the "reliable evidence" sought for,

I am, yours faithfully,

B. BROUGHTON.

Bradford, 10th Nov., 1874.

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"THE POPE EXCOMMUNICATED."

"The *Voice of Masonry* publishes the following: At the semi-annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of Masons, Scottish Rite of the Orient of Palermo, Italy, on the 27th of March last, Pope Pius IX. was excommunicated from the Order. The decree of expulsion was published in the official Masonic paper at Cologne, Germany, and is preceded by the minutes of the lodge in which he was initiated, and is as follows: 'A man named Mastai Ferretti, who received the baptism of Freemasonry, and solemnly pledged his love and fellowship, and who afterwards was crowned pope and king, under the title of Pío Ninth, has now cursed his former brethren and excommunicated all members of the Order of Freemasons. Therefore, said Mastai Ferretti is herewith, by decree of the Grand Lodge of the Orient, Palermo, expelled from the Order for perjury.' The charges against him were first prepared in his lodge at Palermo in 1865, and notification and copy thereof sent to him, with a request to attend the lodge for the purpose of answering the same. To this he made no reply, and, for divers reasons, the charges were not pressed until he urged the bishops of Brazil to act aggressively towards the Freemasons. Then they were pressed, and, after a regular trial, a decree of expulsion was entered and published, the same being signed by Victor Emanuel, King of Italy, and the Grand Master of the Orient of Italy."

MASONIC LEGENDS.

BY BRO. WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

In continuing my communications on the above subject, and as to some being in all probability the adoption of legends originally unconnected with Freemasonry, I have much pleasure in presenting the following extract from an old work which has been kindly lent me for perusal by my esteemed Bro. W. Clarke, jun., of Shepton Mallet.

The title is, "An Historical Catechism, containing ingenious answers to many notable questions of several wonderful matters in ancient history, as, What is the opinion of all our historians about the apple Old Mother Eve tempted Adam withal: Why the devil should take the shape of a serpent: Of the building of the Tower of Babel, &c., &c."

PART I.

Register'd in the Hall Book of the Company of Stationers."

The size is 12mo., and the pages are numbered 1 to 24. There is no date now on the title-page, but evidently was printed 1700, or earlier. The two questions of importance to our present enquiry are (pp. 10—11) —

Q. "Was there ever any attempt made to rebuild the Temple of Jerusalem?"

A. "Yes. Julian Apostate, Emp. of Rome, who was once a Christian, but afterwards return'd to idolatry, resolved to rebuild the same in despite of Christ, and that this prophecy might not prove true, *that one stone shall not be left upon another*; but when the workmen were laying the foundation a dreadful earthquake happened, and fire issued out of the earth and destroy'd all the men and dispersed all the stones, so that there was not one stone but was separated from another."

Q. "What happen'd at their laying a Foundation?"

A. "There was a stone which slipt from its place and discover'd the mouth of a Cave cut in a Rock. The overseers of the work not being able to see to the bottom of it let down a Labourer by a Rope, being come to the bottom, he was up to the Ancles in Water, and found the place Four-square, and laying his hand on a little Pillar above Water he met with a Book wrapt up in a clean Linnen Cloth, being drawn up the Spectators were amaz'd it should be so fresh lying in such a dark Hole.

"The Book being open'd surpriz'd both the Jews and Grecians that were present: they found in the beginning of it these words writ in Capital Letters—'IN THE BEGINNING WAS THE WORD AND THE WORD WAS WITH GOD AND THE WORD WAS GOD.'"

"And indeed, saith the Historian, that Scripture did manifestly contain all the Gospel which the belov'd Disciple St. John had declared."

With respect to the date, I should say that the little pamphlet is bound up with two others, the first being "Testament of the Twelve Patriarchs, The Sons of Jacob, Translated out of Greek into Latine by Robert Grosthead, sometimes Bishop of Lincoln—and out of his copy into French and Dutch by others, and now Englished. To the Credit whereof, an ancient Greek copy, written on parchment, is kept in the University Library of Cambridge, (Woodcut). London, printed for T. Milbourn for the Company of Stationers. 1699.

Then follows the Catechism, and finally the "Holy Disciple, or the History of Joseph Arimathea, Being a true Account of his Birth and Parentage, his Country, Education, Piety, his begging of Pontius Pilate, the Body of our blessed Saviour, and burying him in a Sepulchre of his own. How he came to England and first preached the Gospel at *Glassenbury*, in *Somersetshire*, in memory of which there is still growing the Noted White Thorn, that buds every *Christmas Day*, in the *morning*, blossoms at noon, and fades at night; with his Life, Death, and Burial (wood cut)."

Lower part of title page is gone. Size is also 12mo., and pamphlet consists of 8 pp. We give the above to assist in the date being decided of No. 2, as they were evidently issued about the same time. Those who, interested in the account of the "Miraculous Thorn," should consult its history, which has been written lately by Bro. Thomas Sampson, F.R.H.S., of Preston Road, Yeovil.

But to return to the Catechism of, say, A.D. 1700, in which we have printed a legend which has been incorporated in "the Royal Arch Degree."

I wrote my friend Bro. Walter Spencer respecting its contents, and received from him a quotation from Godfrey Higgins' "Anacalypsis," vol. 1, which is said to have been taken from a work by Nicphorus Callistus, Lib. x., cap 23 (presumed to be a Byzantine writer), which, strange to say, is almost identical with the extract from the "Catechism," and for the transcript of which I am much indebted to Bro. Spencer, to whom—and to Bro. Clarke—I beg to express my thanks for such fraternal assistance in my researches.

"The time the foundation was laid one of the stones to which the lowest part of the foundation was attached was removed and showed the mouth of a cavern in the rock. Not being able to see to the bottom, the overseers let down a workman by means of a rope. When at the bottom he found himself up to his ancles in water, and, on examination, by feeling, he

found the cave to be square. On searching nearer the opening he found a pillar little higher than the water, and upon it a book carefully folded in clean linen. This he secured and was drawn up. The book seemed fresh and untouched, to the astonishment of the beholders. Both the Jews and Greeks were amazed to read. 'In the beginning was the word, and the word was with God, and the word was God.' To speak clearly, the writing here discovered most evidently contain all that Gospel which was uttered by the divine tongue of the virgin disciple."

May I ask the assistance of my good brother, the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, in determining the date of issue of the *Catechism*, and likewise to decide when the legend was first promulgated, or when it can first be traced in MS. and print?

I shall continue my researches, and anticipate further revelations soon, in response to our united and energetic examinations of Records and MSS.

CONSECRATION OF THE BERTIE LODGE (No. 1515) AT OXFORD.

On Friday, Nov. 6th, a meeting was held at the Apollo University Masonic Hall, for the purpose of consecrating the Bertie Lodge, No. 1515. The University Lodge had been kindly lent for the occasion by R. W. Bro. F. Morrell, of the Apollo Lodge.

The brethren assembled at the lodge about half-past three o'clock, and shortly afterwards the procession of Prov. Grand, and Past Pro Grand Officers entered the lodge. As the procession was entering the following verses were chanted by the brethren, under the direction of Bro. Hallowell:—

"Except the Lord build the house their labour is but lost that build it. Except the Lord be the city the watchman waketh but in vain. is but lost labour that ye haste to rise up early and so late take rest and eat the bread of carefulness, for so He giveth His beloved sleep."

The presiding officer, W. Bro. R. J. Spiers, F.S.A., P.G.S.B., D. Prov. G.H. of Oxfordshire, who had been appointed by the Acting P.G. R. W. Bro. Æ. J. McIntyre, G.C., Grand Registrar in charge of the province, to undertake ceremony, then took the chair, and with Pickard, P.M., as S.W., the lodge was opened the first degree. The P.S.G.W. Bro. Morrell (W.M. of the University Lodge) then addressed the presiding officer, stating the object of the meeting and the wishes of the brethren. The Secretary had read the petition and warrant and the brethren of the new lodge had signified their approval of the officers designate of Bertie Lodge in the usual manner, the officers, who were, Bros. Galpin, Mayo, Oxford, W.M. designate; Jason Saunders, designate; Eagleston, J.W. designate.

The lodge was then consecrated in ancient by the Presiding Officer, after which came an anthem from Psalm 133, "Behold how and joyful a thing it is, brethren, to together in unity, &c."

The customary offerings of corn, wine, &c., having been made, the lodge was constituted after which Haydn's Hymn, "The spacious mansion on high," was sung with great effect by the brethren.

The installation of the W.M. designate, the investment of the new officers followed. Bro. Spiers conducted the whole ceremony with judgment and ability.

In the evening the brethren dined together. The banquet was held in the Council Chamber of the city of Oxford, a fine old room decorated with portraits of some of the Sovereigns of England, and of municipal benefactors, city magnates, and it was well worth the occasion. The chair was taken by the W.M., the Mayor of the City, and presented the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. R. J. Spiers, who had performed the duty of Consecrating Officer of the new lodge, had installed the W.M. and presented the Treasurer, Bro. Haund, who, originally, had subsequently (on the 12th inst.) been

ously elected Mayor for the present year; by Bro. F. P. Morrell, M.A., of St. John's College, V.M. of Apollo University Lodge, and Prov. G.W.; by all the members of the new lodge; and by other City Aldermen and Councillors, and by a great number of those who had been present at the ceremonial of the day. The addresses of many of the speakers were very excellent, and it was particularly remarked that a city numbering 35,000 inhabitants there had existed only one Lodge into which citizens could be admitted for upwards of 65 years. It true there are two other Lodges, but they are confined to members of the University (excepting five or six citizens are members of one of them). It is true that the two number about 20, but objection has hitherto most curiously been made to the establishment of a second City Lodge; and it has only been by the exertions of a Deputy Provincial Master, seconded by the pressed desire of the excellent Acting Prov. M., Bro. McIntyre, Grand Registrar, that the W. Lodge, the Bertie, named after the family of the Earl of Abingdon, Lord High Steward of the City, has been brought to a success. The whole gave great satisfaction to who were present.

DEDICATION OF A MASONIC HALL AT THIRSK.

On Wednesday, the 11th inst., the ceremonial dedication of the new Masonic Hall in connection with the Falcon Lodge, 1416, took place.

The hall, which is a handsome white-brick building, has been erected at a cost of nearly 20, on a suitable site given by Bro. Frederick L., the Lord of the Manor, and consists of banqueting, lodge, and ante-rooms, built in accordance with the rules of the Craft from plans devised by Bro. Bourne, the architect; the enclosure surrounding it being laid out in flower-beds and planted with shrubs. The lodge was plastered with Parian cement in order that it might be decorated. The walls were panelled and coloured in distemper, the ceiling being a beautiful French grey, the pilasters of a darker tint, and the mouldings a deep colour, which forms an appropriate effect.

In addition to the members of the Falcon Lodge the following visiting brethren were present at the dedication and installation of the W. Master: R. Boulton, P.S.W.; Restoration, P.M.; T. Norris, 3rd Dragoons, Manchester; L. W. Tallett; Benevolence, 184; F. M. Ring, P.P.G.S.D.; W. Lawton, P.P.G.R.; J. D., P.P.G.P.; M. Cooper, P.J.W.; A. T. Wood; T. B. Whytehead; T. J. Russell, 18236; G. W. Smales, P.P.G.S.W.; H. Hall; W.M.; S. Chadwick; G. Hirst; J. Bolton; H. H. Spink; Unanimity, 424; Geo. Wood, P.D.P.G.M.; Cleveland, 543; A. Farmer, 14 North York, 602; G. B. Hall; Camalodunum; R. H. Stafford, P.M.; R. E. Collinson, G.S.D.; S. Evans, P.M.; G. Kearsley; R. Lumley; E. Fletcher; W. Harrison; F. Smith, S.D.; A. Pratt; De Grey and Co., 137; M. Knowles, P.S.G.D.; J. Ton, P.M., G.P.J.D.; Durham, 940; W. On; W. Lucas; Excelsior, 1042; J. Bowden, W.M., Marwood, 1244; C. Waistell, I.; C. Palliser, P.M.; Anchor, 1339; A. G. Dale, St. James, 1448.

The brethren assembled in the banqueting room, and, having robed, were marshalled in procession, and proceeded to the lodge room. The ceremony was opened in due form by W. Bro. Marwood, P.D.P.G., and the following ceremonial of dedication was gone through, Bro. Marwood officiating as Chaplain and Bro. Walton acting at the harmonium.

The following Psalm having been chanted: "Except the Lord build the house, their labour is but lost that build it. Except the Lord direct the city, the Watchman waketh but in vain. It is but lost labour that ye haste to rise up early, and so late take rest, and the bread of idleness; for so He giveth His beloved

"To God the only Wise: our Creator and Redeemer, glory be.
"As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen."
The W. Master directed the Architect (Bro. Bourne) to examine the appointments of the lodge, to ascertain that all was correct.
The Consecration Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.
Musical response.—"So mote it be."

ANTHEM.

To Heaven's High Architect all praise,
All praise, all gratitude be given,
Who deigned the human soul to raise,
By mystic secrets sprung from Heaven.
Sound all the Great Jehovah's praise,
To Him the dome, the Temple raise.
The W.M. made the circuit of the lodge, and sprinkled water.

SANCTUS.

"Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!
Heaven and Earth are full of the Majesty of Thy glory. Glory be Thee, O Lord.

Invocation.
The W. Master bearing corn, the Senior Warden with wine, and the Junior Warden with oil, formed a procession round the lodge (solemn music accompanying), halting in the East.
The W. Master scattered corn over the lodge and consecrated to Freemasonry.
Response.—"So mote it be." Grand Honours once.

ODE TO MASONRY.

Hail Masonry! thou Craft Divine,
Glory of Earth from Heaven revealed,
Which dost with Jewels precious shine,
From all but Masons' eyes concealed.
The procession moved a second time round the lodge and halted in the West, when the Senior Warden handed to the W. Master the vessel containing wine.
The W. Master poured wine upon the lodge and consecrated to Virtue.
Response.—"So mote it be." Grand Honours twice.

ODE TO VIRTUE.

Come, Holy Virtue, by whose aid
In heaven-ward steps we long to tread,
Bring love, bring truth, bring friendship here,
Bring peace and unity sincere.
The procession moved a third time round the lodge and halted in the south, when the Junior Warden handed the W. Master the vessel containing oil.
The W. Master then anointed the lodge with oil, and consecrated to Universal Benevolence.
Response.—"So mote it be." Grand honours three times.

ODE TO CHARITY.

Come, Charity, with goodness crowned,
Encircled in thy heavenly robe,
Diffuse thy blessings all around
To every corner of the globe.
Incense was carried once round the lodge.
Salt was strewn over the lodge, the Chaplain reading Levit. II. v. 13.

The W. Master then solemnly consecrated the lodge to Freemasonry, Virtue, and Universal Benevolence.
The Consecrating Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.
Musical Response.—"So mote it be." Grand Honours five times.
Bro. Marwood, having offered his congratulations to the brethren on the success of the work, the ceremony closed with the following Anthem:—

Hail! Masonry Divine!
Glory of ages shine,
Long may'st thou reign—
Where'er thy Lodges stand
May they have great command,
And always grace the land:
Thou art Divine!
Hiram, the Architect,
Did all the Craft direct,
How they should build.

Sol'mon, great Irsael's King,
Did mighty blessings bring,
And left us cause to sing
Hail! Royal Art!

The business of the lodge was then proceeded with for the installation of the W.M. Elect. After the confirmation of the minutes of the last meeting, Bro. A. G. Bawlett was presented to Bro. Marwood, P.D.P.G.M., to receive at his hands the benefit of installation by Bro. Bell, P.M.; and having taken the obligation was proclaimed according to ancient custom. In the name of the lodge the W.M. presented Bro. F. Bell, P.P.G.S.W., with a splendid Past Master's jewel, in token of the esteem of the brethren of the Falcon Lodge, and their grateful acknowledgment of his past services in connection with its formation, and the two years during which he had filled the chair. The W.M. then proceeded to appoint his officers:—Bros. J. Rhodes, S.W.; G. Anderson, J.W.; W. Coltman, S.D.; W. Hall, J.D.; G. Ayre, I.G.; T. J. Wilkinson, Secretary; J. Walton, Organist; and Bros. Denwoodie and Atkinson, Stewards.

Bro. Bell, P.M., then conveyed the thanks of the assembled brethren to Bro. Marwood for the admirable manner in which he had conducted the ceremonies of the day. The lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren proceeded to the Fleece Hotel, where an excellent dinner was provided by Bro. Hall, presided over by the W.M. On the removal of the cloth the W.M. gave the loyal and usual Masonic toasts, after which Bro. Bell, P.M., in eulogistic terms, proposed the health of the W.M. It was received heartily by the brethren, and was suitably responded to, the W.M. expressing his warm interest in all that related to the Craft, and promised to do his best to promote the welfare of the Falcon Lodge. The healths of the Past Master, of Bro. Marwood, and of the visiting brethren were duly responded to.

THE LATE DUKE OF LEINSTER.

The following tribute to the memory of the late Duke of Leinster was received by the Secretary of the Supreme Council, 33rd degree, for Ireland, from General Albert Pike, Grand Commander of the Supreme Council, 33rd degree, Southern Jurisdiction, U.S. America:—

From the other side of the Atlantic Sea have come unto us the accents of mourning. Our sister council of Ireland has lost its beloved and venerated chief, Augustus Frederick Fitzgerald, Duke of Leinster, for sixty years Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, and Grand Commander of the Supreme Council since its creation. We were honoured with his correspondence many years ago; and in 1872 he became an honorary member of our Supreme Council. For nearly his whole life he was Ireland's only Duke. Born in 1791, and descended in a direct line from the fourth of the illustrious house of the Geraldines of Tuscany, who passed from Italy into Normandy, and, in the time of Edward the Confessor, into England. An Irish poet says of them, that fully a thousand years ago their spears flashed amid the Tuscan vineyards, their iron shields were seen when Capet seized the crown of France, and their sabres gleamed on the banks of the Caronne: that—

Across the downs of Hastings they spurred by
William's side.
And the grey sands of Palestine with Moslem
blood they died.

And he adds—
"But never then, nor theme, till now, has falsehood or disgrace
Been seen to soil Fitzgerald's plume, or mantle
in his face;
While one is left of all that honoured race,
In front of Ireland's chivalry is that Fitzgerald's
place.
Justly proud of his ancestral glories, this
great noble deemed himself honoured by his Masonic dignities, and did not affect, as many not noble do, to be above them, or to honour Ma-

unless another day should be appointed for the ceremony. In this country, where we can change our Grand Masters annually in forty States and territories, we cannot appreciate the loving veneration of all Irish Freemasons for the Grand Master whom their fathers also loved and revered.

And our illustrious brother, the Duke of Leinster, well deserved the universal homage that he received, as he was well worthy to have come of such a house; for he was a very perfect gentleman, which is more than to be noble; simple, without haughtiness or too much pride; of singular purity of character and blamelessness of life; of unsullied honour; a wise, venerable, courteous, truly grand and noble old man. Little as it was to him to be honoured by us, he responded to every testimonial of our esteem, as if it came to him from those socially his equals, with a simple, cordial, graceful, and grateful courtesy that showed us why all Irish Masons loved him. He will be long and fondly remembered in the Green Island as one of "Those brethren of olden times, whose names are revered,
Live in the memory of all noble hearts,
For love and admiration—ever young."

LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The Lodge of Benevolence met on Wednesday evening, at the Freemasons' Hall. The Board of Masters was first held, whereat the paper of business for the next Grand Lodge was settled. The necessary formal steps were taken for the nomination of the Prince of Wales as Grand Master on that occasion, and other business was transacted. At the Lodge of Benevolence, Bro. J. M. Clabon, President; Bro. Joshua Nunn, Senior Vice President; and Bro. James Brett, Junior Vice President, occupied their appointed chairs. Among the other brethren present there were Bro. John Hervey, G. Secretary, H. G. Buss, A. A. Pendlebury, Samuel May, Herbert Dicketts, T. Cubitt, J. Bull, James Willing, H. Keeble, H. Dalwood, W. Stephens, W. Hilton, T. Whitley, W. Smith, Louis Alexander, and H. Massey (Freemason). Both the Board of Masters and the Lodge of Benevolence were very fully attended. Twenty-five cases for relief were on the paper of business, and many sad instances of fortune's freaks were disclosed to the brethren. Several old and highly-respected Masons, who have long been known as most energetic workers in behalf of the Masonic Institutions, were proved to have fallen, by no fault of their own, into the lowest depths of poverty and distress. There were several other cases which, although very hard, could scarcely be said to have any claim on the bounty of the board by their acts of devotion to the Craft. Both classes were dealt with according to their merits in the opinion of the brethren, but without an excessive flow of liberality. The board sat for a long time, and having disposed of the business the brethren closed down.

FREEMASONRY IN CORNWALL.

In consequence of the decease of the lamented and beloved Countess of Mount Edgcumbe, the Provincial Grand Master of Cornwall, the Right Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe has delegated his duties to his Dep. Prov. Grand Master Sir F. M. Williams, Bart., M.P., (P.G.W. of England) *pro tempore*, and in pursuance of such authority the latter distinguished brother has been most energetically engaged in Masonic duties of late. At the opening of the "new wings" of the "Royal British Female Orphan Asylum," Devonport, Bro. Sir F. M. Williams, Bart., attended as the representative of Cornwall, and presented the purse of upwards of £150, collected by Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.S.G.D. of England, &c., for the "Masonic Fund."

On Thursday, the 12th, Bro. Sir F. M. Williams consecrated the "Mount Edgcumbe" Chapter No. 496, St. Austell, the new Principals being installed, Comps. Dr. Berryman, P.M. 496, as Z; William Grey, P.M. 496, as H; and Charles Truscott, W.M. 496, as J.

The D. Prov. G.M. also dedicated the new Masonic Hall, in which the lodge and chapter will meet, and was heartily received by the W.M. (Bro. Truscott) and the members and visitors who assembled.

The St. Michael's Mark Lodge, No. 175, Helston, was lately consecrated by Bro. Sir Frederick M. Williams, as Provincial Grand Mark Master for Cornwall, in which he was assisted by R.W. Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.G.W. of England; W. Bro. N. J. West, Prov. J.G.W., (who installed the first W.M., Bro. W. H. Blossome, and advanced eight candidates); W. Bro. T. Solomon, J.P., Prov. Grand Sec.; W. Bro. W. J. Johns, P.M. 78, and P.Prov.G.W.; W. Bro. J. W. Dabb, P. Prov. G.W.; W. Bro. J. Niness, P.M. 101, P. Prov. G.W.; W. Bro. Rev. G. L. Church, Prov. G. Chap.; Bro. Rev. A. H. Cummings, M.A., S.W. 175, &c., &c. Representatives also of the six lodges in the province attended, and the esteemed Prov. G. Master was most enthusiastically received.

PASSING OF H.R.H. PRINCE LEOPOLD.

An emergency meeting of the Apollo Lodge was held at the University Masonic Hall, Oxford, for the purpose of passing Bro. Prince Leopold and Bro. R. H. Collins.

The lodge was opened in the first degree, and by previous request of his Royal Highness, and by consent of the Acting P.G.M., the W.M. and necessary officers adjourned to Wykeham House, where the candidates were duly admitted into the second degree.

The lodge was finally closed at the Masonic Hall.

The following brethren were present:—Bros. F. P. Morrell, W.M.; R. Bird, P. Prov. S.G.W., I.P.M.; Rev. Thomas Cochrane, P.P.G.Ch., as S.W.; Colonel, the Hon. W. E. Sackville West, P.G.D.C., as J.W.; — Hilton, P.G.Ch., Chaplain; Frankland Hood, Deacon; Fletcher, Secretary; H. Adair Pickard, Prov. S.G.W., and others.

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W. J. HUGHAN.

ANAGRAM ON THE NAME OF THE NEW GRAND MASTER OF IRELAND.

His Grace the Duke of Abercorn
O go and fetch here a sure brick.

Masonic Tidings.

The Marquis of Ripon, late Grand Master, has presented to the Lodge of Truth 521, Huddersfield, all his votes in the Masonic charities, to be perpetuated.

The Anniversary Supper of the Peckham Lodge of Instruction, held at the Maismore Arms Tavern, Peckham Park-road, under the warrant of the Peckham Lodge, No. 1475, will be held at the above named tavern, on Thursday evening, Nov. 24th inst., at 7 o'clock. The W.M. of the "Peckham Lodge," Bro. Watkins, will preside, supported (as vice) by the W.M. elect of the Rose of Denmark, Bro. Edmonds.

FREEMASONRY AND THE PRINCE OF WALES.—It is thought by many of the Craft that His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales will be installed as Grand Master, Dec. 2nd. This is not only unnecessary, as his Royal Highness already holds the office, but it is also most probable that the Prince of Wales will not be present upon the occasion referred to. The installation for the year ensuing, as the office of Grand Master is one of annual tenure only, will most likely take place at the Grand Festival, April 28th, 1875.

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At a meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge, recently held at Landport, it was unanimously resolved that a Committee be appointed for the purpose of raising a fund, to provide a suitable memorial to our late deeply-lamented Bro. Stebbing.

In pursuance of the foregoing resolution, a meeting was held at Southampton, which was largely attended, when the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:—

"That the Lodges and Chapters of the Province and Freemasons generally be solicited to subscribe to a fund, to be appropriated as the Committee shall determine, for the benefit of the Widow of our late lamented Bro. J. R. Stebbing, whose circumstances at the time of his decease render this appeal absolutely necessary."

"That copies of these resolutions be forwarded to each Lodge and Chapter in the Province, inviting their co-operation, as well as that of Brethren and Companions generally, in obtaining subscriptions to the fund."

"That a circular stating the circumstances be also transmitted to all other Lodges and Chapters in England."

The name of the late Bro. J. R. Stebbing is so well known in all Masonic circles that it seems unnecessary to set forth at length his long and valuable services. For many years he was a constant attendant at Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, assisting the interests of the Brethren and Companions. He was Vice-President of the Board of General Purposes in 1861, 1862 and 1863, and also an active member of the Building Committee of the present Freemasons' Hall, London.

He was rarely absent from the elections in the various Charities, giving his valuable aid to the poor and distressed amongst the brethren and their relatives, contributing from his means to the advancement of those charities, in which he had qualified as Vice-Patron of the Boys' School, Life Governor of the Girls' School, and Life Governor of the Benevolent Institution; and it is sincerely hoped that the Widow of one who was so actively engaged for the benefit of others (herself a Life-Governor of the Boys' School) should be placed in circumstances which will assist her in her present unexpected bereavement.

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The unavoidable absence, through illness, of Sir Frederick Martin Williams, Bart., M.P., Grand Sovereign, the position of President of the Council was taken by Most Eminent Colonel Francis Burdett, Grand Viceroy, and amongst the persons present were the following:—

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The report of the Executive Committee, by command of the G.S., was taken as read.

A Sanctuary of K.H.S., and Commandery of St. John were then opened, and the degrees were conferred on no fewer than 28 candidates, which added to those who have already taken the degrees, make about 50 in Liverpool who have joined the sacred religious order. Sir Knight Little acted as the M.E. Commander, and the other offices were filled by members of the order.

V.E. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale was appointed a Grand Viceroy in the Grand Imperial Council. His lordship was also appointed Int. General for West Lancashire, II. Sir Knight G. Turner resigning in his favour, and II. Sir Knight Dr. J. K. Smith was appointed Deputy Int. Gen. for the division, and II. Sir Knights G. Turner and Dr. Moore were appointed Past Int. Generals for the same division.

In connection with the sanctuary of K.H.S., and Commandery of St. John the Evangelist, Bro. Knight Lord Skelmersdale was appointed Prov. G.C., and he appointed the following as his officers:—Bro. Knights G. Turner, P.P., G.C.; Dr. J. K. Smith, P.D.G.C.; J. R. Goepel, P.G. Seneschal; R. Washington, P.G.C. of Guard; H. M. Molyneux, P.G. Prior; I. W. Robinson, P.G. Sub-prior; H. Nelson, P.G. Chancellor General; G. E. Hayner, P.G. Registrar General; T. Clark, P.G. Treasurer General; W. Doyle, P.G. Hospitaller General; J. T. Callow, P.G. 1st Lieutenant; J. E. Jackson, P.G. 2nd Lieutenant; J. Banning, P.G. G. of the S.V.; J. L. Lunt, P.G. S.B.; W. Cottrell, P.G. T.B.; J. Lloyd, P.G. Verger; W. Quayle, P.G. Harbinger; and Robert Pearson, P.G. Warder.

The Grand Conclave was closed in imperial form. The music for the imposing ceremonials during the afternoon was furnished in a very effective manner by Sir Knight J. Skeaf, Recorder 77, who presided at the harmonium.

Immediately on the conclusion of the proceedings in Conclave, the representatives of the Grand Imperial Council and Grand Senate were entertained by the Knights of the three Liverpool Conclaves, at a sumptuous banquet at the Adelphi Hotel. There were between fifty and sixty present. M.E. Sir Knight Colonel Burdett, G.V., presided, supported on the right and left by members of the Grand Council and Grand Senate, Int. Generals of Divisions, and other distinguished Sir Knights. Bro. Ludlow, the courteous manager of the hotel, provided a very excellent banquet, and the wines were of the choicest quality. After dessert had been placed on the table,

Colonel Burdett proposed "Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, and the Christian, Masonic and Military Orders." The toast, he said, was one with which they were all perfectly familiar, but as true and loyal subjects he was sure it would be received in that assembly with the same cordiality as in other orders. (Received with the greatest cordiality.)

"The National Anthem"—Sir Knight Washington.

Colonel Burdett: Sir Knights, the next toast is one which I have very much pleasure in giving, and it is one I am certain which will be received with the greatest enthusiasm. Without any comment, as that is unnecessary, I give you "Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, and the Rest of the Royal Family." Colonel Burdett added: We have all drank that toast with the greatest enthusiasm, but on the present occasion, we must all feel that His Royal Highness is now more to us than he has ever been before. He has now taken that position in the craft which we have all looked

forward to, although we had no idea that the honour would have come so quickly. We must all feel highly honoured by his acceptance of this high office, and each of us ought to feel it our duty to support him in the duties he has undertaken. (Cheers).

"God Bless the Prince of Wales"—Sir Knight Quayle.

Colonel Burdett: The next toast which I wish to submit is "The Most Illustrious Grand Sovereign, Sir F. M. Williams, Bart., M.P." This is a toast which I feel confident you will honour with enthusiasm, as it more closely concerns ourselves than any of the others. I am exceedingly sorry our Grand Sovereign has not been able to attend our meeting to-day, but as he has, I personally know, been suffering from several little things, rheumatism, gout, and so on,—(laughter)—you will at once see it was impossible he could have been present. We must all sympathize with him in his suffering. (Hear, hear). He has sent his regrets that he was unable to come to Liverpool, but hopes to have that pleasure at some future time. (Loud cheers). I know the Grand Sovereign has the interests of the order at heart as much as we have, and he has assisted the order not only by his personal influence, but by his active exertions.

Song, "Thy Voice is Near"—Sir Knight the Rev. J. Rees Jenkins.

II. Sir Knight G. Turner, P. Int. Gen., said: I have now the honour and privilege of proposing the next toast, "The Most Eminent Grand Viceroy, Colonel Francis Burdett." (Great cheering). I know that when I mentioned that name it would be received with the greatest enthusiasm. Both as the P.G.M. of a most important province, and as a gentleman, Colonel Burdett has taken a very warm interest in Masonry, and we must all have felt great pride in seeing him preside during the successful meeting of this day. (Hear, hear). I personally feel he has conferred an honour and favour upon us, and we have endeavoured to give him and his companions the hearty welcome which Lancashire Masons are in the habit of giving. I trust you will receive this toast with the cordiality becoming the position of him whom we seek to honour.

Song—Sir Knight Quayle.

Colonel Burdett, who was received with long-continued applause, said: I feel myself inadequate to return you thanks for the kind manner in which my health has been proposed and responded to. I assure you, though this is not the first time I have had to do it, I don't think I have ever been more gratified than by the kind and cordial manner in which the toast has been responded to this evening. I feel I am no longer among strangers, but in the midst of friends, and all I see here, I hope, will permit me to call them friends. (Applause.) I also feel very much gratified indeed this evening to find such a large number here representing the different conclaves. We have had different opportunities of meeting together, but still I think I have never seen such an assembly as this—not only this evening, but at the Grand Conclave we have closed a short time ago. Last year we had the pleasure and gratification of meeting a large number at Leicester, but here we have had even a larger gathering. There is an old saying, "A rolling stone gathers no moss," but I think that has been upset in this instance. We have rolled from London to Leicester, and then from Leicester to Liverpool, and still we are gathering "moss"—increasing in numbers; and I have no doubt that, as we roll further, we shall gather more. ("Hear, hear," and cheers.) I am very glad to see this, and to know that the Order of the Red Cross is progressing throughout the country, being most popular where it is best known. A great compliment has been paid to the Grand Council by such a meeting as this; and although it may put us to some inconvenience in coming down to Liverpool, still we have all felt great pleasure in being here, and thus showing that we wish to do our duty to the members of the order. (Cheers.) There is one thing which we ought to congratulate ourselves upon, and that is the manner in which the drill was gone through this afternoon. The way in which that drill was gone through led me to suppose you must have been under a drill sergeant, but the fact that it was done entirely by the illustrious Knights of the Order does you infinite credit. I feel very much gratified at the reception you have given us, and personally thank you for the manner in which you have received the toast.

Colonel Burdett: I now give you "The Past and Present Members of the Grand Imperial Council." Earl Ferrers, the G.S.G., is one who throws himself heartily into the order, and we all rejoice, I am sure, to see him occupy his present proud position. He also occupies the distinguished post of P.G.M. for Leicestershire, and although still a young man, we are sure to see him yet do a great deal for the order in general. I desire to couple with this toast the name of an officer whom you all know both publicly and privately—whose name is known here and everywhere—I mean Sir Knight Robert Wentworth

Little. (Loud and prolonged cheering.) He has not only come here to-day at much inconvenience to himself for the benefit of the order, but he has been here, there, and everywhere—everywhere when called upon. He has been all over England, Scotland, and Ireland, and even to Jersey and Guernsey, to advance the interests of the order, and I feel confident that, so long as we can boast of such Knights as Sir Knight Little to help us to carry out the order, the "Red Cross" will flourish beyond everything. It is to his exertions that the order is indebted for its present proud position. He brought it forward, and it was by his exertions it arose, backed by others who sympathised with him. We now stand in a very high position, not only in England, but throughout the world, and therefore I give you "Sir Knight Little and the other Past and Present Members of the Grand Imperial Council."

Song—"The Sea is England's Glory"—Sir Knight Marsh, P.G.S.G.

Sir Knight W. Little, who was received with acclamation, said: The toast which has just been proposed by your illustrious chairman is one of which we, as recipients, ought to be justly proud, and I must personally return my best thanks for the very complimentary manner in which my name has been mentioned, and the cordiality with which it has been received. Whatever services my coadjutors or I have rendered I assure you have been rendered very willingly, and whatever we have done has been done with a single eye to the future interests of the order. You may expect me to tell you that the order is in a very satisfactory condition. The only hitch is at our own headquarters in London, although the order is progressing most favourably in England, Ireland, Scotland, and Wales—in America, and throughout the colonies. We cannot obtain an efficient clerk in the office in London, and I need hardly tell you in this great commercial centre that, unless there is a proper arrangement in that direction we cannot do satisfactorily. I trust, however, that by the exertions of the Executive Committee, who have resolved to devote their special energies to remedying this shortcoming, we shall soon have a better state of things. There are now 121 conclaves in existence in various parts of the world, with a membership of about 3,000, obtained during the last nine or ten years, and that is a result upon which we may sincerely congratulate ourselves. The principles upon which the order is founded must command the respect, and attention, and sympathy of every intelligent Freemason. I heartily thank you for the very hearty manner in which you have received the toast.

Colonel Burdett next gave "The Illustrious Intendant Generals of the Order," and in doing so, he said they exercised a very large amount of influence, which was used with great discrimination and discretion. The Int. Gen. for West Lancashire (Captain Turner), had exerted himself to the utmost to secure the success of their order, and he believed that Lord Skelmersdale, who had that day been appointed to the position formerly held by Captain Turner, would use his influence in the same direction. They must all feel personally indebted to Captain Turner for having brought the order to its present position in Liverpool, and he had no hesitation in saying that it occupied a higher position in Liverpool than in almost any other town in the kingdom.

He hoped the example set by Sir Knight Capt. Turner, would be followed and [extended throughout the country.

Song—"The men of merry England"—Sir Knight Washington.

II. Sir Knight G. Turner thanked the assembly very much for the manner in which the toast had been received, which was ample recompense for any slight service he had rendered. To show that he had not only preached but practised, he had that day consented to give way to Lord Skelmersdale, whom he considered in every way worthy to fill the office of Int. Gen. He trusted they would all support his lordship, and do their best to continue the success which had attended the establishment of the order in that division.

Gen. Sir Knight Dr. J. K. Smith, Dep. Int. Gen. also responded, and gave an explanation of the change of leadership which had taken place that day, adding, that he hoped Lord Skelmersdale would long continue to fill the post of Int. General. He would always have great pleasure in acting as his lordship's deputy, as he felt it was a good arrangement to have Lord Skelmersdale at the head of the order in that division, and would be for its ultimate good.

Em. Sir Knight Matier also briefly responded. Recitation, "Bingham on the Rhine"—Sir Knight Shakespeare.

Colonel Burdett next gave "The Sovereigns of the Different Conclaves," responded to by Em. Sir Knight Stretton, M.P.S., 44; Em. Sir Knight Clark, M.P.S., 55; Em. Sir Knight Nelson, P.S.,

77; Em. Sir Knight J. Banning, M.P.S., 97; Em. Sir Knight Wheeler, M.P.S., 114; Em. Sir Knight Little; Em. Sir Knight Marsh; and Em. Sir Knight Green, St. George's Conclave, Bolton.

The Colonel then proposed "The V.E.G. Preceptor and the rest of the Grand Senate," which was acknowledged by II. Sir Knights Dubois, Thiellay, and the Rev. J. R. Jenkins.

II. Sir Knight Turner, proposed "The Health of those who had assisted in the proper reception of the Grand Conclave," and in doing so alluded to the fact that about 50 members had joined the Order of the K.H.S. within about a fortnight. He also referred to the admirable services rendered by Sir Knight Hayner, Recorder of No. 97 Conclave, in the drill which had been so much admired that afternoon, and the valuable services of Em. Sir Knight Goepel, P.S., 55, in the way of decorations.

Em. Sir Knight Goepel, in a humorous speech, thanked the assemblage for the favourable mention given to his name, stating he wished to show the nature of the reception to the Grand Council, by even "simple country rustics."

Sir Knight Hayner, Recorder, 97; and Sir Knight I. W. Robinson, 55, also responded.

II. Sir Knight Dr. Smith proposed, "The Musical Brethren," which was acknowledged by Sir Knight Skeaf, Recorder, 77, who had presided at the pianoforte during the evening.

II. Sir Knight Turner gave, "Prosperity to the Liverpool Conclaves," which was acknowledged by Em. Sir Knight H. M. Molyneux, P.S., 55, and Sir Knight J. B. McKenzie, 55.

The pleasant evening's proceedings shortly afterwards terminated.

PROV. GRAND LODGE OF MIDDLESEX, AND CONSECRATION OF THE FRANCIS BURDETT LODGE, No. 1503.

(Continued from page 736).

Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, M.A., P.G. Chaplain, continuing his oration, said: I would advise you to be a charity amongst yourselves, and I pray that God will give you His good spirit, thus enabling you to carry out the duties of the lodge with greater fervency. I trust that kindness and urbanity will diffuse themselves to those brethren who are assembled together to-day. We have a good warrant for the well-being of this lodge. I have known the First Master for many years. He is one that will give a grand start to this lodge. I think it will be one of the best in the Province, and one that we shall be able to look back upon with real and true pleasure, and by-and-by, when our lodge shall change and faces pass away, I trust we shall all meet in the Grand Lodge above.

Anthem.—(133rd Psalm.)

"Behold, how good and joyful a thing it is: brethren to dwell in unity. It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down unto the beard, even unto Aaron's beard, and went down to the skirts of his clothing. Like as the dew of Hermon, which fell upon the Hill of Zion. For there the Lord promised his blessing and life for evermore."

The consecration prayer (first part), was then given by Bro. Rev. R. J. Simpson, the brethren all chanting "So mote it be." Sanctus,

"Glory be to thee, O Lord."

After the Scripture readings, all the brethren turned to the east, whilst the Presiding Officer pronounced the invocation, to which the brethren chanted "So mote it be."

The lodge board was then uncovered, and the Presiding Officer and his two Wardens carried the consecrating elements, corn, wine, and oil, three times round the lodge during solemn music.

Anthem.

"Glory be to God on High, peace on earth, goodwill towards men."

The Chaplain then carried the censers three times round the lodge, during solemn music, then halted in the east, and delivered the consecration prayer (second part), the brethren chanting "So mote it be."

Anthem.

"Glory be to God on High,
Let Heaven and earth reply,
Praise ye his name;
Masons his love adore,
Tiled in their mystic lore,
And cry out evermore,
Glory to God."

The Presiding Officer then constituted the lodge in ancient form, the brethren chanting "So mote it be."

National Anthem.

God save our gracious Queen,
Long live our noble Queen!
God save the Queen!
Lord heal her bleeding heart,
Assuage its grievous smart,
Thy heavenly peace impart,
God save the Queen!

Our Royal Widow bless;
God save the fatherless,
God save the Queen!
Shield them with loving care,
Their mighty grief we share,
Lord hear our fervent prayer,
God save the Queen!

O Lord, our God, arise,
Bless England's enemies,
On Thee we call.
Let sorrow whisper peace,
Bid wrong and anger cease,
Let love and truth increase,
Make evil fall.

In this our nation's need,
With Thee we humbly plead,
God bless our Queen!
Her life woe sanctify,
Her loss untold supply,
Thyself be ever nigh,
God save our Queen!

The ceremony of consecration was carried out without a single hitch, and the consecrating prayers gave additional weight to the interesting proceedings.

V.W. Bro. John Hervey, Grand Sen. then presented Bro. Col. Wm. Wigginton to the presiding officer for installation, saying that the new W.M. was an old member of the craft, and had filled the chair of many lodges, and felt sure he (Bro. Wigginton) would exhibit his usual excellent qualities in presiding over the new lodge. Lodge was then resumed to the third degree, and all the brethren below the rank of V.M. retired. In their absence a Board of Installed Masters of upwards of 60 in number was held, and Bro. Wigginton was installed as the first W.M. of the Francis Burdett Lodge, 1503. The brethren on their re-admission all saluted the newly chaired W.M. in the several degrees, and the following brethren were invested officers for the ensuing year: W. H. Saunders, S.W.; J. Tomlinson, J.W. The Secretary, Treasurer, J.G., &c., not being present, their election was postponed. W. Cox, S.D., I. Deeks, J.L. Rev. R. J. Simpson, Chaplain of Harmony, 1503. Votes of thanks were proposed and presented to the Consecrating officer, and to those who so ably assisted him, namely, Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, Bro. John Hervey, and Bro. H. G. Buss, and four were unanimously elected honorary members of the lodge. After these compliments had been duly acknowledged, Bro. Little proposed the cordial vote of thanks should be presented to members and visitors present, and that a vote of thanks should be forwarded to the Vicar for his kindness in giving them the use of the Church. A some further remarks he would also propose the vote of thanks should be given to Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson for his very excellent address. (Bro. Little) never heard such a discourse more to the interests of Freemasonry than on that (Cheers).

Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson in responding, said: It gives me pleasure to return you my thank the kind appreciation you have shown my hour services this day. And I am sure the Vicar will be highly pleased with the vote of thanks. I thank you for him. And I feel grateful if I have any way added to the glory of the great Arch of the Universe. (Cheers).

Lodge was then closed in proper form.

The brethren then went by train to Richmond and repaired to the Greyhound Hotel, where a grand banquet was served in the large hall. Colonel Francis Burdett presided, supported by Bros. Col. Wigginton, Rev. S. Simpson, Chaplain, Little, Hervey, Buss, and others.

After the removal of the cloth Bro. Col. Burdett proposed the health of the "Queen and the King" to which the brethren lustily responded.

The National Anthem was then ably sung by Bro. Colonel Francis Burdett next presented "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W. Past Master, the Princess of Wales, and rest of the Royal Family." We have, he said, in H.R.H. who has shown himself energetic in the cause of Masonry, and will, I am sure, still show forth in the future. (Hear, hear).

The toast was enthusiastically drunk, a National Song, "God bless the Prince of Wales" was sung by the brethren.

In giving "The Deputy Grand Master, I

of Carnarvon, and rest of the Grand Officers, Past and Present, Bro. Colonel Francis Burdett, said: We have amongst our Grand Officers those who are ever anxious to do their best to promote Masonry, and always ready to assist the smallest province, if it is a young province, or young lodge, we find them always willing to come forward. In the Earl of Carnarvon we have one who has added materially to the credit of the order, and has held his position in such a manner that very few men could have done. (Cheers.) I therefore ask you to drink heartily the health of the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, and rest of the Grand Officers, Past and Present, and beg to couple with that toast the name of Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson. The toast was highly honoured.

Song, "Polly"—Bro. Theodore Distin.

Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, in responding, said: It affords me a deal of pleasure to return thanks on behalf of the Earl of Carnarvon and the rest of the officers. In so doing I would say the Earl of Carnarvon has won a good name amongst Masons. He is in every sense a man of high worth, and has proved himself as such both in his public as well as his private life. Allow me to thank you for the Grand Officers, both past and present. I think I may verge a little from the toast, and say that we all feel a great pleasure in knowing that our P.G. Master is connected with one who has shown great interest in the craft, one who I have often wished had been a man. Masonry is operative as well as theoretical, and, in regard to promote the happiness of mankind, no one has done more than he Baroness Burdett Coutts. (Cheers.) She has done much good in converting the dens of wild beasts into the habitations of Christians. We are all pleased with her noble principles of charity; and in the person of our Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master we recognise one who is closely connected with her. After some further remarks eulogising the Masonic career of Bro. Colonel Burdett, he thanked the brethren, and sat down amidst his cheers of all.

Bro. Colonel Wigginton rose and said: I am about to propose a toast you will all receive with pleasure. Although we are away from the place of meeting of Grand Lodge, it makes no difference. It is only within the last few hours that I have become a subject to the Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex. Up to that time I was a subject of Grand Lodge only, now I have another Master, and he I am proud of. As W.M. of the Francis Burdett Lodge, I hope he (Sir Francis Burdett) will do one who will support him in his province, and act for the good of Masonry in general. (Cheers.) I had our Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master been away I would speak more freely. We will this the Francis Burdett Lodge out of the feelings of our heart, and because we have an unfeigned regard for the Provincial Grand Master, after whom the lodge is named. We have hitherto coupled in our toasts the Queen and the Craft, because we want to do honour to her and to show that we are a loyal body. We have also, since H. R. H. the Prince of Wales has consented to take the Grand Mastership of England, coupled the Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family, and I hope it will be always so; and, with these precedents, I beg to couple with the Provincial Grand Master another name, and I am sure every brother present will receive that name with pleasure. If there is one who has a greater claim to the regard of Freemasons more than another it is that of the Baroness Burdett Coutts. She has not only done a large amount of good for the poor, but has identified herself with Masonry. Within the next month our P.G.M. will present a set of chairs presented to her to a lodge in the Burdett Road. I therefore ask you to drink heartily "The Health of our Provincial Grand Master," and beg to couple with that toast the name of Baroness Burdett Coutts. The toast was drunk with the highest honours.

Song, "Esmeralda"—Mrs. R. Limpus.

Bro. Colonel Francis Burdett rose amid loud cheering, and said: Brethren,—I assure you that never found so much difficulty to respond to a toast as I do this evening. Bro. Wigginton has said more of me than I deserve—(No, no)—and it gives me great pleasure to hear the name of Baroness Burdett Coutts proposed. She has exerted herself in every way, and very few persons could do as she has done. Although she has a large fortune, she has also a large purse. She has taken a proper view of things, and thinks it is better to bestow her charity during her life time. She has done much for the animal world, and has taken up the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, and has also exerted herself to alleviate the sufferings of the poor. She has also done a great deal for Freemasonry, and is always ready to do her best. She has seen the benefit of it, not by the brethren alone, but by what is around us in the shape of institutions. An instance occurred the other day when I met with a gentleman who had a

son lately initiated into Freemasonry, and thinking, perhaps, it was of no benefit, he asked me to explain the advantages. I explained to him as well as I could about our different institutions. He said no more at the time, but two or three days after I received a cheque from him giving £67 to the different Masonic charities, and this, my brethren, from one who was not a Mason. (Cheers.) I again thank you for the very kind manner in which you have proposed and drank my health. (Renewed cheers.)

Bro. Colonel Burdett rose to propose the next toast, and said:—I have now a toast to propose which is of great importance, it being that of "The Deputy Provincial Grand Master and rest of the Provincial Grand Officers, past and present." In the province we are always happy to see the Grand Officers. Grand Lodge has been worthily attended to this day. Whenever it is called, the brethren attend excellently indeed. In proposing the health of those already mentioned, I would couple with that the name of Bro. Buss.

The toast was drunk lustily amidst loud cheering.

Bro. Buss, in responding, thanked the brethren for the very high compliment they had just paid to the Deputy P.G.M. and rest of the Officers, both past and present, and assured them that it gave him great pleasure to be present that day, and he hoped that he should be spared to carry out his work. (Cheers.)

Trio, "The Magic Wove Scarf"—Mrs. R. Limpus, Bros. Limpus and Distin.

Bro. Col. Burdett—The toast I shall now propose will, I am sure, be received with pleasure. We have seen a new lodge consecrated this day, and I feel confident it will be a progressive one; one that will hold a very high position in the Province of Middlesex. The new Master is thoroughly endowed with the principles of Masonry, and I must say he is a very successful man. We have some excellent lodges in the province, and this lodge seems to be a rival, because the Master is a good one, and well up in his duties. I am much pleased with what I have seen to-day. Everything has been carried out in a manner that will not soon be forgotten. I therefore propose "The Health of the W.M. and Prosperity to the Lodge." (Cheers.)

The toast was enthusiastically responded to. Irish Buffo Song, "The Whistling Thief"—Bro. R. Limpus.

Bro. Col. Wigginton, W.M., in responding, said:—Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master and brethren, it is true we are now the last of the new lodges, but I am very far from hoping and wishing that we shall continue to be the last; and if there is one thing I wish for, it is that the Francis Burdett Lodge shall be one of the best. We have many competitors, and nothing shall be wanting on my part to make it one of the best in the Province; and if my Officers will work heart and soul with me, I will run the race that is open, and endeavour to win the prize. I am sure that if my Officers will bear me up in the work, the 5th of November will be a day long to be remembered. I sincerely thank you all for the very high compliment you have paid me. (Cheers.)

"The Officers of the Lodge" being proposed, Bro. Saunders, S.W., rose and said: Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren,—The W.M. has said so much already in praise of the lodge that I shall only say that I trust this, the Francis Burdett, will be one of the best in the province. We as officers will do our best in assisting the W.M. to make it such.

Bro. Tomlinson, J.W., next rose and assured the brethren that no energy on his part should be wanted to promulgate the interests of the lodge, and hoped that, as the lodge was consecrated on the 5th of November, they would never blow up. (Laughter.) He thanked them all for the toast, and hoped that success would attend their labour as officers of the lodge. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. Jenkins, one of the founders of the lodge, rose and hoped it would be one of the best in the province, and wished them every success.

Bro. Colonel Burdett rose and said: It is with great pleasure I propose the next toast. We are deeply indebted to those officers who so ably consecrated this lodge. The work was worthily carried out. I therefore propose the healths of those officers who have performed their several duties so admirably. Bro. Little, whom I appoint this day so admirably. Bro. Little, whom I appoint, has performed his duty in such a manner that very few men could do. I trust, brethren, you will all cordially respond. I therefore give you "The Consecrating Officers," Brothers Little, Hervey, &c.

Bro. Little, on rising, said: It gives me pleasure to return thanks on behalf of myself and Bro. White. I can only apologise for my own shortcomings this day. I felt so ill that I was afraid I should be prevented from coming amongst you this day. I am glad you have been satisfied with the work of to-day. Bro. Buss has been associated

with us for more than ten years, and has rendered me great assistance. I congratulate you, Worshipful Sir, on the prospects of this lodge, and am gratified with the proceedings this day. I wish you every success, and again thank you all for the kind way in which you have responded to our health. (Cheers.)

The Tylers' toast brought the proceedings to a close.

The banquet, provided by Bro. T. Palmer was of the best quality, and gave great satisfaction to all. And the musical arrangements, under the direction of Bro. Limpus, added greatly to the whole proceedings. The rendering of the song, "Esmeralda," was given with telling effect by Mrs. R. Limpus, whilst the singing of the other songs shed as it were a lustre round the brethren, who highly eulogised her for the beautiful manner in which they were rendered.

The whole of the proceedings passed off with the greatest eclat, and every one present was highly delighted.

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MASONIC ORPHAN BOYS' SCHOOL.

The half yearly general meeting of the Board of Governors of the Masonic Orphan Boys' School, was held at Freemasons' Hall, Molesworth street, on Thursday, the 12th of November, J. Creed Meredith, LL.D., Vice President, in the chair.

The minutes of the previous half yearly meeting having been read, were confirmed and signed.

The following report from the committee was read:—

"The Committee of the Masonic Orphan Boys' School, in laying before the board a short statement of the progress of the institution during the past year, are happy in being able to state that the receipts from all sources, since the 1st of January, are somewhat in excess of the amount received during the same period last year; but, although such is the case, they regret to say, that so far as life and annual governors' payments are concerned, the amount received in 1873 exceeded that of 1874, by about £150. The committee think it will mention this, in hopes that during the remaining portion of the year an effort will be made to make up this deficiency, and enable the committee to invest, before the close of the year, at least as much as they were able to do during 1873. The number of pupils now under the care of the school, including the two elected this day, is 23; and the reports received as regards their health, general conduct, and attention to their duties has been most satisfactory. One of the boys elected in May last, the committee regret to say, left the school without leave and returned to his relatives. In consequence of strong representations laid before the committee, they were induced to permit his return to the school, on the distinct understanding that if again guilty of such insubordination he should be at once removed. The committee regret to say that this leniency on their part has not had the desired effect; and the boy having again left school, the committee have declined to permit his return, and must reluctantly request the board of governors to confirm this act by directing Isaac Strahan's name to be removed from the list of pupils of the school. The new Grand Lodge rules not being yet issued, the committee have postponed the consideration of the alterations advisable to be made in the rules of the school; but the Grand Lodge have resolved to make a grant of £100 per annum to the school, on condition that the grand officers for the time being, and the W.M. of each of the Dublin lodges, shall be governors of the school so long as such payment is continued. The committee recommend the following addition to rule 2:—In consideration of the payment of £100 per annum by the Grand Lodge to the funds of the institution, each of the Grand Officers and the W.M. for the time being of each of the Dublin Lodges, shall be a governor of the school. They would also suggest as an addition to Rule No. 11:—'They shall have the power of suspending the admission of a pupil, or rusticiating one already in the school, pending the decision of the board at its next half yearly meeting, should any circumstances come to the knowledge of the council that in their opinion would justify such a step.' The committee being anxious to have the opinion of experienced parties, as to the soundness of the education the boys were receiving, arranged that previously to the breaking up of the school for the summer vacation, an examination should be held in the several subjects in which they were being taught. The following brethren kindly consented to conduct this examination:—Rev. T. Gray, F.T.C.D.; Rev. Samuel Houghton, F.T.C.D.; Hugh Holmes, Esq., barrister; George Vaughan Hart, barrister; Rev. Benjamin Gibson; Rev. James Kay Latham, A.M. And the committee desire to take this opportunity of expressing how

deeply grateful they are to these brethren for the readiness with which they met the wishes of the committee, and the satisfactory way in which the examinations were carried out. The examinations were not confined to the Masonic boys, as it was deemed advisable that they should not be examined apart from the other members of the respective classes in which they were placed. This mode enabled the examiners to institute a comparison between the Masonic boys and the other pupils of the school; and the examiners reported that they found the Masonic boys fully equal in training, mental capacity, and deportment, to the other pupils of the school, and as being, in most cases, not only well prepared, but well grounded in their studies. One of the pupils—James Brett—distinguished himself by very superior answering, and has been highly recommended by all the examiners. This boy entered for the examinations held in the Royal College of Science, under the Science and Art Department of the Council on Education, and obtained certificates in nine out of the eleven subjects he entered for, viz:—Magnetism and electricity, mathematics, applied mechanics, geometry, inorganic chemistry, acoustics, geology, elementary botany, and general biology."

The several recommendations contained in the report were separately put and adopted.

The following report from the scrutineers of the ballot was read:—

We, the undersigned scrutineers of the ballot for the election of two pupils into the Masonic Orphan Boys' School, have to report that with the aid of the assistant secretary, we have examined the several voting papers sent in. We find that the total number of papers received was 661, of which 149 were from life governors, 327 from annual governors, and 185 from official governors; of these 21 were governors whose subscriptions were unpaid, six were not properly signed, three were received late, and two in duplicate.

The total number of votes recorded was 1,543, viz:—Wills Ballantine, 36; Thomas H. Blundell, 36; Edward L. Coleman, 330; George H. Gill, 58; William H. Knight, 163; James Montgomery, 543; William F. O'Neill, 148; William G. Orr, 159; Alexander L. Richardson, 15; William Sitt, 55.

Dated this 10th November, 1874.

Samuel Dobbin,
Charles Foot,
John V. Legge,
Samuel B. Oldham, Assist. Secretary.

Scrutineers.

The Chairman then declared James Montgomery, aged ten, son of James Montgomery, Captain of ship Abcona, of Lodge No. 106, Belfast, and Edward L. Coleman, aged eleven, son of William St. John Coleman, M.D., of Lodge No. 60, Ennis, duly elected as pupils of the school.

The several honorary officers and committees of the school were then unanimously re-elected for 1875. The pupils of the school were in attendance, and manifested by their healthy and intelligent appearance, the good care bestowed upon them by those under whose care they have been placed.

The Dublin Evening Mail.

Freemasonry in Bermuda.

LOYALTY LODGE, 358, IRELAND ISLAND.

An emergent meeting of the above lodge was held on Wednesday evening, October 7th, for the purpose of conferring the third degree on Bros. Sheddick and Beer, and occasion was taken to receive and entertain the W.M. and some of the officers and members of our sister lodge in these islands, viz., Hannibal, 224, G.R.I. The following officers were present:—Bros. W. E. Warder, W.M.; J. C. Tucker, I.P.M.; Chas. Thiele, P.M.; J. Bray, S.W.; W. T. Llewellyn, J.W.; W. Balls, S.D.; J. Sobey, J.D.; W. Downing, I.G.; J. McKirdy, Tyler, p. t.; and Bros. Cann, G. H. Curtis, T. Curtis, Fiddy, Blackwell, Clapp, Cook, Vine, Gole, W. B. Smyth, Field, Caragher, Taylor, Hopper, Marsh, Hobday, Lawler, Milton, Howard, Sheddick and Beer, as members. Visiting brethren from Hannibal were Bros. W. H. H. Wilkinson, W.M.; J. Watkins, P.M.; Frit, P.M.; Jepson, S.W.; Donnelly, Sec; Trott, Stowe, Andrews, Beer, Lane, Richards, Irvin, O'Brien and Burnand. Also Bro. Rev. R. Croker, of Burlington Lodge, 96; and Bro. B. Darrel of 233, as guests.

The lodge was opened in due form on 1st degree, with prayer, and the W.M. informed the brethren of the object of their being assembled that evening, at the same time commenting in eulogistic terms on the manner in which he and some of the officers and members were received on occasion of their visit to Hannibal a few weeks before, when they were so hospitably received and entertained, expressing great gratification at seeing so many brethren from Lodge 224, and sincerely trusting their visit to us would be one of pleasure.

The lodge was duly passed to the 2d degree, and Bros. Sheddick and Beer, having passed a search-

ing examination in their former degrees in a creditable manner, were directed to retire for preparation. The lodge was then raised to the 3rd degree, and the two brethren were in a most solemn and impressive manner raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, Bro. Beer returning thanks for himself and Bro. Sheddick. Nothing further offering, the M.M. Lodge was closed and F.C. resumed; but nothing offering, the F.C. was closed, and E.A.P. lodge resumed. A candidate was proposed for initiation, and nothing further coming before the lodge, it was closed in peace and harmony, and the brethren sat down to an excellent collation prepared by the stewards, the catering reflecting great credit on those bretheren, as also for the neat and tasteful decorations of the lodge-room for the occasion.

A blessing having been asked by Bro. Rev. R. Croker, the brethren did ample justice to the good things provided. The cloth being removed, the following loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured:—"The Queen and the Craft" was first proposed by the W.M., accompanied by a few loyal and appropriate remarks, and drank with great enthusiasm, the assembly singing "God Save the Queen." "The Grand Master and P.G.Ms." was next proposed by the W.M., and in doing so he expressed a hope to see H. R. H. the Prince of Wales P.G.M. as well as Grand Master of our ancient order, trusting his reign over the craft would be as prosperous as that of his predecessors. The toast was received heartily, and Masonically honoured, the brethren singing "God Bless the Prince of Wales."

Bro. P.M. Watkins, in a few pithy remarks, alluded to the resignation of Lord Ripon as G.M., news of which fact had reached here, and alike astonished all.

Bro. Rev. R. Croker, having been unwell for some time past, here requested the W.M. to be allowed to retire, but before doing so assured the brethren how delighted he was to be present this evening with so many brethren, especially that he was enabled to assist in welcoming those from Hannibal, 224, and, wishing them all the enjoyment possible, he begged to retire.

"The Grand Lodges of England, Scotland, Ireland, and Canada," was next proposed by the W.M., greeted with Masonic honours, and responded to on behalf of Ireland and Canada by Bro. Wilkinson.

The toasts of the evening followed—viz., "The W.M. of 224, and Officers and Members of 224." In proposing the W.M. of 224, the W.M., Bro. Warder, said he could scarcely find words to express the pleasure he felt at being able to propose it, and at seeing Bro. Wilkinson among us that evening. The brethren who accompanied him on a visit to Hannibal would long remember the fraternal manner in which they were received and entertained. Such interchanges of visits between lodges were productive of much benefit in many ways, and he wished heartily that his visit would be one of unbounded pleasure. The toast was enthusiastically received, and greeted with Masonic honours.

Bro. Wilkinson, in reply, said he was at a loss to give due expression to what he felt, but assured the brethren that the evening would long be remembered by himself and his brethren of 224 as one of the most pleasant. He could not close his remarks without paying a highly deserved compliment to the W.M. of Loyalty, congratulating him on the efficient working of the lodge.

The toast, "Officers and Members of 224," was next drunk, Masonically honoured, and ably responded to by Brother Jepson, S.W., thanking the lodge for the reception given them. He stated that he had long wished to pay a visit to 358, having heard such excellent accounts of the manner of working in the lodge. He begged to say that the description did not approach the reality at all. He was indeed agreeably surprised, and concluded his remarks by thanking the lodge for their reception of the Officers and members of 224, it being far beyond their expectations.

The toast, "Raised Brethren," was proposed by Bro. P. M. Thiele, duly honoured and ably responded to by Bro. Beer.

Bro. J.P.M. I. C. Tucker proposed the next toast, "Our Guests," and took occasion to remark with what pleasure he was enabled to do so, it being the health of our Rev. Bro. R. Croker, and Bro. B. Darrel. The lodge was highly delighted to have our Rev. Bro. among them this evening, and though he had for some time been much indisposed, the brethren would heartily join with him in drinking to his thorough restoration, trusting at the same time he would spend many more pleasant evenings with us. Bro. Croker had just handed £3 towards the Building Fund with his earnest wishes for the welfare of Loyalty. With respect to our worthy Bro. Darrel, the brethren could not be too enthusiastic in drinking to the health of one of the oldest members of 358. With the exception of Bro. Thiele, he was the oldest. Bro. Darrel had always been very zealous in ren-

dering assistance to Loyalty, especially in connection with R.V. Chapter attached. The toast then drunk with Masonic honours, and responded to by Bro. Darrel.

"Loyalty Lodge" was then given by Bro. Wilkinson, W.M. of 224. He requested the members of his lodge to fill to the full and drink to continued prosperity of Loyalty Lodge; which was done right heartily, accompanied with Mas fire, and responded to on behalf of 358 by the H. Bro. Warder, alluding to the fraternal feeling existing between the lodges, trusting that opportunities may offer to meet as they had done this evening, thereby strengthening the tie which binds us as brethren. Bro. Warder concluded by thanking 224, in the name of the Loyalty, for substantial assistance rendered to the father and widow on a recent occasion.

Bro. S. W. Bray proposed "Health, Prosperity to Our Sister Lodges in Bermuda" which being duly honoured, was responded to on behalf of 233 by Bro. Darrel, and for 224 by Bro. Wilkinson.

Bro. O. M. Jas. Watkins, in a very humorous style, proposed "The Ladies," the brethren singing the glee, "Here's Health."

"Distressed Brethren, a Speedy Relief to Them" was given by J. W. Llewellyn.

The list of toasts having been completed, the brethren gave themselves to harmony. Bros. Tucker, Bray, Cann, and Pike having prepared a few glees for the occasion, opened with the glee, "Glorious Apollo," followed by "Fair Flora decks the Flowery Ground," the trio, "The Monks of Old and "Ye Gentlemen of England." Between glees several musical brethren rendered some capital songs, among whom were Bros. Fiddy, Balls, Beer, McKirdy, and Richards, of 224. Bro. Clapp highly amused the assembly with "A W. Countryman's Trip to the Seaside," in the "Zummerset" dialect, and Bro. Cook recited in g style the scene from Henry VIII., "The Fall Wolsey." The singing and recitations were well received. Bro. P.M. Tucker presided at the organ.

Apropos of the donations to the Building Fund of our Rev. Bro. Croker, it may not be out of place to state the intentions of the lodge with respect to the present building. Doubtless it will be interesting to many brethren who belong to Loyalty, or are acquainted with it, who are so tired over the globe, and to whom it would be a pleasure to hear of its prosperity. Those who have attended the full meetings of the lodge, especially in the summer months, it will be no difficult task to convince of the fact that the lodge room is inadequate to the requirements of this constantly increasing lodge. The members have therefore decided, that, to enable them the better to accommodate themselves and their esteemed brethren who honour them with their attendance, they will construct the present Hall. So as to accomplish the object in view Bro. H. Stollard kindly drew up a plan which has been approved by the lodge, the estimated amount will be about £2,000. Of this sum the officers and members, with the assistance of a few friends, have realized about £300 towards the amount required. The M.W. Master and Grand Lodge has been petitioned the hope of receiving some aid towards an undertaking which has become a matter of necessity. Should this induce any brother interested in the lodge to render assistance, Bro. J. C. Tucker would gladly receive any donation towards so desirable an object.

The Tyler's toast brought to a close one of the most pleasant evenings in the history of Loyalty and the brethren highly delighted repaired to their respective homes.

Reviews.

THE SHIPWRECKED MARINER. A Quarterly & time Magazine. London: Geo. Morrish, Warwick Lane, Paternoster Row, E.C.

We have perused this excellent contribution with pleasure. It contains an excellent article on "The Royal Navy, Ancient and Modern" abridged from an unfinished History of the Royal Navy by Sir N. H. Nicholas, and other sources. It gives some vivid impressions of deeds and bearing of some of England's maritime heroes; on the whole it is full of information. Next comes a sketch of the Hebrides, in which the characteristics of that wild but interesting place are beautifully depicted. It also contains "The Doctor Afloat," "Floating Telegraph Station," "A Stowaway," "The 'Grace' Sunderland," and many other interesting sketches. It is well printed, and nicely illustrated, and those that go down to the sea in ships, the business in the great waters, this valuable publication will be found highly interesting and we are sure it will be highly appreciated by all readers.

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NOTES OF MASONIC MEETINGS

Craft Masonry.

WITCH.—British Union Lodge (No. 114).— The usual monthly meeting was held at the Hall, Ipswich, on Thursday, 19th inst., by Bro. Peter de Lande Long, W.M.; I. E. Lockwood, D.P.G.M.; Rev. R. N. Son, P.G.C.; Body, P.G.S.W.; C. Long, C.; Emra Holmes, P.P.G., Reg.; W. W. W. Sec.; A. J. Barber, P.G.O.; P. Cornhill, P.G.S.D.; A. D. George, S.W.; J. J. J., J.D.; Rev. J. B. Tweed, I.G.; &c. &c. g brethren, N. Tracy, P.P.G.S.W.; S. B. P.P.G.S.D., &c. The lodge having been in due form and the minutes of last confirmed, the ballot was taken for W.M. Treasurer for the ensuing year, when Bro. Peter de Lande Long was unanimously elected to fill the office of K.S., Bro. Schulen being re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. G. Spalding, Tyler. Bro. Holmes, pursuant to notice, moved that the initiation fee be raised from four guineas to five. He remarked that the financial state of the lodge, the frequent calls on its hospitality, and the fact that the last 30 or 40 years the fee had been raised—necessitated the return to the sum charged for initiation. Many brethren charged for higher, notably the Erasmus, which had fixed the fee at 25 guineas, and felt sure that no candidate, such as they wish to see amongst them, would scruple to pay for the sake of the additional guinea. Bro. Schulen seconded the motion, which was supported by Bro. Body, who remarked that other lodge in the province charged six guineas. The W.M. said he could not express an opinion on the subject as he did not know the circumstances of the case, he remarked, however, that he thought perhaps the fee was wrong in the name of the lodge. He understood that a lodge at Ipswich Exchange charged sixty guineas for initiation. Bro. Holmes remarked that he was supported by a member of the Erasmus who said that the fee was what he stated. The motion was put the motion, which was carried unanimously. Bro. Holmes then moved that an Organist should be appointed, and dilated on the great impressiveness of the ceremonies assisted by music, and the admirable Musical Services which were published in the lodge. Bro. George seconded the motion, which was opposed by Bro. Barber, on the ground that it was useless to employ an Organist until the organ was put in repair. A general discussion ensued, and Bro. Long, Sanderson and Clark took part in the motion was ultimately lost. No business being before the meeting the meeting was closed and the brethren retired for the night.

at the Coffee House, Wavertree, near Liverpool, on Wednesday evening, the 18th inst., when there were about seventy brethren present—the largest gathering which has been seen for a long time. Bro. J. W. Edginton, W.M., presided, and amongst the others present were Bros. Pugh, P.M.; Williams, I.P.M.; Thornton, P.M.; Cookson, P.M.; T. B. Myers, S.W.; R. Martin, jun.; Brown, Treas.; Williams, Sec., &c. The gathering included the extraordinary number of 17 P.M.'s and W.M.'s, an attendance which has not been equalled for some time. No fewer than eight candidates were initiated, which shows that the lodge continues to increase greatly in numbers as well as in the excellent quality of its members. During the evening a very handsome watch, massive gold chain and Albert, and an illuminated address, were presented to Bro. J. G. Bales, the Secretary of the lodge since its beginning, and this formed the most important feature of the evening's programme. The address was to the effect that the brethren could not permit Bro. Bales to retire from the Secretaryship of the lodge—an office which he had filled from its consecration—without testifying in some measure to the faithful manner in which he had fulfilled the onerous duties of that position. They (the brethren) asked him to accept that address as a testimony of their appreciation of his services; and they also desired to give the watch, chain, and Albert, as a further proof of the manner in which they valued his long services as Secretary. The watch bore an inscription to the effect that the whole was presented as a mark of esteem by the brethren to Bro. Bales. The W.M. (Bro. Edginton), in making the presentation, spoke of the progress which the lodge had made since its consecration, and referred in the highest terms to the valuable services rendered by Bro. Bales while acting as the Secretary. Bro. Bales, in acknowledging the handsome testimonial, said he had done what he could for the lodge, and he felt more than repaid by the tokens of brotherly fellowship and kindness which he had received that night. During the proceedings a committee was appointed for the purpose of taking the preliminary steps, with the view to the formation of a Royal Arch-Chapter in connection with the lodge.

MILTON.—Whitwell Lodge (No. 1390).— The regular communication of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall on Tuesday, the 17th inst. The lodge was opened at 6 o'clock p.m., by the W.M., Bro. Mills, P.P.G.S.B., who was supported by Bros. Thomas Dodgson, I.P.M., P.M. 995; Roger Dodgson, P.M., W.M. 995, P.P.G.S.B.; Meredith, S.W.; Postlethwaite, J.W., W.M., 1368, P.G.S.; Croke, Sec.; Wailing, S.D.; Bell, J.D.; Blakeney, I.G.; and a large number of brethren. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. A candidate for initiation was balloted for and accepted. The W.M. afterwards entrusted a candidate for the second degree, who then retired. The W.M.'s chair was then taken by Bro. Thomas Dodgson, who opened the lodge in the Fellow Craft's degree, and on the candidate being readmitted he was duly passed; the working tools being presented by Bro. Roger Dodgson. The candidate again retired and five Fellow Crafts were examined as to their proficiency and entrusted for the third degree. They were afterwards severally raised to the sublime degree of M.M., Bro. Roger Dodgson giving two of the degrees and Bro. Thomas Dodgson the remaining three and also the Historic Lecture and a lecture on the third degree tracing board. The lodge was then closed in form to the first degree, when the Secretary read a letter from Bro. Lord Muncaster, P.P.G.S.W., regretting his inability to be present at the lodge on that evening. A candidate for admission into Masonry was proposed and other general business disposed of, when the lodge was closed about 11 o'clock p.m.

MANCHESTER.—The Lodge of Truth, (No. 1458), Bro. W. Turner, W.M., held its 12th regular meeting on Saturday, Nov. 7th, at the Royal Archer Hotel, Dale-street, Manchester, for the election of officers and the transaction of other important business. Bro. Smith,

J.W. was unanimously elected W.M., and Bro. Tyers, P.M., was unanimously re-elected Treasurer. The lodge was honoured with the presence of Bro. Romaine Callender, R.W.D.P.G.M. of East Lancashire. After business a sumptuous banquet was served by the host, Bro. Pots.

LIVERPOOL.—Lodge of Israel (No. 1502).— The ordinary monthly meeting of this young lodge was held on Monday evening, the 16th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Liverpool; and from the thorough efficiency displayed by the W.M., the esprit of the officers, and the devotion to duty shown by the brethren our prediction that the lodge would soon be "at the top of the (Masonic) tree" in West Lancashire seems likely to be realised, and that quickly. As an evidence of the admirable spirit of liberality which has quickly developed itself in the lodge, which is not yet two months old, it ought to be stated that nearly £15 have already been subscribed for the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, the W.M. heading the list with a very handsome donation. The example is a noble one, and therefore all honour to the members of the Lodge of Israel! The lodge was opened punctually at six o'clock by Bro. Ralph Robinson, the W.M., supported by the following officers:—Bros. Maurice de Frece, S.W.; A. J. Henochsberg, J.W.; Isaac de Frece, Treas.; M. Hart, Sec.; A. Jones, S.D.; S. Schonstadt, J.D.; B. Woolf, I.G.; P. A. Crozier, S.S.; A. Hart, J.S.; W. G. Veale, Org.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. The members of the lodge present were Bros. J. Moss, J. Frank, D. L. Marcus, S. Hart, A. Liebuschütz, A. Prenclan, J. S. McCable, J. M. Foote, G. J. Somers, F. Barnett, Frank Moss, and M. Parkes. The visitors were Bros. R. S. Godsol, 594; J. Brown, 241; F. Siemmes, 241; E. Clarke, 753; J. Ferguson, 753; and E. J. Callow, 104. Messrs. Hermann and Rabow were balloted for, duly elected, and afterwards initiated in a remarkably impressive and admirable manner by the W.M., Bros. Somers, S. Hart, McCable, and Liebuschutz, being found proficient, were subsequently passed to the degree of F.C., the work being again capitally done by the W.M. The working tools in this degree were given by Bro. A. J. Henochsberg, J.W., and no more complete and effective delivery of this portion of the ritual has rarely been heard. After the transaction of some formal business, the lodge was closed in peace and concord.

METROPOLITAN LODGE (No. 1507).—This new lodge held its second regular meeting on Thursday, the 19th inst., at the rooms of the Metropolitan Club, 269, Pentonville-road. Bro. James Willing, jun., W.M., presided, and was supported by Bros. J. Michael, S.W.; Thomas Williams, J.W.; R. Rose, Treasurer; George Tims, Secretary; H. Shield, S.D.; R. T. Kingham, J.D.; W. M. Stiles, G. Colls, A. Rapkin, C. Scales, W. R. Clarke, T. R. Maples, G. Cheek, W. Side, W. Hopton, G. Potter, Gordon Adams, 76; A. H. Longhurst, P.M. 1425; W. Ryan, J.D. 1260; W. Lows, J.W. 1260; and H. Massey (Freemason), P.M. 619. The W.M. initiated Messrs. H. G. Rapkin, C. Carter, Thomas Jones, Thomas Jackson, and George Cook, and passed Bros. Rapkin, Scales, Colls and Stiles. The brethren elected as a joining member Bro. Geo. Potter, 261, and then considered and passed the bye-laws of the lodge. An announcement of the position of the lodge being discharged there was a balance of nearly £7 to the credit. This was considered to be very gratifying, the lodge being less than three months old. The lodge was then closed, and an emergency meeting appointed for six o'clock, on the 1st December. A capital banquet with excellent wines was afterwards provided by Mr. C. Cox, the manager of the Metropolitan Club, which was heartily partaken of, and the brethren in due course honoured the customary toasts. The initiates replied separately to the toast of their health, and promised to follow up the good work that evening begun with energy and assiduity. Bro. George Tims proposed the health of the W.M., and expressed the opinion of the brethren by praising his fluent working, and his efforts in promoting the welfare of the

lodge. He also spoke with much confidence of the future prospects of the lodge, and of the brethren one day seeing it at the head of the roll of London lodges. Bro. Willing, in reply, said that, as far as his own individual merits were concerned, the compliments paid by Bro. Tims were undeserved. As the Master of the lodge, he was happy to say it was making good progress—such progress, indeed, as many older lodges had not attained to. On the previous evening he had been complimented at the Board of Benevolence on this progress; and he felt that as a compliment not so much to him as to the members of the lodge. It really implied that they all took an interest in the Craft, and that interest had so manifested itself that it had attracted the attention of members of Grand Lodge. While he continued to be well supported in that lodge, or anywhere else, no efforts on his part should be wanting to make the Metropolitan Lodge an eminent lodge in the Craft (cheers). "The Health of the Visitors" was responded to by Bro. Longhurst, P.M. 780 and 1425, and several other members, all of whom concurred in their approval of the working of the lodge, and the cordial reception which had been extended to them. The W.M., in giving "The Health of the Treasurer and Secretary," greatly complimented both those brethren on their exertions, and said that their work was well done, in addition to being done quietly and unostentatiously. To Bro. Tims especially he paid this compliment, and informed the brethren that if any officer happened accidentally to be away, Bro. Tims was always ready to perform his duties. (Applause.) Bro. Rose and Bro. Tims respectively acknowledged the toast, and after assuring the W.M. of the interest they took in all that concerned the lodge, promised that they would continue to manifest that interest in the future as they had in the past. After the other toasts had been proposed, honoured, and responded to, the brethren separated.

IVY LODGE (No. 1441).—Again it is our pleasing duty to record the continued successful progress of the truly excellent lodge which held a regular meeting on Tuesday the 17th inst., at the Windsor Castle Tavern, Southwark Bridge Road. The lodge was called at a reasonable hour for all concerned and the summons was loyally responded to, which will be seen when our readers peruse the names of those present, viz.:—Bros. C. Smith, W.M.; G. Mattock, S.W.; J. J. Cattle, J.W.; J. Noko, Hon. P.M.; E. Thurkle, Treasurer; C. S. Jolly, Sec.; C. F. Poupard, S.D.; L. J. Cornelissen, J.D.; and W. Ashwell, I.G. Every officer was at his post, and the work of the evening was carried on with a completeness which left nothing to be desired. The lodge was duly opened and the minutes of the last regular and emergency meetings were read and confirmed, after which, it being announced that two out of the three candidates named in the summons for the third degree were present, (the other having tendered an apology for his absence), the lodge now opened in the second degree and Bros. W.; G. Silcock and J. Barwick were examined according to the ancient formula. Having proved their efficiency, those brethren were afterwards properly introduced, after the lodge had resolved itself into the superior degree, and those brethren were inducted into the third degree of Freemasonry. The ceremony was rendered in the most impressive manner possible, and the whole of the traditional history attached to the degree was imparted to them. The lodge was afterwards resumed to the first degree, and Mr. J. R. Ashford was initiated into the Order. The initiation ceremony was performed in like admirable manner as the previous ceremony had been, and the W.M. concluded his labours by reciting the ancient charge, so often spoken of, but so seldom delivered, to the initiate, which was delivered with telling effect. The resignation of Bro. C. Nott, in consequence of his projected settlement in Australia, was received with regret, but the next announcement was one which was of a more agreeable nature, namely that the W.M. had undertaken the duties of Steward at the ensuing Festival in aid of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. This announcement was

received with much satisfaction by the brethren, and a notice of motion was immediately made that the sum of £25 be taken from the lodge funds to head the list of the W.M., which will doubtlessly be confirmed at the next lodge meeting. The last business brought before the lodge was a simple, but very pleasing one; the Secretary, Bro. C. S. Jolly, proposed and carried a motion, that a lodge album should be provided to contain the photographic likeness of every member of the lodge, an admirable idea, if the names of the brethren and the dates of their initiation are attached thereto, which will make the collection one of lasting interest to many. When the lodge was closed, some simple refreshments were served, and here we would remark that we hope the lodge will soon deliver itself from its present surrounding. It is not a tavern lodge; it has been founded on higher principles, it ought to hold its meeting in a less obscure place than where it is at present located, more properly housed the "Ivy" Lodge would soon stand pre-eminent amongst its compeers.

ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).—The regular meeting of this young and highly flourishing lodge took place at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, on Thursday, 12th November. There were present Bros. John Lawrence Mather, W.M., P.M. 65, 1227; E. Bowyer, S.W.; L. A. Lewis, J.W.; T. Davy, S.D.; Stephens, P.M., J.D. pro tem; G. F. Cook, Treas.; E. Braine, Sec.; P. Preston, D.C.; W. Bonsor, I.G.; and other brethren. Visitors: Bros. J. Driscoll, P.M. 30; Boyd, P.G.D.; John Williams, 699, (Freemason). The lodge having been duly opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting unanimously confirmed, Messrs. Shaw, Sleigh, Harris, Marsh and Luck were all duly initiated into the mysteries of Ancient Freemasonry by the W.M. in a manner that could not be surpassed, the charges being delivered in an admirable, efficient and impressive style, maintaining the usual working from the chair. Bros. Watkins, Lake and Holness were passed to the degree of F.C. Bro. Cope was raised to the sublime degree of M.M. The whole of the ceremonies were performed without a single hitch, and the working of that night tells us that the Islington Lodge will be second to none in the metropolis. After the lodge had been closed in due form, the brethren re-assembled at the banqueting table, where the W.M. presided over an excellent collation. After the removal of the cloth, the W.M. rose to propose "The Queen and the Craft," saying that Her Majesty had won the affections of the Craft in general. The brethren responded in suitable terms. He then proposed "Our Royal Brother, the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," to which the brethren lustily responded. The W.M. then proposed "The Earl of Carnarvon, R.W.D.G.M., and the other Grand Officers." This toast was received with full Masonic honours. Bro. Cook then proposed "The health of the W.M.," which was heartily received. The W.M. in responding, said:—I thank you kindly for the high compliment you have just paid me, and feel highly gratified to know that my labours have been satisfying to you all. The W.M. said, the next toast I have to propose is that of "The Initiates." We are perfectly satisfied with what we have seen of them to-night, and think they will make true and loyal Masons. I sincerely trust that the ceremony of to-night will leave a lasting impression on their minds. All lodges are benefited by receiving new blood; it gives fresh life and vitality. The toast was highly honoured, the W.M. giving "The Entered Apprentice's Song." Each of the initiates responded in suitable terms. The W.M. then proposed "The Visitors," saying he was always delighted to receive strangers. The toast being highly honoured, Bros. Boyd and Driscoll responded on behalf of the visitors. "The Masonic Press" having been given, Bro. Williams responded for the *Freemason*. The W.M. next proposed "The Officers," to which the S.D., Bro. Davy, responded on behalf of his brother officers. The "Tyler's toast" brought the meeting to a close. [The pleasures of the evening were greatly enhanced by the singing of the brothers Holness. On the whole, everything connected with the working of this interesting

lodge was everything that could be desired. The W.M. and his officers all work in a admirable manner that augurs well for the prospect of the Islington Lodge.

HAMPTON.—Hemming Lodge (No. 1511).—The first meeting of this lodge for the dispensation of business since the consecration was at the Red Lion, Hotel, Hampton, on Thursday evening last, and was well attended. This lodge was founded under the auspices of several influential members of the Lebanon Lodge (No. 1511). The lodge was opened in ancient form by W.M., Bro. Hammond, P.M.; Bros. Hopwood, P.M., S.W.; Hill, P.M., J.W.; Hurst, S.W.; Cox, J.D.; Wheeler, I.G.; Jesson, Treas.; J. Hammond, Sec. The minutes of the previous preliminary meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. proceeded to initiate Messrs. Ockenden, G. Phillips, and J. Chilcott. The working was done in so excellent and masterly manner as to evoke the commendations of the visitors present, and upon the motion of J.W., which was seconded by the S.W., an unanimous vote of thanks was passed and order to be entered on the minutes, congratulating upon his successfully carrying out the duties of the chair of K.S. Bro. Hopwood was elected to represent the lodge and to be recommenced as an officer of the P.G.L. The visitors present were Bros. Colonel Wigginton, P.M., W.M. 1503, &c.; Martin, P.M., P.P.G.O., J.W. 1503; Saunders, S.W. 1503; Wilson 209; Jenkinson 1503; Jones 1326; Lawrence 1326; W. 1381; Vinaggio 1503. The lodge having been closed in due form the brethren participated of a cold collation. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given briefly but to the point by W.M. Bro. Col. Wigginton proposed the health of the W.M. in a very neat and complimentary speech and congratulated this young lodge upon possessing so able a Master, and he also repeated for the Visitors. The initiates' health had been drunk and responded to, Bro. Jepson request sang the song of the "Entered Apprentice" with effect. Bro. Martin contributed "Good bye, Sweetheart," Bro. Walls "Love Request," and Bro. Saunders a "motto" song, all of which vocal efforts appeared to give great satisfaction to the brethren. The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a successful termination.

Royal Arch.

MOUNT LEBANON CHAPTER (No. 73) held on Thursday, Nov. 12th, at the Br House Hotel, Southwark. The Chapter opened by Comps. E. Harris, M.E.Z.; Walters, P.Z., S.E. as H.; W. Smeed, P.Z. J. R. Watts, P.Z., and A. D. Loewenstark. The companions were then admitted, minutes of the preceding meeting read and confirmed. Apologies were received from absent Principals and candidates. The work of the Chapter rehearsed, Comp. G. W. Wheeler, P.Z., Scotland, gave some working of the degree practised in that country. Comp. A. D. Loewenstark, P.Z., resigned his membership. His resignation was accepted with regret. Comp. M. D. Loewenstark, S.N., was elected Steward to represent the Chapter at the forthcoming Festival to be held on Wednesday, May 13th, for Girls' School. All business being ended the chapter was closed. There were present those named, Comps. J. S. Swasey, J. Baldwin, P.S.; B. Isaacs, S. Frankenberg; Visitors, G. W. Wheeler, P.Z. 73, W. N. S.N. 176, J. B. Langley, 1st A.S. 176. There was not any banquet or refreshment the companions separated after the work done.

Mark Masonry.

CHACEWATER.—Boscawen Lodge (No. 1511).—The annual meeting of the Boscawen of M.M. Masons was held on Monday inst., Bro. Rev. G. L. Church, W.M., P.P. in the chair. The W. Bro. Jos. Holman being duly elected and presented was initiated as W.M. for the ensuing year by Bro. J. N.

P.P.G.J.W. There were also present as called Masters—Bros. Jno. Paull, P.P.G.S.O.; Hall, P.P.G.S. Wks.; W. P. Hugoe, J.D.; S. Mitchell, P.P.G.S.; Rev. W. some, P.G.C., W.M. St. Michael's Lodge, ton. The W.M. invested the following as officers:—Bros. Rev. W. H. Bloxsome, Jno. Chegwidan, J.W.; G. Matthews, P. Oates, S.O.; W. Joll, J.O.; J. ss, Treas.; J. Hall, Sec.; F. J. Lee, R.M.; eed, D.C.; J. Hensley, S.D.; J. Jackson, W. Hosken, Org.; Pearce and Whalley, J. C. Oates, I.G.; W. Lean, Tyler. At lose of the lodge the brethren partook of an lent banquet, provided by Bro. Host N., when the usual loyal and fraternal toasts given and responded to. The best wishes were strongly expressed for the success of Masonry in the Province of Cornwall, ded over as it is by such a highly esteemed er as Sir F. M. Williams, Bart., M.P.

Scotland.

GLASGOW.

DGE MARIE STUART (No. 541).—At a ng of this flourishing suburban lodge, in ueen's Park Rooms, Crosshill, the office-s were elected for the ensuing year, and of them present were duly installed by Thomas Halket P.M. of St. Mark's (102), t the completion, delivered a most impress- d useful address. The list, as re-arranged, follows:—R.W.M., Bro. J. D. Porteous; Bro. W. Gillies; S.M., Bro. Julius ; S.W., Bro. W. M'G. Mason; J.W., James Stamm; Treasurer, Bro. Samuel ter; Secretary, Bro. Robert A. Buchanan; Bro. John Fraser; J.D., Bro. James y, jun.; Chaplain, Bro. Robert Walker; Bro. T. Fyfe; Joint-Directors of Music, Wm. Schob and John Cassells; P. of ds, Bro. Andrew Hilcole; Assistant- ds, Bros. John Thomson, Alex. Hill, C. 7, Robert Inglis, Robert Hunter, and J. ; jun.; I.G., Bro. J. Hunter, sen.; Tyler, mes Minnock.

GE CLYDESDALE (No. 556) met in the ody Rooms, Crown-street, on Monday, st. The R.W.M., Bro. Wm. Phillips, d, with Bro. John B. McNaught, S.W.; in Howil, J.W. There were also present Bros. John McNaught; S.D., John Frew, . McDougal; and among the visiting Bro. G. H. McNaught, R.W.M. 275- ly business of any importance before the ; was the nomination of office-bearers nsuing year. Thereafter certain arrange- or the first annual re-union of the lodge reed upon, and the lodge was then closed nd ancient form.

THE THISTLE (No. 87).—This lodge met all at No. 12, Trongate, on Tuesday, st. The chair was occupied by the , Bro. John Millar, who was supported dais by Bros. John Fraser, P.M., C. K. D.M.; Thos. Paton, Treas.; D. all, Sec.; and Joseph Wilson, R.W.M. he lodge having been opened in the ice degree, the Secretary read the minutes ular meeting, and also of an emere- teeing held since then, which were The reports of the Treasurer and the respectively, were then submitted; the ting that the accounts had been gone carefully, and that the Auditors were satisfied that they were truthful and The election of office-bearers was then d with and concluded, the following roll for the ensuing year:—R.W.M., nes W. Burns; D.M., Bro. C. K. S.M., Bro. Jas. Love; S.W., Bro. th; J.W., Bro. Wm. Wilson; Treas. ds. Paton; Sec., Bro. D. McDougal; s, Walter Stewart; J.D., Bro. Allan G. . Stewart, Bro. James Currie; S. Staer, Bro. J. G. Ritchie; J. Standard- ro. J. G. Ritchie; J. standard-bearer, n Fraser; P.G. Stewart, Bro. Samuel I.G., Bro. John McLachlan; Tyler, Sinclair. At the close of the election, man said he had to return the mectic

his sincere thanks for the orderly way in which the election had been conducted. He would be- speak for the new office-bearers a fair trial. If the lodge generally gave them their support they would go into their duties as they ought to do; and he hoped, in fact, he had no doubt, that the lodge would do their duty to these office-bearers He supposed it was widely known that a new degree, emanating from the Grand Lodge, and called the "Installed Masters'" degree had to be taken by their new R.W.M.; and he was now receiving the same in another apartment at the hands of Bro. A. McTaggart, P.G. Secretary. Bro. S. McPhee said he had just to say that he considered it was the duty of the lodge to record to the chairman a very hearty vote of thanks for the manner in which he had fulfilled the duties of the office from which he now retired. More than that, he might mention that they purposed by and by giving him some little memento of his reign, which he might hand down to his family after him. The proposition of Bro. McPhee was unanimously adopted, by universal and prolonged acclamation. The chairman, in reply, said he felt very thankful for, and highly appreciated the compli- ment they had paid him, which would also be an encouragement to those who succeeded him to do the best they could in the same position. For himself, he had performed the duties of his office to the best of his ability; and if, in anything, he had fallen short, he hoped he might be excused. He had spent many very pleasant nights within Lodge 87, and hoped to spend many more. (Applause.) The newly- elected office-bearers were then asked to step forward to the altar, and having done so, they were there and then installed into office by Bro. McTaggart, whose performance of the work was masterly and impressive to a degree. The new R.W.M., Bro. Burns, having taken the chair, said he could not properly express his gratitude for being placed in the honourable position he now occupied. This (Lodge 87) was his mother lodge. He had always felt a deep interest in it from the first time he entered its walls, and he hoped he should never forget it as long as he lived. Anything he could do for its prosperity should be done; and he hoped nothing would be found wanting. He was proud to find that his office-bearers were men and brethren who would work with him—brethren, every one of whom would do his duty according to the obligation he had taken that night. Personally, he hoped he had now the sympathy of the lodge; and, if his colleagues in office had it too, he had no fear that by that time next year they would have a good Thistle Lodge. The lodge thereafter adjourned from labour to refreshment. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were then given from the chair, Bro. W. H. Bickerton replying on behalf of the Grand Lodge of England, which, he said, it gave him much pleasure to do in a lodge of which he was himself an affiliated member. The remain- ing toasts were—"The Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow," coupled with the name of Bro. McTaggart, P.G. Secretary, who made an able reply; "The Retiring Office Bearers of Lodge Thistle," coupled with the health of P.M. Bro. John Millar; "The Present Office Bearers," coupled with the R.W.M., Bro. J. W. Burns; and "The Masonic Press," coupled with the name of Bro. J. Stewart, of the *Freemason*. The lodge having been recalled to labour, was there- after closed in due form.

LODGE ST. MUNGO (No. 27), met for the installation of office-bearers, in St. Mark's Hall, 213, Buchanan-street, on Thursday, 19th inst. The R.W.M., Bro. Dugald Butler, occupied the chair, supported on the dais by three Past Masters of the lodge, viz.: Bros. A. McTaggart, George Sinclair, and William King; as also Bros. A. R. Wilson, Chaplain; Thos. Lock- head, Treasurer; and W. B. Paterson, Secretary of the lodge; Bro. Joseph Wilson, R.W.M., Lodge Star 219; and Bro. Alex. Bain, P.M., Lodge Union and Crown, 103. The Secretary having read the minutes of two previous meetings they were passed. The Treasurer, submitted his annual report, which showed, as he remarked, that, pecuniarily, the lodge was in a better position than at the same time last year, by about

£30, a result which the chairman observed was very satisfactory and gratifying. Bro. Wm. King, P.M., said he had great pleasure in moving the adoption of the Treasurer's report, it was pleasant when they had such a good balance on the right side, and he trusted that possibly it would be still better next year. Bro. George Sinclair, P.M., in seconding the adoption of the report, said it was one of the best they had had put before them for the last twelve or fourteen years. The Chairman said that seeing the list of office-bearers had been read to the lodge, he had now simply to ask if there were any objections to it. There being none offered, the ceremony of installation was performed, and the office-bearers invested with their respective jewels, by Bro. A. McTaggart, P.G. Sec. At the close of this portion of the proceedings, the Chairman said he was sure they were all very much indebted to Bro. McTaggart for his kindness in officiating as he had just done. For his own (the chairman's) part, he felt that he could not thank the lodge as he ought to do for replacing him in the important position he occupied; the duties of which he would always endeavour to discharge to the best of his ability. The follow- ing is the rearranged list of office-bearers:— R.W.M., Bro. Dugald Butler; D.M., Bro. A. McTaggart; S.M., Bro. J. Morris; S.W., Bro. Dr. M'Innes; J.W., Bro. E. M'Comb; Sec. Bro. W. B. Paterson; Treas., Bro. T. Lockhead; S.D., Bro. W. Neilson; J.D., Bro. T. Hastie, Chaplain, Bro. Rev. M'Leck; Vice-Chaplain, Bro. A. R. Wilson; P. of Stewards, Bro. R. Morrison; Junior Stewards, Bros. Malcolm, Whyte, T. Brodie, W. Brown, W. Dykes, W. Niven, and T. Grange; P.G. Steward, Bro. W. Arbuckle; D. of Music, Bro. W. Albin; B.B., Bro. T. Muir; Standard-bearer, Bro. H. Affleck; Architect, Bro. J. Taylor; Surgeon, Bro. Dr. Buchanan; Jeweller, Bro. D. Sutherland, I.G., Bro. R. Carmichael; Tyler, Bro. G. James. The lodge having adjourned from labour to refreshment, a pleasant couple of hours were spent. Among other toasts given and responded to in the course of the evening were "Lodge St. Mungo," replied to by the R.W.M.; "The Treasurer" (Bro. Lockhead), proposed by Bro. Geo. Sinclair, P.M.; "The Senior Wardens" (Bro. Dr. M'Innes); "The Junior Warden," "The retiring Office-bearers," coupled with the name of Bro. Grange, who acknowledged the compliment, &c.

LODGE CALEDONIAN RAILWAY (No. 354) met in St. Mark's Hall, Buchanan-street, on Wednesday, 18th inst. The lodge having been opened in the Apprentice degree by the R.W.M., Bro. James Shaw, the Secretary, (Bro. W. R. Dunn) read the minutes of last meeting, which were passed. The meeting then proceeded to the re-arrangement of the lodge committee for the ensuing year, the following brethren being appointed to constitute said committee:—Bros. A. Dougall, Robert Wotherspoon, A. Allison, W. W. Joiner and Allan McDonald. Bros. Peter Sanderson and John S. Hunter were appointed auditors. Bro. John B. Hardie (Lodge 102) was then duly affiliated a member of this lodge; and thereafter two candidates were initiated into the mysteries of the Order by the R.W.M., and four brethren raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason at the hands of Bro. A. Arrick Smith. There was no other business, and the lodge was closed in due and ancient form.

LODGE CLYDE (No. 408).—The second annual soiree; concert, and assembly of the members of this lodge, and friends, was held with much success in the Bath-street Assembly Rooms, on Friday 20th inst. Brother Duncan Downie, R.W.M., occupied the chair, supported on the platform by Bros. Rev. Robert Thomson, John Buchanan, P.M.; R. Mitchell, D.M.; John M'Innes, S.W.; W. Bilsland, J.W.; J. Morton, S.D.; W. Harper, Treas.; R. Bowie, Sec.; G. Weston, R.W.M. (73); J. B. M'Nair, R.W.M. (332); and J. Scott, R.W.M. (419). After tea, the chairman delivered a brief address, in course of which he said that a year ago he stood before them as the R.W.M. of the lodge under whose auspices they were now met to- gether. At that time he was fortunate in having the great pleasure and satisfaction of reporting a remarkably good bill of health, both as re-

garded lodge fund and lodge benevolent fund. That pleasure, he was happy to say, was vastly enhanced when he had to tell them that they were now in a position of prosperity very greatly in advance of what they were twelve months ago. The attainment of this position showed that there had been no idle hands at the plough, no turning back, as it were, to observe what others were doing in the same field; but a calm resolve to gain another emblem, however slight, to place among the laurels which decorated the banner of Lodge 408. The present agreeable condition of the lodge accrued from the course of action pursued by the office-bearers; which resulted from their conviction that conflicting and troublesome matters, of whatever kind, were generally better to be quietly shelved, and that the minds of the members should be disencumbered of anything that might have a tendency to debar the brotherly union which should permeate the hearts of all, but more especially those of their ancient fraternity. Bros. the Rev. R. Thomson and R. Mitchell, respectively, afterwards addressed the meeting; the musical proceedings being sustained by Miss Bessie Malcolm, ballad vocalist; Bro. J. G. Sharp, Bro. J. Good, Mr. T. Ebourne and a glee party. The concluding assembly was kept up with much spirit until an early hour.

LODGE COMMERCIAL (No 360).—The usual fortnightly meeting of this lodge was held in their Hall, No. 30, Hope-street, on Friday, 20th inst. The chair was occupied by Bro. J. Monro, R.W.M., supported by Bros. J. Brodè, P.M.; J. M. Olliver, S.W.; and James Craig, J.W. The lodge, having been opened in the E.A. Degree, the Secretary, Bro. W. H. Bickerton, read the minutes, which were approved of and passed. Bro. Peters then read the items of the accounts for the past year, which met with general approval. The lodge was then raised to the degree of Fellow Craft, and afterwards to that of Master Mason, when Bro. W. Brodè Lochore received that degree, the ceremony being performed by the R.W.M., Bro. J. Monro, and S.M. Bro. J. Brodè, in full and impressive style. The R.W.M., Bro. J. Monro, proposed a vote of thanks to P.M. Bro. J. Brodè and Bro. Thompson, for the past and most valuable services rendered by them to this lodge, which met with general approbation. There being no further business, the lodge was closed in due and ancient form.

PAISLEY.

RENFREWSHIRE COUNTY KILWINNING LODGE (No. 370) met on the evening of Thursday, 19th inst., Bro. James Anderson, R.W.M., presiding, supported in the west and south by Bros. J. M. Oliver and J. Goldie. On the lodge being opened in the E.A. degree the R.W.M. drew the attention of the brethren to the fact that according to the bye-laws of the lodge the nomination of office-bearers for the ensuing year would take place at the next meeting, and the election at the last meeting in December. Applications for admission were then read from Mr. Robert Martin and Mr. Edward Morrison, both candidates being well recommended and the ballot clear, they were admitted and duly initiated into the Order, Bro. Geo. Miller officiating in his usual intelligent and impressive manner. The lodge was thereafter placed under the charge of the J.W., when a very happy hour was spent in "harmony," called back to "labour" and closed in due form.

MASONIC BIBLIOGRAPHY.

I have come accidentally into the possession of a curious "Breeches" Bible of 1594 with a MS. note of Masonic use, signed E.S. or E.P. The Bible has Masonic emblems upon it, and formerly belonged to the Vernon Lodge, No. 819. The latter part is not quite perfect. Can any brother give any account of that lodge, or how its property became dispersed. I see that there is still a Vernon Lodge, No. 539, at Walsall.

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Multum in Parvo, or Masonic Notes and Queries.

The quotation from Nicephorus Callistus seems to be properly given, and is a correct reference. Lib. x., page 76. There is a copy in the British Museum, in Greek, with a Latin paginal translation, and the original Latin, of which I now have received a copy, seems to be completely rendered by the translation. So, no doubt, the Greek is too. It is a striking fact, that this tradition which Nicephorus records, with the words "sicut dictum est," being the translation of his equivalent Greek words, should be at any rate about 400 years old, and his words would carry it still further back.

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Masonic Tidings.

We are authorized to state that the Premier Conclave of England, in connection with the Bective (No. 2A), the St. Andrew's (No. 15), and the Board of Avon (No. 99) Conclaves will meet on Monday, the 30th inst., (St. Andrew's Day), at the Regent Masonic Hall, 68, Regent-street, and dine together afterwards. A meeting of this united character has never hitherto been carried out in the metropolis.

A new Chapter of Instruction will be held, under the most favourable auspices, at Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, with the sanction of the Prince Frederick William Chapter, No. 753, on the first and third Thursdays in each month. The want of a Chapter of Instruction has long been felt in the N. and N.W. Districts, and the Preceptor is so well known as a teacher of Masonry, that every success should attend its meetings, the first of which is appointed for December 3rd, at 8 p.m., and the offices are to be filled on that evening by good working companions. It is to be hoped a large attendance will encourage its promoters to use all their influence to extend the usefulness of such a valuable institution.

On Tuesday evening the Hertfordshire brethren had a banquet at the Shire Hall, Hertford. The front of the building was very handsomely illuminated in honour of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master Elect, who is now on a few days visit to the Earl and Countess Cowper, Panshanger, Herts.

The Right Worshipful Brother A. H. Roysds, Prov. Grand Master of Worcestershire, attended the Worcester Lodge, No. 280, on Thursday, 19th inst., and was received with the honours accorded on the occasion of a Provincial Grand Master's visit. During the evening W. Bro. A. A. Sylvester retired from the Worshipful Master's office, and on the motion of Bro. Whitney Griffiths, Provincial Grand Treasurer, seconded by Bro. Pidcock, P.M., a vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Bro. Sylvester, and a Past Master's jewel was voted for presentation at the next meeting of the lodge, in recognition of his services for the past year. The Worshipful Master elect is Bro. J. C. Gregg, of Ledbury. —*Berrow's Worcester Journal.*

Bro. R. Limpus, W.M. 1039, member of the College of Organists, has been appointed Grand Organist for the Province of Middlesex.

The Athenæum Lodge, No. 1491, will meet at the Athenæum, Camden-road, Holloway, N., on Wednesday, 2nd December, 5 p.m.

At the regular monthly meeting of Lewis Lodge, 872, (Whitehaven) held on Monday, Nov. 16th, Bro. William Gill, Immediate Past Master of the above lodge, was presented by the members with a very handsome Past Master's jewel as a mark of their esteem, and in recognition of his very valuable services rendered to the lodge, and interest taken in the Craft in general.

We understand that the Duke of Connaught will leave England early in January on a tour in the Holy Land.

Howick Hall, in Northumberland, the residence of Earl Grey, had a narrow escape from destruction by fire on Sunday. There was a copious supply of water, which did more damage to the property than was caused by the fire which was speedily extinguished.

As the young Lord Warkworth and the daughters of Earl Percy were driving in a carriage and pair at Alnwick, the horses bolted, and ultimately ran against a garden wall, one horse being thrown into the garden, and the other into the field. Fortunately the carriage was not upset, and the children escaped unhurt.

The Duke of Westminster was on Monday elected President of the Cheshire Chamber of Agriculture, in the place of Lord de Tabley.

The Duchess of Abercorn laid the foundation stone of a new church at Strabane on Tuesday. The Lord-Lieutenant and a distinguished party were present.

The Marquis of Drogheda has been appointed Lord-Lieutenant of Kildare, in the room of the Duke of Leinster, deceased.

LECTURE ON PUBLIC SPEAKING.—On Tuesday evening, the 10th inst., Bro. Emma Holt of Ipswich, delivered a lecture on the subject to a large audience in the Town Hall in connection with the Young Men's Christian Association. Mr. P. O. Papillon occupied the chair, and the newly-elected Mayor, Mr. Bishop, also had a seat upon the platform. The lecturer was very apt and clever in his illustrations of the various styles which public speaking possessed, being particularly good in the character of Father Gavazzi. From the junior gentlemen at the wedding breakfast to the M.P. lecturer was candid and truthful, when speaking upon their good and bad points. Upon elements of every grade he was exceedingly severe, their almost universal disregard of the strict elocution, and cited instances of scriptural errors which sometimes assumed a ludicrous character. At the lecture, however, those likely to be rebuked by the speaker's strictures were conspicuous by their absence. Several allusions were made to the local elocution classes belonging to the association and the Literary Institution, which had very properly become amalgamated; and strongly advised the young men of the town to join it. The Chairman good humouredly gratulated himself that the walls of the hall had no means of speech, for his conscience could not have him of having made one or two bad speeches that room. A vote of thanks to the lecturer concluded the proceedings.

THE HARWICH HARBOUR, DOCKS, WHARVES, AND WAREHOUSES COMPANY, LIMITED.—An advertisement of which appears on our page, has been formed to undertake the reclamation of about 100 acres of foreshore at Harwich, and constructing thereon an inner Harwich Docks, Wharves, and providing sites for new Warehouses. Experienced engineers have expressed approval of the site—amongst them Mr. Brassey, Mr. Walker, Mr. Rendle, and Mr. Rennie (the latter having made survey estimates). The Directors hope that the increasing trade of the town will render the undertaking a remunerative one. Six per cent interest is guaranteed till November 5th, the period fixed for the completion of the tract.

KNOWLEDGE AND SYMPATHY.—Good spirits readily restored to the late fortunate owner by a bottle of Holloway's revivifying medicine; instant relief is wanted to prevent the development of more distressing and dangerous symptoms. Everyone has experienced sudden personal changes from gaity to depression, the weather oftentimes receives the blame, while digestion alone is the cause of the depression. Holloway's Pills can be honestly recommended for regular ordered stomach and improving digestion; they remove all sense of fullness and oppression after they clear the furred tongue and act as a powerful stimulant to the liver, and as a gentle aperient to the bowels. They healthfully arouse both body and mind.—ADVT.

Obituary.

OS. THOMAS SIM, R.W.M., AND WM. GRANT, P.M., 349 S.C.

Funeral Lodge was held in Freemasons' Edinburgh, by Lodge St Clair, 349. on day 15th inst., in memory of the late Bros. nas Sim, R.W.M., and William Grant, P.M. lodge was presided over by Bro. Alex. y, I.P.M. Among those present were Bros. Major W. H. Ramsey, J.G.W.; Laurie, G. Sec. G. Lodge of Scotland; Hudson, P.M. 5; Peter Sinclair R.W.M. James Melville, P.M. 97; R. S. Brown, M. 145; George Borland, 151, attended by ations from their respective lodges.

The following is the programme of the pro-

grams.—
Organ music (while brethren are taking their
—"Dead March in Saul."

Ice-bearers of Lodge, accompanied by Office
rs of Sister Lodges, enter in Procession,
ke their appointed seats.

March Funebre—Beethoven—Organ.

Past Master then opened the Lodge.

Prayer by the Chaplain:—

Most Glorious God, Author of all good, and
of all mercy, pour down Thy blessings
as, and strengthen all our solemn engage-
with the ties of fraternal affection. Let
striking instances of mortality remind us
approaching fate, and so fit and prepare
that awful period, whenever it may arrive,
ter our departure hence, in peace and in
mour, we may be received into Thy Ever-
Kingdom. Amen.

Grand Honours.

Recitation from Requiem—Mozart—Organ.

HYMN.—Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty,
as, and is, and is to come. Who shall not
Thy name, for Thou alone art holy, thou
t the Lord!

Prayer and Responses by the Brethren.

TEXT.—What man is he that liveth and
ot see death? Shall he deliver his soul
ie hand of death?

BRETHREN.—Man walketh in a vain shadow,
eth up riches, and cannot tell who shall
them.

TEXT.—When he dieth, he shall carry no-
way; his glory shall not descend after

BRETHREN.—Naked we come into the world,
ed we must return. The Lord gave, and
d hath taken away, Blessed be the name
Lord.

Grand Honours.

Written by Bro. Robert Hogg.

—Dr. Calcott—Choir.

HENRY, P.M., then delivered the follow-
ion:—

It is the touching address you have just
to, brethren, regarding our late beloved
P. M. William Grant, it is with con-
fidence that I rise to try and find
your feelings of sorrow and my own on
of the death of another tenderly
I brother, our recently deceased R. W.
omas Sim. In addition to the official
I consider myself under to discharge
d duty, there is a degree of approp-
s in my giving utterance to the senti-
f this lodge on the solemn occasion on
e look upon his vacant chair, draped in
g. Our late excellent brother and R. W.
I were initiated into the pleasing and
mysteries of our Craft about the same
w nearly twenty years ago. Since that
ther Sim has been to me what he was
who came within the range of his
es,—a true and constant friend. He
odel of unfeigned devotion to Free-
an example of all that is excellent in his
stration of the principles we adhere to as
Brother Sim rose to the honours of the
ffice in this his mother Lodge by such
no one may gainsay. He was modest
trusive, generous, kind-hearted, and
at all times. If he could push on before
any brother he thought deserving of
on, his greatest joy was to see that
fferred, and to assist in the celebration

of it. His kindly, eager looks will live as long
as life endures in the memory of all the brethren
whose agreeable lot it was to fraternise with him
in the labours and leasures of Masonry. He had
no unkind word to say to any man. His heart
was ruled by only the utmost loving-kindness
towards all his Masonic brethren. We mourn
and deplore his loss, as well as that of Bro.
Grant, who held him in high esteem. After
life's fitful fever, they now sleep well; and they
undoubtedly feel the beginnings of the long un-
troubled sleep creeping over them with all the
more courage and manly confidence, because
they knew that while faithful and truthful Masons
on earth, they were pursuing a course agreeable
to the wisdom and kindly wishes of that Great
Architect of the Universe, whom we now, and
always, as true Masons, revere and worship.
May we all die the death of the righteous, and
may our last end be like his. So mote it be."

Service, with Responses.

Master—Let me die the death of the righteous,
and let my last end be like his.

Brethren—God is our God for ever and ever;
He will be our God even unto death.

Grand Honours.

Anthem—Kent.

O Lord, our Governor, O how excellent is Thy
name in all the world.

BRO. JOHN TAYLOR, P.M., then delivered the
following oration:—

"We have met this evening, brethren, to per-
form the most sacred duty that can possibly fall
to our lot as Freemasons—namely, to pay the
last sad token of respect to departed worth, by
taking a last farewell, Masonically, of two es-
teemed brothers, who, having spent a life of
usefulness in an earthly lodge, have been sum-
moned to appear before the Great Architect of
the Universe to tender an account of that life;
and the earnest desire of all our hearts should
be that the pure and truthful lives led by them
here on earth below may have been rewarded by
a membership of that Glorious Lodge on high,
where peace and harmony eternally doth flow.
It is a melancholy fact, brethren, that, during
our vacation, death—ever busy death—has been
amongst us, and taken from our midst our es-
teemed Right Worshipful Master, Bro. Thomas
Sim, and Past Master Bro. William Grant; but
my special duty here this evening is to pay a
tribute of respect to the memory of our es-
teemed Past Master, whose departure from this
life may to some of us appear to have been
rather sudden, to others a thing to be expected
for Bro. Grant had, for some time, suffered from
occasional internal hæmorrhage—a thing, per-
haps, not immediately dangerous in itself, but
weakening and debilitating to the system, each
attack rendering the body less able to battle
with the succeeding one: still, our brother
might have remained a much longer time with
us but for a severe shock caused by the death
of his beloved wife, who was suddenly struck
down in the midst of her endeavours to restore
him to health and strength. The shock was
fatal, and our esteemed Past Master, William
Grant, devoted husband, affectionate father,
true and faithful friend and brother, never ral-
lied, but gradually sank, until his spirit quitted
its sublunary abode to join hers in Heaven—it
loved so well on earth. Brother Grant com-
menced his Masonic career in that flourishing
lodge, the Edinburgh St. Stephen (145), in
which he was first introduced to Masonic light
about the year 1845, a short time previous to the
turmoil in that lodge, out of which arose this
Lodge St. Clair. Bro. Grant, being a young
Mason, took no part in the working of his
mother lodge, and finding that a number of his
intimate friends and associates had joined the
young lodge, he naturally followed their example
and became an affiliated member. His kind-
hearted, genial disposition soon rendered him a
general favourite with the brethren; and his
clear judgment and thorough business habits
early marked him as a coming man for
high office. Bro. Grant elected, however,
to commence his official career in a minor
capacity and work his way up, hence the offices
of Deacon, Treasurer, Junior and Senior Warden
and Depute Master, were filled by him with
honour and credit to himself and acceptance to
the lodge. In 1864 he was unanimously elected

to the Mastership, a position which he held for
two years, adding much to the prosperity of the
odge, and to the happiness and comfort of the
brethren, his actions being directed by prudence,
strengthened by fortitude, and chastened by
temperance, he was enabled to deal out even-
handed justice, allay all jealousy or unbrotherly
conduct, and promote that spirit of industry and
friendly emulation as to who should work most
and do best, which tends so much to advance
the interests not only of lodges but of the Craft
in general. As a Past Master he was constant
in his attendance, his presence being always
hailed with delight; should a knotty point arise
or tangled web appear no one more capable no
one more willing to advise or explain away the
difficulty. In the outer, as well as in the
Masonic world, he was equally respected and es-
teemed, indeed, it may be briefly said of him
"That he was a man of many friends and not one
enemy." As a tradesman honesty and fair dealing
were his characteristics. He was for many years
connected with the publishing firm of Messrs.
W. and R. Chambers, and took an active part in
the production of that periodical of world-wide
fame, the *Edinburgh Journal*, in fact, the con-
nection ended only at his death, for, although
carrying on an extensive business of his own, he
also held a position of trust under the Messrs.
Chambers, showing the very high estimation in
which he was held by that firm. The practice
of the moral and social virtues was his study
and delight, he never forgot the duty due from
a "creature to his Creator," and was ever ready
to lend a helping hand to the afflicted and dis-
tressed among his fellow creatures, and by a
well regulated course of discipline he had
been able to retain his mental faculties to the
last and had learnt to look upon death not as
the end of all things but as the beginning of a
brighter and happier existence. This, brethren, is
necessarily a very brief outline of the Masonic
life of one of our brethren whose emblems of
office lie draped before us, and may the contem-
plation of them under their present aspect lead us
to reflect upon the great fact that we, like him, will
in our turn be called to lay down our worthy tools
and appear at the bar of the Grand Lodge above
where our spiritual Grand Master will reward
or punish us according as we have obeyed or
disregarded his divine commands. In conclu-
sion, brethren, should there be any among us
who in their hearts desire to erect a
monument to our departed brother, I would
remind them that the grandest monument we
can possibly erect, will be to endeavour to emu-
late his character, then indeed, shall we have a
brotherhood of perfection, and a monument
worthy of the departed.

Anthem. Handel.

Service with Responses.

MASTER. May we be true and faithful; and
may we live and die in love.

BRETHREN. So mote it be.

MASTER. May we always profess what is
good; and may we always act agreeably to our
profession.

BRETHREN. So mote it be.

Anthem—"Vital Spark.

MASTER—May the Lord bless us, and prosper
us; and may our good intentions be crowned
with success.

BRETHREN—So mote it be.

MASTER—Glory be to God on high,—on
earth peace, and goodwill towards men.

BRETHREN—So mote it be; now, from
henceforth, and for evermore.—Amen.

Grand Honours.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

"Almighty Architect of the Universe, unto
the grave has been resigned the bodies of our
loving brethren, to remain until the day of gen-
eral resurrection. We earnestly pray thee, at
that great and dreadful day to extend thy infinite
mercy towards all of us, and to crown our feli-
city with everlasting bliss in thy Heavenly
Kingdom. Amen.

Grand Honours.

The Master then closed the Funeral Lodge.

The Choral service, under the direction of Bro.
Robert Hogg assisted by an efficient choir was
most impressive.

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SYLVESTER.—Nov. 15, at Henwick, Worcester, the wife of Bro. A. A. Sylvester, of a daughter.

Answers to Correspondents.

All Communications, Advertisements, &c., intended for insertion in the Number of the following Saturday, must reach the Office not later than 6 o'clock on Wednesday evening.

In the report of the installation at the Falcon Lodge, Thüsk, it should have been stated that Bro. A. E. Bamlett (not Bawlett) is the W.M.

In "Masonic Legends" by Bro. Hughan, the name "Stephen Ives" should be Stephen Jones.

Errata.—In the report of Metham Lodge, for "No. 1502" read "No. 1205." A correspondent writes that Bro. Hammond is W.M. 1502, and not Bro. R. Robinson, as stated in our report.

The following stand over: Reports of Lodges 141, 280, 887, 523, 1309, E.C.; 75, 117, S.C.

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The Freemason,

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 1874.

OUR FUND OF BENEVOLENCE.

At the next quarterly communication Bro. Clabon's motion with reference to a grant of two-thirds of the yearly balance of the Fund of Benevolence to the Boys' and Girls' Schools will have been discussed in Grand Lodge, and we shall refer to it specifically on an early opportunity. This week we content ourselves with calling attention to the figures which the "Agenda Paper" of Grand Lodge has brought to the notice of its members. The statistical return of the Fund of Benevolence is very notable in itself, and we have put together carefully some of its results for the information of the Craft. It seems that from 1844 to 1876, to the end, that is, of 1873, the Grand Lodge had received as contributions from the lodges to the Fund of Benevolence the sum of £81,574, from funded property, &c., about £22,000, in round numbers, and from "Constitutions," &c., in round numbers, £2,700, making a grand total of £106,274. The petitioners relieved during that period amounted to 3,832, and they received the aggregate amount of £55,496 13s. 6d. Annual grants were also made to the Benevolent Institution amounting to £19,420, and including a small sum, comparatively, for casual relief, not exceeding, in round numbers, £450, the whole amount expended reaches to £75,666 13s. 6d., more or less. There remains, on this period of 30 years, a balance of receipts over expenditure of £25,053 7s. 1d., which sum is represented, at the end of 1873 by £27,700 consols. A further accumulated sum of £10,000, which dates from before 1843, is represented by a debt from the Fund of General Purposes, of £11,000. Now these, as we said before, are very striking figures, and suggest many considerations to our fraternity. They tell, in the first place, an unmistakeable tale of the great, nay, of the increasing prosperity of English Freemasonry. In the last five years, the increase of receipts over expenditure, in the Fund of Benevolence alone, has been—1869, £1335 3s. 8d.; 1870, £1150 11s. 9d.; 1871, £1966 13s. 11d.; 1872, £2296 4s. 6d.; 1873, £1316 1s. 4d. The items and the total of the last quinquennial period no doubt suggest the probability of still increasing annual balances. But yet these figures, as it appears to us, demonstrate the abiding need of our Fund of Benevolence to the Order and seem to point to the imperative duty, on our part, of the greatest caution in dealing with the annual surplus. The time may fairly have arrived we admit, when the Grand Lodge may feel disposed to make an annual grant to the Boys' and Girls' Schools, but we confess we are a little fearful, lest relying too much on a prosperity which may only be temporary, we should in any way mortgage for future years, by premature enactment, the sums devoted to, and meant to be distributed in pure and direct Masonic relief. Nothing so far seems to foreshadow any coming storm in our united and increasing Order, but still, in legis-

lating for so great an institution as Freemasonry is, we must keep all human contingencies in mind, and we are therefore of opinion, on a full consideration of the subject, that it will be safer for Grand Lodge to vote an annual grant, vocable at pleasure, than to make it part of a Book of Constitutions that one-third, or other proportion of the annual surplus of Fund of Benevolence is to be devoted to Boys' and Girls' Schools. The charities flourish very greatly just now. They are in want of financial aid, and the whole matter so important in itself for the Craft, that it deserves long and careful deliberation.

THE USE OF THE MASONIC PRESS.

There are some of our good brethren who still question the value of the Masonic Press. There are a few—let us hope only a few—who think that all publication is bad, per se, in matters Masonic. Whatever may have been the view of olden days, whatever may have been the feelings of a former generation of Craftsmen, it is quite clear, we think, that they were groundless and their position untenable. That non-publication did for Freemasonry surround it with a mass, so to say, of unverified statements—unreliable authorities, and unfixed quotations. For all these were the distinguishing characteristics of past Masonic literature, owing to the fact, principally, that then no discussion nor critical study passed through public examination, either of alleged actions or of ancient documents. But, with much proof of Masonic mental activity in other countries, it is impossible for Freemasons to stand still, or lag behind the race of intellect and inquiry. We have therefore in this country the MASONIC MAGAZINE and the FREEMASON for the information and edification of the Craft in all matters Masonic. But still every effort to render these Masonic publications worthy every way of our great Order, is open to a variety of ways, some serious, some childish, some amusing. Take charitable institutions. No publication more to advance the cause of the charities than THE FREEMASON, and yet what do we do at this hour? Not one of the Institutions in the paper as an institution. We are to publish long and verbose accounts of meetings, yet never is the slightest help held out Masonically to those who need Masonic information. We obtain a list of candidates to advertize, and of donations to be made from time to time, and which is considered a token of patronage or a proof of favour, which, in truth, we neither require nor desire. On one occasion during the year we published the list of successful candidates in a non-Masonic paper, and one of the objects of this very year has passed a resolution to alone in certain non-Masonic papers. We are, but entirely excluding deliberate care, to carefully THE FREEMASON from any part in such announcements. Now, as we do, we entirely disclaim either any personal feeling or of personal advantage.

natter. We are Freemasons, and we take a masonic view of things, and what ever others may do to us, we shall not do so unto them, but practising the golden rule of brotherly consideration and sympathy, shall always be happy, in any way we can, to advance the cause of the Masonic Charities: For we feel his, strongly, that there is no medium existing through which they can be so brought home to the knowledge and minds of the brethren so well as in the FREEMASON. As the FREEMASON has a cosmopolitan circulation, it conveys the reports and requirements of these excellent institutions all over the world. It is here, in our opinion, that the charities manifest a blot in their practical working. There is not sufficient information of their progress, proceedings, requirements, and wants communicated habitually to the Order. We have appeals and anniversaries, and lists, and lectures, but what we do not receive is detailed information. And if some of our good brethren and Secretaries, or the Committees, were not at times "penny-wise and pound-foolish," we feel sure that more general interest would be excited, and more general support would be elicited. It is quite clear that the charities will require considerable efforts to maintain their efficiency, and that they must mainly rely on the generous and general support of the Craft to keep up their large returns. We should, therefore, instead of raising agitated hands, devote the enormous amount to be spent on advertising of £10, or £20, or £30, if these good officials would only take heart, their own unvaried efforts would find answering sympathy in every corner of the Masonic world. Now, our readers must not suppose that, because we do this, we are exercising the Englishman's privilege of grumbling, or that we wish to wear a "Peter Grievous," or a "Job's Comforter" to our brethren. All that we want to convey to our readers to-day is that the Masonic press is both a need and an advantage in the age in which we live, and that it is the best channel, after all, for addressing our brethren in fraternal sympathy. We never have appealed for our, or patronage, or subsidies. We rely on the approval of our fraternity alone to encourage our efforts, and to repay our sacrifices. We think it well to put before our brethren, in another closing November, that while we are anxious—most anxious, to give all the information we can to the Craft of things Masonic, especially as regards the Metropolitan Charitable Institutions, we have on our part a Masonic appeal on their friendly support, and as we are the only Masonic weekly journal, all announcements to the Craft and to the public should at any rate, we venture to think, in the place appear in our columns. In carrying out what we have said above do we refer to the central authorities at Freemasons' Hall. We think them we receive everything that kindness and suggest, or goodwill can dictate; and all our, like ourselves, have from time to time transact business with the Grand Secretary, can tell how great are his courtesy and consideration, his patience, and his fraternal feeling for all who occupy his time, or apply to him for information. No brother has, or ever has, any cause for complaint as to delay or want of ready courtesy and willing assistance in

Masonic matters at Freemasons' Hall. But the remarks we have previously made, are, we think, both needful and seasonable, and we trust that the illustrations we have given of our position may be appreciated and acted upon as a fraternal hint, and that the old adage may yet be verified in our case:—*Verbum sat sapienti*:

Original Correspondence.

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

IS THE POPE A FREEMASON?

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Worthy Brother,—

In your issue of the 31st ult, I find an article headed "Is the Pope a Freemason?" in which I am challenged to give some explanation on this point. This point has for a long time been discussed, and I think ought to be satisfactorily settled once for all, and then, in the words of Dante, dismissed. "Non ti curar d'lor, ma guarda e passa." Well then, on this point, I can only refer to the circular, which I had the pleasure of submitting to your inspection; the authenticity of which is unquestionable. It emanates from the G.L. "Anziani Virtuosi" under the jurisdiction of the W. and Worshipful Gr. O. of Palermo, and has been scattered broadcast. Issuing from such an highly respectable source, it necessarily bears the stamp of truth, and the certitude that proper and very exact informations have been duly taken. It would be absurd to think its subject matter is mere ideal fancy! Italian Freemasonry, second to none, has always kept the standard of our noble Order aloft, now constitutes itself its champion, and in doing so, rebuts the insult and lies cast against us, by one who once belonged to the fraternity. It is the more keenly sensitive to such insults and lies, as in the Order there are many Catholics who are warm upholders and supporters of the Craft, and none the less good Catholics. Hence the circular was issued and scattered far and wide with the further aim of suitably replying to the boasts of *encyclicals*, *anathemas*, and excommunications. The circular in question, which, being well acquainted with Italian, you read, positively asserts the fact that Mastai Ferretti, now Pope Pio IX., was initiated into Freemasonry in Philadelphia when he was Pontifical Nuncio in that city. That he became an ardent partisan of the Order, on whose behalf he laboured zealously, attaining the high rank of Rosa Crucis, and his speeches were full of admiration and goodwill for the Craft which he declared he would support and defend. He frequented lodges in Madrid and Sinigaglia, and by his zeal and assiduity obtained the support of the Craft. Notwithstanding the attacks against our Order, and principally in Italy, the Craft increased in number and virtue together with the general progress. It increased, being an opponent to falsehood and based on the sublime principles of religion and virtue. It increased, as, recognising no parties, it enjoins unity of doing good, and all those attacks against it fall to the ground, as it can firmly and surely repel them, our union being of wisdom, strength and beauty, which no age can obliterate nor malice prejudice, and the more we pursue it the greater will be the progress. The number of Masons reaches the conspicuous figure of 18,000,000. I will conclude these crude remarks by observing that Pio IX. would be highly reprehensible in attacking an institution of which he had no knowledge, knowing, as he undoubtedly does, its real principles and aims, he is doubly to blame, owing to the wilful falsehood he utters. Still, if Papal Rome persecuted and tortured Gallileo, denying "Epphursi muove" Freemasonry, as the history of the past and present amply show, society too need not wonder if they are endangered, attacked and persecuted by that intolerant and arrogant power. On this

important subject Mr. Gladstone's pamphlet exposing the real nature of Papal Rome's pretensions and aims deserves the highest encomiums, gratitude, and consideration of every true and good citizen. The circular above referred to being too long suffice a few extracts, but you may have it, in extenso, should you wish it. I trust this will be so far a sufficient reply and remain,

Dear Sir and W.B., yours fraternally,

A. GALLICO.

I will hand you as soon as possible the ancient historical initiation of the E.A.

[Our good brother, Gallico, we see assumes the truth of the statement made by the lodge "Luce del Terrens Palermo." But in the view of the American report of 1870 we cannot accept such statement at present as correct.—Ed.]

We copy the following from a contemporary:—

To the Editor of the Liverpool Courier.

Sir,—May I take the liberty of asking you whether the Pope has not excommunicated himself? A few months since Pio Nono excommunicated all Freemasons throughout the world, he himself being one at the time. Now, as he (the Pope) is infallible, and therefore cannot do wrong, he must have excommunicated himself at the same time; and as no excommunicated person can be a Roman Catholic, he must have ceased to be a member of that Church, and consequently is no longer Pope of Rome. 'Tis very sad, but true.—Yours, &c.,

ROMEO.

16th Nov., 1874.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

At the last General Committee Meeting of the Girls' School, I moved the resolution at foot, which was carried unanimously. I have given notice of motion of a similar resolution to the General Committee of the Boys' School for the next meeting, which takes place on Saturday the 5th day of December next at 4 o'clock precisely, at the offices, Freemasons' Hall, when I will thank you to attend and support the resolution, as I understand there will be opposition.

I am, yours faithfully and fraternally,

A. H. TATTERSHALL.

RESOLUTION.

"That all proxies shall be forwarded direct from the office to the parties to whom they belong, (i.e.) to those who are registered in the office books, except in those cases where the Secretary is authorised to deal with them otherwise, but in such cases where authorities are given, they must be renewed previous to every election."

BRO. CONSTABLE'S DRAWING.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

Referring to your notice of the 14th inst., under the above heading, I beg to state that applications for tickets have been more numerous than was anticipated. I have therefore decided not to restrict the number in any way, but continue to issue as the necessity may demand.

At present, 3400 are distributed, and if our brethren will continue their exertions in the laudable effort, this number may be doubled by the time appointed for the drawing.

I take this opportunity of thanking you for your timely notices of my project, and earnestly solicit those brethren who have so generously supported and assisted me to send an early return of the numbers and names for registration.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

JOHN CONSTABLE.

13, Sise-lane, London, 24th Nov., 1874.

FREEMASONRY IN THE UNITED STATES.

BROOKLYN, N.Y. Nov. 9, 1874.

Masonic matters in the "City of Churches" are progressing quietly and harmoniously. All the lodges are in sound condition and with a fair amount of work. At this season of the year each lodge begins the preparation for a yearly festival to take place during, or shortly before, the holidays. Some of these entertainments are free, and some charge a small admission, and the profit expended for the benefit of the poor. In fact, the custom of holding festivals has come generally in vogue. Clinton Commandery K.T., proposed having another grand ball at the Academy of Music, and to eclipse all previous entertainments. This body, about four years ago, gave a small entertainment as an experiment, which exceeded their expectations so far that they have repeated the same every year, only on a larger scale. If they keep on, necessity will compel them to secure the Prospect or Central Park. Orient Chapter, 138, R.A.M., members are also making extensive preparations for their fifth annual. The Companions admit none but their own members and ladies. From 8 till 10 a miscellaneous literary and musical programme takes place in the chapter-room, then the chairs are removed and the mazy dance reigns supreme until the hour of one or two o'clock a.m. The tables, which are laden with the luxuries of the season, are ready when the dance begins, and the companions can adjourn to the supper room at their pleasure. During the month two new lodges have been formed, viz., the Covenant and Aurora Grata. These bodies, it is said, start out under the most auspicious circumstances and with some of the best brethren as their stronghold. It is rumoured steps are on foot for new Commandery. So mote it be.

AJAX.

LAYING THE MEMORIAL STONE OF A MASONIC HALL AT PRESCOT.

Another evidence of Masonic vitality in West Lancashire was given, on Wednesday, the 18th inst., when the memorial stone of a new Masonic hall was laid at Prescott, near Liverpool, by Bro. J. T. Hall, P.M. Lodge of Loyalty, with one exception the oldest in the province. The hall which speedily approaches completion, is being erected by Mr. J. T. Preston, of Wigan. The urgent need for such a place has long been felt by the Masonic brethren in Prescott, and there is no doubt that the building which is now being raised will not only supply what is much wanted in connection with Masonry in the town and district, but will also prove of the greatest service to the inhabitants generally, as provision is being made for public as well as Masonic purposes. The new building is situated a little below the Royal Hotel in Derby-street, Prescott, where the promoters purchased a very excellent piece of freehold land. The ground-floor front is being fitted up as a bank, having been let to Parr's Banking Company, St. Helen's, who are about to establish a branch bank in Prescott. At the back the Masonic Hall Company are erecting a large subscription billiard room, and it is probable there will also be general accommodation for a club. The Masonic lodge room will be above the bank, and the building committee being themselves Freemasons, it will no doubt be constructed with all regard to the comfort and convenience of the lodge.

The building, as we have said, is now fast approaching completion, and it was resolved to invite Mr. Hall, the chairman of the company, to lay it.

Wednesday week, being the day appointed for the installation of the W. M. of the lodge, it was wisely agreed that that would also be the most fitting occasion for the ceremony of laying the stone, seeing that there would be a great additional muster of the brethren in the town that day. In spite of the wretched weather there was a good gathering; and as the rain fortunately cleared off just before the time fixed for laying the stone, the proceedings were watched

with much interest by a considerable number of spectators. The brethren and other shareholders and friends assembled at the King's Arms Hotel, whence they proceeded to the new building about two o'clock. Amongst those present were Bros. J. T. Hall, J. W. J. Fowler, R. Young (of Liverpool, W. M. elect of the Lodge of Loyalty); H. Fogg, C. Payne, Wynnstay, Ruabon; J. W. R. Fowler, St. Helen's; W. Tyrer (solicitor to the Company); J. Preston, of Wigan (the builder); R. D. Simpson, Widnes; J. Vaughan, Liverpool; W. Jamieson, Widnes; H. Vaughan, Liverpool; Alfred Smith, J. Kitchen, J. A. Stoddart, &c.

Bro. J. W. J. Fowler, P. M., presented Bro. Hall, P.M., with a very elegant and massive silver trowel, with which to lay the stone. The trowel, he said, had been subscribed for by a few friends as a mark of esteem and respect for Bro. Hall; and, in the names of the subscribers, he had very great pleasure in presenting it.

The trowel, of Masonic design, bore the following inscription:—"Presented to James Turner Hall, Esq., Prescott, on the occasion of his laying the memorial stone of the Prescott Masonic Hall. Nov. 18, 1874." Bro. J. Vaughan on behalf of the builder also presented Bro. Hall with a neat mahogany mallet. A bottle containing an account of the day's proceedings, photographs of the chairman of the company and the officers of the Lodge of Loyalty, and a copy of a Liverpool daily paper and the *Freemason*, was placed in a cavity underneath the stone.

Bro. Hall having adjusted it in its place, briefly addressed the company. He said—Gentlemen, as Chairman of the Prescott Masonic Hall Co., I have had very great pleasure in laying the Memorial Stone of this Hall, and perhaps I may be permitted to express my gratification—and, I am sure you will all be equally gratified at seeing the work progressing so rapidly, and so satisfactorily. As an old Freemason I may say that, I look upon this Hall as the inauguration of a new spirit of progress of our ancient Order, and I am glad to see that it is so well supported. Prescott, as you all know, is one of the most ancient towns in Lancashire. Perhaps it may be doubted whether its progress hitherto has been quite in keeping with its antiquity, but if you will look around you will see there is at present, at all events, a desire on the part of Prescott people to progress. Handsome buildings are being erected, watch manufactories in various parts, and extensive collieries are being worked and several other important ones are shortly expected to be in operation, I think and therefore it may be fairly expected that owing to the progress now going on, Prescott is really going to be a very important district. In conclusion I beg to thank you for the honour you have conferred upon me in allowing me to lay the memorial stone of this building. I must also thank the subscribers for the very handsome trowel which has been presented for the purpose, and I also have to thank Mr. Preston, the contractor, for the mallet presented on the occasion (applause.)

A hearty cheer having been given for the Masonic Hall and for the chairman of the company, the proceedings terminated.

INSTALLATION OF W.M. ELECT.

The brethren having returned to the King's Arms Hotel, the lodge was opened by Bro. J. W. R. Fowler, P.M., in the unavoidable temporary absence of Bro. H. Scott, W.M., who was subsequently present. The following other officers and brothers were in their places:—Bros. J. T. Hall, P.M.; R. Young, S.W.; (W.M. elect); W. Tyrer, J.W.; J. W. J. Fowler, P.M., Treas., P.P.G.A.D.C.; J. Vaughan, S.D.; J. V. De Denne, J.D.; R. D. Simpson, D.C.; H. Vaughan, I.G.; Coward, Tyler; C. Paine; W. Jamieson; A. Tebbutt; J. W. Carlile; J. Kitchen; J. A. Stoddart; H. Fogg; T. J. Tyrer; A. Smith; W. Shortis, P.M. 724; W. Holme; W. M. Jackson; A. T. Galloway; A. Borthwick; and F. Smith. The visitors included the names of Bros. A. Bueknall, 667 and 1473; A. Fraser, 226; J. Preston, 178; J. R. Cook, P.M. 178; &c.

Bro. Reginald Young was installed W.M. for the ensuing year by Bro. Fowler. The follow-

ing were subsequently invested officers:—Bro. H. Scott, I.P.M.; W. Tyrer, S.W.; J. Vaughan, Sec.; J. Van de Denne, S.D.; H. Vaughan, J.D.; A. T. Galloway, I.G.; A. Tebbutt, S.W. M. Jackson, J.S.; J. T. Hall, P.M., D.A. A. Stoddart, Org.; and Coward, Tyler.

After the close of the lodge the brethren met together at a banquet, admirably served by Mr. Lloyd, the hostess of the "King's Arms." Young, W.M., presided, and there was a most enjoyable evening was spent.

During the proceedings a P.M.'s jewel was presented to I. P. M. Scott as a mark of internal regard and esteem.

THE RE-OPENING OF SWANSCOMB CHURCH.

Notwithstanding that Saturday last presented a dull autumn morning, a large congregation almost filled the ancient and historic church Swanscombe on the occasion of its re-opening and restoration. We understand that almost desperate efforts have been made by the builder (Mr. W. Gumbrell, of Dartford) to complete the work before the day of re-opening, but sufficient time does not seem to have been allowed; any rate, there were obvious indications that finishing touches had yet to be put to various parts of the edifice—particularly as respected the eastern window and front elevation of the new entrance porch. The nave, side aisles, and tower have been restored at the expense of Prof. Erasmus Wilson, F.R.S., the eminent surgeon of Henrietta Street, Cavendish Square, who formerly resided in this neighbourhood, and who is a contributor of something like £2,000. Messrs. White Bros., cement manufacturers, have, we are informed, given some £450 towards the work for the chancel; and the Freemasons have added £200, for the construction of the new porch honour of Professor Wilson. The architect is Jabez Bignall, Esq., of London; and Mr. Saunders was clerk of the works. There is a new, handsome pointed, oak roof, taking the place of a modern and unsightly flat, and the work of restoration has occupied about eight months. The nave was opened for divine service in June last. Besides gifts of money many friends have made presents to the building in the shape of stained glass windows, &c. A handsome iron-railed tomb has been added to Prof. Wilson's family. The interior aspect of the structure is entirely changed—it seems to have lost almost every vestige of that execrable antiquity which formerly characterised it; its dilapidation was extreme—it was quite a ruin, without foundations, with the walls falling in, and the walls crumbling in pieces, rendering the work of restoration exceedingly difficult,—and we are glad that the greatest care was exercised in the new, a conservative principle being strictly preserved, as far as practicable, throughout. The flooring has been repaired and underpinning. Matting was laid from the roadway to the entrance to render the passage comfortable. Mr. T. H. Jarvis officiated at the service at the morning service. Both the architect and builder have been highly commended for the manner in which the work has been carried out.

The sermon was a most impressive one delivered by the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Rochester, who discoursed on the text—1st Cor. ix. v. 9, "For the zeal of Thine house eaten me up."

At the luncheon, after the usual toast Rev. T. Blackburn gave "The Architect," was almost the toast of the occasion—the name of him under whom the church had been restored. He thought it was only on account of being in charge of an ecclesiastical parish that he was the daughter of this parish that he had been called on to propose this toast, for he was unable to talk to them of the architectural merits of the edifice. Of all persons who

restoration he supposed the architect was the most important, and his work had been done efficiently and in a masterly manner; few architects besides Mr. Bignall could have restored the building as they now saw it.

Bro. Bignall, responding, said he was pleased to see the completion of Swanscombe Church: the restoration was not an easy task, as the building was in a very dilapidated condition, but he was delighted to hear, day by day, on all sides, from those who were able to judge and whose opinion might be esteemed, that the work was being carried out to the satisfaction of all parties. He had not by any means forgotten the font; but had looked upon it with veneration and reverence, remembering that it had been there some hundreds of years. The reason he did not restore it was that it was cut out of a solid block of chalk, and to touch it was most dangerous; if, however, his lordship wished it, a piece could be let in, and it could be lined with oak.

CONSECRATION OF A CHAPTER AT ECCLES.

On Monday, the 16th inst., the consecration of the Victoria Chapter (No. 1345), took place at the Cross Keys Hotel, Eccles, near Manchester, where there was a goodly gathering of companions.

The presiding officer was Comp. Thomas Nylie, Prov. G. H., who performed the ceremony in an exceedingly able and impressive manner, receiving valuable assistance from Comp. H. S. Alpass, Prov. G.S.E., and Comp. J. N. Wylie, P. Prov. G.D.C.

The musical part of the ceremony was under the direction of Comp. J. Skeaf, Prov. G. Oranist.

After the consecration, Comp. T. Buxton was installed the First Principal; Comp. J. C. Gillman, Second Principal; and Comp. J. Barker, Third Principal; after which Comp. Harding was elected and invested as S.E.; Comp. W. Mellor, S. N.; and Comp. C. W. Ireland, P.S. At the conclusion of the business, the companions sat down to, and thoroughly enjoyed, a sumptuous repast prepared for them by Bro. Pearson, in his usually recherche style. The furniture, clothing, &c., were supplied from the Masonic establishment of Comp. George Kenning, and was of the most elegant and satisfactory character.

NOBLE EXPRESSION OF MASONIC SYMPATHY.

Never were the pillars of Wisdom, Strength and Beauty set up within the Lodge Neptune, Kilwinning, Ardrossan, No. 442, under circumstances more interesting or impressive than those under which the brethren met in their hall on the night of Friday, 6th November. The steamship Chusan from Glasgow for Shanghai having had her machinery disabled while passing through the Channel, was obliged to put back to Clyde for repairs. In doing so she was overtaken by a terrible storm on the morning of the 20th October, and being unable to contend with the gale, was run for Ardrossan, but while endeavouring to take the harbour she was dashed on the rocks within a short distance of the light-house pier and almost immediately broken in two. Of the crew, numbering 51 in all, nine were drowned—the captain and second being among those who perished. Captain G. C. Johnson, who belonged to Massachusetts, was accompanied by his wife and sister-in-law (also natives of America), after struggling bravely through the seething waters, bearing up his wife who was lashed to a spar, thrown from the steam tug, and succeeding in placing her within reach of hands outstretched to save her, he was overwhelmed by the surf and disappeared. His son and sister-in-law were saved. Captain Johnson was well known in Masonic circles at Shanghai, China, being a member of the Lodge Ancient Landmark, the Keystone Chapter, and the Rose Croix. To meet sympathise with those of the survivors who

were Freemasons was the object of Neptune Kilwinning's communication. These were—

John Murdock Johnstone, chief officer, a M.M. of the Lodge Union and Crown, Glasgow, No. 103. He behaved with great gallantry on the wreck, making fast the line to each person hauled on board the lifeboat, and otherwise exerting himself in saving life.

Edwin Humphries, purser, a native of America, and a member of the Star King Lodge, the Washington Chapter, and the Winslow Lewis Encampment, Salem, Massachusetts; honorary member of St. Andrew's Chapter, Glasgow. It was mainly to his exertions that the captain's sister-in-law was saved.

—Gardiner, chief engineer. He was severely injured on the wreck, and was not sufficiently recovered to permit of his attendance in the lodge.

William Ortwin, 2nd engineer, member of Lodge Ancient Landmark, [and Keystone Chapter, Shanghai. He saved the captain's child, a boy of about five years old.

William Glass Wrench, 3rd engineer, of the Lodge Lindores, No. 104, and Glasgow St. Andrew's Chapter.

George Marr, 4th engineer, of the Lodge Caledonian Railway, Glasgow, No. 345.

Having in the unavoidable absence of the Rt. Wor. Bro. F. Goodwin, opened the lodge in the presence of about fifty brethren—including John Robertson, D.M.; W. Ross, S.M.; Reid, S.W.; W. Marshall, J.W.; and W. Wylie, Chaplain; the Past Master, Bro. James Robertson, spoke as follows:—"Worshipful Wardens and Brethren: The calamitous circumstances which have led to the present communication of Neptune Kilwinning being still fresh in the recollection of most of us, it is not necessary that I should, in any lengthened oration, expatiate upon them in order to evoke your sympathy in the object of our meeting. The name of this lodge is suggestive of its mission—the spread of Freemasonry among a class of men whose constant exposure to the dangers of the mighty deep renders it all the more necessary that they should belong to a society whose fraternal sympathy and regard are sure to meet the mariner either by land or sea, in every quarter of the globe. Composed, as our lodge is, to a large extent, of seamen sailing under almost every flag and speaking every language, it specially becomes us, on occasions like the present, to give practical effect to our fraternal obligations. Your presence here to-night shows that you are true to your Masonic principles. Turning to the officers present, Bro. Robertson continued—Bro. Johnson and surviving brethren of the Chusan, allow me, in name and in behalf of the Lodge Neptune Kilwinning, to offer you our heartfelt congratulations upon your merciful preservation from the fate which has overtaken so many of your shipmates on the wreck of the Chusan, and to beg your acceptance of this purse of fifty-four sovereigns (afterwards considerably increased) to assist in refitting you for the further prosecution of your hazardous calling. The disastrous circumstances under which you have been brought to Ardrossan will never be effaced from your memory, and associated with these will be your present visit to Neptune Kilwinning. We shall long remember you, and it is our earnest wish that the great Architect of the Universe may, at all times and under all circumstances, be your shield and deliverer, and may success attend each one of you in your future career."

Bro. Johnson, on receiving the purse, acknowledged on behalf of himself and his shipmates the debt of gratitude under which they had been laid to the Lodge Neptune Kilwinning by the overwhelming kindness of which they were the recipients. They could never cease to remember with the most fraternal feelings the brethren of No. 442. Bros. Marr, Humphreys, Ortwin, and Wrench, each in the fulness of heart which the proceedings had produced, indorsed with few but expressive words what had fallen from the chief officer, and made honourable mention of the sympathy which been extended by the people of Ardrossan to the crew of the ill-fated ship. The name of Bro. Charles Adair was closely associated with the kindness they had experienced.

The interest in this communication was in-

tensified by the lodge's recognition of the gallantry of Bro. David Casey, chief officer of the barque Ads Barton, of St. John, N.B., in connection with the wreck of the Chusan. This brother was the first to volunteer to go out with the tug-boat, and at considerable personal risk bore the principal part in hauling the captain's wife and others of the survivors on board the tug—his exertions being redoubled from his having recognised certain Masonic signs thrown by Captain Johnson while supporting his wife on the wreck. To mark their admiration, therefore, of Bro. Casey's manly conduct, the brethren of Neptune Kilwinning, his mother lodge, presented him with a handsome gold ring, bearing an appropriate inscription. Bro. Casey is a Nova Scotian, hailing from Bay Vert.

UNITED GRAND LODGE.

The following is the agenda of business to be transacted in Grand Lodge, on Wednesday, 2nd December, 1874.

1. The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 2nd September, 1874, for confirmation.
2. Report of the Members of Grand Lodge appointed at the last Quarterly Communication to offer the Grand Mastership of the Order to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, K.G., Past Grand Master, in accordance with the Book of Constitutions, in consequence of the resignation of the Marquess of Ripon.
3. A letter having been received from the Grand Lodge of Ireland announcing the melancholy intelligence of the decease of His Grace the Duke of Leinster, its Grand Master, the M.W. Grand Master will propose a Vote of Condolence to that Grand Lodge.
4. Nomination of a Grand Master for the ensuing year.
5. Appointment of a President of the Lodge of Benevolence.
6. Election of a Senior and Junior Vice-President of the Lodge of Benevolence.
7. Election of twelve Past Masters to serve on the Lodge of Benevolence for the year ensuing.
8. Report of the Lodge of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following Grants, viz.—

The widow of a brother of the Domatic Lodge, No. 177, London £100

A brother of the Royal Lodge of Faith and Friendship, No. 270, Berkeley ... £50

The widow of a brother of the Royal Gloucester Lodge, No. 130, Southampton £75

A brother of the Strawberry Hill Lodge, No. 946, Twickenham £100

A brother of the Caledonian Lodge, No. 134, London ... £150

A brother of the Vitruvian Lodge, No. 87, London..... £50

9. Report of the Board of General Purposes To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

"The Board of General Purposes have to report that their attention has been drawn to the circumstances that Lodge 972 (St. Augustine) had initiated a minor without dispensation, under the alleged supposition that as a "Lewis" it could be legally done.

"The Board having considered the circumstances, arrived at the unanimous conclusion that a violation of the constitutions and a consequent breach of Masonic law had been committed, and although this had apparently taken place under an idea of its legality, which is stated to be somewhat prevalent in the Craft, and therefore without intention to infringe Masonic law, the Board considered they had no option but to admonish the lodge, and they resolved that the lodge be admonished accordingly, and that the certificate of the initiated minor be not issued until he be re-obligated when of full age, or otherwise in accordance with the Book of Constitutions.

"(Signed) J. B. MONCKTON,
"President."

"Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,
"17th November, 1874."

To the Report is subjoined a Statement of the Grand Lodge Accounts at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 13th day of November instant, showing a balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer of £3,375 8s. 6d.; and in the hands of the Grand Secretary, for Petty Cash, £75; and for Servants' Wages £96 15s.

10. Memorial from the Loyalty Lodge, No. 358, Ireland Island, Bermuda, for a donation towards the fund for re-building their Masonic Hall.

11. Resolutions of Condolence from the Dalhousie Lodge, Newton, Mass., U.S.A., on the death of the Earl of Dalhousie, Past Deputy Grand Master of England.

12. Proposed Motions:—

By Bro. John B. Monckton, President of the Board of General Purposes:—

"That the hour of meeting of the Board of General Purposes on the third Tuesday in every month be altered from three o'clock to four o'clock, and that the word 'three' in Article 6, page 109, of the Book of Constitutions, be altered to the word 'four' accordingly.

By Bro. John M. Clabon, President of the Lodge of Benevolence:—

On consideration of the following Table, he will move—"That until Grand Lodge shall otherwise direct, one-third of the annual surplus of the Fund of Benevolence shall be appropriated for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and another third for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, in forming funds for apprenticing the children of Freemasons who have been in those schools, or in otherwise assisting them to commence life."

"Such one-third parts respectively shall be invested in the names of four trustees for each school, to be appointed by Grand Lodge, and the dividends paid to the Treasurer of each school."

"The General Committee, on the recommendation of the House Committee of each school, may apply the dividends of the funds respectively appropriated to the school, for the benefit of children who have been at the school during the preceding twelve months, in apprenticing them to any business or profession, or otherwise aiding them to obtain employment; or in applying any sum granted, by annual instalments, for a limited period, for the benefit of those proceeding to any college, school, or university."

"No sum exceeding twenty-five pounds shall be appropriated for the benefit of any child, without the consent of the Quarterly Court of the school; and such Court shall render to Grand Lodge an annual account of the receipts and expenditure on account of the said funds."

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF MIDDLESEX.

The Third Convocation of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Middlesex was held at the Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court, on Saturday last.

The Burdett Chapter (No. 1293), was first opened. Present Comp. R. Wentworth Little, Z.; Boyd, H.; Davison, J.; Phythian, Keily, White, Rucker, Parkinson, Rosenthal, Sanders, Levander, Buss, Dicketts, J. T. Moss, Dubois, Smeed, Charles Horsley, Potter, Storr, Kenning, and others. Bros. Wardale, Lucking, and four other brethren were exalted.

The Provincial Grand Chapter was then opened. Comp. R. W. Little officiated as Prov. G. Supt., in the absence of M.E. Comp. Sir Francis Burdett.

The following companions were invested as Provincial Grand Officers:—
Comp. J. C. Parkinson, G.H.; Coutts, G. J.; Buss, G. Treasurer; Gilbert, G. Tyler.

After the transaction of some other business, the Provincial Grand Chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet.

Certain trifling flaws sit as disgraceful on a character of elegance as a ragged button on a court dress.—LAVATER.

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At a meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge, recently held at Landport, it was unanimously resolved that a Committee be appointed for the purpose of raising a fund, to provide a suitable memorial to our late deeply-lamented Bro. Stebbing.

In pursuance of the foregoing resolution, a meeting was held at Southampton, which was largely attended, when the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:—

"That the Lodges and Chapters of the Province and Freemasons generally be solicited to subscribe to a fund, to be appropriated as the Committee shall determine, for the benefit of the Widow of our late lamented Bro. J. R. Stebbing, whose circumstances at the time of his decease render this appeal absolutely necessary."

"That copies of these resolutions be forwarded to each Lodge and Chapter in the Province, inviting their co-operation, as well as that of Brethren and Companions generally, in obtaining subscriptions to the fund."

"That a circular stating the circumstances be also transmitted to all other Lodges and Chapters in England."

The name of the late Bro. J. R. Stebbing is so well known in all Masonic circles that it seems unnecessary to set forth at length his long and valuable services. For many years he was a constant attendant at Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, assisting the interests of the Brethren and Companions. He was Vice-President of the Board of General Purposes in 1861, 1862 and 1863, and also an active member of the Building Committee of the present Freemasons' Hall, London.

He was rarely absent from the elections in the various Charities, giving his valuable aid to the poor and distressed amongst the brethren and their relatives, contributing from his means to the advancement of those charities, in which he had qualified as Vice-Patron of the Boys' School, Life Governor of the Girls' School, and Life Governor of the Benevolent Institution; and it is sincerely hoped that the Widow of one who was so actively engaged for the benefit of others (herself a Life-Governor of the Boys' School) should be placed in circumstances which will assist her in her present unexpected bereavement.

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THE LODGE (No. 141).—The last meeting of the century lodge for the year was held at the *London Hotel*, Fleet-street, on Tuesday, the 19th inst. Bros. Kennet, W.M.; Mallett, S.D.; J.D.; Dairy, I.G.; Carter, P.M., Treas.; and P.M., Sec.; Themans, Immediate P.M. Minutes having been read and confirmed, the W.M. proceeded to raise Bro. Ashton, and the ceremony was excellently well performed. The passing of Bros. Collins, and Wilkinson was next carried in the same able manner. The lodge then proceeded for Messrs. Bird, Crow, Dyke, Oliver, Pilbrow and Steng, and the results of the ballot being unanimous, the W.M. initiated five gentlemen into the mysteries of Craft. The ballot was then taken as follows: Sly, (65); L. Cooper, (141); S. (141); and W. Reeve, (768), Marini, Australia, to become joining members, was unanimous. It was proposed by Taylor, and seconded by P.M. Harris, that the list as Steward to the Charity for Freemasons should be headed by a lodge of £10 10s. od., which was carried unanimously. The lodge having been closed in form, the brethren adjourned to the dining hall, where an excellent repast was served. About seventy members and were present. Among the latter were Bowron, P.M. of the Doric, (993); W.M., (221); Holland (114); Wrangell, (19); Wood, (890); and Catchpole and (1381). The W.M. gave the "Queen of the South," and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," which toasts were received with "fire" and Bro. T. C. Walls, sang one of the "National Anthem" and "Hess the Prince of Wales." After the toast toasts had been duly honoured Bro. Bird contributed the "Lass of Richmond" and Bro. Bird the "Days of Old." P.M. proposed the health of the W.M., and related the lodge upon possessing so noble a working brother at its head. This was received with great warmth. Bro. Bird sang the ballad "I don't mean to tell you," and Bro. Themans "Encore, encore, more." The health of the initiates was responded to by Bros. Bird and Dyke, who having recited "Claude Melnotte's to Pauline" from the "Lady of Lyons," the W.M. gave the "Visitors," which was ably responded to by P.M. Bowron on behalf of the visiting brethren. In the course of the evening he mentioned the fact of his having initiated the "Faith" Lodge in 1860, when the pleasure of receiving the hospitality

and witnessing the excellent working of the then W.M., Bro. Pope, and he was glad to see that the high name for management which the lodge then held in the estimation of the Masonic world had been steadily increasing, and that it was now second to none in the metropolis. P.M. Pope replied to the toast of the P.M.'s of the lodge, and in his remarks touched feelingly upon the kind observations which had been so personally directed by Bro. Borown, and for which he was exceedingly obliged, and he was proud to think that fourteen years ago the lodge under his Mastership had been worthy of receiving so high a compliment as on this occasion had been expressed by the esteemed P.M. of the Doric. Bro. Walls having sang "Once Again," the "Tyler's Toast" was given and the brethren separated at an early hour, the whole proceedings of the lodge and banquet having been well carried out.

WARRINGTON.—Lodge of Lights (No. 148).—The regular meeting of this old lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Sankey-street, on Monday evening last. The W.M., Bro. John Harding, was supported by the following brethren:—Bros. John Pierpoint, S.W.; John Bowes, P.M. &c., as J.W.; W. H. Robinson, S.D.; David Wilkins, J.D.; D. W. Finney, P.M., as I.G.; Thos. Tunstall, Hon. Sec.; Thos. W. Nelson; Shaw Thewlis, P.M., P. Prov. S.G. Deacon; W. Morsop, P.M. 1250, Prov. G. Stew.; W. Richardson, P.M.; Robert G. Stringer, P.M.; W. Dooley, John Wilson, Thos. Morris, J. J. Thompson, J. S. Patten, Jas. Warburton, John Armstrong, W. H. Spring, C. Crosier, J. G. Hughes, J. W. Thorp, C. W. Savage, Walter Milner, John Brown, Thos. Mee Pattison, Org.; Christopher Ekkert, Jos. Taylor, W. Savage, Thos. Grime, Thos. H. Jones, Peter Jones, Thos. Jones, Geo. A. Clark, Jas. Bayley, Dr. Spinks, Thos. B. Carter, W. Crompton, C. E. Hindley, Robt. Gibbon, J. R. Young, F. E. Rawlinson, R. Hooper, Jas. Hannah, Tyler. Visitors: P. J. Edelsten, W.M. 1134; W. Pollik, P.M. 1250; W. Hawkins, P.M. 1250; Thos. Ockleshaw, S.W. 667; Edward Aston, 758; Thos. Sutton, 1250. The lodge was opened in due form, according to ancient custom, when the minutes of the previous meeting and emergency were declared to be correctly recorded. The bye-laws were read, in accordance with annual custom. The interest of the meeting centred on the election of the W.M. for the ensuing year. The ballot was taken, and, after due scrutiny, the W.M. declared Bro. John Bowes, P.M., P. Prov. G. Reg. Cumberland and Westmoreland, duly elected. After the election of Treasurer, Auditors, and Tyler, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

WIRKSWORTH.—Derwent Lodge (No. 884).—The brethren of this lodge held their annual installation meeting at the Town Hall, Wirksworth, on Monday November 23rd. Although there were a goodly number of visitors present, they were not so numerous as usual, owing to the Provincial Grand Lodge meeting being held in the same week at the new Masonic Hall at Derby. The Worshipful Master elect (Bro. James Vincent Bettle), was duly installed by Bro. William Surtees Lugg, the retiring Worshipful Master. The officers appointed were Bros. W. Lomas, S.W.; Norman Anthony Hurt, J.W.; B. Street, Treasurer; W. Sperry, Secretary; Ivatts, S.D.; Miers, J.D.; Frederick Hurt, I.G.; Tomlinson, Tyler. The lodge was afterwards closed in ancient and solemn form. The brethren met at the George and Commercial Hotel, where the banquet was laid out in splendid style by Bro. Harley, and a most enjoyable evening was spent by the brethren.

LEICESTER.—John O'Gaunt Lodge (No. 523) assembled at the Freemasons' Hall on the 19th ult. for the transaction of the usual monthly business. The W.M., Bro. S. S. Partridge, in the chair, where he presided with his accustomed talent, urbanity, and ability. There were many members of the lodge present, and numerous visitors, including several Prov. Grand officers. Bro. Nicholson, a deserving Fellow Craft—famous in the art of music—was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, and Mr.

Bertram Wolf was duly admitted to a participation of the secrets and privileges of the illustrious institution of Masonry, whose ordinances and regulations, whose solemnities and ceremonies were never more impressively inculcated than on this occasion by the Worshipful Master, Bro. Partridge, whose devotedness, competent knowledge and conciliating courtesies, have so well maintained the efficiency of this lodge, and the dignity of the Craft in this province.

TOTNES.—Pleiades Lodge (No. 710).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, Nov. 19th, Bro. William Bennett Maye, W.M., in the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Three brethren were raised to the sublime degree of M.M., and one brother passed to the degree of F.C. Hearty good wishes were tendered; the lodge was then closed in ancient form and with solemn prayer.

WILLIAM PRESTON LODGE (No. 766).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday week at the City Terminus Hotel, and about fifty brethren, members of the lodge and visitors, assembled on the occasion. There was a strong muster of Past Masters, including Bros. Dr. Whiteman; Geo. Newman, B. Abbot, W. Miller, and G. J. Kain; and among the visitors were Bros. H. Garrod; Dr. Carpenter; Donald King; Charles Horsley, P.P.G.R., Middlesex; E. T. Barry, (No. 3); and G. S. Bigley, (No. 1298). The chair was occupied by Bro. William Worrell, W.M., Sec. of the Royal Albert Orphan Asylum, who raised Bros. Williams and Sutcliffe and initiated Mr. W. F. Smart, accountant. Bro. George Newman, P.M., passed Bros. Paull, Baros, Colgrave, Gunner and Ransby; and Bro. Alfred Le Grand, (No. 1298), was balloted for as a joining member. Bro. W. Worrell then, on presentation duly made, installed Bro. Augustus Braun, W.M. elect, as W.M. for the ensuing year, who appointed and invested his officers as follows:—William Worrell, I.P.M.; J. Pringle, S.W.; W. Manfield Newton, J.W.; G. J. Kain, P.M., Treasurer; William Worrell, P.M., Secretary; W. Edward Newton, S.D.; S. D. Ewins, J.D. Dr. Chitmore, I.G.; George Newman, P.M., Wine Steward; P. Steinmann, D.C.; and W. Grant, T. Bro. Worrell afterwards delivered the address to the W.M., officers, and brethren, which he did in an excellent style, and was warmly applauded at the completion of his task. A Past Master's jewel (from the atelier of Bro. George Kenning) was placed on his breast by the W.M., voted by the brethren as a token of esteem and as a permanent record of his very valuable services to the lodge. The W.M., in presenting the jewel, drew the brethren's attention to these services, and wished Bro. Worrell many years of life and health to wear the jewel and enjoy the friendship of the brethren. Bro. Worrell, in reply, stated how pleased he was to have won the confidence of the lodge and how great a pleasure the wearing of the jewel would always afford him. He remarked also on the pride he felt on seeing the lodge brought to its present state of prosperity, which he was happy to say he had been partly instrumental, though in a minor degree, in effecting. On the motion of Bro. George Newman the lodge passed the following vote:—"That in consideration of the very long and valuable services rendered to this lodge by Bro. Kain, in the combined offices of Treas. and Sec., he be exempt from all subscriptions and dues except fees for visitors." The lodge, which was adorned with the banners of its Past Masters and present Master, was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a splendid banquet, provided by Bro. Sidney Spencer, the proprietor of the City Terminus Hotel, under the management of Bro. Charles Lord. The Masters' banners, to the number of sixteen, were ranged behind the cross table, and each Past Master who was present sat under his own banner. The effect was very striking, and it was enhanced by the brethren appearing in their clothing and jewels. The W.M. presided with the tact of a brother well acquainted with his duties, and made the members and visitors of the lodge thoroughly at home by his amiability and hospitality. When the cloth was removed the toasts

which fall to the Master's duty to propose, were proposed by him with skill and brevity, the loyal toasts having, however, in them nothing new, but merely repeating the time-honoured sentiments of respect and affection the Queen and the Prince of Wales elicit on all occasions when their names are mentioned. The toast of "The Deputy Grand Master, &c.," having been duly proposed and honoured, no Grand Officer being present to respond to it, Bro. W. Worrell rose, as he said, for the first time, as a Past Master of the lodge, to propose the toast of "The W.M." Whatever he could say on the subject he was sure would be thoroughly re-echoed by all the brethren, and he wished him the greatest amount of prosperity and success during his year of office. They had long had the good fortune of enjoying his acquaintance in the lodge, and they had become sufficiently acquainted with him to know that whatever duties fell to the Master would be thoroughly and well carried out by Bro. Braun. When the time should come for him to resign the Mastership into his successor's hands, the lodge would find it had not in any way to regret having reposed the trust in him they had. The W.M. said: In responding to the toast that he now found that he had just experienced for the first time the real difficulties of the proud position he held. The great warmth with which he had been received by the brethren around him made him very proud indeed, and he began to realise the high position of a W.M. He was exceedingly glad that they had received the toast so kindly, and he was very grateful to them for it. The W.M. then proposed "The Initiate," and said that from what Bro. Smart had said to him while sitting next to him, he was sure he would make a good Mason. Bro. Smart in reply said, the first thing he had to do was to thank the brethren for the way in which they had drunk the toast and received him. They knew he was a smart man, and he hoped to become a smart Mason. Between the William Preston Lodge (his mother lodge), and his own mother, there was an affinity, both of them having a 6 and a 7 in their age. He was happy to say he had been a good son to his mother, and he hoped to be a good Mason to his mother lodge. He was honoured on one occasion by a person telling him that he must be a good man to be a Mason, and he trusted he should not belie that assertion. His efforts would be used to become a good Mason, and he hoped that as long as he lived he should belong to this lodge, and many times meet the brethren in that room. (Cheers.) Bro. Charles Horsley, who responded to the toast of "The Visitors," said: I am quite sure that those brethren who have like myself, this evening, the honoured privilege of visiting the William Preston Lodge will only feel as I feel now, the deep regret that they have not had that honour before; but having now the honour, I most sincerely and devoutly hope that the same privilege may be conferred on me again. The first thing that struck me on entering the lodge was the grand array of sixteen banners. When I saw them, I thought to myself how honoured the William Preston Lodge is, and how worthy it is of that man from whom it takes its name, and of whom I was a very humble disciple twenty-five years ago—the grandest worker in Freemasonry that ever was known; and, with the single exception of his successor, my dearest old friend, Stephen Barton Wilson, the greatest light that has ever been seen in Freemasonry. I most sincerely congratulate the W.M., and all the P.M.'s of this excellent lodge, on having taken for its cognomen so hallowed a name—a name than which those of the grand heroes of antiquity do not stand higher in the estimation of every true Mason. For he must have been great, and in the blaze of fame, as it were, who could have handed down to us so glorious a traditional history as has been associated with his name, and who, in his own person, taught it to so many hundreds, or I might almost say, units. If his spirit could only come forward at this time, as I believe it possible it may, to hear what I am saying—as glorifying the idea of that wonderful mingling of good fellowship which is conveyed in the true form of brotherly love, relief, and truth (the grandest

trinity in this world)—I say how gloriously delighted must his spirit be to think that those who were units in his day are now numbered in legions, and tens of thousands! How good and how great, spite all the anathemas of Rome, must that grand Order be which, excommunicated by one feeble man, stands out in such numbers in England, through the dominions of the Empress of India, and among the subjects of her who governs more than half the habitable globe, as a living protest against the excommunication which is now fulminated against it. (Applause.) I will now merely say a word upon what happened in the lodge. It was an object of delight to me to see your Immediate Past Master go through the duties which appertained to him as Master, who had the glorious ambition to go through the ceremony of installing his successor. (Hear, hear.) That is a glorious ambition; and I trust that the present Master, and all future Masters of the Wm. Preston Lodge, will have it. I think that a lodge is always great within itself when it has as its I.P.M. one who says, "I will not call for extrinsic aid, I will not look to those who have acquired a great name in Freemasonry, to do that which it is my duty to do, and if it be not my duty, it is my right, and I claim it as my especial privilege, to do it. The I.P.M. of this lodge did it, and I am sure you will say he did it admirably (cheers). I felt most proud when the jewel was put upon his breast. Worshipful Master, although you have done so little as yet, and although I can perceive at once you were not actually born in this kingdom, you have the true Briton in you; I see you have made old England your home, and that your destinies and the destinies of Englishmen are united, that you will live and die with us. I am sure from the very able manner in which you addressed every one of the officers, that every brother who now hears me will say that no Master coming to so difficult an office as you have to-day, could have discharged his duties in a more urbane, perfect, and delightful manner. It must have been a pleasure to all the brethren who were honoured with office to be so addressed, as it was to me. (Hear, hear.) Allow me now simply to return thanks for myself most sincerely and cordially. I can only say on behalf of the other visitors I have no right to speak for them ("Yes, yes," "All, all.") If I am to respond for them allow me to say that I very sincerely regret that many men whom I see around me have infinitely more right to address you, intellectually speaking, than I have, ("No, no"); but for myself I may say that for twenty years past I have been an enthusiastic Mason, a Mason who has tried to do to the best he can. I yesterday initiated three into Freemasonry, and I hope that next week I shall initiate five more. That I think, shows that the Order is progressing, "in spite of Pope and Dignitaries of church" (cheers). The W.M. having proposed the health of Bro. Worrell, as Installing Master, Bro. Worrell replied, and said that although the portions of Bro. Horsley's speech which referred to him were very flattering, he was still much pleased to hear them, and it was gratifying to find that what he had done met with the approbation of the brethren. He looked back with pride and satisfaction to the time when he was installed Master of this lodge a year ago. He then promised that he would to the utmost of his ability serve the lodge. He had endeavoured to do so, but if he had defaulted in any way, it was not from want of will, but from weakness. What he had done had been amply repaid by the gift of the beautiful jewel with which he had been presented. For the first time he found himself among the P.M.'s of the lodge; but although one more had been added to the Past Master's list, one had been taken away in the person of Bro. Blake, who had died since the brethren last met. Bro. Blake was the first actual Past Master of the lodge, and was present at his, Bro. Worrell's, installation and his initiation. The P.M.'s of this lodge had been called "dowagers," and he, though young in years, was now included in that ancient body. Dowagers were not expected, as a rule, to do anything. He, during his year of office, had worked hard, and as he had now been appointed Secretary of the lodge,

he would still have to do so, for the Secretary of the Wm. Preston Lodge was no small matter. The duties appertaining to it were very important, and he intended to carry them out to the fullest extent, and as well as the brethren given him credit for doing as W.M. If not, it would be for succeeding Master to trust the office to other hands. But he should always occupy some position of importance in the lodge. This should be of all Masons, and it was the aim he wished to get on. Whenever he had the opportunity, he intended to further the interests of Freemasonry, and this could be best done by performing his duty thoroughly and efficiently towards every member of the lodge. With regard to the appointments just made to the W.M., he wanted to see a thoroughly healthy rivalry for office in the different members of the lodge; and if there was that in them they would ultimately succeed. (Applause.) Dr. Whiteman, in replying as one of the P.M.'s to the toast proposed and drunk in their honour, and to the speech of the initiate, who, he thought, gave fair promise of becoming an excellent Freemason. He evidently had great respect for his mother, and he (Bro. Whiteman) hoped she would have some respect for his father. He (Bro. Whiteman) was frequently called the father of the William Preston Lodge; and he could not help feeling proud of the appellation. He had always taken great interest in the lodge, and should continue so to do by the performance of those duties that belonged to his position as senior "Dowager." He was exceedingly pleased to be able to welcome Bro. Worrell on his joining that body, as no one else would make an excellent Dowager. He (Bro. Whiteman) enjoyed the *odium dignitate* which all Masons should aspire to, and he could not help saying that he never came to this lodge except with feelings of the greatest possible pleasure, in the hope of meeting some of his old friends as well as brethren of other lodges. Many years, he hoped, might elapse before his position in the lodge ceased. Abbott also responded, and said that his thanks were due to the Great Architect of the Universe for having spared him so long to associate with the brethren. Brethren far more deserving than he to associate with them had been removed, but he found himself still a member of them and enjoying good health. He also expressed his happy to give his hearty support in facilitating the business of the lodge and the unity and fellowship of the brethren. He congratulated the W.M. and the brethren, as well as himself, for having this opportunity of coming among them. The preservation of life was a boon, and though many were apt not to value enough of it, every one, whether young or old, could not be too grateful to the Great Architect who spared them to meet each other year by year. The love and unity which prevailed among the members he hoped would continue, and he believed that if the hearts of them were probed they would be found to prevail. This was the spirit they ought to cultivate in Freemasonry, and it was pleasing to see such good fruit borne in the Wm. Preston Lodge. Bro. George Newman likewise responded, but looked upon himself as a very new member among the P.M.'s. Never before he was always anxious to do any duty which might be required of him, and he took great pride in being of any service to the lodge. G. J. Kain, P.M., Treasurer, and former Secretary, acknowledged the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary." He said he was very peculiarly situated, being so shorn of his honours, but it happened at a moment very favourable for Masons generally. Advancing as he was in life, he was to throw a portion of the mantle off his shoulders and on to those of a worthy man. Bro. Worrell would bear it well and ably. Around him, he found the lodge had obtained the majority of fifty members; and, to quote the words of a poet of his own country, he said—"And doth not a meeting like this amend?" It did "make amends," for now attained prosperity. He was deli-

that he could retire from the office of Secretary still retaining, however, the post of honour as Treasurer. At the end of the summons is said there was to be a report read by the stary as regarded Masonry in general and lodge in particular. He did not intend to do them with much about this lodge in particular, but he would like to say something of mry in general, because he posted himself the Quarterly Communications of Grand e, which were really important documents, h very few familiarised themselves with . He would relate a few of the Masonic s of the year. In the first place, he would the leading event in Masonry—the seces- of the Marquis of Ripon; but he would to more of that than that on the 3rd of his lordship presided at Grand Lodge for st time, and the last of his acts was to pro- be gift of £500 towards the relief of suf- by the Indian famine. He retired, he : say, under a great cloud of fame, which ped would not desert him at any rate. odges had been named after his lordship— and 1489). They then heard of his re- ion on the 1st of September. In to show his lordship's kindly spirit is Freemasonry, he might mention that his acts was to cause one of the Masonic : to be erased from the roll for most un- ic conduct which was attributed to it. In ss he would say that it was but right to ear over departed worth, and to say of at he was a most worthy man and Mason. ro. Kain) could only hope that the Church) gone over to would appreciate him as s he deserved to be. There was one e would say to the initiate. It had been at Freemasonry was atheistical or rational. e men of all creeds belonged to it. Now often said to those who knew nothing t, could an institution which never met t the Bible being open and a blessing invoked on the proceedings at the com- ment and the close be atheistical, or de- o be tabooed by priests? He said it with hat no institution of that sort ought to be l by any sect or class. God forbid that uld condemn Lord Ripon! He had con- usly no doubt done what he had; but sorry for all that claimed to be the aiden of religion. To return to his nar- of Masonic events. In nine months no n 60 new lodges had been created, which that Masonry was extending very largely. aft expended £5000 a year in benevo- uite exclusive of private subscriptions to ous charities, which were very large, and ate benevolent fund box of each lodge, h he would give as an instance the sum £3 which was put that evening into the cup of Wm. Preston Lodge. He would mention this to show that an institution o largely practised charity] which every, re- culated, was not to be despised by priests dy else. In 1873 no less than 8766 Masons ide, a number which showed at any rate heart of the nation did not believe that was antagonistic to Christianity, and n nearly 4000 more had been admitted. £6,249 was received by the Grand or the fund of benevolence, nearly more than it was eight years ago; and s of Grand Secretary had so largely in- that his salary had been raised. The communication which had been sent) lodges for next Wednesday showed Prince of Wales would be nominated Grand Master, that sums voted by the Benevolence, varying from £150 to £50, e placed before the Grand Lodge for ion; and then there was a motion of bon, who stood very high as a Mason, sing of two-thirds of the annual surplus and of Benevolence, by laying it out in ing or otherwise advancing in life ns' children who had been brought up o Masonic schools. This was a short of the leading occurrences in Free- for the year, and he trusted they would ble to the brethren to hear. (Cheers). naining toasts were given and the shortly afterwards separated.

GREAT NORTHERN LODGE (No. 1287).—This lodge held its monthly meeting at the Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday, 19th ult. The brethren were summoned for half-past four, in consequence of the rebeing two candidates to be elected as joining members, three to be initiated, and the passing of the four brethren who were initiated at the last meeting. The W.M., Bro. T. H. Staton, was supported by all his officers, viz.: Bro. S. Forbes, S.W.; R. Bescoby, J.W.; J. W. Lancaster, S.D.; J. Ritchie, J.D.; A. Christie, I.G.; and G. West, D.C.; there were also present the I.P.M., Bro. H. T. Read; and P.M., S. Webb (Treasurer). The lodge having been opened in the first degree, Bros. John Harper (Celtic), and John Foster (Belgrave), were balloted for and were found to be unanimously elected, as was also the case for all candidates. The announcement having been made to the joining members, they entered the lodge and returned thanks. The E.A.'s having retired, the W.M. resumed in the second degree, and passed Bros. Timberlake, Bathord, Freshwater and Owen to the degree of Fellow Craft, in his usual careful manner. He then resumed to the first degree, and duly initiated Mr. T. J. Sadler, Mr. Wm. Buzzard, and Mr. Wm. F. Tewkesbury. This ceremony concluded, the W.M. rose for the first time, when a candidate was proposed for the next meeting; on the W.M. rising for the second and third time, the I.P.M. returned thanks for the lodge's votes, for the Boys' School, stating the cases had both been successful. There not being any more business, the W.M. closed the lodge, and with the brethren and visitors adjourned to the tavern to dinner. The repast having been finished and grace said, the W.M. trusted the brethren would excuse him if he was curt in his speeches, but as there were several visitors who were anxious to depart as soon as convenient, he was sure they would not object. The toasts of the "Queen and Craft," and the "M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," were well received and responded to with the usual loyal Great Northern fire; the next toast, "The R.W. D.G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon, and other Grand Lodge Officers," coupling with it the name of P.M., T. A. Adams, brought that venerable brother forward, and in his usual jocose manner, spoke of the sumptuous board spread before him, and concluded his speech by remarking that the lodge was not only great in name, but great in working and great in banquets. The next toast on this occasion was "The Initiates," which was also well received, the I.P.M. singing the E.A. song. The initiates having responded, the "Visitors" was next given, when Bros. P.M. Adams, and Pulling, 144; Phillips, 980; and Smith, 879; responded, (Bros. Siemens, 751, and P.M., F. Binckes, Sec. R.M.I.B., having previously retired). The I.P.M., handling the gavel, gave the health of the W.M., which was received in the only way possible. The W.M. having returned thanks, asked the brethren to drink as they had just done, the health of the P.M.'s Bros. Read and Webb, regretting that they were the only two present. I.P.M., Bro. Read, briefly returning thanks, left Bro. Webb to hold forth, which he did to some extent, expatiating on the past career of the lodge, the trials that had been surmounted, and the happy course that seems now to favour it. He reminded the officers and those who hoped to fill the chair of the career of the past, and to take warning there- by, and thus avoid the difficulties that had occurred, never he hoped to come again. The "Health of the Officers" was responded to by the S.W., and the "Tyler's Toast" brought this very pleasant evening to a close. We must not forget to mention that the pleasure of the evening was greatly enhanced by the kindnesses of Bros. Webb, Bescoby, Lancaster, Forbes, Owen, Atkell, Harper and Pulling, who all responded to the call of the W.M.

SOUTHALL.—Acacia Lodge (No. 1309).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Prince Alfred Hotel, Southall, on Tuesday, November 24th. Bro. F. Walters, P.G.P. Middlesex, P.M., Sec. (in the unavoidable absence of the W.M., Bro. R. Limpus, P.P.G., Org. Middlesex, W.M., caused through illness) opened the lodge, The minutes of the preceding

meeting were read and unanimously confirmed. Bro. G. Horsley P.P.G. Registrar, P.M., in an admirable manner initiated Messrs. J. H. Brewster, H. Kenward, and J. Davies, and passed Bro. Wilson to the second degree. Several gentlemen were proposed for initiation which was arranged to be an emergency. Bro. Horsley made an eloquent appeal on behalf of the Royal Benevolent Institution, he being the Steward representing the lodge at the forthcoming anniversary Festival. All business being ended, the lodge was closed. Refreshment followed labour, and a pleasant evening was spent. There were present besides those named, Bros. C. A. Ferrier, S.W.; C. G. Rushworth, J.W.; J. W. George, J.D.; and several others. The visitors were Bros. Leonard, 720; Harrison, 1326.

ALDERSHOT.—Aldershot Camp Lodge (No. 1331).—A meeting of this lodge was held in the Assembly Rooms on Thursday, 5th November, for the purpose of installing the Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, and investing his officers with their insignia of office. There was an unusually good attendance, including a large number of visiting brethren, among whom were Bro. Hacker, W.M. Panmure Lodge; Bro. Hickley, P.M.; Bro Sowdon, P.M.; and Bro. Gold. The ceremony of installing Bro. White as W.M. was performed by the retiring W.M., Bro. Mackenzie, which was done with marked ability, and with an intelligent appreciation of the impressiveness, that commanded the attention of his hearers. The ceremony was accompanied with perfect musical service. The lodge is now constituted as follows:—Bros. White, W.M.; Bennett, S.W.; Anderson, J.W.; Mare, S.W.; Smith, J.D.; Field, I.G.; Lucas, Sec.; Burns, Tyler. A handsome Past Master's Jewel was presented to the retiring Master, Bro. Mackenzie, by Bro. White, in a neat speech, which was suitably replied to by Bro. Mackenzie, who, during the past year, had discharged his duties as W.M. much to the satisfaction of the brethren. Visitors to this lodge cannot but be struck with the order and discipline which distinguish the proceedings and the evident desire of all the officers to discharge their duties in conformity with the beautiful ceremonies. It was particularly noticed the beautiful effect the divers military uniforms interspersed with the civil element gave to the lodge, this being the first time of meeting in their new lodge room. At the conclusion of the ceremony and business of the evening, the brethren to the number of about 60 adjourned to the Royal Hotel, where Bro. Kneé had prepared an excellent banquet. After justice had been done to the solids, the cheering wine cup was introduced, and the usual Masonic and complimentary toasts drunk. After each toast music was introduced to enliven the evening, and some excellent songs were sung by Bros. Eve, White, Hacker and Steel. The evening terminated with the "Tyler's Toast." Altogether it was a happy day in Masonry, never to be forgotten by those who were present.

INSTRUCTION.

CONFIDENCE LODGE OF INSTRUCTION (No. 193).—At a meeting of the above lodge, held on Wednesday, the 25th Nov., at Bro. Chard's, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch Lane, E.C., Bro. E. Gottheil, P.M. and Preceptor, moved the following resolution—That sixty tickets be purchased from Bro. John Constable, W.M. 185, in aid of the forthcoming drawing for a number of Life-Governorships for the Masonic Girls' School, and should any of these tickets result in a prize, a ballot should then take place among such members of the Confidence Lodge of Instruction who shall be present at a meeting specially appointed for that purpose, the drawer of the fortunate number to have the £10 10s. sent to the institution in his own name and enjoy the privileges of the Life-Governorship. The proposition was heartily seconded by Bro. Hickman, S.W. 118, and carried with acclamation by the thirty brethren who were present. It would be desirable if mother lodges, chapters and lodges of instruction were to adopt a similar course. It matters little through what channel assistance flows, so that the various streams terminate in the same point. Bro. Constable's

mode of rendering aid to our institutions has been praised by some and blamed by many, but even the opponents of his method cannot deny the disinterested industry and energy with which he conducts his self-imposed task. It therefore behoves us to give him all the encouragement in our power. The example of the Confidence Lodge of Instruction, if followed, will not fail to stimulate the apathetic and lethargic, and certainly those who have it not in their power to give considerable sums, but who are anxious to contribute all in their power.

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PARTICK.

PARTICK.—St. Mary's Lodge (No. 117).—The annual election and installation of the office-bearers of this lodge took place in their hall, Dumbarton-road, Partick, on Wednesday, 18th ult., in presence of about one hundred members and visiting brethren, when the following were duly elected according to the use and wont of St. Mary's Lodge. Bros. Wm. Wylie, R.W.M.; John Baird, D.M.; Dr. A. Cameron, S.M.; Peacock, S.W.; Agnew, J.W.; Maitland, Sec.; J. M. Wylie, Treas.; Alfred Lawrence, Chaplain; Forrest, S.D.; McSwan, J.D.; Miller, S.B.; Calderwood, S.S.; Boyd, J.S.; Leonard, I.G.; Bruce, Tyler. After the election, the R.W.M. was re-installed by P. M. Brunton, and the remaining officers by the R.W.M. At the conclusion of this impressive ceremony, the lodge went into harmony "for a short half hour," when, after the usual loyal toasts, the P.M., in proposing the health of the R.W.M., expressed the pleasure it gave himself and the lodge, that he had seen fit to give way to the pressure brought upon him by the brethren, and fill the chair for another year. In the course of his reply, the R.W.M. impressed upon the brethren, that the grand characteristic of Freemasonry was charity, and, in order that Scotland should hold the same high position in this leading virtue as other countries, and cease to be twitted by them that she can point to no Masonic schools, orphanages or refuges for destitute brethren or their widows, as a proof of her zeal in the cause of Masonry, it was necessary for each member of the Craft to put his hand into his pocket, and contribute to the movement at present afoot, which he had good cause for saying would shortly result in the building and endowment of a Benevolent School for the support and education of the orphans of Scottish Freemasons. The health of the new office-bearers being proposed by P.M. Brunton, was appropriately and fluently replied to by Bros. Dr. Cameron and J. M. Wylie, who, in the course of their remarks, acknowledged the honour that had been unexpectedly conferred on them. In proposing the visiting brethren, the Master coupled it with Bro. Johnson, late Chief Officer of the ill-fated Chusan, who happened to be present; when quite an ovation awaited Bro. Johnson from the brethren present, who enthusiastically welcomed him to St. Mary's Lodge, and, from respect to the late Captain, Bro. Johnson, and the other brethren who perished with the ill-starred vessel, in solemn silence, and with highest honour, responded to the R.W.M.'s toast. Bro. Johnson feelingly replied that the horrors of that fearful night would never be effaced from his memory; that, after clinging, half-naked, to the wreck for four hours, he had fallen into the hands of brothers who manned the lifeboat; that, on landing, he had been received, fed, and clothed by brothers; and now he thanked the brethren of St. Mary's for the kind, kind welcome he had that night received. The lodge was shortly after closed by the R.W.M. in due and ancient form.

DUNBAR.—Dunbar Castle Lodge (No. 75).—Since our last report two special meetings have been called for the purposes of initiating and passing. The first of these was held on the 10th, and the second on the 17th ult.; both meetings were largely attended; Bro. D. Valance, R.W.M., in the chair. The R.W.M. was well supported on these occasions by Bros. F. H. Rahu, P.M. of Lodge Barnard Castle; C. Connell, P.M.; T. Quier, and J. Smith, of

Lodge Malta; C. Norman, D.M.; Wm. Riddell, acting S.W.; A. Robertson, J.W.; Jas. Robertson, P.G.S.D.; A. Malvui, Treas.; P. Murray, Sec., &c., &c. The lodge being opened in the first degree, on each occasion two new members were added to the roll. A considerable number of candidates have been initiated into the mysteries of the Order, by this lodge this year, and at present no fewer than six are about to be raised to the sublime degree, which reflects very great credit on the R.W.M. and his office-bearers, showing the great interest they have taken in furthering the welfare of the lodge. The R.W.M. has occupied the chair for the last six years, but is, we understand, now most anxious to retire, which is regretted, but a successor is likely to be found in Captain Dennistoun, 64th Regiment. The election of R.W.M. will take place on St. Andrew's night.

Royal Arch.

JOPPA CHAPTER (No. 188).—The convocation of this chapter for the installation of Principals, was held on Monday evening at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. Comps. E. Stanton Jones, Z.; H. M. Levy, H; and M. Emanuel, J.; presided, and there were also present Comps. Past Z's, S. Lazarus, Wolf Littaur, E. P. Albert, S. Pollitzer, and J. Lazarus, several other members of the chapter, and Visitors, comps. James Weaver, P.Z. 862; C. Hogard, 141; D. H. Jacobs, 657; C. Coote, W. A. Tinney, 862; Cheese, 192; H. Massey (Freemason), 619, and Young, Z. Bro. Barnett of Lodge of Faith, 141, was exalted into Royal Arch Freemasonry, after which Comp. H. M. Levy was installed as Z.; Comp. M. Emanuel as H; and Comp. M. J. Emanuel as J. The ceremony was well rendered by Comp. Littaur, and Comp. M. Emanuel who respectively installed the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Principals. The other officers appointed and invested were S. V. Abrahams, P.Z., Treasurer, Dickenson, S.E.; L. Lazarus, S.N.; L. Jacobs, P.S.; and G. Smith, Janitor. Comp. S. V. Abrahams brought forward and carried the following notion of which he had given notice:—"In the event of either of the Jewish or other public or bank holidays occurring on the day appointed for the usual meeting of the chapter it shall be in the power of the M.E.Z. to call the chapter on such other day most convenient, not more than eight days from the regular day of meeting, and the business at such chapter shall have the same effect as though it took place at the regular meeting." The companions afterwards sat down to a choice banquet, provided under the personal superintendence of Comp. Jennings, manager of the Albion Tavern. The toasts were subsequently given in due course. Comp. E. Stanton Jones, in proposing the health of the M.E.Z., said he was very glad to find him in that position. No doubt he would have a happy and prosperous year of office, and during that time would do everything in his power to increase the number of the members, and to raise the character of the chapter. The M.E.Z. replying, said that nothing which he had done had been done for his own aggrandisement; but he always had in view the wants of the distressed and fallen. One or two offices he held in Freemasonry gave him the opportunity of doing this, but if he had not done everything that could be expected of him, he looked forward to being able to do so, and to having the assistance of those two great towers of support, his H. and J., and if at the end of his year of office he should not obtain a jewel, he would at least have the satisfaction of knowing that he had done his duty. Comp. D. Barnett responded as the "newly exalted Companion;" and afterwards the M.E.Z. proposed in glowing terms "The Health of the P.Z., Comp. E. Stanton Jones," alluding to the great service he had been to the chapter, the high opinion he had of him as a man and a Mason, on whom the breath of censure could not pass a single word, and as exemplifying in his every act that unselfishness and single heartedness which every Mason should bring to bear in his conduct towards his fellow men. Appealing to the companions whether there was not perfect

truth in all these observations, and calling them for their testimony that there was no fulsome or flattering in these remarks, he presented Comp. Jones with a P.Z. jewel of frosted gold, set with glittering diamonds. Comp. Jones, after thanking the M.E.Z. and the companions for their gift, said he had felt honoured at having to be the First Principal of this chapter, but that honour was greatly enhanced by the handsome jewel which they subscribed to give him. He assured the companions that it would remind him of many hours he had spent with the companions, trusted that on some future occasion they would consider and give effect to an idea he had, which they were acquainted with referring to the P.Z. jewel. Comp. David Jacobs replied for "The Visitors," Comp. S. M. Lazarus, "The P.Z.'s," Comp. M. I. Emanuel for "and J.," and Comp. Abrahams for "Treasurer," and after the honouring of the toasts, the companions separated.

WHITTINGTON CHAPTER (No. 862).—Convocation for the annual installation of Principals of this chapter was held on Friday at Anderson's Hotel. Comps. James Weaver, Z.; Hurlstone, H.; and F. Smith, as J., sided. Comp. James Brett, P.Z., installed Comps. Hurlstone, Z.; Jones, H.; and W. Phens, J.; Kingston was invested S. Weaver, S.E.; R. W. Little, Treasurer; W. Tinney, P.S.; G. C. Pritchard, 1st Assistant; F. R. Pritchard, 2nd Assistant; Moore, D. J. Gilbert, Janitor. The Audit Committee reported favourably of the chapter funds, which in consequence of the arrangements made at establishment of the chapter, were free from incumbrance. The announcement was received with much satisfaction. The chapter, there being no further business before the companions, was thereupon closed, and the companions adjourned to banquet. At the giving of the toasts Comp. Brett, responding to the toast of the Grand Principals, said that L. Carnarvon had accepted the office of Pro-Grand First Principal. As Grand Second Principal, Carnarvon had proved himself zealous and industrious, and the companions who had been in Masonry knew what he had done for the order. All Masons were very proud of L. Carnarvon, and they would be very glad to see him take his seat at the right of the Prince of Wales. The other officers had always tried to do their best for Freemasonry, and they were always received by their companions with appreciation of their efforts. He then said he did not think that for the future he would be able to attend so frequently in the Whittington Chapter as he had done. Hitherto he had been absent from a single meeting, but that arisen from his desire to stand by so long a chapter and to see it have a good start. It had in it now plenty of men who were capable of doing the work without assistance, and consequently he must be excused from devoting quite so much time to it. He had that night installed in the third chair a young member who could do his work, and was as a R.A. Mason, and as a member of several lodges, a very hard worker, an attendant on different boards, and one who must stand out as a prominent Freemason. He had given evidence of that night by proposing six brethren to exaltation, every one of whom he (Comp. Brett) could speak of favourably, from his intimate knowledge of them. They would be an acquisition to the chapter, and he could be proud from the proofs he had witnessed that their prosperous future for it. Comp. Weaver responded "The health of the M.E.Z.," which was responded to by Comp. Hurlstone, who much delighted at seeing the progress the chapter was making. His heart was in Masonry and would so remain as long as he lived, and then proposed the health of the P.Z., Comp. Weaver, and presented him, in the name of the companions with a splendid P.Z. jewel. Comp. Weaver acknowledged the compliment, and proposed "Health of the Visitors" having been present and drunk, was responded to by Comp. Levy, and H. Massey (Freemason), and the officers of the chapter having also replied to the toasts proposed in their honour, the companions separated.

FREEMASONRY IN JAMAICA.
 The Glenlyon Lodge (Scottish Constitution) held at Kingston on Tuesday, the 20th Oct., for the purpose of advancing several of its members to the degree of Mark Master, ten of whom came forward and received that step in Masonry in a most impressive manner. It is to be regretted that a larger number of brethren did not avail themselves of the opportunity. The Provincial Grand Master, S. C. G. presided, and was assisted by several eminent brethren of his lodge, in conjunction with the high official of the English Constitution. The evening having been paid, the lodge closed, and members and visitors adjourned to an elegant banquet, which they did ample justice to.

Mark Lodge having been again set to work, I have no doubt but the interest manifested by the brethren will not grow less, and ere long the "Glenlyon" Mark Lodge prove a credit to the Craft in this island, where Masonry is much admired and respected.

Masonic Tidings.

Royal Highness the Prince of Wales has been pleased to send a large supply of phials for the use of the patients in St. Thomas's Hospital.

Royal Bro. the Duke of Connaught has fallen from his horse at Norwich, and one of his feet hurt, but not seriously.

The Annual General Court of the Scottish Masons was held on Monday last, at the Masonic Hall, in Crane-court, London; Sir J. Heron Maxwell in the chair. The report, which was read by Bro. Moir, the Secretary, the income of the Society had exceeded that of 1873 by nearly £1000.

The annual banquet of the Corporation of London was held in the evening, the Marquis of Salisbury presiding.

ALBERT ORPHAN ASYLUM (Bro. Sec.).—An election of children to this Asylum took place at the offices, 98, Cheapside. The result is no public polling; the names were posted to the office, and there appointed the respective candidates. Mr. W. G. was chairman of the scrutineers. Eight

twelve girls were elected from a list of 100 names. The committee are now making arrangements to clear off the debt of £5000 on the building, and have generously contributed £2000 themselves towards it.

Disturbances have occurred in Brazil, "Down with the Freemasons!" being the cry of the rioters. Troops and men-of-war were sent to the spot, and it was expected would soon be restored.

The Priory of the United Orders of the Knights of the Hospital, under the banner of the Virgin Mary, will be held on Friday, the 27th inst., at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.

We give our many Knight-Templar brethren the benefit of this intelligence; but we must not forget the interests of the Order, as well as of the public, that the notices of these meetings be advertised in the only organ of the Order.

Right Hon. the Lord Mayor will present the prizes to the 2nd Middlesex Artillery at the Guildhall on Saturday next.

The Mayor of Birmingham, has presented to the Prince of Wales a cheque for £1000 in donation to the building fund of the Asylum.

The Duke and Son were entrusted with the decorations and illuminations for the visit of the Prince of Wales to Hertfordshire.

The Committee of the Charity Voting Association have issued a report making suggestions to subscribers to charities to do away with the present system of electioneering.

Mr. Clode, Past Master of the Mermaid Company, is engaged in the preparation of a history of the Company, gathered together since its formation. The more extensively this is

done in the City the better: trustworthy information regarding the City Guilds is now of great importance.

The annual dinner of the Pickwick Bicycle Club was held on Saturday evening, at Bro. C. Gosden's Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street. Bro. T. Burdett Yeoman presided, the deputy chair being occupied by Mr. Pickwick, Captain. The toast of the evening was, of course, "The P.B.C.," coupled with the of the Secretary, and this was drunk with warm applause and musical honours.

Her Royal and Imperial Highness the Duchess of Edinburgh was presented on Monday, at Buckingham Palace, with a splendidly bound Bible, subscribed for by nearly 8,000 young ladies of England, on the occasion of her marriage.

The paragraph we quoted in our last on Bro. Emma Holmes' lecture on "Public Speaking: What it is and what it might be," we omitted to state, was taken from the *Colchester Mercury*. The lecture was delivered to a crowded audience in the Town Hall at Colchester, and the *Essex Standard* and *East Anglian Daily Times* both gave long and cordial notices of it. It had been previously delivered at Ipswich, Woodbridge, Hadleigh, and Dovercourt, and we understand it is to be published shortly in the pages of our contemporary—the "Masonic Magazine."

NOTES ON LITERATURE, SCIENCE AND ART.

(COLLECTED FROM VARIOUS SOURCES).

BY BRO. GEORGE MARKHAM T'WEDDELL.

The statement that a book entitled "The Paths of Life," from the pen of the Princess Alice, was about to be published in America, is entirely the fabrication of some lying scribe, who had, no doubt, invented the falsehood to put a trifle in his purse. We shall bow to no one in our love of the liberty of the press; but there needs a law to render it easy to "lay in hold" those unprincipled writers who purposely propagate false intelligence, and with whom the names and even private affairs of those who are unfortunate enough to have them for contemporaries, are used in any way they think fit for their purpose. Truth is a Masonic virtue: and those who lack it ought to be placed under a long course of reformatory prison discipline, in order to overcome their dangerous propensities for lying. Above all, literary men should be truthful.

The discovery of petroleum springs on the Luneberg Heaths is rendering a once barren tract of Northern Germany the seat of a populous commercial community. Borings were first commenced in 1863.

The French Stamp Office has purchased the secret of an indelible ink. It resists the power of all known re-agents to erase it.

At the October agricultural fair at Doylestown, Pennsylvania, a Philadelphian exhibited cow milking tubes made of silver, two inches long, and about the size of a wheat straw. Half an inch from one end is a shoulder or ring, to prevent the tube from passing too far up the teat. The opening in the tube is on the side near the top. The person milking inserts the long end of the tube into the orifice of the teat, and immediately the milk begins to flow in a constant stream. Tubes are inserted in all the teats at the same time. Whether this milking by machinery is injurious or not to the cows remains to be seen. Will it equal the delicate touch of a milkmaid's fingers?

Mr. Boyle Bernard, in his "Life of Samuel Lover," thus points out the power of Moore's muse over that of the later popular songster:—"It is curious to observe in this occurrence the first indication of the spell which the genius of Thomas Moore seemed to throw over the mind and life of Lover. It was Moore's air of 'Will you come to the Bower?'—the great favourite in those days of all circles, Irish or English—that urged the tiny fingers of the child to their first attempt at execution. It was at a dinner in honour of Moore that Lover made his first public appearance, as the writer of a song ad-

ressed to the poet, which he sang and was encored in amidst the acclamations of the room; and it was by his portrait of Moore's son, Russell, when his fame was rising in a sister art, that he gained from some of his best judges in London the most flattering acknowledgments. It is scarcely necessary to add that Moore's genius throughout life won from no one more than Lover the highest and heartiest admiration, and, as a song writer especially, the former was never so justly estimated as by the latter in his preface to the collected edition of his own Lyrics."

We are glad to see that a new edition of Ralph Thoresby's "Ducatus Leodiensis," is announced for publication, under the editorship of L. C. Miall, Esq., Curator of the Leeds Philosophical and Literary Society. The text is to be reprinted in fac-simile from the original edition of 1715, with the foot-notes of Thoresby, as well as those of Dr. Whitaker from the edition of 1816, and an account of Leeds in the present day. Mr. Joseph Foster, the well-known genealogist, is to work up the pedigrees. Ralph Thoresby was an antiquary of whom Yorkshire may well be proud; and Leeds, in particular, should "keep his memory green."

We are sorry to have to chronicle the death, at Rome, of William Henry Reinhart, the eminent sculptor, who was the son of a farmer at Baltimore, in the state of Maryland, in North America, who would not indulge his anxious desire to be taught drawing, but apprenticed him to a stone-mason. But nature had intended him for an artist of some sort; so he saved money from his wages, learned drawing, and started for "the imperial city" with two hundred dollars in his pocket, where he has just died, before completing his fiftieth year. He had worked hard in poverty for several years, but eventually acquired a fortune of five hundred lire, two hundred of which are to be devoted to founding a school of design for young sculptors at his native Baltimore. We do not know whether or not Mr. Reinhart was a brother of our ancient Craft. If not, he ought to have been, for such men are proper candidates for its mysteries and privileges.

The proprietors of the *Times* newspaper now cast their own type, and the same plan is about to be adopted by the other London dailies. The type-casting arrangements of the *Standard* are nearly completed.

The escort of the Prince and Princess of Wales on their recent visit from Packington Hall to Birmingham, included 20 bicycle riders.

The directors of the Great Northern Railway Company are preparing an important attraction for the northern express, which leaves King's Cross at five o'clock. It will consist of a handsome saloon, in which dinner can be served en route.

THE PUBLIC RECORDS.—The regimental records of the Royal Artillery have been removed from the Tower of London to the Record Office in the Royal Dockyard at Woolwich. The removal was effected by the transport branch of the Army Service Corps, and there were no less than sixty wagon-loads of books and papers. The Army Service Corps is also engaged in removing the records of other regiments from the Tower of London to their several head-quarters.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

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- "Diaries for 1875." (E. Moses and Son)

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Births, Marriages and Deaths.

MARRIAGE.

MILLIGAN.—PAGE.—On the 24th ult., at the Parish Church, Edensor, by Bro. Rev. A. A. Bagshawe, Vicar of Wormhill and Rural Dean of Buxton, assisted by the Rev. J. Hall, Vicar of Edensor, Bro. Edward C. Milligan, of the Phoenix Lodge of St. Anne (1235), of Buxton, to Annie Elizabeth, second daughter of the late Mr. Geo. Page, of Mansfield.

Answers to Correspondents.

All Communications, Advertisements, &c., intended for insertion in the Number of the following Saturday, must reach the Office not later than 6 o'clock on Wednesday evening.

A correspondent writes:—"Bro. R. Robinson is W.M. 1502, and Bro. Hammond is W.M. of 1512, and not of 1503," as stated on December 21 in the report of the Francis Burdett Lodge.

Bro. Mercer and Bro. Thorsey's communications received, and attended to.

The following Communications stand over:—

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Prov. G. Lodge of Leicester and Rutland, Prov. G. Lodge County Devon (I.C.); Lodges 329, 367; Instruction, 1475; Red Cross Conclave, 97.

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1874.

THE USE OF THE MASONIC PRESS:

We glanced at this important question last week, in the remarks we then deemed it to be our duty to make, but as we feel how much may be said on it, we revert to the question to-day. There may be, perhaps, abstractedly, as far as Freemasonry is concerned, some objection to publicity at all. Freemasonry is a society whose operations for the most part belong to the region of privacy and closed doors. Freemasons have thrown around their Order, both in its ritual and deliberations, for good and sufficient reasons, the quiet and protection of the closely-tiled Lodge. And it certainly would not conduce, in our opinion, to the good of Freemasonry, were all the routine work of the lodge and all the minutiae of its ceremonial laid bare to public curiosity. Not that Freemasonry is afraid of anything or has anything to conceal, or deprecates any external judgment of public opinion, but that its proceedings and purposes being purely Masonic, they are best confined to the knowledge alone of the Craft. But notwithstanding this *prima facie* objection to publication, since 1717 in England we have witnessed a gradual progress in Masonic reporting, and latterly the meetings of Grand Lodge, of Provincial Grand Lodges, and of private lodges have been duly published. Indeed, Grand Lodge itself gave the impetus, and, as it were, sanctioned the precedent in allowing Anderson, and Entick, and Northouck to print the old constitutions with extracts of the proceedings of the annual Grand Lodges. Since the beginning of this century the reports of our Grand Lodge and private lodges have also been continually laid before the Craft, and one of the complaints against earlier Masonic papers was that they gave nothing but lodge reports. It seems then, if there was alike a need and a propriety in publishing such reports for the brethren, inasmuch as by them they are encouraged or warned, as the case might be, to develop the true work and right teaching of Freemasonry, or to avoid those mistakes which injudicious zeal or unreflecting enthusiasm will sometimes cause in the best of human societies. And not only this, but as Masonry has progressed alike in numbers and "matériel" so there has been a corresponding tendency to ask for and study Masonic literature. Long before our good brethren in England had been roused in any way to an intellectual appreciation of Freemasonry, our German brethren for instance, had begun their critical study of Masonic documents, history, and archæology. Our English Craft, like Englishmen generally, has rather taken a practical view of the duties and requirements of Freemasonry, and in the development of the great and beneficent principles of genuine charity, brotherly love, and sympathetic relief, they are second to none, if indeed, without boasting, we may not fairly say they exceed every other territorial Grand Lodge in the world. But as regards literary matters the English brotherhood has been apathetic.

There have been "Masonic Magazines," "Mirrors," but they have come and gone mostly after a few years of fleeting popularity. So far no Masonic serial literature has been permanently successful. As a general rule, English Masonic literature and English Masonic history have been based upon Anderson and Preston, and latterly on that able and voluminous writer, Bro. Dr. Oliver. But as Masonic students know since their time and works, Masonic studies have taken a wide range, and, though it is quite clear to us that the foundation of the true history of Freemasonry is to be found both in Anderson and Preston in the earlier works of Oliver, if overlaid by the extravagance and obscured by the excesses of unreliable and unverified authorities yet we must, think, admit that Freemasonry in 1874 requires a more sure and satisfactory "pabulum mentis." We do not mean to say that we accept all the themes of Masonic "litterateurs" abroad either sound or conclusive; many, rather, quite unsound and most inconclusive; but must not shut our eyes to the fact that, in the present epoch of advanced critical study and patient investigation, all our Masonic histories and authorities must go through the ordeal of sifting and winnowing. And here, it appears to us, is the great use of the Masonic Press. If the history and archæology, and progress and development of Freemasonry are to be considered and discussed, no arena can be so safe and so proper as the Masonic Press, there, with that sobriety and reverence which becomes the enquiry—there, with a last desire after truth, and a wish to ascertain the reality of statements, the veracity of authorities, the actuality of quotations, Masonic students who will appreciate the difficulties of the case, can best, it appears to us, discuss the subject. To forbid discussion of matters Masonic, to antagonize a Masonic Press, which seeks only to enlighten and to animate the present, and to prepare the future, would be, in our opinion like the vessel which goes down channel without at the mast-head and yard-arm, or like the forget that if you dam up water without a reservoir for an overflow, you must one day see the reservoir will break its banks and damage and desolation into the adjoining lands and towns. No, at this period of the life, of the growth of nations, of the history of Freemasonry, the Masonic Press is both a necessity, and so long as it fulfils its proper mission, so long as it continues to profess to be—a handmaid to Masonic principles and advance—in due subordination to Masonic authority, and unwavering in its landmarks of our Order, so long will it believe, tend to subserve the great aim and our benign old Craft, the temporal and the intellectual elevation of mankind. That it may sometimes take a mistaken view, both of Masonic duty and Masonic history, we do not refuse to admit, but such is the abuse, not the use of the Masonic Press, and do not necessarily lead to its disgrace. Believing,

importance and work, we trust that it may go on and prosper. Next week we shall call attention to its abuse; to those hindrances—that is, to its general acceptance and prestige, which sometimes indispose worthy Masons against its claims and labours.

HAS THE POPE EXCOMMUNICATED HIMSELF?

This amusing query, which we reprinted from Liverpool contemporary last week, is a somewhat difficult one to answer. To give a proper reply to it, we should probably have to go to Van Espen,* of whose writings Mr. Gladstone knew so much, and Sir. W. V. Harcourt knew nothing at all, in the last session of Parliament. No doubt, if the Pope be a Freemason, he has incurred the previous excommunication of Clement, to say nothing of his own formidable allocutions. But, just as Talleyrand tells us that Pope Pius VII. dispensed him from his orders (a very remarkable power), probably Pío Nono would say that he had dispensed himself from his Masonic character. It is, however, a very serious thing for the Roman Catholics if the Pope be under a sentence of excommunication, as, according to Roman Catholic canon law, all pontifical acts are valueless, and he is deprived both of spiritual authority and spiritual functions. We shall therefore await the reply from Philadelphia with much interest. There is an article in the December number of the "Masonic Magazine" on the subject, and which sums up the evidence, so far as we know, and which we reprint in our columns to-day. Up to the present we feel bound almost to say (pace our good brother Gallico), that the evidence of the Pope's affiliation is most unsatisfactory. The recent statement of the "Luce del Terreno" is founded on the earlier statement of the Sicilian Freemasons in 1868, and which was then found to be incorrect. It seems doubtful whether the story is not taken from "Il Pensamiento" of Madrid, as the symbolic name of "Savola" and "Los Hijos de Ramon" are both of Spanish origin. If the trait said to have belonged to a "Bro. Sousgeas" (who was he?) could be produced, it would be an important link of evidence, and if we are of this, that our worthy publisher, George Kenning, would be most happy to receive any number of copies struck for the Craft at large. But at present we are like a famous character of old, we "doubt," and we shall be glad to receive reliable evidence and positive facts.

Original Correspondence.

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

FUND OF BENEVOLENCE.

To the Editor of the Freemason,
Dear Sir and Brother,—
I shall be glad if you or some of your brethren learned in the laws of the Craft would kindly tell me in your next paper if it be lawful to apply the fund of Benevolence or the funds of

private lodges to any other than Masonic Charities or for strictly Masonic purposes?
Yours, very fraternally,
J. P. S.—(AN OLD P.M.)

[No; except by vote of Grand Lodge or Prov. G. Lodge, or private lodge for matters of general benevolence and relief.—E.D.]

THE POPE AND FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the Freemason.
Dear Sir and Brother,—

Referring to the letters in your paper of the 24th Oct. and 7th inst., on the question of "whether the Pope was a Freemason and a priest at the same time," I am of opinion that, although no positive information has appeared as to the date when Pope Pius IX. was initiated into Freemasonry, there is presumptive evidence that his ordination as a priest was, antecedent to his initiation as a Mason. I remember to have seen the year 1826 named as the year in which he was admitted a member of our Order, but the authenticity of this date requires confirmation. I should be glad to see a satisfactory settlement of this *questio vexata*, but at present I see no sure way to such a result. I have no means of access to "the official Masonic paper at Cologne," alluded to in a previous letter, and which is said to have published the decree of expulsion of the 27th March last, preceded by the minutes of the lodge in which he was initiated; but it is to be presumed that *that* publication would throw some light on the question, as the minutes would most probably recite the date of initiation. With respect to the date of his ordination as a priest, the same doubt does not exist, for we are informed by the Rev. Dr. Samuel Davidson (one of the contributors to the "Imperial Dictionary of Universal Biography,") that "Pius IX. was born on the 13th May, 1792, at Sinigaglia. In early life he had a desire for the military profession, and came to Rome in 1815, during the reign of Pius VII., but was not admitted into the Papal Guard because of his delicate health. Accordingly, he studied for the sacred profession, was ordained priest in 1823, and went to Chili to attach himself to the mission there in that year. In 1825 he returned, and devoted himself with great zeal to the care of the poor and the sick, so that Leo XII. made him a hospital director. In 1827 he was nominated Archbishop of Spoleto. In 1832, Gregory XVI. appointed him Archbishop of Imola, and in 1840 he became a cardinal. On the 16th July, 1846, he was elected Pope."

I am, yours fraternally,
B. BROUGHTON, W.M. 302.
Bradford, Nov. 23, 1874.

MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.
Dear Sir and Brother,

In your report of the proceedings of the usual monthly meeting on the 18th Nov. of the Duke of Edinburgh Lodge, No. 1182, Wavertree, it is stated, "No fewer than eight candidates were initiated, which shows that the lodge continues to increase greatly in numbers as well as in the excellent quality of its members."

I trust that there is some mere clerical error in this report, for otherwise the lodge has been guilty of a very grave breach of one of the most important of our constitutional laws, and one which I feel assured cannot be overlooked by the Board of General Purposes, who are, as they should be, the jealous guardians of the regulations of our Order.

The law I refer to is most explicit, and will be found as the sixth paragraph of the section relating to the proposition and making of Freemasons. It reads,—"No lodge shall, on any pretence initiate into Masonry more than five persons on the same day, unless by a dispensation which shall specify the total number to be initiated."

It is, of course, possible that such a dispensation was given for the occasion referred to. If

so, the report ought to have mentioned the fact, in order that brethren, not cognizant of the law, might not be misled. If, however, there was no dispensation and the number of initiates stated is correct, then there can be no doubt that the regulations have been infringed and the matter calls for further notice.

Yours fraternally,
P.M. P. Z.
Clapham, Dec. 1st, 1874.

MASONIC BIBLIOGRAPHY AND THE "VERNON LODGE."

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—
Bro. Woodford has made a slight mistake in stating "that there is still a Vernon Lodge—No. 539—at Walsall." No. 539 is the St. Matthew's Lodge—one of the best in the province of Staffordshire.

The "Vernon" Lodge received its name at Dudley. About twenty years since, in conjunction with a few other brethren, I wished to establish a new lodge at Dudley, and petitioned for one. Our Prov. Grand Master suggested that we should transfer a lodge from Bromsgrove, it not having met for some time. Communications were at once entered into with the last, and then W.M., the Rev. J. H. Isles, M.A., Second Master of the Bromsgrove Grammar School (under Dr. Collis, I believe), but now the Rector of Wolverhampton. The result was that we joined that lodge—removed it to Dudley, and rechristened it after our P.G.M.—Bro. Henry Charles Vernon. We met at the Town Hall as a non-banqueting lodge, and its success for a few years was great; but soon after my leaving it declined, and was then removed to Southport, where it still is as No. 560. I well remember the Bible referred to by Bro. Woodford, and we looked upon it as the best part of the furniture we received from Bromsgrove. How it became alienated from the lodge I know not—should be glad of information—for I cannot believe the warrant of the Vernon to be defunct, and the furniture dispersed. I would rather think that a brand new Bible has been given, and the old one discarded, perhaps as being worthless. I should be glad to see this book again; and as I was instrumental in obtaining it for the "Vernon," its possession now for the new Francis Burdett Lodge, No. 1503, of which I am first W.M., would be most highly valued. I hope Bro. Woodford will place himself in communication with me, with a view of opening negotiations for it, and thus place it once more as the principal part of the furniture of a lodge, where Archaeological and Antiquarian objects of interest will be by no means despised.

The Rev. J. H. Isles, D.D., the Rector, Wolverhampton, would, I have no doubt, throw further light upon the history of this bible prior to my acquaintance with it. The late Bro. Maund, of Bromsgrove, himself an antiquarian of no mean note, promised me an authentic history, but it was never written.

I am, Dear Sir and Bro., Yours fraternally,
W.M. WIGGINTON, F.R.I.B.A.
Nov. 30, 1874.

Extract from Freemasons' Magazine, Page 596—1856.

"BROMSGROVE.—The Clive Lodge, No. 819.* At the Lodge of Emergency convened at the Golden Cross, Bromsgrove, for the 30th of June, the lodge was opened by the Rev. Bro. J. H. Isles, W.M. The business upon the circular was then proceeded with, and the transfer of the warrant to Dudley (subject to the permission of the P.G.M.) unanimously agreed upon. Fourteen Brethren were then elected joining members, and other necessary business disposed of. It was also unanimously resolved that the name of the Lodge be altered from the "Clive" to the "Vernon," out of respect to the P.G.M. of the

* When the Calendar was altered through the efforts of Bro. Wigginton this number was reduced to 560.

Province. The following brethren were then elected to the following offices:—The Rev. Bro. A. G. Davies, M.A. (P.M. 730, and P.G. Chaplain for Worcestershire) W.M., Bro. W. Wiginton, S.D. No. 730, and Sec. No. 313, Treas.; and I. Jeffs, Tyler. Lodge was closed and the meeting then adjourned.

Minutes confirmed at Bromsgrove on the 27th of July, and the Installation at Dudley took place on the 17th Sept.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In order to answer to our esteemed Bro., the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C., I have searched my register of lodges, and find that the Vernon Lodge, No. 819, to which the "Breeches" bible formerly belonged, is a young lodge, having been warranted in 1849.

I have no Calendar between 1849 and 1851.

For the latter year the following is the number and designation:—

"819. *Clive* Lodge, Town Hall, Bromsgrove."

My next Calendar is for 1859, when the title is altered to—

"819. *Vernon*, Old Town Hall, Dudley."

In 1863 the number was altered to 560, and about 1869 the lodge was removed to Stourport, where it is still located. Bro. Woodford states "there is still a Vernon Lodge, No. 539, at Walsall," but that, I think, is an error, for No. 539 is "*St. Matthew*," the only "Vernon Lodge" being the one already noted and held originally at Bromsgrove, by name "Clive, No. 819, then removed to Dudley and the name altered to "Vernon," finally resting at Stourport.

This lodge evidently once owned the bible which is now in the possession of Bro. Woodford, P.G.C.

If the property of the lodge was dispersed, the occurrence is likely to have been at the time of the removal from Dudley to Stourport.

The 1594 "Geneva edit." of the "Holy Bible" is not often met with, at least I do not remember seeing it offered of late in any catalogues.

W. J. HUGHAN.

MASONIC PORTRAITS.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I take the liberty of suggesting how both the circulation and interest of the *Freemason* may be very much increased, and that is, by giving a portrait weekly of some prominent Master; the blocks could also be reprinted in "*Masonic Magazine*;" this I am sure would be welcomed by all Masons as a great boon, and I might further suggest that in some cases the principal officers might be introduced to form a group of 3 portraits in ovals, with appropriate border; when this should be desired I have no doubt they would be perfectly willing to defray the cost of engraving themselves.

I am,

Dear Sir and Brother,
T.P.C.

[What say our brethren?—Ed.]

QUOTATIONS.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

When learned brethren quote from foreign languages, would it not be desirable that they should also furnish translations of their excerpts for the enlightenment of less highly-educated confrères? I venture to propound this enquiry in consequence of being hopelessly puzzled by the phrase "Epphursi muove," in the letter signed "A. Gallico," in last week's issue. I have some little knowledge of one or two languages besides my own but I can't make anything out of his "Epphursi." Has it any reference to Ephesus?—and is the word, or is it not, in the double dialect of Holland?

Yours, &c.,

SYLVANUS URBAN.

IS THE POPE A FREEMASON?

FROM THE MASONIC MAGAZINE.

(By the Editor.)

Much attention has been given lately, for many reasons, to this question, both by our Order and the Press, not at all unnaturally, we think, though the answer be not so easy to give as some of our good brethren may be hastily disposed to think.

It cannot be replied to, for instance, off hand or without some authority, as that is only to repeat the old random and mistaken system of Masonic asseveration which has been productive of so much evil to the Order, historically and archæologically, in the opinion of all Masonic lovers of truth, and especially of non-Masonic writers, both of the past and the present. It appears, therefore, to us, to be our bounden duty to endeavour to prove the assertions so often made and so readily given, to the very bottom; to sift the mass of authorities and declarations made with so lavish a hand, so as to separate the wheat from the chaff, and without paying any attention to reckless assertions, to ascertain what is absolutely true, if possible, not merely what we wish or assume to be the case.

And all this, it appears to us, that we ought to do as careful students, thinking Masons, for the sake of Masonic veracity.

It seems from an editorial in our contemporary, the *Freemason*, that the matter has again been referred to Philadelphia, U.S., for investigation; but in the meantime let us see what are so far the "proofs" submitted to us. What are the "scintillations of evidence?" For some years, it has been openly asserted, Pope Pius Nono was a Freemason. Bro. Chalmers I. Paton, for instance, in the *Freemason* for April 2, 1870, (see vol. iii, *Freemason*, page 153), states that "some two years ago I explained the fact that Pius IX. was initiated into the Order of Freemasonry. I shall in the course of a very short time send to the *Freemason* further particulars."

And accordingly, in the *Freemason* for June 25th, 1870, (vol. iii, page 310), Bro. Paton communicates an article headed, "The Pope a Freemason."

But when we look at this carefully, hoping to find proof, we find nothing whatever but a repetition of Bro. Paton's own opinion, and which it appears he had communicated to the *Scotsman* two years previously, namely, in 1868.

Did we say that there was no proof? That is not quite correct, for as evidence Bro. Paton bases his statement on the negative fact, that the "truth of Pius IX. being himself a member of the Order has never been disputed by any member of the Roman Catholic Church, in a private or public manner," and on this positive fact that "myself it has been admitted by one who has had a conversation with the Pope personally on the subject."

Without appearing too inquisitive or too sceptical, (we are only searchers after truth), we should like to know, we confess, to whom the Pope made such an admission, and what were the exact words of the venerable Pontiff.

For we fear that we must say that Bro. Paton's evidence is not conclusive, and his facts not satisfactory, as they rest entirely upon his own "ipse dixit," and are therefore opposed to all the true conditions and critical canons of historical inquiry. At present we ourselves are unwilling to pronounce any opinion one way or the other.

We wait for evidence, as we feel sure that is the only possible way of rightly answering the question or of finally disposing of the subject. We want something more than negative probabilities and suppositious averments.

The Pope is said to have been made a Mason at Rome, at Havannah, and at Philadelphia, for into these three "locales," all the present evidential facts seem to resolve themselves. It is possible that the Pope was made a Freemason surreptitiously in Rome, in the days of his early liberalism, when he was a friend of Guiseppe Mazzini, and not hostile to "Giovine Italia."

Indeed, some writers have said that Pius Nono was once admitted into the "Carbonari" or one of the Italian secret societies.

But so far no evidence whatever has been adduced of such a reception. Other writers have, however, publicly declared that the Pope was made a Freemason in Spain, at Madrid, though we believe all that the Spanish Grand Lodge has ever asserted is, that when Nuncio he was a visitor at more than one of their lodges.

In 1870, the *Libertad del Pensamiento*, a Madrid Masonic Journal, quoted in the *Freemason* of December 3rd, 1870, (vol. iii, page 625), made the following statement:—"Few persons know, and that is the reason we take this occasion to relate the fact, that the present Roman Pontiff, Pope Pius IX., owes his elevation to the see of St. Peter to the influence of Masons, whose 'principles he promised to sustain.' Pius IX. was initiated into the 'Sons of Hiram,' 'Los Hijos de Hiram,' under the symbolic name of 'Savola.' He became a Knight of the Red Cross 18°. There are existing lodges at Madrid which he visited during his residence in Spain, and many brethren who remembered the facts."

It is not quite certain from this record where the Pope was initiated; on that point it is silent; but from the use of the symbolic name "Savola," it must have been, if the fact be true, in a lodge under the Italian or Spanish system. Indeed, we believe the "symbolic name" is mostly insisted on in Spain, though it is still used, we have been told, but not universally, in Italy.

But the same record goes on to say, and the fact, if correct, is most important:—

"Bro. Soussingear has shown us a fine portrait of the Pope in full Masonic regalia, with the following inscription underneath in Latin: "Et excommunicate fratres meos meâ culpa," which the translator says means, 'If my brethren are excommunicated, it is my fault.'"

We should like to know more of this picture, and a little more of the Latin inscription, which, to say the truth, seems at first sight, rather canine.

In the *Freemason* for March 26th, 1870, vol. iii, page 145, appears a statement taken from the *Philadelphia Keystone* of about the same date, quoting the *New York World* of the 10th March, as publishing a translation from the *Era Padri Sarpi* of Venice, to the following effect:—

"Freemasons will be interested to know that Mastai Ferretti, better known as Pope Pius IX., once belonged to their Order, having joined it in Philadelphia when he was Papal Nuncio to this country, and that he continued to be a Mason two years after he became Pope."

"This," as the *Keystone* then said, and we say to-day, "is a very interesting question," and the *Keystone* gives in consequence some equally interesting information, to which we deem it well to refer our readers.

In 1868 it appears that the then Grand Master of Pennsylvania (Richard Vaux) received from the editor of the *Monde Macannique*, a Parisian Masonic journal, the August number of the periodical.

In that number was an article entitled, "Institution de Vie IX.," taken from *L'Unitarian*, and which the editor terms "the first document intended to prove the initiation of Pope Pius IX. into the mysteries of Freemasonry."

This document is a letter which the Masons of Messina in Sicily are said to have addressed in 1865, to the Very Rev. Monsignore Agliotti, caputular vicar of that diocese.

It asserts that Mastai Ferretti, while Grego in the 16th was Pope, was sent on a mission to America, North and South.

That after his mission was ended he went to Philadelphia, and was then and there made a Mason. The year, however, is not given. The letter of the Messina Masons proceeds to give extracts from the speeches of Pius IX., the Nuncio, on various occasions, as when he said "I am fully convinced that Masonry is one of the best, 'plus belles,' associations that is known in the world."

This is probably from an Italian original. On another occasion he is alleged to have said "I shall ever be a warm defender of this sublime Order, whose mission it is to moralize the universe, and to relieve and protect suffering humanity."

The Editor of the *Monde Macannique* sent with his paper a letter to the Grand Master

lling his attention to the article, and asking m to forward to the *Monde Maconnique* a cer- jeid copy of the facts and proceedings of the ge initiating M. Ferretti.

To this letter the Grand Master replied yember 23rd 1868. In that reply he stated at "from time to time he had heard a report it the Pope was made a Freemason in the ited States, but that he had always regarded is an idle story."

Since, however, so respectable a Masonic hority had published what purported to be : letter of the Freemasons of Messina, and ched to be authentic, in which such state- nts were publicly made, an examination uld be instituted by the Grand Secretary of Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Bro. John ompson.

That investigation was made when these facts weread.

There was a Lodge, "Le Temple des Vertus ologales," No. 103, held in the City of vannah, under a warrant from the Grand lge of Free and Accepted Masons of Penn- nia, of 17th December, 1804.

From a list of its members, it appears that on uary 15th, 1815, Juan Aug. Ferretti was e a Mason, and that on March 21st, 1817, withdrew from membership.

It appears also that there was a Lodge, "Las icias de la Havannah," No. 157, held also in vannah, under the Grand Lodge of Penn- nia, and on March 27th, 1818, J. A. retti joined that lodge.

In November 17th, 1819, Martin Ferretti made a Mason in No. 157. These names it appears, copied from the Grand Secretary's ister in the Grand Lodge at Philadelphia.

As the questions arise, do these names refer he Pope and his brother? Was Juan Aug. nance of the Pope's brother?

Is Martin a mistake for Mastai? We should avour to ascertain these facts, as otherwise e facetious Roman will be sure to say that all "my eye and Betty Martin."

In the "Luce del Terreno" of Palermo has itly repeated this story, and our contem- ry, the *Freemason*, has we believe, referred latter to our accomplished correspondent, ord McCalla, Esq., Editor of the *Philadelphia tone*, and asked him to investigate the whole er. Until we receive his reply, we shall e the question where it is.

We have stated simply the facts of the case, e think the whole subject requires a full and rial inquiry, and demands a decisive settle-

THE POPE AND FREEMASONRY.

Extract the following articles from the *Constitution* of Monday, Nov. 23rd, 1874:—

The *Irishman* has arrived at the conclusion that seems to be a great deal of unreality in al life. It is after a consideration of the cts of infallibility and Freemasonry that the an has come to this decision. There is a ow waging in which to that newspaper the nding parties appear to be 'banging each s heads with blown bladders' in honour tively of Church and State. 'It is all very al,' says the *Irishman*, 'and Mr. Gladstone oast that though he is not a facetious man lf, he is the fount of fun in others.' The lic Union appears to the *Irishman* to take using part in the fray:—'A few short ago the Catholic Union made a pronun- to. If the Duke of Abercorn, the Queen's y, should dare to accept the Grand Master- f the Freemasons of Ireland, the loyalty of Catholics would scarcely stand the strain. words were strong—strong that we dare ote them in this journal. A contemporary rely referring to the Queen as an 'alien got 'a warning'—and surely if it had uch language as that employed by the its existence would be a thing of the Nevertheless, the Duke accepts the office nd Master. And what does the Union?

It passes a resolution of defiance against Mr. Gladstone for daring to impugn the loyalty of Catholics!"

ROMAN CATHOLIC LOYALTY.

Of the propositions which Mr. Gladstone advanced in his article on Ritualism, and undertook to substantiate in his now famous pamphlet, there was one which excited special indignation. It was this:—"That Rome requires a convert, who now joins her, to forfeit his mental and moral freedom, and to place his loyalty and civil duty at the mercy of another." The truth of this has been vigorously denied by the champions of the Vatican Decrees from Archbishop Manning downwards. Now let another authority speak. The *Dublin Review* of last month says:—"Catholics may say that the priests are the very salt of a country, and incomparably the most essential part of it; so that no actions of any kind can rightly be called the action of the 'whole' community, against which a large proportion of the priests protest. This does not seem to us a strained or insufficient argument. If, however, it be so voted, we are prepared to take much stronger ground. The Pope, in virtue of his ecclesiastical office, has the power of deposing any Sovereign whose Government he may consider injurious to the spiritual welfare of that country." The astounding impudence of these two propositions of the *Dublin Review*—the organ of Archbishop Manning and Cardinal Cullen—almost defies serious comment. In the first the claim is made that every act purporting to be the act of the whole community shall be subjected to a vote by orders, an adverse clerical vote to be equivalent to a veto. That is to say, in such matters as electing a member of Parliament to represent the community, the vote of the priesthood, whether they be enfranchised or not, is to be considered of equal weight with that of the legal body of electors. Seeing that this is the doctrine of the Roman Catholic Church in this country, and that such is the claim of her priesthood, can we wonder at the symptoms which have been recently exhibited of a revolt against so intolerable an aggression. Or can we afford to accept the denials to the statements of Dr. Dollinger that the Catholic representatives of Ireland are directed by their bishops, who, in their turn, receive their orders from Rome? This, however, concerns chiefly Roman Catholics themselves. The *Dublin Evening Post*, indeed, asserted the other day, that "no English statesman can successfully continue to reign as Premier who has not the entire support of the Catholic representation of Ireland." If this were true, the matter would be serious, but its obvious falsehood is plain at least just now. The second proposition of the *Review* is more serious, involving as it does the common loyalty of our Roman Catholic fellow-subjects. It comes to this, that on the showing of the *Review*, they hold themselves absolved from all allegiance to a Sovereign of whom the Pope disapproves. For instance, the Prince of Wales is a Freemason, Grand Master of the Craft in England. The Pope has entered into a persevering crusade against Freemasons. When the time comes for the Prince to ascend the Throne, will the Pope approve of him? And if not how can we rely on those of our Roman Catholic fellow-subjects who accept the Vatican Decrees? The Pope disapproves of the Government of the present Emperor of Germany. If he further proceeded to "depose" him, would the Roman Catholics of Germany feel themselves absolved from their allegiance? How about the Roman Catholics of this Empire if his Holiness chose to "depose" Queen Victoria? Of course it does not matter a straw to the Emperor of Germany, to Queen Victoria, or to the Prince of Wales what attitude the Bishop of Rome assumes towards them. But the statements made bear directly upon the controversy raised by Mr. Gladstone as to the conflicting claims of the Vatican Decrees and civil allegiance. Numbers of Roman Catholics, we are sure, are loyal to the Throne, and would be so under any circumstances—how- ever, they might reconcile such loyalty with the claims of Infallibility. But it is also clear that

there is, at least, a party among them who follow out the Vatican Decrees to their logical consequence—the destruction of their civil allegiance and loyalty.

EMULATION LODGE OF IMPROVEMENT.

The annual festival of this first-class lodge of Improvement for Master Masons was held on Friday week at Freemasons' Hall, and was even more largely attended than usual. The working was equal in every respect to the high character it has obtained in this lodge and was greatly admired by the numerous company assembled to witness it. The W.M.'s chair was taken by Bro. Thomas Fenn, Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies, who put the questions to the candidates who were announced to give the sections in the different lectures.

They were given in the following order:— 4th section of First Lecture, by Bro. J. F. Huggins, P.M. 18, 5th by Bro. H. J. Wood; 6th by Bro. G. E. Eachus; 7th by Bro. H. Bishop, J.W. 06.

1st Section of Third Lecture, by Bro. Erasmus Wilson, F.R.S., G.S.; 2nd by Bro. Montague Gosset, P.M. 66; and 3rd by Bro. W. Smallpeice.

This business occupied a considerable time, and on its conclusion votes of thanks having been passed, and propositions for joining the lodge taken, the brethren adjourned to the Freemasons' Tavern, where a bountiful supper was provided by Bro. C. E. Francatelli, and over which Bro. McIntyre, Q.C., Grand Registrar, presided. On his right were Bros. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G.D.; J. A. Rucker, G.D.; Erasmus Wilson, G.S.; Wilhelm Ganz, Past G. Organist; John Boyd, P.G.P.; Rev. A. B. Fraser P.G.C.; Rev. C. J. Martyu, F.G.C.; and T. Fenn, P.A.G.D.C.; and on his left, Bros. John Hervey, G.S. Ex-Sheriff Huxton, C. A. Murton, P.G.D. H. J. P. Dumas, P.G.D.C.; Hyde Pull-n. P.G. S.B.; and A. Green, I.P.M., 7, and Secretary of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement; while among the general company, which numbered over 200 brethren, were Bros. F. Binckes, Secretary Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, R. W. Little, Secretary, Royal Masonic Institution for Girls; Henry Greene, the brethren who worked the sections, H. Massey, (*Freemason*), several members of the Grand Stewards' Lodges, and representatives of the principal London lodges.

The hour was rather late when the supper was over, and Bro. McIntyre immediately rose to propose the toasts.

After the toast of "The Queen and the Craft" had been honoured, that of the Prince of Wales as Grand Master was submitted to the brethren, and in giving it, Bro. McIntyre remarked that all Masons must be extremely delighted that the heir to the throne of England had accepted the office of Chief of the Craft. It was no more than might have been expected of him, because as soon as he was made a Mason he was desirous of becoming a member of Grand Lodge. It was a great pleasure to Freemasons that he had taken such an interest in the Order. He was not only Past Grand Master but was now the actual Grand Master of the Freemasons of England. We might look forward to a long and auspicious reign of H.R.H., for he would be supported by all the members of the Craft, individually as well as collectively. "The Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, and the rest of the Grand Officers," was then proposed by Bro. McIntyre, who spoke of the Earl of Carnarvon as not only a distinguished Freemason but as a distinguished member of the present Government, who performed all duties, whether Masonic, political or social, with the greatest ability. In all of these he had gained the esteem, affection and honour of every person who knew him. The Grand Officers, of whom there were several present, occupied their position by reason of eminent services performed by them for the Order, one of them, whose name he would couple with the toast, the Rev. C. J. Martyu, was known to them all, and the mere mention of his name would suggest the work of a most devoted officer and friend to the Craft. Another 'Grand

Chaplain, the Rev. A. B. Fraser, was also present, and he was distinguished not only in Grand Lodge but also in those two great provinces whence sprang the learning and education of England—Oxford and Cambridge. There was also another most esteemed friend to Masonry present—the Grand Secretary—who was known to all Masons—(great cheering)—and wherever English Freemasonry was known and respected the name of Bro. Hervey was honoured. (Hear, hear.) Another eminent Mason, Bro. Philbrick, sat on his (Bro. McIntyre's) right hand, and there were ex-Sheriff Hutton, Bro. Dumas, who had done good work in the Craft; Bro. Ganz, who drew forth those sweet sounds which delighted on all occasions; Bro. Boyd, Past Grand Pursuivant, who had also done great honour to the Craft; Bro. Hyde Pullen; and last, though not by any means least, Bro. Fenn, who had just presided in the lodge, and showed such consummate skill and knowledge in Masonic ritual. (Renewed applause.) The list of Grand Officers present was a distinguished one, but it was only representative of Grand Lodge at the present time. The Rev. C. J. Martyn responded, and said that although he was very proud of the recognition, it was one of the happy thoughts he had when he came into the room that he would have got off scot-free. However modest and retiring a man might be, he could not always hope to escape observation, and as Bro. McIntyre had called upon him to reply to this toast, he was bound to do so. There was but little for him to say, but he hoped and trusted that himself and all the brethren who had been so flatteringly alluded to by the Grand Registrar would show in the future as they had in the past that they were not unworthy of the honours which had been laid upon them by the favour of Grand Masters. Speaking of the working he had witnessed in the lodge that evening, he looked upon it as very instructive and as one of the greatest treats to be had in Freemasonry. It was a lesson they all ought to take home to themselves and try to follow. He had come up 50 miles from Suffolk that day, and on his journey home to-morrow his mind would be full of thoughts which would enable him to preach a better sermon than he otherwise could. He wished that they would all adopt the excellent teaching they had heard more fully and thoroughly in their daily life, and be guided by the principles of the Craft as embodied in its ritual and section work. They would thereby be greatly improved and become better men. He hoped they might all meet at the same annual festival for many years to come.

In giving the toast of the evening, "Success to the Emulation Lodge of Improvement," Bro. McIntyre observed that he and every one present were anxious that the ritual of Freemasonry should be kept pure, simple and intact, not added to by any persons who might have vague notions that they could improve upon the old ritual that had been handed down to them as taught in the Emulation Lodge of Improvement. The old traditions of Freemasonry were fairly carried out in it, and if alterations had been made they were alterations which would restore it to its former shape, and obliterate from it some little discrepancies that had crept in. It had often struck him when he had visited lodges in different parts of the country that there ought to be uniformity of ritual in the opening and closing of lodges in the various degrees. In olden times, when there were few lodges, no doubt all lodges opened and closed according to a set form, and he did not see why that should not be done now. There were lodges of instruction in different places which did not conform to the same order of words as was followed in the Emulation, but having considered the matter over and over again he had come to the conclusion that the way in which the ritual for opening and closing lodges as practised in the Emulation, was as perfect as it could possibly be. This lodge preserved all the old traditions that had been handed down to it by old instructors, and he was quite certain that very little remained, if anything remained, by which this lodge could be improved. It showed

that the true principles of Freemasonry, as handed down by our forefathers, had been preserved in their general integrity, and, he might almost say, word for word. He would recommend brethren to come to it, not only for a knowledge of the words, but of the mode, and to carry both back to their lodges. He had a great predilection for this lodge, because he first learned the work by which he was able to go into the Master's chair; and though he had seen much working, he had never witnessed any so perfectly executed as in the Emulation. Under its present instructors, who gave their time to their work, the Emulation Lodge would not deteriorate from the high character it had so long preserved. He could not refrain from saying that his old and esteemed friend, Bro. Fenn, who had presided on that occasion, and who was so ably supported by all the brethren, stood forth as worthy representative, equal, at least, if not superior, to those who had gone before him, and that he might be styled as household word in Masonry as Peter Gilks and Stephen Barton Wilson. All who had learned in the Emulation Lodge under one or other of those brethren must say that Bro. Fenn knew as much as they did, and that he was as capable of communicating a knowledge of ceremonies as they. He did not think he could pay him a higher compliment than by saying he was a most worthy chairman and preceptor, and the brethren who had helped him were worthy of him (applause).

Bro. T. Fenn (who was received with loud cheers), said,

"Worthy brother president, in thanking you for the honour you have done me in connecting my name with the toast I must beg you will allow me to accept the compliment as paid to the Committee of this lodge rather than to myself. This lodge, it must be remembered, is not simply a lodge of instruction for beginners; it is a lodge of improvement. It is not the rough ashlar for the entered apprentice to work, mark, or indent on; but it is rather the perfect ashlar on which the experienced Craftsman may try and adjust his jewels. It is for this reason that it is absolutely necessary that we should agree upon and strictly adhere to one uniform standard of work, even to the very letter; and it is the duty of this Committee to see that that standard is maintained. Of course this duty is not at all times agreeable. I trust that the brethren feel that we endeavour at all times to discharge it with courtesy and consideration, and speaking for myself personally, I must say, with pleasure, that we have invariably received that kind support with which, believe me, they are offered. There is no doubt, I think, that there has been of late years great improvement in the working of the ceremonies throughout the whole of the Craft; and it sustains the Committee in their labour to believe that this result can be traced, in a great measure, directly or indirectly, to this Emulation Lodge of Improvement. On behalf of the Committee, I beg to thank you for the compliment you have paid us, and I take it as a mark of confidence in the Committee who manage the lodge. Bro. Philbrick proposed "The Health of the Chairman," and dwelt on the peculiar fitness of Bro. McIntyre to occupy the post of President of such a gathering as that. Bro. McIntyre replied, "Success to the Lodge of Unions (No. 256)," under which the Emulation Lodge of Improvement works, was proposed by Bro. J. A. Rucker, and replied to by the W.M. of 256. Bro. Erasmus Wilson proposed "The Charities," commenting on the admirable way in which those institutions were conducted. Bro. Little, replying for the Girls' School, said that there was a parallel between the Emulation Lodge of Improvement and the educational establishments connected with the Craft, for if the lodge was advancing Masons in Masonic knowledge, the schools were taking the sons and daughters of Freemasons by the hand and instructing them in the good work they were to achieve. He congratulated the Craft upon the high position of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, and he was proud to be able to state that, with the growth of the Craft, there was an increasing interest in the Masonic Institutions and their wants, as well as a growing

desire to meet those wants and whatever requirements might arise. Bro. F. Binckes, responding for the Boys' School, said his motto was "non verba," no matter what other people might say; and he would exhort the brethren to proceed by the liberality of their support of the Boys' School, that they were their boys. For Bro. Wilson's mention of the Masonic Institutions, he hoped he would receive his (Bro. Binckes') warm and very sincere thanks. Bro. Huggins replied for "The Officers," and Bro. A. Green for "The Stewards," after which the brethren separated.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The usual monthly meeting of the General Committee of this Institution was held on the 26th ult., in the library at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Thomas W. White, V.P., presided, and other brethren present were Walter Wellesley Griffiths Smith, A. F. Peacock, John A. Rucker, Jesse Turner, H. Massey (Freemason), and Wentworth Little (Secretary). Four petitions were read for placing candidates on the list for next April election. Of these one country and one London case were passed, and one country and one London case were deferred till next meeting. The Secretary read an extract from the will of the late Mr. George Waking, Chelmsford, under which the Boys' and Girls' School take between them one-third of the residue of his personalty. The residue amounted to about £700. On the motion of Bro. Rucker seconded by Bro. Griffiths Smith, a vote of thanks was passed to Grand Chapter for its gift of £500 to this Institution. The Secretary was directed to write to the Marquis of Ripon, asking his Lordship whether he wished to remain a Trustee of the Masonic Institution for Girls.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

Poetry.

THE MASTER MASON'S SONG. (For Music.)

Let us be merry, for our work is done;
The faithful sun his glorious course has run:
And we have borne the noontide heat of day,
Now for the joyful toast and festive lay.

So may each brother strive to be
A worthy son of Masonry.

We will rejoice—who, as Freemasons, know—
That prudence is our trustiest friend below.
If Temperance chasten us, and Justice guide,
We'll bear with fortitude whate'er betide.

So may each brother strive to be
A worthy son of Masonry:

Let us remember what our rules would teach
That, in the world, we practise what we preach:
To love our brethren—to relieve the poor;
By Truth's pure light to make our footsteps sure.

So may each brother strive to be
A worthy son of Masonry.

Our hands should help a brother in his need,
Our feet should ever to his succour speed,
And when our prayers ascend before His throne,
A brother's welfare should be as our own.

So may each brother strive to be
A worthy son of Masonry.

Our breasts should keep secure a brother's trust,
Our arms should parry lurking slander's thrust,
So must we act if Masons we would be
With deeds not words to honour Masonry.

So may each brother strive to be
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I.

Masonry, then, be my theme, An' it please the Brethren a', For it is a sublime scheme Is it not ye Brethren a'? Yes it is, and it is found Far and near and all around, And its glorious beams abound, Where there be Brethren a'.

II.

It is Love to human kind, Shewn by the Brethren true, It is purity of mind; Prov'd by the Brethren too. It is Peace, Goodwill to all. Prince or Peasant, great or small, Each with joy attend its call, When they be Brethren true.

III.

In the lessons that are taught At each step of Brotherhood, There is nothing fancy fraught; Each excels, and all are good By its perfectness of parts, By its hold on human hearts, To defy the Devil's darts, Aid it gives the Brotherhood.

IV.

It is founded on a fact, Known to the Brethren all. Each attempt to counteract Its uprisings had a fall. In its strength, its harmony, In its sound solidity. It has stood triumphantly, 'Gainst them, an unbroken wall.

V.

It will stand whilst Truth holds sway In the breasts of Brethren a'. It will usher in bright day To good men and Brethren a'. Let it not be understood None but Masons we hold good. We admit there are—they should, Come and be our brethren a'.

VI.

If for some sad freak of mind, One hath left the Brethren a', Let us then be more than kind And pitiful, ye Brethren a'. 'Tis his loss—it is not ours, 'Tis our gain, the highest powers Reigning come, like Summer showers To refresh the Brethren a'.

VII.

If at God's appointed hour, The Geraldine hath gone to rest, A standard straight, a very tower He stood whilst living—now he's blest. And what, altho' a chief hath left Our champion closes up the cleft, Erin's not therefore all bereft, We welcome him with real zest.

F. S. GORDON, 332.

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Acting Grand Master having declared all the of the Grand Lodge vacant, proceeded to in terms of the nominations made by the Lodge in the quarterly communication of and Lodge held on the 2nd ult., that Bro. chael Robert Shaw Stewart, Bart., be re-Master Mason of Scotland for the ensuing which was carried by acclamation.

Grand Master was then ushered into Grand was duly installed into office, and seated on one, according to ancient custom. Thanks been returned by the Grand Master for the conferred upon him, he intimated that he appointed the Earl of Kellie as his Depute Master, and he moved that the following office-bearers be elected for the ensuing

- Grand Master Mason—Sir Robert Michael Stewart, Bart.
 - Past Grand Master—Right Hon. Earl of Rosslyn.
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- The above list having been approved of, those were duly installed into office. The Grand Lodge then adjourned to the large hall to celebrate

THE FESTIVAL OF ST. ANDREW.

were present on the occasion a large number of brethren from lodges of Edinburgh provinces, including a considerable number from the west of Scotland. The Grand Secretary had received letters of apology for absence had received from Bros. the Earl of Rosslyn; John Melville of Bennoch, R.W. Past Master; Major Hamilton Ramsay of Garion, Grand Warden; Colonel Neilson of Queensburgh, Provincial Grand Master of Glasgow City; John Hope of Luffness, Provincial Grand Master of Aberdeen; Captain Charles Hunter, Provincial Grand Master of Aberdeen; F. A. Barrow, Grand Deacon; William Hay, Junior Grand Master; Robert Davidson, Grand Organist; James Montgomery, M.P.; Sir John Donohoe, &c. The deputations representing the Grand Lodge numbered 17 in number. They comprised the following:—No. 1, the Lodge of Edinburgh (Mary's); No. 2, the Lodge of Edinburgh (St. Andrew's); No. 3, Canongate and Leith, Leith and Leith; No. 4, Journeyman, Edinburgh; No. 5, David, Edinburgh; No. 6, St. Andrew, Edinburgh; No. 7, Alloa; No. 8, St. James, Edinburgh; No. 9, St. Mark, Glasgow; No. 10, St. John Fisherrow; No. 11, Edinburgh

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The banquet over, the Grand Master proceeded to open the Grand Lodge in the usual manner.

The Grand Master proposed as the first toast "Holy Lodge of St. John," which was drunk in silence. He next gave the "Queen," which was responded to with enthusiasm, and followed by the National Anthem, with full accompaniment. The Grand Master next gave "The Grand Steward of Scotland, patron of the Grand Lodge," which was also duly honoured.

The Grand Master then gave "The Princess of Wales, the Duke of Edinburgh, and the rest of the Royal Family." He felt quite sure, he said, that the Freemasons of Edinburgh, in common with the other inhabitants of this metropolis, would be anxious to show their loyalty to the Duchess of Edinburgh. (Cheers.) He hoped that an occasion might arise before long when an opportunity would be given to the inhabitants of this metropolis and of the neighbourhood to give an enthusiastic and loyal reception to her Royal Highness the Duchess of Edinburgh. (Cheers.) That royal lady, not only from her exalted rank, but from her whole position, character, and demeanour since her arrival in this country, deserved all the respect that could possibly be shown her by loyal citizens. (Loud cheers.)

The Grand Master next gave "The Navy, Army, and Reserve Forces," Major-General Sir James Alexander suitably replying for the army, and Captain Hawley, of the Queen's Edinburgh Rifle Brigade, for the volunteers.

The Grand Master next gave "The Craft and Freemasonry over the world," which was received in the manner in which it always is on such an occasion.

The Grand Master in proposing "The Grand Lodge of England," said it must be matter of satisfaction to them, as Freemasons, that the Prince of Wales should not only be a member of the craft and patron of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, but that his Royal Highness should be willing to undertake official duties. (Applause.) They were all doubtless aware—and all who were aware would appreciate the fact—that his Royal Highness was about to become Grand Master Mason of England. (Cheers.) His Royal Highness was already Grand Master Elect—at any rate he had not yet been installed—and they might look forward to the time, which would soon arrive, when they would be able to associate the name of his Royal Highness with the Grand Lodge of England. (Loud cheers.) The toast was drunk with full Masonic honours.

The Grand Master next gave "The Grand Lodge of Ireland." In doing so he referred to the fact—a peculiar one—that he himself was the only Grand Master Mason in the United Kingdom—the Masonic Thrones of England and of Ireland being at present vacant—the latter by the lamented death of the Duke of Leinster, in whose place it was fortunate they were to get as a successor such an illustrious brother as the Duke of Abercorn. (Cheers.)

The Substitute Grand Master (Brother J. T. Oswald of Dunnikier) then proposed the toast of "The Grand Master Mason of Scotland," which was received with prolonged cheering. He said he was sure they were all pleased to see him again filling the throne which he so well filled last year. (Cheers.) He might say that Sir Michael Stewart had almost a hereditary right to fill that throne, because in his own part of the country he had long had the honour of filling a high office—that of Provincial Grand Master of Renfrewshire—(cheers)—and they knew that when a Provincial Grand Master did his duty well, that fact became well known throughout Scotland. The Freemasons in the east were not in the slightest degree jealous; they were glad to have such a Grand Master from the west. (Cheers.) They had no feeling except that of joy and happiness in finding themselves presided over by such a good man and good Mason as was their present Grand Master, Sir Michael Shaw Stewart. (Loud and prolonged cheering.)

The Grand Master, in replying to the toast, thanked the brethren present, as well as the members of Grand Lodge, for the high honour they had again conferred upon him in re-electing him Grand Master Mason of Scotland. (Cheers.) He said that certainly last year they had heard there from his predecessor on the throne (the Earl of Rosslyn) a good deal of what should be done at the present time by the Masons of Scotland in furtherance of Masonry. At the same time he could not but feel that in any work of a great kind the stroke of our must be pulled by the Grand Master; and he could not but feel that the Grand Master should be a younger or (probably, if he spoke more accurately) a stronger man than he (Sir Michael) was. ("No, no," and applause.) But if his term of office was not marked by any great activity, nor by the inaugu-

guration of any amount of work in the way of consolidating and improving Freemasonry in this country, he hoped that the office to which he had been re-elected would not be lowered in his hands. (Cheers.) He could only hope and trust that when the term of his office had expired he would expect to have, as he could assure them he would value, the good opinion of the Freemasons of Scotland. (Loud applause.)

A song, composed for the occasion by the Grand Bard—Brother James Ballantine—was then sung with much effect by Brother Davidson.

Among the other toasts were:—"Past Grand Masters," by the Chairman; the "Foreign Grand Lodges," by the Substitute Grand Master; "The Depute Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Kellie," by the Chairman; "Substitute Grand Master, J. T. Oswald, Esq., of Dunnikier," by the Earl of Kellie; "The Deputations from Daughter Lodges," by the Chairman; "The Provincial Grand Lodges of Scotland," by the Senior Grand Warden; "The Grand Wardens," by the Chairman; "The Grand Secretary, and other Office-Bearers of Grand Lodge," by the Chairman; "Lady Octavia Shaw Stewart," by the Past Grand Master; "The Memory of Deceased Members during the past year," and "The Memory of St. Clair of Rosslyn," by the Chairman—the last two toasts being drunk in silence.

The lodge was then closed with the usual formalities.

GLASGOW.

Lodge Star (219).—A meeting of this lodge was held in their hall, at 12, Trongate, on Monday 23rd ult., the business in chief being the installation of office-bearers for the ensuing Masonic year. The lodge having been opened on the E.P. degree, by the retiring R.W.M. (Bro. Joseph Wilson) the secretary read the minutes of last meeting, on the 9th ult., which were passed *mem. con.* Two candidates for admission, duly vouched for, were then admitted into the mysteries of the order, by Bro. Bain (P.M. 103), after which the secretary read over the rearranged list of office-bearers, which is as follows: R.W.M., Bro. John Morgan; S.M., Bro. William Anderson; S.W., Bro. John Garth; J.W., Bro. Jas. Horn; Treasurer, Bro. Benjamin Smart; Secretary, Bro. Jas. Crawford; Chaplain, Bro. John White; B.B., Bro. John Lawrence; S.D., Bro. Ross Rennie; J.D., Bro. Sidney Smith; P.G. Steward, Bro. Peter McDougall; D. of Music, Bro. Wm. Jamieson; Jeweller, Bro. Archibald McNicol; Standard Bearer, Bro. John Harper; Senior Steward, Bro. Jas. Park; Junior Steward, Bro. Charles Stirling; Master of Ceremonies, Bro. Peter Wight; G. Architect, Bro. David Mearns; I. G., Bro. Wm. Elliott; and Tyler, Bro. James Perston. The chairman then in a few words thanked the office-bearers present, with whom he had been associated during the past two years, for the support and sympathy he had experienced at their hands, after which the financial report for the year was read and passed. The ceremony of installation of the newly-elected office-bearers followed, and was most ably conducted by Bro. A. McTaggart, P.G. Sec., assisted on this occasion by Bro. John Fraser, P.M. 87. The new R.W.M., Bro. John Morgan, having taken the chair, said that in addressing them for the first time from his present position, he felt a diffidence which they would be quite able to account for. His first duty was to thank them for the honour paid him in being elected to the position; and he hoped that no action of his would ever cause them to regret the confidence they had placed in him: His intention was to go rightly into the work, and be able to give a good account of it at the end of next twelve months, so that the Star Lodge might continue to shine as one of the first of the Province of Glasgow. Having thanked Bro. McTaggart for his services on the occasion, including his able address to the new office-bearers, the chairman resumed his seat amid much applause. Bro. McTaggart in briefly replying to the chairman's compliment, said that it always gave him great pleasure to come forward on such occasions, and on behalf of himself, and also of Bro. Fraser, who had kindly consented to assist him on this occasion, he begged to thank them. The lodge thereafter adjourned to "harmony," when after the customary loyal and Masonic toasts, there were given "The new R.W.M." by Bro. Gillies, P.M., who replied, and before sitting down, gave "The Retiring Office-Bearers," coupled with the name of Bro. Joseph Wilson, the late R.W.M.; and the health of Bro. Bain, P.M. 103; "The Visiting Brethren," coupled with the name of Bro. Dr. McInnes, S.W. 27; "The Memory of Departed Masters of Lodge Star," by Bro. A. R. Wilson, &c.

Lodge St. John (31/4).—An emergency meeting of this lodge, and hurriedly called together, was held on Monday 23rd ult., for the introduction into the Order of three candidates, one of whom was

the Lord Provost of Glasgow, Mr. James Bain. The R.W.M., Bro. Fletcher presided, supported by Bros. W. Bell, D.M., J. B. Walker, P.M., James McMillan, P.M., Smillie, P.M., Thomson, P.M., Craig, P.M., and Ramsay, P.M., Bro. D. M. Nelson officiating as Senior, and Bro. Leitch as Junior Warden. There were also present visiting brethren from various lodges in the Province, including Bro. John Wallace, R.W.M., Lodge Athole (413); Bro. A. Arrick Smith, P.M. (354), who presided at the harmonium, &c. The lodge having been opened on the E.A. degree, the three candidates were duly initiated by Bro. W. Bell. The lodge was then passed to the F.C. degree, in which Bro. Dick officiated, and thereafter raised to the third, in which the three brethren received the supreme degree of Master Mason, at the hands of Bro. J. McMillan, P.M. Bro. the Rev. Robert Thomson, we may add, ably officiated as chaplain throughout. The lodge having adjourned from labour to refreshment, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been duly honoured, the R.W.M. gave the toast of "The last laid stones of Lodge 34," coupled with the name of Bro. Bain. Lord Provost, who replied, referred to the impression which the Order of Masonry had made on him, and his delight at the reception they had given him. He would, he said, do all in his power to advance the good of the Order, in which he hoped to attain higher degree in the future. One or two other toasts followed, and the lodge was closed in due and ancient form.

Lodge Athole (413), met in St. Mark's Hall, 213, Buchanan-street, on Tuesday, 24th ult., when there was but a poor attendance, a fact which was commented on by the R.W.M., Bro. John Wallace, who thought that the case might well have been otherwise, seeing that the business before them was the nomination of office-bearers for next year. The Acting Secretary, Bro. James Loutfit, having read the minutes of last meeting, the nomination was proceeded with and concluded. Bros. Lauder and Sloan were appointed auditors of the lodge accounts, &c., for the past year, and to give in their report at next meeting, the election night, to be held on 8th inst.

Lodge St. Vincent (553).—This lodge met in the hall at 162, Kent-road, on Thursday, 26th ult. The R.W.M., Bro. Robert McDougall, presided, with Bro. Wm. Wilson as acting S.W., and Bro. A. C. Hunter, J.W. The business of the evening was initiation; and the lodge having been opened on the E.A. degree, no fewer than nine candidates received that degree at the hands of the R.W.M. The rapid growth of this young lodge is something remarkable. It was opened on 27th August last, when 15 candidates were made. On September 10th following, there were five made; on October 1st, one; on October 15th, seven; on October 31st, two; and, as we have said above, on 21st ult., nine.

Lodge St. Clair (362). This lodge held their regular meeting on Monday, 23rd ult. Past Master Bro. George Thallon in the chair. After a candidate had been passed and raised, the election of office-bearers for the ensuing year was proceeded with, when the brethren afterwards were elected to the following offices, viz.:—Bro. Wm. J. Hogg, R.W.M.; Bro. Robert Glass, D.M.; Bro. Harris, S.M.; Bro. Adam Rutherford, S.W.; Bro. Colin Galletly, J.W.; Bro. George Fraser, Sec.; Bro. Wm. Pascoe, Treas.; Bro. Alex. Bowie, Cahp.; Bro. Sutherland, B.B.; Bro. Brand, S.D.; Bro. Iren, J.D.; Bro. Edward Smith, S.S.; Bro. Hughes, J.S.; Bro. Robertson, S.B.; Bro. Jas. Milligan, P.G.S.; Bro. J. M. Thresie, Organist; Bro. Gaw, Inner Guard; Bro. Warnoest, Tyler. The office-bearers were then installed by P.M. Bro. Geo. Thallon. The treasurer then submitted the annual financial report to the brethren. Thereafter the lodge was called from labour to refreshment, and a short time was spent in toast, song, and sentiment. After which the brethren were called back to labour, and the lodge was closed in due and ancient form by the R.W.M.

Lodge Clydesdale (556). An emergency meeting of the above flourishing lodge was held in their Hall Assembly Rooms, Crown-street, South Side, on Nov. 23rd. There was present Bro. W. Phillips, R.W.M.; Bro. John B. McNaught, S.M., 556; Bro. Dr. Russel, D.M., 556; Bro. G. H. McNaught, R.W.M., 275; Bro. John McNaught, S.W., 556; Bro. H. W. Jackman, A., 556; Bro. John Doig, B.B., 556; Bro. W. J. E. Dodson, P.G.S., 556; Bro. J. Brown, J.G., 556; Bro. D. Ronald, 275; Bro. J. C. Bame; Bro. J. G. Shore, Whittington Lodge, London; Bro. H. Weir, 556; Bro. W. Graham, Tyler, 556; Bro. Webster, 556. The lodge having been opened and the candidates balloted for, the following received the E.A. Degree,

Fredk. Augustin Barnard; J. Wates Ford; Hamilton; and Wm. Miller. Bro. Wm. Phillips, R.W.M. giving the degree in a manner at once most impressive and eloquent, in the absence of Bro. Howie. Bro. Jackman officiated ably as J.W.; Bro. W. J. E. Dodson acting as conductor to the candidates. The lodge was then passed to the second degree, when the above-named candidates received the Fellow Craft Degree from Bro. J. B. McNaught, in a most promising manner. After a little pause the new brethren withdrew, and owing to the pressing necessity of the candidates, it was voted to give the brethren their third degree. The lodge being raised to the M.M. Degree, they were duly raised. The whole ceremony being most beautifully carried out, and the candidates being most seriously impressed, especially in the working of the 3rd degree, by the R.W.M. Business being concluded, the lodge was closed in due and ancient form. The brethren then retired to refreshment. A short time having been spent in pleasure, the R.W.M. then gave the toast of the evening, "The last laid Stones," coupled, &c., to which Bros. Barnard and Ford replied in very feeling and concise speeches. Bro. B. McNaught, S.W. then gave "The Visiting Brethren," coupled with the name of Bro. J. G. Shore, Lodge Whittington, London. Suitable replies being made, Bro. Barnard, in the name of himself and Bro. Ford, begged to thank the R.W.M. for the benefit they had received from the lodge, also to Bro. Dodson, who, when he heard their wish expressed to become Masons, pointed out a way, and showed them how they could become so. He, therefore, begged that the R.W.M., Wardens, and Brethren would accept of warmest thanks, fraternal feelings, and love towards 556, as long as he breathed. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been given, the brethren then separated,

"Happy to meet, sorry to part,
And happy to meet again."

Royal Arch Chapter, "Cathedral" (67). A Mark Master Lodge was opened on 24th ult., in the hall at 22, Struthers-street, with Bro. James Duthie, R.W.M., in the chair; Bro. John Cunningham, S.W.; Bro. Wm. Taylor, J.W.; and a competent number of Mark Masons present to hold and constitute the meeting. There were also present several visiting brethren, including Companion Annan, Z. of St. Rolox Chap. (144). The minutes of last meeting having been read and approved of, the W.M.M. read several applications for admission to the Order, and Bro. James Keenan, who was in waiting, was introduced and received this degree. The W.M.M. then made a motion that the fees should be raised, which was seconded by Bro. Taylor, and unanimously agreed to; the alteration to come in force on 22nd inst. There being no further business upon this degree, the M.M. Lodge was closed in due and ancient form, and that of Excellent Master opened, when Bro. Keenan received the degree. Thereafter the Royal Arch Chapter was formed, with Companion Duthie, Z.; Companion Cunningham, H.; Companion Annan, J., in chairs; Companion George Pridie, First Sojourner; Companion John Nagle, Second Sojourner; and Companion James Dickie, Third Sojourner. The chapter was opened in due and ancient form, companions all standing to order, as Royal Arch Masons. Bro. Keenan was then received and exalted to the Royal Arch Degree. Companion Taylor then affiliated Companion Thos. Galbraith, of Chap. 87, as a member of Chap. Cathedral, 87; and there being no further business the chapter was duly closed.

Reports.

GRAND MARK LODGE.

The Winter Half-yearly Communication of Grand Mark Lodge was held on Tuesday evening at Freemasons' Tavern. The Rev. George Raymond Portal, M.A., P.M.W.G.M., presided, Earl Percy, Grand Master, being unable to attend on account of his duties as one of Her Majesty's household; and the Earl of Limerick, Deputy Grand Master, being prevented by illness. The other offices were filled as follows:—

W. W. B. Beach, M.P., P.G.M.; Hugh D. Sandeman, P. Pro. G.M.M.M. Bengal, as Dep. G.M.; Gilbert J. Smallpiece, as G.S.W.; W. E. Gumbleton, as G.J.W.; R. W. Little, as G.M.O.; S. C. Dibdin, G.S.O.; J. J. H. Wilkins, G.J.O.; Rev. Bryan Walker, G. Chap.; F. Binckes, G. Sec.; H. W. Binckes, Assist. G. Sec.; Morton Edwards, G.S.D., G.J.D., G. Insp.; Chas. Allen, G.A.D.C., as G. D.C.; Henry Dubosc, G. Swd. Br.; S. R. Ade, G. Std. Br.; Henry Parker, G. Org.; William Crawford, G. Steward.

The other brethren who formed the Grand were,

Bros. John Sutcliffe, Pro. G.M. Lincoln; J. M. Cunningham, Dep. Pro. G.M. Sussex; John Whitwell, M.P., P.G.W.; Thomas P.G.M.O.; Rev. T. F. Ravenshaw, P.G. Rev. D. Shaboe, P.G. Chap.; E. T. Inskip, P. C. Hammerton, Thomas Cabitt, and S. Ross, P.G.D. of Cers.; R. Spencer and T. W. P.G. Swd. Brs.; S. M. Lazarus and William rell, P.G. Org.; D. M. Dewar and Henry M. (Freemason), P.G. Stwds.; Major Geo. P. Pro. G.J.W. Middlesex and Surrey; T. Poore, Pro. D. of C. Middlesex and Surrey; Bellamy, Pro. G.S.O. Lincolnshire; C. A. S.D. St. Mark's Lodge, No. 1; Myde Puller, Mark's Lodge, No. 1; E. M. Haigh, W.M. Accord; J. H. Spencer, S.W. Southwark No. 22; R. Loveland Loveland, St. Andrew 63; R. J. Trafford, S.D. Remigius, No. 117; R. P. Bent, Chap. S.D. Peter and Paul, No. Rev. S. Studholme Brownrigg, P.M. S.S. Pet Paul, No. 163; D. Tinsley, M.O. Panmure 139; William Poore, S.O. Panmure, No. 139; C. Pulman, J.W. Panmure, No. 139.

The Grand Secretary (Bro. F. Binckes), after formal opening of the Grand Lodge, read minutes of the Half-yearly Communication 2nd of June, and of the Moveable Grand held at Brighton on the 23rd of October, both which were put and confirmed.

The following report of the General Board then read by the Grand Secretary.

The number of certificates issued in the months ending the 30th of Sept. last is 466, in excess of the average. The certificates of degree of Royal Ark Mariner number 53. In the same period, warrants for new lodges have granted.

177, Royal Sussex, Bath.

178, Wiltshire Keystone, Devizes.

179, Talbot, Swansea.

Very satisfactory progress has been made in provincial organisation.

On the 23rd of October, the province of South Wales was formally constituted by the Right Hon. Earl of Limerick, R.W.D., G.M.M., assisted by the Rev. G. R. Portal, (M.W.P.G.M.M.) a large number of Grand and Provincial officers Present and Past, Sir John Cordy being having been installed as First Provincial Grand Master.

On the 29th of October the Province of Lincoln was constituted, the First Provincial Grand Master Mason being Bro. John Sutcliffe, of Grimsby. For this event extensive preparations had been made, and it was celebrated in the presence of one of the most numerous assemblies of Mark Master Masons ever held, 300 members of the Order gathering from 15 districts. In the absence, from indisposition, the R.W., Bro. W. Romaine Callender, M.P., G.M.M. for Lancashire, the ceremonies were formed by the Grand Secretary.

The annual festival in aid of the Mark B lent Fund was held at Richmond on Wednesday the 15th of July last, and was happily attended with the customary success. The amount raised was £163; but the Board in anticipation of than usually strong cases of appeal for aid, deemed it advisable for the present to add in addition to the invested funds. To Sir E. Lechmere, Bart. (R.W.P.D.G.M.), who presided and the Stewards for the occasion, the best of the Order are due for their valuable services.

It is proposed to hold the Benevolent next year at the Alexandra Palace, on Wednesday the 21st of July.

The suite of rooms engaged for the purpose of the Order are in every respect suitable and modious. One has been fitted and furnished for Lodge purposes, and may be recommended by any Lodge, the numbers of which we average in attendance more than 25. This has arranged to let this room, with gas, at one guinea per meeting, applications for to be addressed to the Grand Secretary.

The outlay necessary for the increasing of the Order, and for providing the varied modiation which is so desirable for the w its ceremonies, may now be considered an end, and the Board confidently looks for a considerable increase in the assets of the Lodge, arising from an improved revenue cessation of extraordinary expenditure. Inance of this object, the Board has under sideration the question of the expense of yearly banquets of Grand Lodge and this of the Grand Stewards with reference to

With respect to the question of recognizing other supreme jurisdictions, the Board report that as regards the Grand C Scotland nothing has transpired since meeting of Grand Lodge. The Grand C Ireland, however, has received an

letter to the Grand Chapter of England on the subject of the recognition of this Grand Lodge. That letter was read at the Convocation of the Grand Chapter of England on Wednesday, 5th of August, and was ordered to be printed and considered at the ensuing Convocation on Wednesday, 6th of November, when it was resolved again to refer its consideration to the next Convocation in February, 1875, owing to the "interregnum" in the rule of the Craft. The letter is printed herewith.

(Here follows the letter referred to, which appeared in our report of last Convocation of Grand Chapter.)

The Board recommend Grand Lodge to confirm the grant from the Benevolent Fund, of £25, to Mrs. — widow of the late Bro. — a P.G.S.B. of 25 years, whose melancholy death will be deplored by all with whom he had laboured in the various degrees of Freemasonry for so many years.

With a view to give every possible publicity to the announcement the Board desires in this report to direct the attention of the members of the order to the establishment of a "Mark Lodge of Instruction" which will meet fortnightly, at the "New Lodge Room," No. 2, Red Lion Square. Arrangements will be made for the regular attendance of competent brethren, so that reliance may be placed on the ceremonies being correctly and perfectly performed.

Notice of the days of meeting, and full particulars will forthwith be sent to the W.M. and Secretary of every Lodge, and it is hoped the brethren will assist in rendering the Lodge of Instruction permanently beneficial, by joining it as members, and by attending to promote the objects for which it has been established.

Major Barlow moved, and the Rev. N. Shaboe seconded, "That the Report be received," and the motion was carried.

Bros. Little and Gumbleton, moved, and seconded the confirmation of the grant to Mrs. — mentioned in the report, which was also carried.

The question of expulsion of a brother mentioned in last half-yearly communication under the circumstances referred to, was then brought forward. Notice having been given to him to attend and how cause at this meeting why he should not be expelled, Acting Grand Director of Ceremonies Bro. Charles Allen) was directed to call for him outside the door of the lodge. This having been done, and no answer returned, Grand Secretary read a letter from the brother in answer to the letter giving him notice. The letter was dated 26th of November, and was couched in very unbecoming terms, stating what steps the brother would immediately adopt.

The Grand Master said that he had been most anxious that so serious a step as the expulsion of a brother should be avoided if possible, and he personally wrote to the offending brother upon the subject. The answer to that letter had only just been put into his hand, and he would read it to Grand Lodge. (The Grand Master read the letter, which in unbecomingness of style, was similar to the brother's former letters). The Grand Master then moved, "That — be expelled from the order of Mark Masons."

Bro. Wilkins seconded it.

The Grand Master put the motion, which was immediately unanimously carried.

Bro. Joseph Spencer then rose and said, M.W.G.M., beg to nominate the Right Hon. Earl Percy, M.W.G.M., as Most Worshipful Grand Master for the ensuing year. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. Wilkins: I beg to second the nomination. We have not had the pleasure of seeing him among us lately, but we remember that at the time he was nominated last year, he was suffering from very serious illness. Since then, he has been appointed member of Her Majesty's household, and his ties in that position prevent him being here to-day. He is not able to be with us, but we know has Mark Masonry at heart, and that he will be with us whenever he can. (Cheers.)

Bro. Little said: I shall have much pleasure, W.G.M., in moving the election of Bro. Davison Grand Treasurer, and I am quite satisfied that he will perform the duties of that office satisfactorily.

Bro. S. Rosenthal: I beg to second it. I have known Bro. Davison for many years, and can speak with confidence of his admirable qualifications for the office.

Carried unanimously amidst loud applause.

Grand Secretary said perhaps it would be fitting that Bro. Davison should know at once the state of his heritance to which he had succeeded.

Bro. Davison having thanked the brethren for electing him, the Grand Secretary read the statement of account.

In the motion of Bro. Inskip the account was read.

Grand Secretary said there was now the pleasing duty for the Grand Master to perform of presenting

the festival jewel to Bros. Levander, Haig and Stidolph.

The Grand Master then presented these jewels, after which Grand Secretary read Earl Limeirck's letter stating that through illness he was unable to attend that evening, and how greatly he regretted it. Grand Secretary also read a list of brethren from whom he had received letters of apology and regret for non-attendance, and said that unfortunately illness was the cause of most of them.

Bro. Little asked the Grand Master whether any steps had been taken to insure the recognition by the parties to the Tripartite Treaty of the Orders of the Red Cross of Rome and Constantine.

The Grand Master said in reply that he anticipated there would be a meeting of the judicial committee of the three orders which were parties to the treaty very shortly, and he would bring the matter before them.

Bro. Davison was then invested as Grand Treasurer by the Grand Master, and the Grand Lodge was closed in due form; the brethren afterwards partook of an admirable banquet, provided by Bro. C. E. Francatelli, Bro. W. W. B. Beach, Past Grand Master, president, and after the clearing of the cloth, proceeded to propose the toasts.

The Acting Grand Master (Bro. Beach) in proposing "The health of the M.W.G.M." said, that Earl Percy possessed an ancestral name connected with English history which entitled him to the respect of the brethren, as did his efforts and zeal as a Mason to their cordial and warm support. His health recently had not been such as they could wish, and it had debarred him from taking that active part in Masonry which he had been accustomed to. It was his wish, however, to discharge his duties with the utmost zeal, and with regularity of attendance, and whenever he could he would be present.

The Grand Secretary proposed "The health of the Past Grand Master," and said, that under the Constitutions of Mark Freemasonry, the tenure of the office of Grand Master was limited in duration, consequently there was always a goodly array of distinguished brethren as Past Grand Masters, and the Grand Lodge in an emergency such as had occurred that evening had no difficulty in getting a Past Grand Master to take the Grand Master's place. Among these were Lord Leigh, the Earl of Carnarvon, Lord Holmesdale, Bros. Beach and Portal. All these brethren were still spared to Mark Masonry, and Mark Masons bore in mind vividly and warmly the services they had rendered to the Order. They were delighted and grateful that they were spared, and had a sincere hope and hearty trust that they would be long spared to them. Such an array of good names was the best justification Mark Masons could have for limiting the period for holding the office of Grand Master.

Colonel Whitwell proposed "The health of the Acting Grand Master, Bro. Beach," and in doing so said, that if the Grand Master would look back to the names of ancestors who filled the page of history, he could also look back to ancestors in the Mark Grand Lodge to whom he could refer with pride, and one of those was the distinguished brother who was presiding at that table. Earl Percy could not wish to follow a more distinguished Mason than Bro. Beach. It had been said that a man was best known when he was esteemed by those around him, and Bro. Beach was known to the world by the esteem of those who were most closely acquainted with him. If the brethren would go into Hampshire they would find a unanimous response that they had a Provincial Grand Master there who was ever ready to do the duties that devolved upon him. Mentioning that province, he could not help referring to the brother whose loss they all deeply deplored, a brother loved and honoured by them all, the right hand of the Provincial Grand Master, and whose loss was felt throughout the country (Bro. Stebbing). Bro. Beach did his work indefatigably and energetically, and in every Masonic requirement gave a helping hand. As a politician he was one of those steadfast thinkers on all matters of importance who guide the state though they do not come prominently forward. It was not always those who were most prominent who had most to do with the direction of affairs. As a statesman, then, they would honour him, and drink his health, and also as one who was known and loved, and as presiding over them on that occasion. (Applause.)

Bro. Beach in reply said, that it gave him great pleasure to be present; but he held that it was the duty of one who had served the office of Grand Master always to perform the duties which devolved upon him, and also to be ready to lend his successors the benefit of his assistance whenever it might be required. (Hear, hear.) A Grand Master had not discharged all his duties when he relinquished the chair; he must be prepared to assist any of his successors when called upon. Mark Masonry was now in a different state to what it was when he had the honour of presiding over it.

He could look back to the time when the Grand Mark Lodge was first instituted. Without referring to all past transactions, it would be sufficient to say that the Grand Lodge had had difficulties and dangers to pass through, and it was only owing to extreme energy on the part of those who first conducted its affairs that they were able to surmount those difficulties and attain the proud position they now occupied. None could deny the present proud position of Mark Masonry among the Masonic Orders. It was a matter of pride to him that he was the first Grand Master to hold a Moveable Grand Lodge in the country. It was a step taken for the purpose of giving the country brethren an opportunity of seeing the brethren who were associated in Grand Lodge, which otherwise they would not have without attending personally in the metropolis. Masonry must depend upon the support it received in every part of the country, and it was the aggregate of support which made strength in the end. They had seen what steps had been made in advance. Recognition of the degree had taken place in many different parts of the world, and he thought he was not going too far when he said that a very short time must elapse before a still wider and more ample recognition must occur. The dictum of Grand Lodge of England was that Mark Masonry did not hold a part among the ancient degrees. Mark Masons did not quarrel with that, but acquiesced in the decision; but they claimed to be on friendly terms with other Masonic bodies in the country, and they asked full and ample terms of agreement with those countries where the Mark Degree was not only recognised, but was made an integral part of their Masonic Constitution. It was only fair to meet them on equal terms, and while they thought the Grand Lodge of England was perfectly justified in holding from their recognition, they would not be justified in interposing to prevent any other Masonic jurisdiction from holding out the right hand of fellowship to them. Grand Mark Lodge had no jealousy on the subject; they only wanted what was just and fair. He hoped they might some day be recognised by the Grand Lodge of England, as a body of men connected with them by ties of Masonry. He believed these views were entertained not only by himself, but by all members of this degree. He looked upon the Mark Degree as an integral part of Freemasonry, without which they would not hold out to a novice, or to one who was second in the order, a complete system; and so viewing it, he thought Mark Masonry should be adopted by every zealous Freemason. He had a great love for Mark Masonry as part of the Masonic system, and would ever be ready to do anything in his power to promote its prosperity and also the prosperity of this Grand Lodge. (Applause.)

"The health of the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Limerick," was responded to by Colonel Whitwell, and the other toasts having been honoured, the brethren separated.

Bros. Lord, Evison and Musgrave, with Bro. Henry Parker, G.M. Organist, enlivened the proceedings of the evening with some capital singing.

GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL & SELECT MASTERS.

A meeting of the members of this degree was held on Monday last at No. 2, Red Lion Square. The Grand Master, the Rev. George Raymond Portal, M.A., presided, supported by Captain N. C. Phillips on his right, and Comp. Hyde Pullen on his left. Among the Comps. present were the Grand Recorder, Comp. F. Binckes, Major George Barlow, Major Clarke, D. M. Dewar, E. Stanton Jones, H. W. Binckes, S. Rosenthal, F. Davison, T. Y. Coffin, W. Roebuck, and H. Massey (Freemason).

The Grand Recorder having, after the formal opening of the Council, read the minutes of the last Grand Council, they were put and confirmed, and by the direction of the M.P.G.M., the Grand Recorder stated, that the progress since made by the degree consisted in four meetings having been held, at which the constitution had been settled, several members made, a council established at Havant, and sixty-five members altogether enrolled. The meeting at Havant on the 27th of October was the last previous to the present one. The financial statement showed receipts £111 14s. and expenditure £75 10s. 10d., leaving a balance of £36 3s. 2d. There were, however, liabilities to the amount of £56 12s. 6d., leaving a deficiency of £20 9s. 4d. But £4 4s. had since been received, which would reduce the deficiency to £16 5s. 4d. The Grand Council being only young, and numerous expenses having had to be borne at its establishment, this was a favourable statement. The report was then ordered to be received and entered on the minutes.

Comp. Hyde Pullen proposed, Comp. James

Stevens seconded, and it was carried unanimously, that Comp. F. Davison be Grand Treasurer in the place of the late Comp. Stebbing.

The M.P.G.M. then named Captain Phillips, and Comps. Davison, Binckes, and Lavender as four members of the General Committee of Seven under Clause 10 of the Constitutions; and the Grand Council elected Comps. Dewar, Roebuck, and Stevens as the remaining three members.

The M.P.G.M. said, he should like to take the opinion of the Grand Council on the question of a reduction of the fees in certain cases. There were occasionally difficulties in the starting of Councils on account of the fee for members over and above what was paid for the certificates. He thought that original members of Councils might be admitted at a reduction in the fee.

The Grand Recorder reminded the M.P.G.M., that those Comps. named in the warrant would already be members of the degree, and they would not be affected by the present scale. The matter had been very maturely considered before the Constitutions were drawn up.

The M.P.G.M. said, that when the Council was first originated, candidates were admitted at a low fee.

The Grand Recorder admitted this, but said they had to create a body.

The M.P.G.M. observed, that this was also the case when a new Council was sought to be established in any given town. He would ask Comp. Coffin what was his opinion with regard to Stonehouse?

Comp. Coffin answered, that there were, he thought, at present only three Royal and Select Masters in the neighbourhood, and he believed that if a Council were established there, some difficulty would be found in getting them to pay two guineas. He was in favour of a small fee for original members on the starting of the Council, and the regular fee afterwards.

The Grand Recorder and Captain Phillips agreed that the fees should remain as at present, the former Comp. remarking that no difficulty was occasioned at Havant by the established fees being charged; but that, if any reduction was made, it should be confined to those Comps. who joined a Council on the night it was first opened.

Captain Phillips said, his experience was that men did not value what they did not pay for, and the Grand Recorder thought that if Grand Councils' existence depended on making concessions of one kind and another, the Grand Council would soon be brought to an end.

Comp. James Stevens hardly thought the proceedings connected with the first establishment of the Grand Council were to be taken as a precedent for their future course. On that occasion it was an absolute necessity to charge small fees, in order to form a Grand Council; but he thought it should stop there. The subject was then deferred.

The M.P.G.M. next drew attention to the price of the jewel, which at one guinea seemed to him to be very expensive. He would suggest a small committee for investigating the matter, and getting specimens and prices from Masonic jewellers. He would name Captain Phillips, Comps. F. Davison and Binckes, as the Committee.

This was agreed to.

Comp. James Stevens, recurring to the former subject of the fees, said, that if eight or ten members were to form a Three Towns' Council for Plymouth, Devonport, and Stonehouse, their fees might be reduced.

After some further remarks, Comp. Coffin said, he would not force the question at all.

A discussion followed as to the best means to be adopted for spreading the degree, after which

The Grand Recorder said, that it was in contemplation at Sheffield and Rochdale to have new Councils, and perhaps this example would soon be followed at Manchester and Liverpool.

The Grand Council was then closed.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF DEVON.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Devon was held in the Masonic Hall, Caroline-place, Stonehouse, on Tuesday 24th ult. There was a large attendance of the brethren. The R.W. Bro. Major J. Tanner Davy, the P.G.M., presided. Among the officers present were R.W. Bros. the Rev. J. Huyshe, P.P.G.M.; L. P. Metham, P.D.P.G.M., and Col. Elliott, D.P.G.M.; Bros. T. J. Brémridge, S.G.W.; J. E. Curteis, J.G.W.; C. Leigh, G.M.O.; S. Jones, P.P.G.M.O.; S. Jew, P.P.G.M.O.; I. Latimer, P.G.S. Wks.; W. S. Pasmore, G.J.O.; W. G. Rogers, P.G. Sec.; V. Bird, P.G.A. Sec. and P.P.G.T.; W. Browning, G.J.D.; D. Cross, G.S.B.; J. Harris, P.P.G.T.; W. S. Hearder, G.O.; A. Latimer, G.St.B.; C. Watson, G. Purs.; T. Goodall,

G.St.; L. D. Westcott, P.P.G.S.B.; E. A. Davies, P.P.G.J.D.; J. B. Gover, P.P.G.A.D.C.; J. Lynn, P.P.G.O.; J. Baxter, P.P.G.S.D.; M. Coates, P.P.G.S. Wks.; R. H. Rae, P.P.G.T.; J. W. Hifley, P.P.G.J.D.; P. B. Clemens, P.P.G.S. Wks.; W. D. Thomas, P.P.G.O.; J. Austin, P.P.G.I. Wks.; J. May, P.P.G.D.C.; W. Bros. H. Miller, P.M.; A. Bodley, W.M. 15; C. Stribling, W.M. 50; the Rev. T. W. Lemon, chap. 35; J. Rendle, S.O. 50; P. T. Skelton, S.W. 50; J. E. Moon, S. W. 35; J. Ripper, S.W. 64; W. Joll, S.W. 91; J. Belling, J.D. 169; C. Croydon, S.D. 35; F. R. Beechey, J.W. 35; J. H. Keats, J.O. 50; H. S. Hill, A.D.C. 76; and G. V. Hilson, R.M. 50.

The treasurer's report was read by V.W. Bro. Bird. It showed a balance in hand of £38, and was adopted. The P.G.M. informed the Lodge that his patent of office was only for the remainder of the term of office of the late P.G.M. That had now elapsed, and the Lodge was called upon to recommend a P.G.M. for the next term. Col. Elliott proposed, and the Rev. Jno. Huyshe seconded, the re-election of the R.W. Bro. J. Tanner Davy as the P.G.M. for the next term. The proposition was carried unanimously. The P.G.M. returned thanks, and said that during his term of office he had visited nearly all the lodges in his province, and should be much guided in his appointment of the P.G. officers by what he had witnessed of the real workers in the various lodges. He would, however, suggest that for the future each lodge should recommend one of its members for a provincial office, and the matter should be brought before the lodges by being placed in the circulars as part of the business.

On the proposition of V.W. Bro. Jew, seconded by V.W. Bro. Lynn, Bro. W. Joll, 91, was elected treasurer for the ensuing year. Bro. J. Rogers was also elected G. Tyler. The Prov. G.M. then proceeded to appoint the following brethren his officers for the ensuing year:—Col. Jno. Elliott, D.P.G.M.; the Rev. P. H. Newnham, S. W.; W. G. Rogers, J.W.; Col. Fitzgerald, 35, M.O.; T. Goodall, 64, S.O.; A. Bodley, 15, J.O.; the Rev. T. W. Lemon, 35, chap.; W. Joll, 91, treasurer; V. Bird, 64, sec.; J. T. Widryer, 9, S.D.; T. Dann, 15, J.D.; C. Stribling, 50, G.D.C.; W. H. Gillman, 96, A.D.C.; E. Brooming, 23, S. Wks.; P. T. Skelton, 50, S.B.; J. Rendle, 50, O.; J. Toms, 100, St. B.; J. Avery, 50, regis.; E. Hart, 76, purs.; J. Ripper, 64, G. Boon, 16, G. Emery, 169, stewards; J. Rogers, Tyler.

After a short discussion as to the amount, forty guineas were voted from the funds of the lodge to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. R. W. Bro. the Rev. J. Huyshe proposed that the amount should be raised to fifty guineas, and gave five guineas himself towards the increase, the P.G.M. Major J. Tanner Davy added three guineas, and Bro. J. E. Moon two guineas, to bring the sum up to the recommended amount. Five guineas were voted to the support of the masonic bed at the Royal Albert Hospital. Thanks were, on the proposition of the P.G.M., voted to R.W. Bro. the Rev. Jno. Huyshe for his attending the meeting that day at considerable inconvenience. Bro. Huyshe, in acknowledging the compliment, said his attendance there was a gratification to himself and the question of his being present alone depended, under the permission of the Ruler of All, upon his health. He had within the last few days been much better, and it gave him much pleasure in being thus able to attend that meeting.

This concluded the business, and the lodge was closed in due form.—*Western Morning News.*

PROVINCIAL GRAND PRIORY OF DEVONSHIRE.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Priory of Devon of Knights Templar was held at the Masonic Hall, Caroline-place, Stonehouse. The Provincial Prior, Colonel John Elliott, presided, and among the present and past provincial officers in attendance were—Major J. Tanner Davy, Sub-prior; J. E. Curteis, Chan.; Col. H. C. Fitzgerald, Const.; Capt. W. Elpbinstone Stone, R.N., Marsh.; C. Leigh, Regis.; S. Jew, Tras.; Elliot Square, Vice-chan.; J. Brown, 2nd S.B.; W. S. Pasmore, B.B.; E. J. Knight, Assist., D.C.; J. E. Moon, O.; J. Harris, P.P. Sub. P.; the Rev. P. H. Newnham, P.P.P.; E. Aitken Davies, P.P.V.C.; J. Mathews, P.P.G.A.; S. Jones, P.P.G.S.B.; J. M. Hifley, P.P.G.E.; V. Bird, P.P.B.B.; J. Austin, P.P.E.; P. B. Clemens, P.P. Capt. L.; J. B. Gover, P.P.T.; J. Bddford Kerswill, P.P.A.D.C.; and Fraters L. D. Westcott, H. H. Arnold, S. L. A. Templar, G. V. Hilson, J. H. Huxtable, C. Fern, and J. H. Keats. The treasurer reported a balance in hand of £7. The zeal exhibited by the treasurer in the duties of his office during the year, was warmly eulogised, and a unanimous vote of thanks was awarded him.

The Past-Provincial Prior Sir Knight, the Rev. John Huyshe, M.A., then entered the hall, and was warmly received with the honour due to his rank. On his taking his seat on the dais the Provincial Prior, Colonel Elliott, presented him on behalf of the Priory, with an illuminated address, his retiring from the office of Provincial Prior, which was tastefully illuminated on red and mounted in a handsome frame, read as follows:—

"To Sir Knight the Rev. John Huyshe, very high and Eminent Past Deputy Grand Master of England, and very Eminent Provincial Prior of Devon.—The loyal and dutiful address of United Religious and Military Order of the Temple St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes, Malta, in Provincial Priory assembled, show that this Provincial Priory desires to express to you, very high and Eminent Sir, its sincere and feigned regret at the retirement of one who for many years has filled the office of Grand Master of this Province with dignity, zeal and efficiency, under whose baton the order of the Temple arrived at its present state of prosperity in this Province; whose excellencies of character caused you to be universally beloved and whose numerous attainments have raised you to the highest honours of the order. This Priory also desires to express a fervent hope you may be long spared to render it that assistance to which your past experience so well qualifies you to afford."

Colonel Elliott, in making the presentation, expressed his great gratification at being called upon to undertake the duty, said he felt some confidence in thus being called upon to speak of the merits of, and to do honour to one who had been a member of the Masonic body before either himself or the majority of the fraters present were born. To look back through a career of Masonry of over forty years, twenty-five years of which had been passed either as P.G.M. or D.P.G.M. and in which had been shared the honour of being one of the founders of the Fortescue Fund which have been alone a glorious reminiscence; but have added to that a sense of having also been most useful in every branch of masonry, and having, in many varied duties of masonic office everywhere secured the esteem and affection of brethren was indeed a high position. Such eminence the late Provincial Prior had obtained. His judgment and ability in ruling over a branch of the Templar Knights, while most honorable to himself, had conferred great honour on the body. In the name of the three scriptural officers their order they desired to express to their reverend frater their best wishes for time and eternity.

The Rev. J. Huyshe thanked the fraters much feeling for the manner they had exhibited towards him.

Sir Knight Jew was, on the proposition of Fr. B. Gover and Leigh, then re-elected the treasurer; the Provincial Prior appointed the following fraters, officers for the ensuing year:—Major J. Tanner Davy, P.S.P.; the Rev. J. Erskine Risk, Prel. E. Curteis, Chan.; J. Matthews, Const.; L. Wescott, Marsh.; S. Jew, Treas.; J. Harris, B. E. J. Knight, V.C.; W. S. Pasmore, Sub-m. J. E. Moon, W.R.; J. H. Huxtable, Herald; Keats, St. B.; H. H. Arnold, O.; S. V. H. C.G.; S. C. A. Templar, B.B.; J. B. Gover, C. J. B. Kerswill, S.B. The report of the committee appointed to revise the bye-laws was read, and adopted. The principal changes they are a large reduction of the office fees, an increase of the fee to Provincial Priory on the instalment of a frater to ros. 6d., and rendering it impossible for the registrar of each preceptory to send of the summones convening their meetings to the Prov. Chan. Prov. Regis., and each acting E.P. province seven days before the meeting. Two guineas were voted to the support of the Masonic bed at the Royal Albert Hospital.

The Rev. P. H. Newnham, P.P.P. of I. introduced his motion, which was seconded by Kt. J. E. Curteis, "to call attention to some recent changes in the constitution of the order to move the adoption of a memorial prayer the statutes may be revised and amended, in view of removing the objections alleged to them." The changes objected to were leaving word Masonic out of the title of the order, and the names of some of the offices held by the and the abolition of past rank. It was also that the changes were made with too much precipitancy. Sir Kt. Newnham stated that the Provincial Priory of Lancashire had already in the matter, and those of Dorset, Somerset, Cambridge intended to follow. It was attended to present the memorial to the Great Lancashire had done so, but learnt, in reply the Great Priory had no power over the and it must go before the Convent General memorial, therefore, now prayed that a Convent General should be held, as other

ussion would not come off until 1876. It had been stated that his Royal Highness the Grand Master had expressed some wishes on the question, that it had been since ascertained that this was an error, and that the Grand Master left the whole entirely in the hands of the Templar Knights. The merits of the questions involved were treated at some length by the mover and seconder. At the close of their addresses Sir Kt. Davies said he desired that if a special Convent-General was granted there would be a careful avoidance of any language that might be considered to involve an approach to imputation of motives or attacks on individuals for the benefit or injury the measures would cause to order should alone be held in question. The resolution was then unanimously adopted, and this closed the business of the Priory.—*Western Morning News.*

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF KENT.

Meeting of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Kent, was held on Thursday, November 12th, at the Royal Oak Hotel, Dover, under the auspices of the Dover and Cinque Ports Lodge, No. 152. The several Lodges of the Province were well represented.

The R.W. Pro. G.M.M.M. Bro. The Rev. G. W. demore, M.A., took his seat on the throne at 3 p.m., and immediately opened Provincial Grand Mark Lodge in due form. The Deputy Prov. G.M.M.M. (Bro. T. H. ve Snowden), were saluted in succession. The minutes of the last regular meeting held at them, in December, 1873, were read and affirmed.

The Report of the committee of General Purposes, the accounts of the Prov. G.M. Treas., were read and approved.

The Prov. G.M. Treas. Bro. Lewis Finch, was re-elected Treas., and Bro. Geo. gor as Tyler.

The Prov. G.M.M.M. then appointed and installed the following brethren as Prov. G.M. Officers for the year ensuing, viz:—

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| H. Grove Snowden | Dep. Prov. G.M.M. |
| hn Lamy Ellerm | Prov. S.G.W. |
| mes-D. Terson | J.G.M.W. |
| C. Burfield | G.G.O. |
| hn Canham | G.S.O. |
| umuel L. Townsend | G.J.O. |
| ewis Finch | G. Treas. |
| xander Spears | G. Reg. of Marks. |
| mes W. Smith | G. Secretary. |
| hn Bagshaw | G.C. Ass. Secry. |
| ephen Court | G.C.S.D. |
| alter Scaries | G.C.J.D. |
| umuel Muggleston | G.C.J. of Works. |
| ios. Morant Compton | G.C.J.D. of Cers. |
| o. H. Curel | Asst. D. of Cers. |
| m. T. Carpenter | G. Swd. Br. |
| lwin Beer | G. Standr. Br. |
| fred R. Wade | G. Organist. |
| H. Howard | G. Purst. |
| seph Geo. Podevin | G. Steward. |
| umuel J. Davies | G. Steward. |
| o. Meagor | G. Tyler. |

The newly appointed officers were then saluted. Ellerm, Emmerson, and Page were appointed Clerks.

Bro. Page, Crawford, Emerson, and Redman, were appointed Members of the Committee of General Purposes.

The Deputy Prov. G.M.M.M., stated that the term of appointment granted to the R.W. Prov. G.M.M. would expire in July next, and as there was not probably be another meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge until some months after that date, he would now propose that Bro. the Rev. G. W. demore, M.A., be recommended to the M.W. Grand Master Mason for re-appointment to the office now held by him.

The Prov. G.M. Treas. seconded the proposition, and it was carried unanimously.

Bro. F. Binckes said that he, as a Grand Officer, in the name of the Supreme Rulers of the Province, must offer his congratulations on the address and the success which had attended Mark Lodge in the Province. In alluding to the citation of the Adam Mark Lodge, No. 6 (press), which had happily this day taken its place in this Prov. Lodge, he stated that he had been invited to attend at Sheerness, in January for the purpose of installing the W.M. Elect, and he trusted that he should be well supported by the number of the Prov. G.M. Officers. Several of themselves to attend.

The Prov. G.M. Lodge was then closed in due order and the brethren afterwards partook of an ant banquet in an adjoining room. The

usual loyal toasts and those peculiar to Mark Masonry, were enthusiastically responded to.

The whole arrangements of the day were perfect, and reflected the greatest credit upon the Dover and Cinque Ports Lodge, the youngest in the Province.

UNITED GRAND LODGE.

NOMINATION of the PRINCE OF WALES AS M.W.G.M., AND INSTALLATION OF THE EARL OF CARNARVON.

On Wednesday evening, the Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of England was held at Freemasons' Hall, on which occasion there were gathered together as large a number of Freemasons as, with few exceptions, has ever been witnessed in that Masonic Temple. Although it had been publicly announced in the press some weeks before, notably by ourselves a fortnight ago on authority, that His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales would not be present; the idea got abroad that he might, nevertheless, appear at the last minute, and that what the press had stated might be merely from common rumour. The brethren, consequently, fearing to miss a great event through placing too implicit a reliance on what newspapers had said, arrived during the week previously from all parts of the country; while those Masters, Wardens, and Past Masters of lodges in town who are but seldom seen in Grand Lodge, stretched a point on this occasion, and fulfilled their promise of a punctual and regular attendance on the Quarterly Communications of Grand Lodge. There were, therefore, at seven o'clock, when the Grand Master or his Deputy punctually takes the throne, some five or six hundred brethren present; and when the procession of Grand Officers and the Acting Grand Master entered the hall, it was, so to speak, full. Earl Carnarvon, it had been announced, positively would be present, and the brethren stood on tiptoe and stretched their necks to look towards the inner porch where Herr Kuhe was instructed to play the organ, which is always a sign that the procession is about to enter Grand Lodge.

Grand Stewards came in after Grand Stewards, Past Grand Officers after Past Grand Officers, and Grand Officers after Grand Officers, but when the centre figure of the procession appeared, and it was seen not to be the Earl of Carnarvon, but Bro. Hugh D. Sandeman, District Grand Master of Bengal, an expression of disappointment ran through the building. The procession moved towards the dais in silence, and Bro. Sandeman took his seat on the throne, having the Rev. John Huyshe, Provincial Grand Master, of Devon on his right as Deputy Grand Master; Lord Tenterden for Senior Warden; Colonel Whitwell for Junior Warden; Bros. Rucker; G.D.C.; John B. Monckton, President of Board of General Purposes; Æ. J. McIntyre, Q.C., G. Reg.; John Hervey, G.S.; Rev. R. P. Bent, and Canon Simpson, LL.D., G. Chaps.; Past Grand Chaps., the Revs. Sir J. Warren Hayes, T. F. Ravenshaw, R. J. Simpson, J. Edmund Cox, C. J. Martyn; Maj.-Gen. Brownrigg, P.G.M., Surrey; W. W. B. Beach, M.P., P.G.M., Hants and Isle of Wight; T. Halsey, M.P., P.G.M., Herts; Sir Michael Costa; S. Rawson, P.D.G.M. of China; T. Fenn, P.A.G.D.C.; S. Tomkins, G. Treas.; J. M. Clabon, P.G.D.; John Havers, P.G.W.; Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B.; Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D.; Dr Jabez Hogg, P.G.D.; John Savage, P.G.D.; Wilhelm Ganz, P.G. Org.; J. E. Saunders, P.G.D.; W. Glaisner; Grissell, P.G.D.; C. Hutton Gregory, P.G.D.; Jas. Brett, P.G.P.; John Boyd, P.G.P.; C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; T. Cubitt, G.P.; W. Ough, P.G.P.; Joseph Smith, P.G.P.; and T. A. Adams, P.G.P.

Grand Lodge having been formally opened, Grand Secretary read the minutes of last quarterly communication, which were on the point of being put by the Acting Grand Master, when Bro. H. G. Warren raised an objection to them so

far as regarded the portion of the minutes that related to the resignation of the Marquis of Ripon; it was out of the power of Grand Lodge to accept the resignation, as the book of constitutions did not provide for a resignation. His lordship had no more power to resign after he had been obligated than had the W.M. of a private lodge; that he must continue in office till his successor be appointed, and that all he could do was, when the next period of nomination of a Grand Master came round, not to allow himself to be again put in nomination.

Grand Registrar (Bro. Æ. J. McIntyre, Q.C.), said that Bro. Warren was under a mistake, for the Grand Master could resign or not as he thought fit. As he had chosen to resign, Grand Lodge had no option, but to accept his resignation.

The acting Grand Master said, the motion before Grand Lodge was merely whether the minutes of last Grand Lodge were or not faithfully recorded.

Grand Registrar supported this view. If they had not been faithfully recorded, a motion could have been made for their amendment.

Bro. Ex-Sheriff Hutton, having addressed a few words to Grand Lodge in opposition to Bro. Warren, and Bro. James Mason having appealed to Grand Lodge for a hearing for Bro. Warren,

The Acting Grand Master ruled that Bro. Warren was out of order, and that brother immediately walked out of Grand Lodge.

The motion "that the minutes be confirmed," was then put and carried unanimously.

Grand Secretary then said that the next business was to read the report of committee appointed at the last meeting, to offer the Grand Mastership of the Order to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. It was as follows:—

"To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of England.

"We beg to report that in accordance with the resolution of Grand Lodge, at the last Quarterly Communication, held on Wednesday, the 2nd instant, we have, as directed, offered the acceptance of the office of the Grand Master to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. It is with great satisfaction, a feeling which we are sure will be joined in not only by Grand Lodge, but the whole of the Craft, that we further report that His Royal Highness has been graciously pleased to accept the Grand Mastership.

(Signed) "Carnarvon, Deputy G.M.
"John Havers, P.G.W.
"Æ. J. McIntyre, G.R.

"London, September 25th, 1874."

The reading of this report was received with loud cheers.

Sir Albert Woods (Garter), G.D.C., called the brethren to order and proclaimed "The most High, most Mighty, and most Illustrious Prince Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, Duke of Saxony, Duke of Cornwall and Rothesay, Earl of Chester, Carrick, and Dublin, Baron, of Renfrew and Lord of the Isles, Great Steward of Scotland, &c., Grand Master of Freemasons of England."

"This was the signal for a further outburst of applause. When this had subsided,

The Grand Secretary read the following letter from the Prince of Wales, which he had received:

"Hotel Bristol, Paris, October 14, 1874.

"Sir and Brother,—Having accepted the office of Grand Master, I have appointed the Earl of Carnarvon as Pro-Grand Master.—I am, Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

"ALBERT EDWARD, Grand Master.

"Brother Hervey, Grand Secretary."

Great cheering also followed the reading of this letter.

The Grand Master on the throne said the Earl of Carnarvon is in attendance this evening for the purpose of being obligated as Pro-Grand Master. (Cheers). I will now therefore ask the Grand Director of Ceremonies to form a deputation to conduct his lordship into this Grand Lodge, the said deputation to consist of

two Provincial Grand Masters, three Past Grand Wardens, the Grand Deacons, and four Grand Stewards, whom the Director of Ceremonies will ask to accompany him to introduce his lordship into Grand Lodge.

The deputation was then formed, Maj. Gen. Brownrigg and Bro. Beach, M.P., being the two Provincial Grand Masters.

The Earl of Carnarvon entered Grand Lodge with the deputation, the organ playing, and all the brethren standing.

His Lordship, on entering, was received with enthusiastic cheering, which continued until he was placed in front of the throne, to be obligated as Pro-Grand Master. Order having been called by Sir Albert Woods, the Acting Grand Master, addressing the noble Earl, said: Right Worshipful Brother, as you have been appointed by His Royal Highness the Grand Master to be Pro-Grand Master, it will be necessary for you to enter into an obligation to discharge faithfully the duties of that office. I will, therefore, ask you to repeat after me.

Lord Carnarvon then took the obligation, having the two Grand Chaplains (Canon Sampson and the Rev. R. Bent) on his right and left. The form of words used in this ceremony was dictated with great elocutionary powers by the Acting Grand Master, without faltering or hesitating at a single word. The obligation so given could be heard in every part of the building. At the conclusion of the ceremony Bro. Sandeman invested the Earl of Carnarvon with the insignia of his rank, and expressed a hope that it might please the Almighty, in his infinite wisdom, to spare his lordship for many years in health and strength to be an ornament to the ancient craft and to his country.

After saying this the Acting Grand Master placed Lord Carnarvon in the Past Grand Master's chair, where he was saluted in Masonic form. He was then placed in the Grand Master's chair, Bro. Sandeman in that of the Past Grand Master.

The Earl of Carnarvon then rose and said: Brethren, I had intended to have passed at once to the order of the day, but the cordial—and almost more than cordial—reception which you have been pleased to give me makes it incumbent on me to trespass for a very few minutes upon your time. Brethren, allow me to say that entering in on the office of Pro-Grand Master of English Freemasons, I am fully sensible of the great honour that has been conferred upon me, and I trust, in accordance with the terms of that obligation which within the last few minutes I have taken, I may discharge the duties of that office to the utmost of my power—(hear, hear)—and certainly with all zeal and fidelity. (Loud cheering.) Brethren, I enter upon that office with feelings of great satisfaction, first of all because I trust that in it I may be enabled possibly to render some slight service to his Royal Highness, our new Grand Master, who, at the instance of the craft and to their universal satisfaction, has undertaken that high and honourable post—(hear, hear)—and secondly, let me also say, because it brings me into somewhat closer and continued relations with this Grand Lodge of England. (Hear, hear.) Brethren, it has been my lot on several occasions to preside from this chair over your deliberations. I trust that I have done so, in the words of that obligation, with firmness, but I am sure also that I have never done so in this hall without being able to count unequivocally upon the support of you all. (Hear, hear, and cheers.) He who fills this chair—no matter who he may be—must, if he intends to conduct the business in the manner in which the business of Grand Lodge should be conducted, count upon the unhesitating support and co-operation of his brother masons. I have always counted upon it. I have uniformly received it. (Hear, hear.) In the discharge of that duty which has now been placed upon me I will only say this much, that I shall endeavour always to discharge it with a sense of loyalty to our head, his Royal Highness, the present Grand Master of England, and with a conscientious determination to uphold and maintain to the best of my power these ancient

landmarks of the order, which I have been taught to respect and to revere. (Hear, hear.) Brethren, I think that this is perhaps a suitable opportunity for me to announce to the Grand Lodge that which I trust they will receive with satisfaction, that it has pleased our Grand Master to appoint as Deputy Grand Master of England my noble friend Lord Skelmersdale. (Cheers.) He is one who has shown zeal already in the conduct of his province, and now, when translated to a higher and still more important post, I am satisfied he will not be found wanting. (Great applause.)

The next business on the paper was the passing of a vote of condolence with the Grand Lodge of Ireland, on the death of its Grand Master, the Duke of Leinster, and Grand Secretary read the letter which had been received from Grand Lodge of Ireland to Grand Lodge of England, written by Bro. C. T. Walmisley, Grand Secretary of Ireland.

Lord Carnarvon, in moving this resolution, said: It becomes my duty now from this chair to put to you a vote founded upon the melancholy letter that you have just heard read by the Grand Secretary. It has pleased the Great Architect of the Universe to remove, at a very advanced age, crowned with honours and with the respect of the Craft and the affection of his friends, the late Duke of Leinster, who for more than half-a-century filled the chair of the Grand Lodge of Ireland. Born, if I remember rightly, in the year 1791; succeeding to the honours of a family whose history mingles itself with the history of Ireland, in the year 1804; elected at the early age of 24, in the year 1815, as the Grand Master of Ireland, it was but within a very few months since that the Duke of Leinster died. What a remarkable space of time was filled by that life, beginning in the time of the French Revolution, ending only a few months ago! How many revolutions, how many wars, how many peace, how many settlements of Europe, how many rises and falls of thrones and dynasties, of changes in countries and Governments and politics, did not that man see! and many of them might have been comprised—were comprised in fact—within the tenure of his office of the Grand Mastership of Ireland. Yet of him I think it may certainly be said that during the whole of that long period he lived beloved by the Craft, without, as far as I have ever heard, any real whisper of discontent against the rule which he mildly and prudently exercised. It would be impossible, I hold, for us to pass over in silence the death of so remarkable a Mason. I might remind you, indeed, that in Masonry great as his interest was there in Ireland, his interest in Masonry was evinced on repeated occasions here among us. He was present at the laying of the foundation-stone of these very buildings in which we are this night assembled; and I believe that he took a part, if I mistake not, in that legislation which relieved Freemasonry from some of those fetters and shackles by which it was most unfairly trammelled; and there was hardly any event in the annals of the Freemasonry of England of his years in which he did not, either privately or publicly, openly or personally, take some deep interest. Brethren, with these few words I venture to recommend to you a vote of condolence, which I shall propose to be drawn up according to the proper forms, and entered upon the minutes of proceedings, and transmitted in due form to the Grand Lodge of Ireland, and to the family of the late Duke of Leinster.

I believe that, according to the forms of this Grand Lodge, it is necessary to find a seconder for that motion; but I am satisfied in making it, that there would be no lack of seconders, and I trust that it will be carried unanimously and without one word of question or objection. I propose "that a vote of condolence with the Grand Lodge of Ireland on the death of the late Duke of Leinster be entered upon our records and transmitted to the Grand Lodge of Ireland and to the family of the late Duke."

Bro. the Rev. John Huyshe, Prov. Grand Master of Devon, in seconding the motion said, I don't think it is necessary to add one word to the eloquent address of our Pro-Grand

Master. I think I cannot do better than simply second the motion and sit down, having said that with all my heart, I am fully in accord with what the Pro-Grand Master has said of the Duke of Leinster. I trust that this Grand Lodge will carry unanimously this resolution of condolence.

The resolution was then put and carried unanimously.

The Earl of Carnarvon—Brethren, the next business is the nomination of a Grand Master for the ensuing year.

Bro. S. G. Grady thereupon arose and said—M.W.G.M. and brethren, the honour of nominating the most worshipful Grand Master for the ensuing year has been entrusted to me, and I rise for the purpose of discharging that duty with feelings of very sincere pleasure, because I have the satisfaction of knowing that the nomination which I now make of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as Most Worshipful Grand Master will be hailed by the Craft in general, and this Grand Lodge in particular, with acclamation and with a burst of applause which will express far more eloquently than I can the feeling that pervades the breast of every member of the Craft and of this Grand Lodge in having this illustrious Prince to rule over us and preside at our assemblies. I have the honour to nominate His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as Most Worshipful Grand Master for the ensuing year. (Great cheering.)

The Earl of Carnarvon: Brethren, the next business on the order, is the appointment of President of the Lodge of Benevolence. I believe that there is no controversy on this point and I have therefore pleasure in announcing that Bro. Clabon, who has held the office already for three years, has been again appointed. (Applause.)

The Grand Secretary said the Senior and Junior Vice-Presidents, my Lord, are nominated at the Committee of Masters, and there were none other nominated than those who have hitherto filled those posts. The Senior Vice-President nominated is Bro. Joshua New P.G.S.B., and the Junior Vice-President, Bro. James Brett, P.G.P. There will be no election.

There was also no election of twelve Past Masters to serve on the Lodge of Benevolence, only twelve being nominated. These were—Bros. H. Bartlett, 147; W. C. Crick, 62; Herbert Dicketts, 25; J. Diprose, 957; Garrod, 749; H. W. Hemsworth, 1193; Ough, 1145; H. M. Levy, 188; W. May, 186; Samuel May, 780; W. Smith, 33; W. Stephens, 1365.

The following grants, recommended by the Lodge of Benevolence, were then moved, seconded, and carried:—The widow of a Bro. the Domestic Lodge, 177, London, £100; Bro. of the Royal Lodge of Faith and Friendship, 270, Berkeley, £50; the widow of a Bro. of the Royal Gloucester Lodge, 130, Southampton, £75; a Bro. of the Strawberry Hill Lodge, 946, Twickenham, £100; a Bro. of the Caledonian Lodge, 134, London, £150; a Bro. of the Vitruvian Lodge, 87, London, £50.

The report of the Board for General Purposes was then read by the Grand Secretary as follows:—

"To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

"The Board of General Purposes has drawn report that their attention has been drawn to the circumstance that Lodge 972 (St. Augustin) had initiated a minor without dispensation under the alleged supposition that as a "Le" it could be legally done.

"The board having considered the circumstances, arrived at the unanimous conclusion that a violation of the constitutions and a subsequent breach of Masonic law had been committed, and although this had apparently been placed under an idea of its legality, which was stated to be somewhat prevalent in the lodge, and therefore without intention to infringe Masonic law, the board considered they had no option but to admonish the lodge, and resolved that the lodge be admonished accordingly, and that the certificate of the initiation be not issued until the lodge be re-obli-

hen of full age, or otherwise in accordance with the Book of Constitutions.

"(Signed) J. B. MONCKTON,
"President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,
"17th November, 1874."

Bro. J. B. Monckton, in moving that this report be received and entered in the minutes, said it became his duty as President of the Board of General Purposes, to submit this motion to Grand Lodge. The report was very short, and it contained nothing of very large importance. He was glad to say that the Board was unanimously of opinion that the Masonic fences referred to in this report was committed to in defiance so much as in ignorance of the institutions; and while the Board of General Purposes bore in mind, as it always must, that was the duty of the Master of the lodge to make himself acquainted with the constitutions, he thought that there was no *malus animus*, or bad intention in this case, and therefore that it could be sufficiently met by admonition. It was, however, the duty of the Board to bring this matter before Grand Lodge. An opinion seemed to prevail that a Lewis might be initiated as a Mason without dispensation; but the Board thought the sooner that idea was dispelled the better.

The motion was seconded by Bro. Raynham Stewart, and carried unanimously.

To the report was subjoined a Statement of Grand Lodge accounts at the last meeting of Finance Committee held on Friday, the 13th of November instant, showing a balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer of £3,375 6d.; and in the hands of the Grand Secretary, for petty cash, £75; and for servants' wages, £96 15s.

The Grand Secretary next read a Memorial from the Loyal Lodge, No. 358, Ireland Island, Ruda, for a donation towards the fund for building their Masonic Hall.

The Grand Registrar moved that the receipt of the Memorial be acknowledged, which motion was seconded and carried.

The Grand Secretary afterwards read the relations of condolence from the Dalhousie Lodge, Newton, Mass., U.S.A., on the death of Earl of Dalhousie, Past Deputy Grand Master of England.

Bro. John B. Monckton, President of the Board of General Purposes, then moved, "That the hour of meeting of the Board of General Purposes on the third Tuesday in every month be altered from three o'clock to four o'clock, and that the word 'three' in Article 6, paragraph 109, of the Book of Constitutions, be altered to the word 'four' accordingly."

In making the motion, he explained that the motion had been incidentally discussed by several members at the last meeting, and the desire of the members (15) then present united in requesting that he would give this notice of motion. Since then he had heard that two old and greatly respected members of the Board were in favour of the hour of three; one, however, said that if the motion were carried he would be of course bound by it, and should not oppose it; but the other said he could not concur in it. Therefore he (Bro. Monckton) could come before Grand Lodge and say it was the unanimous wish of the Board that the hour should be altered to four o'clock. He could not say the majority desired it. Having himself served upon the Board for six or seven years, he thought the change would be useful. Since the present hour had obtained, but at that time the hours of business were later than now, it was more convenient for members then to be at three to the Board, transact their business, and then go back to their own avocations. Matters, however, had changed with all of us, and we were left off business earlier, and it would be more convenient for members to leave their business for good at four o'clock and then attend the Board. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. Philbrick seconded the motion and said, having served himself on the Board, he would personally speak as to the inconvenience of the hour of three. Matters of individual convenience ought not to be brought

before Grand Lodge; but matters of general convenience ought. Subjects of importance frequently came before the Board and occupied some hours, and these subjects required the assistance of brethren well acquainted with the laws of the Craft. Many of his brethren went to the Board at considerable sacrifices, particularly the Grand Registrar, whose appearance at the Board was always a matter of great pleasure to the brethren, and whose experience was invaluable. In difficult cases they scarcely knew how to proceed without the benefit of his counsel and advice. It was an hour which, being in the same profession as Grand Registrar, he could say rendered it almost impossible for him to attend. With regard to the other official members of the Board, the Grand Director of Ceremonies was always inconvenienced by coming at three. Those who attended the Board regretted when they were called upon to enter on the consideration of a difficult case, that they had not the benefit of the great experience, knowledge, and ability of such brethren as those he had ventured, perhaps improperly, to refer to. If the hour was altered to four it would suit the great majority of the Board, and be more conducive to having that advice and assistance which it was most desirable they should have in difficult cases.

Bro. John Savage opposed the alteration, but Bros. Ex-Sheriff Hutton, Raynham Stewart and W. Sutton Gover supported Bro. Monckton, and the motion was put and carried.

Bro. J. M. Clabon here rose and said that since the notice of motion which stood in his name had been given for setting apart two-thirds of the annual surplus of the fund of Benevolence to apprenticing and otherwise advancing in life the girls and boys educated in the Masonic schools, he had received communications from a great number of Masons of eminent position and well capable of forming an opinion on the subject to the effect that the time had hardly yet come for disposing of any of the surplus funds of the Lodge of Benevolence. He would not say that they had convinced him, but he was highly of opinion that their wisdom was better than his own; that he did not propose to make his motion that night. Nevertheless, he would fain, if the Pro-Grand Master and the Grand Lodge would permit him, make a few observations to justify himself for having brought them forward. If he made no motion he would be slightly out of order, and he would therefore move "that the motion be discharged." About five or six years ago, a committee formed to consider the Constitution of the Fund of Benevolence. It was a strong committee, and they appointed him chairman. They made an elaborate report, and at the end of it were the proposals which he had put forward in his motion, to apply a portion of the surplus of the Fund of Benevolence as indicated in his motion. [These will be seen by reference to agenda paper of Grand Lodge published by us last week.] Grand Lodge was pleased to adopt every one of the recommendations excepting these, which they rejected, for reasons which they stated. Thirty years ago they had £10,000 accumulated; ten years after they had £14,000; in another ten years £6,000; and in the last ten years £15,000; so that now they had £35,000 accumulated in thirty years, which was £25,000 more than in all the preceding period. Masonry had increased in the last ten years so wonderfully, that in a few years hence the applications for assistance will be very great, and require more money than the board now paid. He looked upon the Lodge of Benevolence in this respect as an Insurance Company, and they were bound, having established a fund of benevolence, to keep it in that position that would enable them always to relieve distressed Masons when called upon. His correspondents said that if the accumulations went on for ten years as they were going on they might be dealt with, and it was in deference to their opinions that he withdrew his notice of motion.

The motion having been seconded, Bro. Binckes rose to address the Grand Lodge, but

The Earl of Carnarvon said that he would not assert that Bro. Binckes was out of order

absolutely in addressing his observations to Grand Lodge, but it was for him to consider whether, the question being practically no longer before Grand Lodge for discussion, it was desirable to protract it. It had been moved and seconded to discharge the order, and unless Bro. Binckes desired to oppose that, and retain the motion on the paper, which he presumed was not his object, he should think it was hardly the best time to consider it.

Bro. Binckes said his object in rising was to second Bro. Clabon, at the same time regretting the withdrawal of the motion, but hoping to address a few observations to Grand Lodge. Bowing, however, to his lordship's ruling, he should not attempt to force himself upon Grand Lodge.

Grand Lodge was then closed, and the Earl of Carnarvon departed amidst enthusiastic cheering.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF JAPAN.

AUGUST, 1874.

What may be held as probably the most important event in the Masonic history of Japan since the establishment of the first lodge on its soil some years ago, occurred on Saturday August 15th—the inaugural "communication" of the District Grand Lodge of Japan, holding of the English Constitution. It will be within the recollection of Masonic readers that, some months ago, an application from the brethren composing the lodges under the English Constitution in Japan was laid before the Grand Master of England, for the foundation of a District Grand Lodge; that this prayer was favourably received and finally granted, and that Bro. Chas. H. Dallas, whilst on a visit to the mother country, was installed then and there as the first District Grand Master.

The first General Communication of the newly-constituted District Grand Lodge was convened for 4 o'clock, p.m., on Saturday, the 15th Aug., for the purpose of formally receiving the District Grand Master, and installing the D.D.G.M. and Grand Officers Designate, and for other business of a routine character. About fifty brethren were present, amongst whom we observed visitors from lodges in other parts of Japan, China, Germany, United States, Australia, &c. The Grand Lodge having been duly opened by Past Master A. Mitchell, *O' Tentosama Lodge*, Bro. J. R. Black, P.M. *O' Tentosama Lodge*, D. G. Director of Ceremonies, presented the Warrant of the Grand Lodge of England, received from the hands of the D.G.M. This having been read in open lodge, the D.G.M. was conducted into lodge by three P.M.'s, received with Grand Honours, and inducted into the chair. The D.G.M., after the usual impressive ceremonies attending the installation of the Deputy D.G.M. and officers, declared the District Grand Lodge of Japan duly opened, and proceeded to deliver a masterly inaugural address on the duties and obligations of the brethren, to the Grand Lodge, to their mother lodges, to the Craft generally, and to the world at large. The address concluded with remarks on the ballot.

The District Grand Lodge of Japan is composed and holds precedence as follows:—

Charles H. Dallas, R.W.D.G.M.; William Bourne, W.D.; Major T. W. Kinder, W.D.S.W.; A. Mitchell, W.D.G., Junior; E. J. D. Rothmund, W.D.G. Treasurer; W. H. Freame, W.D.G. Registrar; William A. Crane, W.D.G. President of the District Board of General Purposes; F. Pittman, District Grand Secretary; E. Wheeler, M.D., and Drummond Hay, D.G. Deacons; C. A. McVean, D.G. Superintendent of Works; J. R. Black, D.G. Director of Ceremonies; G. Heimann, D.G. Organist; T. Wallace, D.G. Pursuivant; Bro. Sands of the Rising Sun Lodge, Kobe, and A. Weiller of the Nippon Lodge, Tokio, were elected Vice-Presidents of the District Board of General Purposes. The Grand Stewards have yet to be appointed.

The passing of the Bye-laws, and a vote of thanks to Bros. Bourne and Crane for their

services having been carried, the lodge was closed in due and ancient form. Between forty and fifty brethren sat down to a cold collation, furnished by Bro. W. Curtis, of the Japan Hotel.

The R.W.D.G.M., called upon the brethren to charge their glasses and do honour to the first toast of the evening, "The Queen and the Craft." When they coupled the toasts, "The Queen and the Craft," they drank to her honour as a great and good woman, and in so doing did honour to the Craft to which they belonged.

Received enthusiastically. Air—"God save the Queen," followed by three cheers.

R. W. Bro. Dallas said the next toast he had to propose had quite changed its character within the last few years. Then it was purely a loyal toast; now, he was happy to say, it had a significance which give it additional interest to all Masons. He would call upon them to drink the health of "the Prince of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family." Some years ago the Prince of Wales received from the hands of the King of Sweden the secrets of a Master Mason, and since that time he had been a most efficient and indefatigable worker in the cause of Masonry. He had persevered in his efforts to qualify himself for the highest offices of the Craft, and at this time occupied the position of W.M. of a Craft lodge. A short time ago, he had had the opportunity of examining a statement which had been drawn up, showing the large number of members of the House of Lords, and their sons, belonging to the Craft, and that about 300 members of the House of Commons were enrolled. At no time had Freemasonry held such a position. He hoped that every one present would be an active working Mason, and emulate the example of the brother whose health they were about to drink, in their endeavours to qualify themselves for office, in the respective lodges to which they belonged. Prince Arthur and Prince Leopold were also Masons. There were three leading members of the Royal Family connected with the Craft, and that fact changed the toast from a loyal to a Masonic one. He would therefore call upon all Masons, of whatever nationality, to join with him in drinking the health of the "Prince of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family."

The toast was duly honoured. Song—Bro. Black, "The Prince's Day."

Bro. Piltz, Concordia Lodge, Alton, said, after the toast which had just been received, so very appropriately, he would propose the "Health of the Emperor and Empress of Germany." The Emperor of Germany was the Past Grand Master of all the lodges in Germany, and the Crown Prince was the Present Grand Master. The members of the Craft out here should embrace the members of all nationalities, and unite with them in promoting the good of Masonry.

The R.W.D.G.M. then called upon the brethren to drink the "Health of their Grand Master, the Marquis of Ripon."

Received with the honours.

The next toast the R.W.D.G.M. had to propose was the "United Grand Lodge of England and Wales," including that of the D.G. Lodge of China, coupled with the name of Bro. J. Hodgkins, of Hongkong.

Bro. J. Hodgkins said, the opportunity of addressing the brethren among whom he found himself was most unexpected. It had been his good fortune to be present at the proceedings in the earlier part of the day, and he had witnessed with much pleasure the seed of the Japan Grand Lodge sown, and he trusted the tree and its branches would flourish. He thanked R. W. Bro. Dallas for the kindly remarks concerning himself, and the honour conferred upon him by having his name coupled with such a toast.

The R.W.D.G.M. said, the next toast was one expected to be drunk by English Masons—"The other Grand Lodges of the Universe," coupled with the "Healts of Bro. Heimann, Deputy Master of the Kobe Lodge, working under the Scotch constitution, and Bro. Piltz of the German Grand Lodge."

Bro. C. Heimann, of Kobe Lodge, returned thanks; Bro. Piltz returned thanks on behalf of Germany.

Bro. P.M., J. R. Black said, the next toast would come as a cordial to all hearts. The toast was that of his old friend and brother, the "R.W.D.G.M.," Bro. Dallas. They were largely indebted to Bro. Dallas, whom he might call the father of Freemasonry as now existent in Yokohama. He agreed with the brother from Hongkong as to the use of the black-ball, but he would wish them to bear in mind what Bro. Dallas had said—"use the black-ball, but use it as Masons." He would call upon them to drink the "Health of the R.W.D.G.M., Bro. Chas. H. Dallas," with three times three.

The R.W.D.G.M. rose to return thanks. The few moments he should keep them would hardly be enough to enable him to express all he would like to say. Bro. Black's speech had aroused many old and pleasant memories. He thanked them very much for the kind manner in which they had drunk his health. He would ask every Entered Apprentice to remember that he, as an individual, could do much to make or mar the fortunes of Freemasonry in the land. He, himself, could not do it, his officers could not do it. They all, as Masons, could do it. Without sitting down, he would ask them to honour a toast—one, to himself, of very great self-congratulation—the "D.G. Officers of Japan." He felt sure that all would unite with cordiality in drinking the health of "the District Grand Officers."

Received with cheers.

Bro. W. Bourne, W.D.D.G.M., returned thanks. He would not trespass upon their patience, but leave the subject in abler hands.

Bro. A. Mitchell, W.G.J.W., said, "Them's my sentiments." On the night he was made a Mason, he determined that he would never halt or falter in his progress through Masonry until he had attained to the highest degree he could reach. He thanked them heartily for the manner in which the toast had been received.

The R.W.D.G.M. said, he was about to propose—"The Four W.M.'s and Officers of the Lodges under the jurisdiction of the District Grand Lodge of Japan."—Bros. Geoghegan, Yokohama Lodge; Crane, O'Tentosama Lodge; Weiller, Nippon Lodge, Yedo; and Sands, Rising Sun Lodge, Kobe; and their respective officers.

E. J. Geoghegan, W.M., replied in the name of all the lodges, and particularly of Yokohama Lodge.

W. A. Crane, W.M., joined in the sentiments expressed by W. M. Geoghegan.

Bro. J. H. Boulet, on behalf of Nippon Lodge, (in the absence of the W.M., Bro. Weiller) said they would do all they could to assist the District Grand Lodge.

Bro. J. Drummond-Hay spoke on behalf of Kobe Lodge.

Bro. Mitchell called upon all present to drink the "Health of the Visitors," coupled with the names of W. P. M., F. A. Thiel.

P. M. Thiel replied in suitable terms.

Bro. C. Heimann performed an excellent selection of music on the pianoforte, and Bro. Black sang a Scotch melody.

Bro. J. H. Boulet proposed the "Health of the Ladies;" which he did in a pithy and humorous speech.

Glee—"Here's a health to all good lasses."

Bro. J. Hodgkins, of Hongkong, responded. He hoped to see a Masonic ball in Yokohama; a thing, he believed, as yet unheard-of. After referring to the great success of the last held in Hongkong, in January last, at which 108 ladies were present, he proposed, as a parting toast—it being Saturday night—"Sweethearts and wives."

Received with enthusiasm.

The R.W.D.G.M. gave the "Tyler's Toast," which was honoured in the accustomed manner.

The proceedings were brought to a close "in love, peace, and harmony," by the singing of "Auld Lang Syne," in which the whole of the company joined.

THE COMPLETION OF ST. PAUL'S

The Executive Committee of the St. Paul Completion Fund met on Friday for the purpose of considering the recommendations of the Dean and Chapter with reference to Mr. Burges' designs for the decoration of the Cathedral. The following gentlemen were present:—The Dean of St. Paul's (in the chair), Canon Gregory, Mr. Beresford Hope, M.P.; Sir Gilbert Scott, R. A.; Mr. Cazenove; Mr. Butterworth; Rev. W. Webb; Mr. Gambier Parry; Mr. Walter M.P.; Mr. John Murray; Mr. James Fergusson, F.R.S.; Mr. G. Cavendish Bentinck, M.P.; Mr. Oldfield; Mr. W. Longman; Mr. W. C. Shos (secretary). The Dean of St. Paul's read the resolutions adopted by the Chapter, which were as follows:—"That though the Dean and Chapter have given a general approval to the design submitted by Mr. Burges, they think that considering the divided state of opinion in the executive committee, and also in their own body, it is desirable to suspend for the present any attempt to proceed with the decoration of the Cathedral. They recommend that steps should be taken for rescinding the agreement with Messrs. Burges and Penrose, which has been found to be highly inconvenient in its working. They hoped that the committee, in dealing with Mr. Burges, would treat him with the liberality to which in their judgment his professional eminence and his services alike entitle him. That, subject to the expression of an adverse opinion in the executive committee, the Dean and Chapter deem it advisable to withdraw the permission given by them on the 21st of July, that temporary experiments should be made on the walls of the apse of the Cathedral with a view to illustrate the effect of Mr. Burges's plan. That these resolutions be communicated by the Dean to the executive committee." Mr. Beresford Hope, M.P., rising to propose a motion, said that no one could wish St. Paul's to be completed according to any plan which did not commend itself to the people, but he considered that the agreement entered into with Mr. Burges should not be "rescinded," but postponed, course which Mr. Burges, who had believed throughout in a most handsome and gentleman-like way, was ready to accept. In the cause of peace, goodwill, and a future satisfactory completion of St. Paul's, Mr. Beresford Hope proposed the following resolution:

1. That this committee, in compliance with the resolution passed by the Chapter of St. Paul's on the 3rd of November, agree to suspend for the present the work of the decoration of St. Paul's; 2, that this committee will not proceed with the experimental painting of the apse; 3, that this committee is of opinion that the rescinding or revising the agreement with Mr. Burges should also, for the present, be postponed." Mr. Wm. Longman, in seconding Mr. Beresford Hope's resolution, spoke against the termination of engagement made with Mr. Burges. He said that at all events, for postponing for six months so the consideration of the rescinding or cancelling the agreement. Mr. Walter, in wishing the agreement cancelled, while Sir Gilbert Scott, expressed his intention to vote for Mr. Beresford Hope's motion. Mr. Cavendish Bentinck moved that steps should be taken with a view to cancel the agreement, and this was seconded by Canon Gregory, although for his own part he approved Mr. Burges's designs, felt, however, that under the circumstances would be best to begin *de novo*. The following resolution was proposed by the Dean and seconded by Canon Gregory, and was carried by a majority of nine to four:—"The committee agree to comply with the recommendation of the Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's that steps should be taken for rescinding the agreement with Messrs. Burges and Penrose which has been found to be highly inconvenient in its working." It was then proposed by the Dean, seconded by Mr. Longman, and carried unanimously, that "the question of Mr. Burges's remuneration for work hitherto done be referred to the Finance Committee."

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EGYPTIAN LODGE (No. 27).—The election of this old lodge was held on the 3rd of Anderton's Hotel. Bro. Charles Atkins, presided, and besides having a full lodge members, was supported by most of his Past Masters Poole, Harrison, Buss, Buss, C. B. Payne, Hoare, Libbis and Shep-Bros. Mountstephen, Grammer and were passed to the second degree, and Topp and Walbrook, were initiated. Time arriving for the election of the year of the ensuing year, Bro. Lamble, S.W., was chosen for that office. Bro. H. G. Buss, was unanimously elected Treasurer, great cheering, and Bro. Potter was T. Bro. Buss was presented with a gold P.M. jewel, with which he was elected by the W.M., for his great services to the lodge as its Master in 1850, and for twenty years as its Secretary. Bro. Buss having edged the gift with great heartiness, Bro. Buss announced that he was going to stand for the Egyptian Lodge at the next of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and the lodge voted the sum of £200 on his list. Several members of the lodge already placed their names on it. The lodge were then elected, and a Past Master's office was voted to Bro. C. Atkins, to be present on his leaving the chair of the lodge. The lodge afterwards partook of one of Bro. Buss's capital banquets, which was superintended by Bro. George Smith, and on the return of the cloth, honoured the customary Bro. Buss's name was coupled with the "The Masonic Charities," and in reply an admirably designed brief sketch of the story of each of the Institutions from which they were founded, of what their work was, and showed from figures how large they furnished for the support which was extended to them. Bro. Lamble proposed for "The W.M. elect," and promised his endeavours to maintain the efficiency of the lodge, both by his own working and his assistance to his assistant officers. The evening was ended by some excellent singing, in which Bro. David Jacobs bore a conspicuous

Royal Cumberland Lodge (No. 41).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Public Hall, Bath, on Thursday, December 30 p.m. The chair of W.M. was taken by Bro. Major J. W. Preston, and P.M. by Bro. R. Carey. There were present Bros. J. Clark, S.W.; W. H. W.; T. Wilton, D.C.; Ashley, Treasurer (acting as Secretary); Falkner, Wilkinson (acting as J.D.); Gunnier, I.G.; Broome, Tyler; about 20 members of the lodge, and Bro. Dr. Hopkins, P.P. of Warwickshire, P.M., P.Z., &c., as the lodge having been opened, the

circular convening the meeting was read, and also the minutes of the previous meeting, which were confirmed. Bros. Hunt and Merlis were examined as to their proficiency, and then desired to retire for preparation. In their absence, the lodge was opened in the Second Degree. On their admission they were passed to the rank of F.C. by the W.M., at whose request the charge was given by Bro. Dr. Hopkins. The lodge was then closed in the second degree. As the candidates who had been just passed, had not, on their initiation, heard the Lecture on the Tracing Board of the First Degree, the visiting brother was requested to give it, with which he of course complied. On inquiry being made by the W.M. as to any other business to be brought before the lodge, by permission, the visiting brother referred to the last important publication of his friend, Bro. Hughan, entitled, "Memorials of the Masonic Union of A.D. 1813, &c.," the result of which was a resolution that a copy should be purchased for the lodge. Bro. Carey, I.P.M., proposed a gentleman for initiation, and Bro. Dr. Hopkins as a joining member, both to be balloted for at the next meeting. The lodge was closed, in perfect harmony, at 9.30.

LODGE OF JOPPA (No. 188).—The annual meeting of this lodge for the election of W.M. was held on Monday evening at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, Bro. Obed Roberts, W.M., presiding. The lodge was well attended, and Bros. Hickman, S.W.; A. Dodson, J.W.; L. Anerham, Treasurer; E. P. Albert, P.M., Secretary; L. Lazarus, S.D.; Miller, J.D.; E. P. Van Noorden, Organist; and Bros. Berkowitz, L. Alexander; I. Abrahams, M. Alexander, and H. M. Levy, P.M.'s, were in their places. After the formal business of opening the lodge and reading and confirming the minutes had been performed, Bro. Isaac was passed to the Second Degree. Bros. J. Levi, Botibol, and A. Moore, were raised to the Third Degree. One brother, a member of the Grand Orient, Bro. Hennington, was elected a joining member. There were three candidates for initiation, and two of these, Messrs. E. I. Samuels, and G. Botibol were initiated into the Order by Bro. H. M. Levy, P.M.; by the kind permission of the W.M.; and one, Mr. I. Botibol, by the W.M. himself. When the brethren had elected a W.M. for the ensuing year, their choice was found to have fallen on Bro. Hickman, S.W., who was unanimously elected to fill the chair. Bro. L. Anerham, was re-elected Treasurer of the lodge, and Bro. Woodstock, T. Trustees were afterwards elected for the Benevolent Fund of the Joppa Lodge, and after the names of three candidates for initiation had been given in, the sum of Five Guineas from the lodge funds was voted towards a testimonial to Bro. Roberts, in acknowledgment of his services to the lodge during his year of office, the individual brethren at the same time liberally contributing to the object. A Committee was appointed for the purpose of carrying it out, after which the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. Although this was not a banquet, the customary Masonic toasts followed the partaking of it, and in responding for that of the "Benevolent Fund," Bro. L. Alexander, P.M., informed the brethren that Bro. T. Abrahams, P.M., had qualified himself as a V.P., and the newly-initiated had severally contributed to it. After the initiates had responded to the toast proposed in their honour, Bro. L. Alexander gave the toast of "The W.M.," which was received with great enthusiasm. Bro. Roberts acknowledged the compliment, and proposed "The W.M. Elect," who, he informed the brethren, was in every way qualified to perform the duties of the chair. Bro. Hickman replied, in a style which fully confirmed the wisdom of the brethren's choice. Bros. Swallow, W.M. 382, and Scott, responded for the visitors, and Bro. I. Abrahams for the P.M.'s. The Wardens, Treasurer, and Secretary were also remembered, and the W.M. then said he had a toast perhaps a little out of the ordinary routine to give, but he should nevertheless give it. That toast was "The Health of Bro. Jennings," who, as manager of the Albion, had always ably and kindly attended to the creature comforts of the brethren, assisted

by Bro. Keeping. Bro. Jennings thanked the W.M. and brethren for their consideration, and the brethren soon after separated.

OXFORD.—*Apollo University Lodge (No. 357).*—At the regular monthly meeting of this lodge, held on Nov. 24th, the following brethren were present:—Bros. F. P. Morrel, W.M.; Col. the Hon. W. E. Sackville West, S.W.; R. I. Williamson, J.W.; Bird, P.M., Treas.; Pickard, P.M.; Frankland Hood, S.D.; C. J. S. Spedding, J.D.; Leadham, Hunter Blair, Stewards; Butler, I.G. Bros. Eversley, Berrington, Hill, G. Campbell, Bodley, Macnamara, R. H. Collins and others. Bros. Hill, Harter, and Macnamara were passed to the second degree. The following gentlemen were balloted for successfully, and were subsequently duly initiated in Freemasonry by the W.M.:—Messrs. Dunston, Sandeman, Bingley, Harding, G. Harterly, Weatherly and Broadbent. The next business was the election of the W.M. for the ensuing year. The choice of the brethren fell on the Rev. H. Adair Pickard, P. Prov. S.G.W., who has twice before filled the chair of the Apollo Lodge. Bro. Bird, P.M., was re-elected to the office of Treasurer. After a vote of £10 each to the Benevolent Institution and the Girls' School had been passed, on the motion of the Treasurer, the lodge was closed in ancient form. A meeting of this lodge was held for the purpose of instruction on Friday, Nov. 27th. The following brethren filled the various offices:—Bros. H. S. Butler, W.M.; H. Adair Pickard, I.P.M.; Gordon Campbell, S.W.; J. E. C. Bodley, J.W.; Paget, Sec.; R. C. E. Cust, S.D.; W. P. Eversley, J.D.; Glencross, I.G. The ceremony of initiation was ably worked by the W.M., and at its conclusion the lodge was opened and closed in the higher degrees. Bro. G. Campbell was appointed W.M. for the next meeting and chose as his officers: Bros. Bodley, S.W.; Paget, J.W.; Eversley, S.D.; Glencross, J.D.; Cust, I.G. The lodge was then closed in due form. An emergency meeting of the lodges was held on Dec. 1st. for raisings only. The following officers were present:—Bros. F. Parker Morrell, W.M.; R. I. Williamson, S.W.; W. P. Eversley, J.W.; H. G. Barron, S.D.; I. S. Leadham, S.D.; H. S. Butler, I.G. Eleven brethren having duly answered the questions in the second degree were raised to the sublime degree of a M.M. The ceremony was a most impressive one, and a sight was afforded to the brethren which is rarely seen in any lodge, of eleven candidates being raised on the same evening. The names of the candidates were Bros. Allenby, Berrington, Barker, Combe, Elcum, Hedges, Knollys, Meredith, Rust, Treffry, and Vane. After two gentlemen had been proposed for initiation, the lodge was closed in due form.

SPHINX LODGE (No. 1329).—On Saturday, November 21st, the usual anniversary and installation meeting of the Sphinx Lodge was held at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, when Bro. J. H. Vockins, one of the founders, was installed as Master. These anniversary meetings have always been highly prized by the brethren, and on this occasion nearly forty, exclusive of visitors, sat down to the banquet. This satisfaction, indeed, seems sometimes to have been too highly prized, for during the past incumbency curious discussions arose whether, according to a debated bye-law, they were not compelled to hold two anniversary meetings in the course of a year. Now some time since the Sphinx having migrated from her old castle haunts at Camberwell, has been so well groomed and cared for in her new quarters, that, growing fat and sleek like a civilized animal, was thought to be quite reclaimed. Still, as is maintained by philosophers, old habits stick fast, and what is bred in the bone there remains, so in consequence of this old sybilline (bye)-law, she fell back to ancient habit and propounded a new riddle.

"How shall I twice a day on earth
Have a festal day of mirth?"

Far and wide did the poor animal roam, posing the passers-by with her conundrum, a greater part of whom wisely declined the dilemma. At last she met her pre-destined Iacosta, who replied—

"When twice a year comes April day,
Without doubt thou'lt have thy way!"

The poor animal, horrified at having her riddle so quaintly unriddled fell, after the manner of Sphinxes, into a phrensy, and it was even feared London Bridge might be the scene of another Springian catastrophe. Brethren differed as to the seat of the malady and its treatment, and Sphinxlike riddled again.

"O tell me where is phrensy bred,
When begot, and nourished,
Or in the heart, or in the head."

Never since the time of the Big Endians and the Little Endians was there such a divergence. No Iacosta now appeared, and all councils broke up leaving the poor Sphinx gasping.
(Exeunt dan santes omnes).

Scene, an old castle on the weald of Cawter; shepherds and Shepherdesses in the distance.

A doctor, celebrated in such cases, was then called in, under whose very soothing drafts and healing words she soon threw off her malady, and trotted forth whole and sound. The talented restorer was Dr. the W. Grand Secretary, and he honoured the lodge on this occasion by his presence, being also a honorary member, to assure himself of her happy recovery. The evening had commenced by the installation of Bro. J. Hadland Vockins as W.M., the ceremony having been impressively performed by Bro. Bedolfe, the retiring incumbent. On assuming his position Bro. Vockins proceeded to initiate three gentlemen, Messrs. T. C. Reynolds, Marden, and Gwimple, the former a Lewis, being son of the respected Treasurer. The brethren then adjourned to the dining-room, which was very pleasingly decorated in festal style, and where the banquet was served à la Russe, the excellency and variety of the viands and the quality of the wines reflecting great credit on the worthy host and Bro. Spencer. The W.M. was supported on his right by the W. Bro. Hervey, G. Sec., and the visitors, amongst whom Bros. Wells, Wingham, Hyde, Larham, Green, Oliver, &c. On the left the P.M.'s of the lodge, Bros. Bedolfe, Clark, and Nairne, &c. In face were the newly appointed officers, Bro. Sugden, and Abbott-Dunbar; Treas. and Sec., Reynolds and Andrews; Junior officers, Bros. Lyon, Bryant, Martin, Ricks, Mansell, Barsdorf, &c. On the cloth being removed, the usual toasts were drunk, the Prince of Wales being highly prized. The W. Bro. Hervey responded for the Grand Officers, and in one of those neat and kindly speeches which at all times characterise him, and stated the pleasure he felt in again visiting a lodge which, when in an infant state, he assisted to consecrate, but now developed into the numerous and influential association he now saw. The health of Bro. Vockins, W.M. was then proposed, who, in return, expressed his thanks for the high position he that day held, and the honourable "assistance" by which he was surrounded, and called upon those around him to assist earnestly in the endeavour, by liberal donations on this festive occasion, to alleviate the trials of the orphan and widow. A liberal collection was then made. On the health of the I.M.P. being drunk, a renunciation of the Big-and-little-Indian dispute was publicly made—

"As if to show with how small pain
Masonic sores are healed again;
Although by woeful truth we find
They often leave a scar behind."

The "Health of the Visitors" was responded to by Bros. Wells and Wingham. Bros. Clark and Nairne also responded suitably to the manner in which the lodge expressed its satisfaction at the services of those brothers. Harmony prevailed, songs were sung, and merrily passed the hour. The Sphinx again took to her old work of riddling, when the motto of the lodge, "What is Man?" being propounded, Bro. Barsdorf produced the following:—

WHAT IS MAN?

Meus ignis, tubulus corpus, mihi atque,
fumus,

Herba panis, clavus fata, suprema cinis.
"Though at my simile many may joke,
Man is but a pipe; this life but smoke."
Of lordly man how humbling is the type—
A fleeting shadow—a tobacco-pipe!
His mind the fire, his frame the tube of clay;
His breath the smoke, so idly puffed away.

His food the herb that fills the hollow bowl;
Death is the stopper—ashes end the whole.
Another and another passed, when a brother
from the East produced an inscription supposed
to have been "marked" on the foundation-
stone of King Solomon's temple—

"Is ab illo æs ago
Fortibus in aro."

All tried, but failed; even the School Board
gave in, when the same expert, Bro. Barsdorf,
sent in this atrocity:—

"I say, Bill O'er's a go!—
Forty boys in a ro!"

The lodge was convulsed, and was only prevented from executing summary justice by the fear of preventing the immediate recognition of the "Mark" by the Grand Lodge. Thus happily passed the evening; and when at length the Tyler's toast reminded the good brethren of the claims of their domestic hearths, they retired (save a few who remained to toast one saint more), conscious of having enjoyed, under happy circumstances, that pleasure which disinterested friendship can alone afford.

MARQUIS OF RIPON LODGE (No. 1489).—
A meeting of this new lodge, which has made great progress since its establishment six months ago, was held yesterday week, in the hall of the Metropolitan Societies' Asylum, Balls Pond-road. There was a capital attendance of officers and lay members, who were presided over by Bro. W. Stephens, W.M. Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., was P.M., and there were the following visitors present:—Bros. Fredk. Smith, P.M. 177; Miles, P.M. 1365; Watkinson, 813; Cohu, 192; Kew, P.M. 179; Eredk. Dalton, 1364; Poulton, 192; Lee, 975; Parkhouse, 1364; W. D. Badkin, 1445; Stiles, 1507; Thompson, 160; Massey, (Freemason) P.M. 619. The work of the evening consisted of raising Bros. S. J. Parker and W. Gray, passing Bro. F. A. Hawthorn, and initiating Messrs. Fredericks and Mayers. The brethren were informed by Bro. James Brett, that the Whittington Lodge (No. 862) had presented the collar jewels to the Marquis of Ripon Lodge, wishing then a long career of prosperity. Upon the motion of the W.M., a vote of thanks was passed and ordered to be recorded on the minutes, and forwarded to the Whittington Lodge for the handsome present. The W.M. proposed, and Bro. Miller, P.M., Organist, seconded the gift of one guinea as a Christmas box to the attendants at the asylum where the lodge met. This was carried unanimously, and Bro. Starkey, of Lodge No. 132, Scotch Constitution, was elected a joining member. There being no further business before the lodge, the brethren closed down, and took the train to London, where they banqueted at Bro. Hart's refreshment-room, at the Broad-street Terminus. In giving the toasts on the removal of the cloth, the W.M. remarked that since they last met in that room a great change had come over the spirit of their dream. The nobleman whose name was given to this lodge was no longer Grand Master, but they had the Prince of Wales in his stead. Anyone who knew H.R.H. as a Freemason knew full well that this was likely to promote the interests of the Order. The toast of "The Earl of Carnarvon, as Pro-Grand Master, &c.," was next proposed, and the W.M. in giving it, said that within the last two days they had heard from his lordship's lips what he intended to do for Freemasonry. They knew what he had done already, and had every reason to believe that he would continue to act in a similar way. They were also much pleased to hear that Lord Skelmersdale had been appointed Deputy Grand Master, as he had made his mark in Freemasonry both in and out of his province. Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., responded, and repeated the sentiments of the W.M. with respect to the Pro-Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master. The rest of the Grand Officers were all well known to the brethren, and what they had done was one of the household words of Freemasonry. As to the change which had occurred in the Grand Mastership, if the Order had lost one good Mason it had certainly found another, who would do honour to the Craft, and he thought that, with such men as the Prince of

Wales Lord Carnarvon, and Lord Skelmersdale if they were not capable of carrying on the business of Freemasonry now they would not have an opportunity of doing so. Bro. Brett afterwards proposed "The W.M., and refer to the great advance the lodge had made since his Mastership. He spoke of him as an excellent working Mason and an indefatigable brother, not only in this lodge and the Clap Lodge, but as attending the different lodges connected with the administration of the Craft affairs at Freemasons' Hall. At the banquet table also he was an excellent president, and was his pleasure and delight to entertain guests. The W.M., in reply, thanked Bro. Brett, and assured the brethren that what he had been in the past he would be in the future, and was pleased that anything he had done met with the approbation of the brethren. The toast "The Initiates" followed, and both of the brethren returned thanks. The toast of "Visitors" was acknowledged by Bro. F. Smith, P.M. 862, Bro. Walford, P.M. responded "The Treasurer," and Bro. W. Jones, P.M., P.G.D.C. Norths and Hunts, for "The Secretary. All the officers responded individually to the toast drunk to them, and the W.M. solicited subscriptions to the list he was carrying up for the Steward for the Girls' School, which already amounted to a considerable amount. The W.M. said he had also on his list a large sum, the five names contributing Fifty Guineas, (cheerfully). The brethren shortly after separated, having spent a delightful evening.

INSTRUCTION.

PECKHAM LODGE OF INSTRUCTION (held at the Maismore Arms, Peckham Park-road, on the warrant of the Peckham Lodge), No. 1489, 26th Nov., 1874. Many brethren, both at home and abroad, will read with unfeigned pleasure the agreeable news that the Anniversary Meeting of this Lodge of Instruction was a complete success. With the slightest deviation from the appointed hour, all was ready, and the brethren having satisfactorily discussed various enjoyables provided by the new brethren and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts have been given and duly responded to, the W.M. of the Peckham Lodge, Bro. Watkins (who presided as chairman) rose, and in that urbane manner so peculiarly his own, informed the brethren that since their last meeting, a decided improvement had taken place in the management of the proceedings of the lodge, owing to which, he believed, might be attributed the average increase of attendance. Furthermore, that with all the difficulties the noble charities had not been gotten; in fact, brethren, it is with feelings of gratification I announce to you that the sum of fifty guineas has been subscribed during the past year. (Loud Applause.) The Venerable then addressed himself to the Preceptor of the Lodge, P.M. Rose, Mount Lebanon, No. 73, brethren have much to thank you for. For your kind generous services, this lodge may feel, have received a severe check. The brethren appreciating the ability you have shown steering our barque through the shoals of adversity, and as it were, guiding us into this port of success, have desired me to present to this gold chain, as a slight token of their esteem and fraternal regard. Bro. Rose, who was visibly affected, said: W.M. and brethren token of esteem and recognition of my services as Preceptor of this lodge is highly gratifying to me, not so much for the beauty of the chain and glittering metal presented; it proves to me a doubt that I have been successful in securing the affections of the brethren of this lodge out which, it would be nearly impossible to part that knowledge of our beautiful ceremony which is so essentially requisite for those who aspire to the honour of the chair. W.M. brethren: I thank you much for your kindness and with a striving humbleness of mind that the G.A.O.T.U. will long continue to me health and strength to promulgate the tenets of our noble Order in this City of Instruction. Some good Masonic recitations added to the harmony of the brethren who sang being accompanied by the pianoforte by Bro. Pritchard.

Scotland.

GLASGOW.

LODGE GLASGOW KILWINNING (No. 4).—The members of this lodge met on Wednesday inst., in their Hall, at 170, Buchanan-street, R.W.M., Bro. A. B. Thorburn, presided, amongst visiting brethren were Bro. J. B. Mcnair, R.W.M. Lodge Union, 332; and Bro. John Wallace, R.W.M. Lodge Athole, 413. The business of the evening was the election and installation of office-bearers, the following being appointed for the ensuing year:—R.W.M. B. Thorburn; D.M., R. B. Prout; S.M. G. Jamieson; S.W., W. S. Henderson; V., George Holms; Treasurer, J. D. Dixon; Secretary, John Currie; P.G.S., Johnstone; J., J. Mills; J.D., J. Carmichael; S.S., W. Lock; J.S., J. Bowring; Chaplain, C. Smith; Architect, J. B. Orr; M. of C., W. Grossett; Weller, W. Gourlay; B.B., A. Rowan; I.G., in Barclay; S.B., Henry Forsyth.

LODGE ST. MUNGO (No. 27) met in St. Mark's Hall, 213, Buchanan-street, on Thursday night, 3rd inst. The R.W.M., Bro. Dugald Miller, presided, and the lodge being opened on E.A. degree, three candidates, duly vouched were initiated into the mysteries of that degree by Bro. Alex. Bain, P.M. Lodge Union Crown, 103. There was no other business at the meeting, which was accordingly closed in due and ancient form.

LODGE CALLEDONIAN RAILWAY (No. 354).—The usual bi-monthly meeting of this lodge, in St. Mark's Hall, Buchanan-street, on the 4th inst., there was a large attendance of members and visiting brethren; the business being the installation of the office-bearers elected for the ensuing year. The R.W.M., Bro. James W. A. Arrick Smith, P.M.; D. Buchanan, I.; Wm. H. Caldwell, S.M.; A. McTaggart, P.G. Sec.; John Fraser, P.M. 87; A. B. 103; and John Wallace, R.W.M. 413. The lodge having been opened on the E.A. degree, the ceremonies during installation were conducted with the work being performed in an impressive manner by Bro. McTaggart, assisted by Bro. Fraser. The following is the list of office-bearers as re-arranged:—James Shaw, P.M.; D. Buchanan, D.M.; W. H. Caldwell, S.M.; John Stafford, S.W.; A. B. Ferguson, J.W.; A. Carmichael, Treas.; William R. O. Sec.; Jno. Harley, S.D.; D. Leitch, S.D.; Colin McKenzie, Jeweller; Jas. Houston, D.D.; Colin More, D. of C.; Jas. Douglas, Secretary; John Dorman, Chief Steward; Robert Wat, I.G.; John Burton Hardie, O.G. At the conclusion of the installation, the R.W.M. expressed the gratification it gave him to see again elected to that position, which he esteemed very highly, and thanked Bro. McTaggart and Fraser very highly for coming forward and giving their valuable support and assistance that evening. Bro. McTaggart, on behalf of both, briefly addressed the brethren, nothing gave him greater pleasure than to be at the post of duty when he was wanted, and if he could be of any service they had only to call upon him and he would be ready (applause). Thereafter, the lodge adjourned to refreshment, when "Proposed Lodge 354" was proposed by Bro. Bain, which was expressed himself much pleased with what he had seen of the appearance and working of the lodge that night. The R.W.M., in replying, said that he took credit to himself for the fact of having his past twelve months of office duty had not been a single matter of disagreement in the lodge, while any little shortcomings he might have exhibited, he would do most to put right in the future. He felt that he should be supported in the work of office-bearers that night installed, and that they would go on harmoniously. They held a name, a foremost position in the province, they ought to make it their study to keep it (applause). Amongst the remaining toasts "Visiting Brethren," coupled with the name of Bro. McLellan, of Lodge St. George, Edinburgh (503), who replied; "The Musical Present," acknowledged by Bro. John &c. We have but to add that the pro-

ceedings at refreshment were much enlivened by the excellent singing of Bros. Good, James Houston, and James Perston.

LODGE COMMERCIAL (No. 360).—The regular meeting of this most prosperous lodge was held on Friday, 4th inst., Bro. John Monro, R.W.M., in the chair, supported by Bros. J. Brodè, P.M.; D. Lamb, D.M.; J. M. Olliver, S.W.; Jas. Craig, J.W. The lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. The Treasurer, Bro. Wm. Finlay, rose, and said it gave him much pleasure to be able to inform the brethren that Lodge Commercial was in a most flourishing financial position; that, after paying for the fitting up of their new lodge-room in the most comfortable and Masonic style, there was still a good round sum in hand. Several matters were discussed in connection with the lodge and Freemasonry in general, and propositions made, which were held over until next meeting. The office of Substitute Master being vacant, it was proposed by Bro. J. Brodè, P.M., and seconded by Bro. D. Lamb, D.M., that Bro. J. E. Spiers be appointed to this office, which was duly carried. There being no further business, the lodge was closed in due and ancient form.

LODGE CLYDE (No. 408).—The annual election and installation of office-bearers in this lodge took place on Friday evening, 4th inst., in the hall at 170, Buchanan-street. Bro. Duncan Downie, the retiring W.M., occupied the chair at the opening of the proceedings, in the E. A. degree, and two candidates duly approved, received that degree at his hands. The election of office-bearers was then proceeded with, at the close of which Bro. William Harper was with due form installed as R.W.M. by Bro. Thos. Halkett, P.G.S.D., assisted by Bros. A. Bain, P.M. 103; J. B. Macnair, R.W.M. 332; and J. Downie, P.M. 401. Bro. Halkett having delivered a very excellent charge to the new R.W.M., and the latter having suitably replied, the other office-bearers were then duly installed, as follows:—J. S. Black, S.M.; J. McInnes, S.W.; Wm. Bilsland, J.W.; R. Bowie, Sec.; J. Stewart, Treas.; R. W. Merriam, S.D.; W. S. Williamson, J.D.; A. Strathern, Chaplain; D. S. Mitchell, P.G.S.; J. McCall, S.S.; H. Kelly, J.S.; J. Harkness, B.B.; J. Archer, S.B.; J. Marton, Jeweller; J. Blackstock, Architect; R. Wallace, I.G.; D. Ramsay, O.G. The lodge having been called from labour to refreshment, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. That of "The Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow," having been coupled with the name of Bro. Halkett, the latter replied. It gave him great pleasure, he said, to acknowledge a toast which not only been so heartily pledged by them that evening, but which was similarly received in every lodge in the province. This showed he thought at least that the Prov. Grand Lodge was giving much satisfaction in the province. It was the oldest P.G.L. in Scotland, he might state, having been erected soon after Grand Lodge of Scotland itself. The speaker then referred to the Benevolent Fund, connected with the P.G.L., by means of which they had been able to do a vast amount of good. During last year they had disbursed in private over £150. At the same time they had been able to invest the sum of £450, and they expected shortly to be able to raise their charity to a position it had never before known. Referring in conclusion to the benefit which had accrued from the annual visitation, by the P.G.L. of the various lodges within the province, Bro. Halkett said he could now affirm that there was not one of the latter which was not now working in truly Masonic manner. Amongst other toasts which followed were "Visiting Brethren," acknowledged by Bros. Bain, 103; and McKirdy, 332; "The Senior and Junior Wardens," by P.M., Bro. Downie, acknowledged by the S.W., &c. Thereafter the lodge was recalled to labour, and closed in due form.

LODGE ST. ANDREW (No. 465).—An unusually large meeting (fully 150 brethren having signed the Tyler's book) of this lodge was held on Thursday, 3rd inst., in their Hall, at 69, Garnagad-road, the business being the election and installation of office-bearers for the ensuing year. The R.W.M., Bro. David Reid, presided, and the brethren appointed to office were duly

installed by Bro. William Phillips, R.W.M. Clydesdale (556) as follows.—David Reid, R.W.M.; James Gray, D.M.; James McLeish, S.W.; James Clark, J.W.; Geo. B. Davidson, J.W.; Robert Donaldson, Treasurer; William Campbell, Secretary; Rev. Wm. E. Bradshaw, Chaplain; James Morton, S.P.; Alexander McCallum, J.D.; Joseph Bradburn, Jeweller; Dugald McPherson, Architect; John Anderson, Director of Ceremonies; Robert Charlton, Bible Bearer; Joseph Coldwell, Standard Bearer; Charles McDonald, Sword Bearer; Thomas Turnbull, Director of Music; John McDonald, P.G.S.; Alexander Cleland, S.S.; Andrew Knight, J.S.; Robert Maxwell, I.G. Peter Johnstone, Tyler.

GLASGOW CHAPTER (No. 50)—This now prosperous chapter held an emergency meeting in their Hall, 213 Buchanan-street, on Friday the 4th inst., when the R.A. degrees were conferred on the following brethren, some of whom were about to leave the kingdom: Messrs. David Hay, John McGregor, D.R. McLachlan, and Robt. Barclay Shaw, all members of Lodge St. John, No. 3, and Bro. John Davidson, of the Lodge Athole 413. Bro. John Miller wrought the Mark degree in a very lucid and impressive manner. The Exct. degree was given by Bro. Jas. Duthie, assisted by Bro. J. O. Park. The R.A.C. was opened with Comp. Miller the 1st Principal of the Chapter, as Z. Comp. J. O. Park, (acting) H., and Comp. J. Duthie (acting) J. Comps. Wheeler, Brownlie, and McKenzie, as Sojourners. The work on this degree was performed by Comp. Duthie, Comp. McKenzie assisting as 1st Soj. As soon as the work was done, the S.E. read the minute he had prepared of the meeting; which was confirmed, and the chapter was then closed in ancient form.

CAMPBELTOWN.—The brethren of the Campbeltown St. John's Lodge, No. 14, met on Monday night 30th ult., (Eve of St. Andrew), and elected office-bearers for the ensuing year. Chas. MacTaggart, Esq., banker, was elected R.W.M.; Messrs. Robt. Alexander, P.M.; Robert Jamieson, S.W.; John Wardrope, J.W.; Thos. Cochrane, Treasurer; A. Campbell, Secretary; Wm. Rae, Chaplain; A. Galbraith, S.D.; Arch. Keith, J.D.; John Ralston, Tyler.

INVERARY.—Lodge St. John's (No. 70).—At the annual meeting on Monday, 30th ult., the following office-bearers were appointed:—G. M. Wright, R.W.M.; J. Rose, D.M.; N. Lemon, S.M.; J. Campbell, S.W.; D. Stewart, J.W.; A. M. Ross, Secretary and Treasurer; D. Sutherland, S.S.; Wm. Marchmont, J.S.; A. Guthrie, S.D.; Alex. M'Donald, J.D.; Alex. Guthrie, P.M.; Robert M'Farlane, Chaplain.

DREGHORN.—CONSECRATION OF A NEW LODGE.—The consecration of the St. Matthew (Kilwinning) Dreghorn Lodge, No. 549, and installation of the office-bearers took place at the Crown Hotel, Dreghorn, on Monday, 30th ult. The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in ancient form by Bro. Colonel Mure, M.P., the R.W.M. of Mother Kilwinning, and Provincial Grand Master of Ayrshire, and in the presence of Bros. R. W. Cochran Patrick, of Woodside, S.P.G.M.; Roger Montgomerie, M.P., P.M. of Mother Kilwinning; W. Ralston Patrick of Trearne, D.M. of Mother Kilwinning; Rev. A. Inglis, Prov. G. Chaplain; Rev. Mr. Sime, Past P.G.C.; R. Wylie, P.G.S.; John Whinton, P.G.T.; John Mackay, R.W.M. of St. John's (Kilwinning), Kilmarnock, Acting P.G.S.W. and W. D. M'Jannet, R.W.M. of Irvine St. Andrew's, Acting Provincial Grand Junior Warden; Hugh Shaw, Past Master of the St. Marnock, Kilmarnock; and A. Turnbull, P.M. of St. Andrew's, Kilmarnock. Deputations were also present from several lodges, numbering in all about five hundred brethren. The new lodge has already a very large membership. The interesting ceremony of consecration was performed by the Provincial Grand Master assisted by the Provincial Grand Chaplain, and other provincial office-bearers—the choir, during the solemn services, singing several pieces of sacred music, and accompanied by the harmonium. The presentation of Bro. J. Nisbet, R.W.M. of the Lodge St. Matthew (Kilwinning), Dreghorn, for the benefit of installation, was made by Bro. R. W. Cochran Patrick, and after a full Board

of Installed Masters had been constituted, the Master received the chair degree. The following were subsequently named and invested in their respective offices:—D. Connel, D.M.; N. Gillies, S.M.; P. Strachan, S.W.; D. Reid, J.W.; A. Heron, Sec.; S. Stewart, Treas.; T. Colquhoun, S.D.; J. Aitken, J.D.; A. Lindsay, S.S.; J. Lindsay, J.S.; R. M'Mutrie, I.G.; and J. Armour, Tyler. At the close of the installation ceremonies, the Provincial Grand Master delivered an eloquent address on the nature and principles of the Order, paid a passing tribute to the memory of the many distinguished brethren who had been removed from amongst the Craft since he (Colonel Mure) was last in lodge assembled, and alluded to the bright future that was before the Order, with the Prince of Wales at the head of the Craft in England. His address was replete with sound advice, and listened to with marked attention by all the brethren present. The Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed in ample form. The brethren afterwards had a torch-light procession, accompanied with an instrumental band, creating no little stir and excitement in the village.

Royal Arch.

HIGHBRIDGE.—*Vals of Jehosaphat Chapter* (No. 291).—The quarterly convocation of this chapter was held on Friday, the 27th ult., at the Masonic-room, Highbridge, at 2 o'clock, when there were present:—Comps. R. C. Else, Z.; F. R. Prideaux, H.; J. B. Marwood, J.; J. Burnett, E.; R. Salisbury, W.; F. Cornwall, P.S.; Lieut. Gen. Mumbee, P.Z.; R. Heriman, P.Z.; W. H. Davies, Z. 1,222; T. Thwait, P.Z.; and a number of other companions of the chapter. The business upon the agenda paper was transacted, and Bro. W. M. Forty of the Rural Philanthropic Lodge, duly exalted. The Principals for the ensuing year were then installed in ancient and proper form, viz., Comps. F. R. Prideaux, Z.; J. B. Marwood, H.; J. Burnett, J.; the ceremonies of exaltation and installation being performed by the M.E.Z. and P. Z., Comp. R. C. Else, in the most impressive, solemn, and effective manner. The companions afterwards partook of a banquet at the hotel, presided over by the M.E.Z., Comp. F. R. Prideaux, and separated in great harmony, the only mar to their enjoyment being the absence, through severe illness, of their beloved companion, Capt. H. Bridges, P.Z.

Red Cross of Constantine.

One of the most successful gatherings of the members of this Order, held of late years in the metropolis took place on Monday the 30th ult. at the Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-street, upon which occasion (St. Andrew's Day), the Premier Bective, (No. 2A), St. Andrew's (No. 15), and Bard of Avon (No. 99) Conclaves met together, represented amongst others by the following Knights, Colonel Burdett, G. Viceroy; John Hervey, P.G.H.C.; R. Wentworth Little, G. Treas.; W. H. Hubbard, P.G. Treas.; H. C. Levander, M.A., G.H.C.; R. W. Stewart, G.H.A.; J. G. Marsh, P.G.A.; Angelo I. Lewis, G.C.; T. Cubitt, G.O.; T. W. White, G.P.; W. Roebuck, G. Prefect; Rev. J. M. Vaughan, M.A., G.S.P.; Rev. P. H. E. Brette, D.D., G.A. Rec.; H. A. Dubois, G.S.A.; G. Kenning, G.I. of R.; Lieut.-Colonel J. Peters, G.S.B.; T. Burdett Yeoman, G.A.M.; J. T. Moss, G.U.; S. Rosenthal, Int. Gen.; Rev. P. M. Holden, F. Binckes, Int. Gen.; D. M. Dewar, Int. Gen.; W. Jones, P. Sov. 15; G. A. Ibbetson, M.P.S. 2; Charles Horsley, Int. Gen. 2A; F. W. H. Ramsay, M.D. P. Sov. V. 99; Rev. A. Bruce Frazer, 99; C. Duke, 2A; A. Moore, P. Sov.; T. Massa, W. Chillingworth, 15; W. Smale, 15; G. Lambert, P. Sov. 15; C. Sanders, M.D., 15; T. Kelly, 2A; W. Hyde Pullen, P. Sov. V. 2A; T. Kingston, P. Sov.; Rev. A. Hall, J. E. Symons, &c.

The Conclaves having been opened, and the several minutes read, the following brethren were duly constituted and installed Knights of the Order, viz.:

For the Premier Conclave of England, Bros.

William Winn, P.M. 657; J. Adams, Acton, Lodge—; Robert Gresley Hall, Lodge 1347; and Horatio H. Shirley, M.A., ex-High Sheriff of Monaghan, Lodge 1491.

For the Bective Conclave (No. 2A).—Bro. Edward J. Southwell, Lodge 1293.

For the St. Andrew's Conclave (No. 15)—Bros. George Taylor and Henry Baron Taylor, Lodge 192.

For the Bard of Avon Conclave (No. 92)—Bros. Sir Charles T. Bright, T. E. Webb, M.D.; Vincent Ambler, M.D.; Charles H. Driver, and Charles Grillion, Lodge 778.

St. Andrew's Conclave elected Sir Knights W. Roebuck, M.P.S.; D. M. Dewar, V.; and R. Kenyon, P. Sov., Treasurer.

Sir Knight Hyde Pullen was enthroned as M.P.S. of the Bective Conclave; C. Horsley was inducted as V.; the rest of the officers being Sir Knights W. Stephens, F. Keily, C. Duke, R. W. Little, E. Roberts, J. H. Tyler, W. W. Tyler, and G. Moren.

Propositions having been made, the united conclaves were closed, and the Knights adjourned to the banquet, under the presidency of Colonel Burdett, who was supported by Sir Knights Hyde Pullen as M.P.S. 2A; S. Rosenthal, as M.P.S. 15; Hervey, Levander, Little, Lewis, and about forty Knights already named.

During the evening, between the usual toasts, several songs were exquisitely sung by Madame Thaddeus Wells and Miss Julia Barnett, accompanied by Mrs. Jenkins on the pianoforte, and the entire proceedings gave great satisfaction to all present.

PLANTAGENET CONCLAVE (No. 2).—This conclave met at the Regent Masonic Hall, on the 23rd ult., to consider proposals for its future place of meeting, when it was resolved to hold the conclave at the above premises for the future. Sir. Knt. G. A. Ibbetson, M.P.S., presided, and was supported by Sir Knts. C. Hammerton, V.; J. Lewis Thomas, G.A. P. Sov. as S.G.; H. Dicketts, Treasurer; T. W. White, Recorder; R. Wentworth Little; J. G. Marsh, P.G.A.; E. S. Norris, J. Boyd, P.M. P. Sov.; T. Last, T. P. Parker, and C. J. Hogard, G. Herald. Two brethren were proposed for installation, and the conclave having been closed, a very agreeable evening was spent under the sceptre of the M.P.S., Sir Knight G. A. Ibbetson. The customary toasts were given and received with great cordiality, and the fratres separated, well pleased with their first meeting under the roof of Sir Knt. D. Nicols.

LIVERPOOL.—*Walton Conclave* (No. 97).—The recent visit of the Grand Council to Liverpool and the holding of Grand Conclave there, has already borne fruit, inasmuch as No. 97 was obliged to summon a conclave of emergency on Friday, 27th Nov., to instal some brethren as knights of this order. The conclave was opened in Imperial form by Em. Sir Knight Jesse Banning, M.P.S.; Em. Sir Knight J. C. Lunt, P.S. as V.; Sir Knight W. Quayle, S.G.; Sir Knight G. E. Hanmer, J.G.; Sir Knight Rev. C. R. Hyde, L.L.D. H.P.; Sir Knight Hayner, Rec.; Sir Knight N. Turner, P.; and others. The M.P.S. then explained to the conclave the reasons for summoning an emergency meeting so soon after their assembly, only a fortnight previously, and the ballot proving clear, Bros. James Hetherington, 310, and Thos. Howell, 1356, were admitted into the mysteries of this degree, and were duly dubbed and installed Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine. The Historical Lecture was most eloquently delivered by the Rev. Dr. Hyde, H.P., and the M.P.S. then called upon Sir Knight N. Turner to deliver the Oration, which he did in a faultless manner. Great credit was given to each of them for the promptitude in which they had respectively mastered their duties, because they were only appointed to office on the last assembly and had had but short notice of the emergency. The conclave was then closed and the knights adjourned to the refectory, where the newly-installed knights worthily won their "spurs" by the happily chosen yet simple and brief responses to the toast of the evening. We understand that possibly yet another emergency may have to be called, still leaving plenty of work for the next regular assembly.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The Right Hon the Lord Mayor (Bro. H. Stone), P.M. No. 1, and Past Grand Master has consented to reside at the edifice, at a cost upwards of £2,000. The new works have been tested and found efficient.

NOTES ON LITERATURE, SCIENCE AND ART.

(COLLECTED FROM VARIOUS SOURCES)
By BRO. GEORGE MAREHAM TWEED

For the purpose of protecting Westminster Abbey from fire, a large tank, capable of holding 6,000 gallons of water, has been placed on one of the towers of the edifice, at a cost upwards of £2,000. The new works have been tested and found efficient.

By the recent death of Thomas Miller, English literature has lost one of its purest and ablest contributors. In his truthful delineations of rustic life and scenery, he has been surpassed, from the days of William Shakespeare, by no truly pastoral contemporary, William Brown, whom Selden, and Drayton, and Wither, and Ben Jonson could not love more than the typical Nottinghamshire basket-maker did, and Howitts and Charlotte Phillips. The so-called Theocritus, or of Vigil, did we, (like our brother Pythagoras) believe in the transmigration of souls, might have taken up his temporary abode in his body. His earlier writings, though needing pruning, as those of most beginners are full of the fragrance of the woods and daisies, and his later productions show a mastery of high art of reproducing literary landscape readers in populous cities pent. At a time when we seem to be making mere material progress, too much the object of our research, when men and women are less esteemed for their own merits than for the worldly wealth they possess, which too often possesses them, when the high teachings of Speculative Masonry are considered unnecessary by certain superficial writers, we cannot sufficiently appreciate the work of writers like Thomas Miller, who help to live in our hearts a true love of nature, and to disgrace to all who have had to do with the giving of pensions, that one who had done so for our glorious English literature should have allowed to live and die in poverty. So rich a country as England could well spare a paltry pension of £100 a year for whose numerous and elevating writings he well merited it.

SPARKLING WINES FROM SAUMUR.—An interesting article has just appeared in the *Times and Gazette* on Sparkling Wines. In the sequence of the recent rise in the price of Champagnes it appears that attention has been directed to the district of Saumur, in the western portion of France. Dr. Druitt, author of the article in question, remarks:—"Both in society and in medical practice of Sparkling Wine is largely on the increase. Nothing is so exhilarating with so small a quantity of alcohol in it," and adds that the v. Saumur, "although perfectly familiar in France, have hitherto been decorated with names than their own," and that last year 4,000,000 bottles of wine from Saumur were sent to this country, where it has been sold under any name the purchaser chooses. He concludes the article with the following advice:—"It surely is foolish to give a second-rate Champagne, when one can have a better than the second-rate brands of Champagne, may be had for less money." The Messrs. W. & A. Gilbey, of London, introducing these wines through the medium of their Agents in every town, under the name of Druitt, calls "the modest and true of Sparkling Wines of Saumur."—*Post, December 2nd. 1874.*

The upper current of society present a criterion by which we can judge the direction the underground flows.—*M.*

Masonic Tidings.

We learn that his Royal Highness the Prince Wales will, this afternoon, take the Thirty-third Degree of Freemasonry, and be formally stilled as Patron of the Ancient and Accepted etc. The ceremony will take place at Golden-square, and the members of the Thirty-third degree only will necessarily be present.

MANSION HOUSE FESTIVITIES.—Bro. Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress propose entertaining a large circle of friends in the old English style Christmas Eve. New Year's Eve will be celebrated by a juvenile ball, for which nearly 500 invitations are to be issued. Novelty and a varied character will be introduced for the amusement of the youthful guests. The members and a large number of the inhabitants of the Ward of Bassishaw will be entertained at dinner on St. Thomas's Day.

A TESTIMONIAL, consisting of a massive silver salver, beautifully engraved with musical notes, and a shield taking the form of a lyre, which was a suitable inscription, has been presented to Bro. Charles Coote (Coote and wife's band) by a number of gentlemen with whom he has been professionally connected for 17 years.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT TO A LADY.—The *Leeds Mercury* reports that a serious accident happened Miss Barclay, the Earl of Zetland's aunt, on Monday morning. She was riding a spirited horse to witness the "throw off" of the hounds, and had scarcely left the lawn in front of her residence—St. Nicholas, Richmond, Yorkshire when the animal reared and fell backwards to ground. A couple of attendants at once ran to the rescue of their mistress, and the horse (which had fallen upon her) was removed. Miss Barclay was then conveyed to her bed-room, and Dr. Carter was sent for. It was found that her collar bone was broken, and that she had incurred other slight bruises. Last evening Barclay was going on favourably.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The committee of this Institution met on Tuesday afternoon at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Head in the chair. The other brethren present were Joseph Smith, Griffiths Smith, John Evans, Major J. Creaton, J. Newton, Wil. Stephens, James Brett, Richd. Spencer, Sam W. Stewart, John Bellerby, C. F. Ford, H. M. Levy, J. E. Saunders, John Able, H. Massey (*Freemason*), and James (Secretary). The Secretary reported that other who was an annuitant and had been trustee of one of the funds, who refused to sign a transfer of his trusteeship, had at length done so there would be no further difficulty on that head. He also reported that Messrs. Cutler and florists, had made a present to the Institution of some rose trees. The minutes of the House Committee was read, and an application was made by a widow of an annuitant for half her husband's annuity. This application was granted, and the same was received from seven candidates, whom were accepted. Permission was granted for the use of the hall of the asylum for entertainment to be given to the inmates at the commencement of the year; and the committee adjourned.

are all a kind of chameleons, taking our hue of our moral character—from whom we are about us.—LOCKE.

DR. WATSON'S PILLS.—Health and Vigour.—To the most distressing occasional disturbances of digestion will occur, may be corrected at once by these famous pills, the tonic and tonic powers of which cannot be too highly estimated. A dose now and then will prove salutary to the system, though a continued course must be taken by the invalid. It is wonderful how the appetite improves in proportion as the pills exert their wholesome influence over the animal economy. They augment muscular strength and mental vivacity, and restore the constitutionally weak power never before restored, and never expected in their debilitated frames. They invalidate this medicine has vouchsafed a career of health and prosperity.—ADVT.

Obituary.

DEATH OF THE PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER OF NORFOLK.

We regret to announce the death of Bro. Benj. Bond Cabbell, the Provincial Grand Master of Norfolk. The melancholy event occurred on Wednesday last. Bro. Cabbell held the office of Prov. G.M. for many years. He died at the advanced age of 94.

MASONIC FUNERAL IN GLASGOW.

The remains of Bro. A. McPherson, late P.G.S., Lodge Clyde (408) were interred in the Southern Necropolis, on Sunday 29th ult. The procession having reached the burying ground at about 1.45 P.M., the brethren opened up in line and saluted the remains of their deceased brother as they were borne to the house appointed for all living on the shoulders of the different Wardens who were present. The last rites by the grave side were performed by Bro. Mitchell, D.M. (408), and at the words "dust shall mingle with the dust" each brother dropped a sprig of evergreen into the grave, and the remaining ceremonial was completed with due observance of the ancient landmarks of the Order. Before leaving the ground Bro. Mitchell dismissed those assembled with a blessing. There were present, we may state, about thirty Office Bearers and brethren from Lodge Clyde, and deputations from Lodges Union and Crown (103); Scotia (178); Thistle (87); Thistle and Rose (73); Athole (413); Clydesdale (556); Star (219); and St. John's Operative, Rutherglen (347).

BRO. ANDREW BEVERIDGE.

The funeral of Bro. Andrew Beveridge, D.P. G.M. of the Scottish Constitution, and P.M. of the St. Andrew's Lodge, the late Provincial Treasurer, which took place recently, was one of the largest ever seen in Auckland. Apart from the very general esteem in which the deceased gentleman was held, the fact that his obsequies were honoured by the impressive ceremonial observed at Masonic funerals, contributed to heighten the public interest on the present occasion. It is worthy of remembrance that, on the occasion of the last Masonic funeral—that of Bro. Frere—the deceased gentleman, whose remains were similarly honoured yesterday, led the service himself in a singularly impressive manner. The brethren of the two Masonic Lodges on the Thames—Lodge of Light, I.C., and Sir Walter Scott, S.C.—came up from Grahamstown, forty miles from here, by the "Golden Crown," arriving in Auckland at 11.30 a.m. The two lodges numbered nearly 100 brethren, and were attended by the following office-bearers:—

Sir Walter Scott; William McCullough, R.W.M.; A. Dewar, P.M.; A. Brodie, P.M.; E. H. Power, P.M.; M. H. Airy, S.M.; John Frater, D.M.; William Lowe, S.W.; William Carpenter, J.W.; J. Cassidy, S.D.; J. Watson, J.D.; T. Dunlop, I.G.; T. Randon, Tyler; J. M. Cowell, Bible-bearer; Rev. J. Hill, Chaplain. Stewards: Messrs. Kneebone, Plumridge, Beech, Swanson, Fotheringham, and Turtle. Lodge of Light:—Bros. S. Young, W.M.; — Davis, P.M.; Wildman, P.M.; Mitchell, P.M.; Lipsey, P.M.; Clymo, P.M.; Garrett, S.W.; Hynes, J.W.; Hosbrough, Bible-bearer; Blott, S.D.; Mills, J.D.; Bro. D. Drake, S.S.; Mills, J.S.

The following ceremonial was observed:—Brethren of St. Andrew's, 418, S.C., and of Thames Lodges, assembled at the lodge-room, Star Hotel; brethren of lodges under English and Irish Constitutions, at the lodge-room, Masonic Hotel; at a quarter before two o'clock.

The brethren having assembled, the R.W.M. opened the Lodge in the Third Degree. After the object of the meeting had been stated, the Chaplain, or Master, began the Service as follows:—

Service in the Lodge Room.

I.—If a man die, shall he live again?

Response.—The dust shall return to the earth as it was, and the spirit to God, who gave it.

II.—When he dieth, shall he carry anything away with him?

Response.—He brought nothing into the world, and it is certain he can carry nothing out.

III.—The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord.

Response.—God is our God for ever. He will be our guide and support through the dark valley of the shadow of death.

Grand Honours.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

On the arrival of the Scotch brethren at the Masonic Hotel they were met by the lodges assembled there and having, and, having formed a procession in the following order—

Prince of Wales Lodge, E.C.

Lodge of Light, I.C.

Ara Lodge, I.C.

St. Royal Arch Chapter, I.C.

Sir Walter Scott's Lodge, S.C.

St. Andrew's Lodge, S.C.

proceeded to the railway station, whence they were conveyed by special train to Newmarket, where they awaited the arrival of the funeral cortege from Remuera, when the procession reformed and preceded the hearse to the burial ground of the Scottish Church, there being upwards of two hundred masons present, Bros. Goldsmith, Wildman, and Jenkins acting as Directors of Ceremonies, under the direction of Bro. Malcolm Nicol, Worshipful Master of the St. Andrew's Lodge.

The brethren were all in full regalia, except the English Lodge, who had no opportunity of obtaining a dispensation, and carried the various Masonic emblems to which mourning bows were attached. Amongst the long train of mourners were his honour the Superintendent and the members of the Provincial Executive; and the legal, clerical, medical, and mercantile professions were all well represented. At various points along the road knots of people were assembled to witness the procession, and the blinds of most of the houses along the route were drawn down out of respect to the deceased. The procession itself was upwards of a mile in length, extending from the Captain Cook Hotel to the top of the Kyber Pass Road. On reaching the cemetery gates the Masonic advanced body opened out to let the hearse pass through, and then reversed their order of marching, so as to let the oldest lodges take the order of precedence. The coffin was carried to the grave by six members of the St. Andrew's Lodge, to which the deceased brother had belonged, and the following Past Masters acted as pall-bearers:—Bros. Stephenson, Brock, Anderson, Brodie, Power and Dewar. At this time there must have been from one thousand to fifteen hundred persons assembled in the vicinity of the grave, and outside the cemetery walls. The coffin being placed in position the funeral service of the Presbyterian Church was read in a solemn and impressive manner by Bro. the Rev. David Bruce, and on its termination, the coffin being lowered, Bro. the Rev. P. Hill, standing at the foot of the grave, went through the following Masonic Service:—

May we be true and faithful, live and die in love, for the memory of the just is blessed.

Response.—So mote it be.

The Lord bless us and keep us—the Lord make his face to shine upon us—the Lord lift upon us the light of His countenance, and give us peace.

Response.—So mote it be.

All.—Glory be to God in the highest, on earth peace, good will toward men.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The brethren then passed round the grave and dropped each a sprig of acacia into it; the lambskin apron of the deceased Mason was also cast into the grave. The Masonic service being concluded, the brethren returned in reversed order, and closed the lodge.

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ERRATUM.—In Bro. Gallico's letter, page 705, Nov. 28th, for "Eppursi muove," read "Eppur si muove."

SYLVANUS URBAN.—The quotation you refer to was, by the printer's error, wrongly spelt. Bro. Gallico's copy has it "Eppur si muove" (yet it moves).

J. C. J. (MARYSVILLE).—The order you sent we could only realise the amount of sevenpence upon, leaving you still in debt one shilling and elevenpence.

33.—Declined with thanks. Subject not suitable for discussion.

Testimonial to Bro. Rev. M.A. Holden. Reports of Lodges 1460, Halliford; 10, Dalketh; 12, Greenock; 68, Port Glasgow; 175, Greenock; 216, Dunfermline; 351, Bridge of Allar; Chapter 394, Southampton; Mark Lodge 63, Southampton; Prov. Grand Lodge of Down, &c.

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1874.

THE ABUSE OF THE MASONIC PRESS.

Great as is the use of the Masonic Press, we do not deny that there may be an abuse of it. Indeed, in things Masonic, publication often becomes a grave question, both of duty and discretion. In previous times there was practically no Masonic Press; and, in consequence, little publication. But now, with the Masonic Press open, and abounding in Germany and the United States, and in England, it is just possible, we think, that we may be publishing a little too much. We confess, for instance, that we always deprecate public discussions of the ritual. Any discussion on that point should, we venture to think, be confined to the lodge; and we have often read with pain and misgivings some of the modern disquisitions on the minutæ of our ritual, which seemed to us sadly out of place in the public columns of a weekly journal and monthly magazine. We in this country are very much, happily, behind other countries in the freedom with which we deal with such subjects, especially our good brethren in Germany. We think that, with the best intentions in the world, they go somewhat too far in their unlimited liberty of discussion; but then we must bear in mind that the ritual in Germany does not bear the same relation to Masonic work and

lodge proceedings as it does with us in England.

In America, a very great freedom of discussion on all matters Masonic exists; but we have noted lately several remarks from high Masonic officials in the United States which seem to denote a little uneasiness, lest they are publishing too much. We think, therefore, that we are consulting the best interests of the English fraternity when we say to-day that, D.V., in 1875, we shall be still more guarded in admitting any discussion of ritual matters. There are plenty of other subjects on which Masons can write, and can write well; and we feel sure that, while we are the last persons in the world to yield one iota of the liberty of the Masonic Press, either to prejudice or perversity, we feel bound to respect the scruples of Worthy Masons, and to remove, if possible, the objections of some who now deprecate deeply such controversies in our Masonic press as pregnant with evil to the Order. Another abuse of the Masonic press is personality. The FREEMASON has ever been free from such a blot, but it is a matter which requires the greatest supervision and stringency, or otherwise personalities will creep in, do what we will to keep them out. There are some brethren whose whole zeal for Freemasonry seems to consist in attacking some other brother. There are Masonic firebrands as well as ecclesiastical firebrands, or firebrands, like Mrs. Proudie, of famous memory, there are Masonic Ishmaelites who, like one of old have everybody's hand against them, whilst their hand is against everyone else. Then all who conduct the press know, what difficulties we have to contend with as regards sensitive brethren, touchy brethren, hasty brethren, hot-headed brethren. Some are always ready to take offence, some are never tired of incriminating an opponent. And wherever such personality is encouraged or permitted, sooner or later that journal must fall, simply from its own absurd repudiation of the life-principle of Freemasonry, brotherly forbearance and regard. We say nothing here of the tendency unfortunately existing in some little minds, to make the Masonic press a medium for personal animosity or for unbrotherly slander. We had a very untoward specimen of this "animus" a short time ago, most unfortunately, and by a "fortuitous concurrence of atoms" to use Lord Palmerston's famous dictum, which has been to us a very salutary warning. We trust that as our worthy publisher has always sought to give his paper the highest status in Masonic literature, that, when a new year dawns upon us all, the FREEMASON may be as ever distinguished by its careful avoidance of all topics or correspondence likely to give the slightest pain to any brother, or to bring discredit on the great principles of our Order. We do not think it needful to pursue the subject further to-day. Of the use of the Masonic press, great and abiding, we feel sure, just as we admit fairly its possible abuse. But of this one thing we are convinced, that while the FREEMASON never seeks to flatter any one, or to become the organ of anybody but the entire Craft, its one great principle of action will ever be to prevent, if possible, any abuse of its happy liberty, and to be foremost in advocating and upholding subordination to Masonic authority, the prerogative of the Grand Master,

the privileges of the Grand Lodge, and the rights, the honour, and the well-being of all ranks and conditions of Freemasonry.

GRAND LODGE.

We congratulate the Order sincerely on the events and results of the last Quarterly Communication. Everything has taken place as most devoted Craftsmen could wish. Our Royal Brother has been nominated with acclamation as our Grand Master for the next year, and most interesting will be the next Quarterly Communication and the Yearly Festival in 1875. Every fervent wish of loyalty and goodwill go with our august Grand Master and the old Craft he has been called to rule over. We equally felicitate the brotherhood on the appointment and installation of the Pro. Grand Master. His nomination was received, as it is sure to be, with the hearty assent and sympathy of a crowded Grand Lodge. We wish also to express our admiration at the Pro. Grand Master's excellent and admirable speech—eloquent and admirable alike in substance and tone. We augur much for the thorough Masonic discharge of his high duties, not from his past career, but from his own fitting and eloquent statement alike of his position and his constitutional responsibilities to the Pro Grand Master. We can quite enter into the satisfaction which greeted the Pro Grand Master's most truly Masonic address. The appointment of Lord Skelmersdale to the Deputy Grand Mastership will be hailed, not only by Lancashire brethren, but by the Craft at large with the utmost feelings of gratification and rejoicing. No one is more popular as a Master, more efficient as a Prov. G.M.; and no one, we believe, has more thoroughly the interests of the Craft at heart than our distinguished brother, the new Deputy Grand Master. We are glad, we confess, to note that our excellent Bro. Clabon has withdrawn his motion for appropriation of the surplus of the Fund of Benevolence. No one disputes Bro. Clabon's praiseworthy motives; but conflicting opinions will arise as to the propriety of such a motion just now. It is, we think, with many other Brethren as he freely admitted, a little premature, though our material prosperity be great. Our claims on our funds are many, and we think that the surplus of 1873 is considerably less than the surplus of 1872. We think that our Grand Master showed the very great wisdom and his complete knowledge of the duties of his chair, in stopping the flow of our Grand Brethren's eloquence. We venture to say that in such a discussion, from his official position, Bro. Binckes is a little out of place, as our brethren would feel that, as Secretary of the Boys' School, he was somewhat of an impartial party, in all good faith, in the consideration of such a motion. What our Brethren's opinions on the subject are we do not know, if he likes to favour the Craft with his columns we shall be most happy to do so, but the means of doing so. But when the subject is decided, it must be, we venture to say, in the general feeling of Grand Lodge, and in the report of so distinguished a Brother as Bro. Binckes.

IS THE POPE A FREEMASON?

We have received a letter from Constantinople of date professedly Nov. 25th last past, which we print, "verbatim et literatim," in another column. We are much obliged to our Constantinopolitan correspondent for forwarding a photograph of the Pope, with a Masonic ash, &c. But two questions inevitably arise, which require, in our opinion, a clear answer.

I.—What is the name of the photographer at Constantinople by whom this carte de visite has been issued. His name on the card sent is completely erased.

II.—Whence did he obtain the photograph? Is it original or made to order? Our correspondent tells us he has had it ten years.

We observe that the motto now runs, "Ex communicavi meos fratres meâ culpâ," words which we think, to be used by the Pope, but they can be construed. The previous motto, "Communicate, &c.," was almost untranslatable. We presume that this photograph is identical with or taken from the alleged "Soussingear" photograph, but we confess that at present we do not attach much value to it, in the controversy.

Original Correspondence.

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

MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In our Book of Constitutions, page 18 as follows:—
1. "Every brother regularly elected and installed as Master of a lodge under the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of England, who is executed that office for one year, shall, so long as he continues a subscribing member of the lodge, rank as Past Master, and be a member of the Grand Lodge. Subscription as member of any lodge is sufficient to preserve rank and rights as a Past Master; but having for twelve months ceased to subscribe to any lodge, he shall no longer continue a member of the Grand Lodge; nor can he regain that privilege until again installed Master of a lodge." The oldest P.M. of a country lodge ceased being a subscribing member to any lodge for 20 years, when he again became a subscribing member to his lodge. I shall be glad to know he can still rank as the senior P.M. of the lodge? As I read the above paragraph, the only privilege he loses is that "he shall no longer continue a member of the Grand Lodge." What rank you?

Very fraternally yours,

M. S.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am induced to submit the following suggestion for your consideration; as your valuable journal is now becoming familiar to the Craft in these colonies, your opinion would be useful for our guidance. Whether such a case has actually occurred or not, we need not stay to enquire, but we will suppose, viz.: A lodge at its regular meeting in August elects a brother as W.M. for the ensuing year; at the regular meeting in September, the minutes of the previous meeting (including the election of Master) are read and affirmed, but the installation cannot be provided with, the brother, so elected being absent. The lodge acting under advice from superior authority at once take the necessary steps to alter their bye-laws, so as to make the election of W.M. next year fall a month later, or (they say) the present election will be invalid, as the

W.M. not being installed to-night, will not have filled the office twelve months, which is necessary to constitute him as P.M. Is this reasoning correct? I think not. I argue that from the moment his election was confirmed, such brother is, *de facto*, the W.M. of the lodge, from which time he dates his term of office, notwithstanding he is not present for installation. Clause 1. "Of the Masters and Wardens of Lodges" provides "that no Master elect shall assume the Master's chair until he shall have been regularly installed, though he may in the interim rule the lodge;" this evidently means, he may act as W.M. in ruling the lodge, and generally transact its business, previous to installation, although not having assumed the chair he cannot make, pass, or raise. Therefore the date of installation cannot invalidate the date of election, and consequently it is not necessary to alter the bye-laws on that account.

But the question arises; Does it affect the qualification of his Wardens? I think not, as the appointment of these officers is the prerogative of the W.M., it is [not for the lodge to question when he appointed them, if after they are invested they serve to the satisfaction of the W.M., the qualification is sufficiently legal. Again, it is suggested that the aforesaid W.M. is not empowered by the constitution to open and close the lodge. I need not further intrude my opinion on the matter, but would respectfully request for the benefit of myself and several of the Craft, that you will kindly give us yours.

I remain, yours fraternally,

W.H.

Dunedin, New Zealand,

Sept. 28, 1874.

BRO. WIGGINTON AND THE VERNON BIBLE.

Dear Bro. Kenning.

As my main object in calling attention to the Vernon Bible, was to bring the matter before the Vernon Lodge, I shall be happy to hear from Bro. Wigginton, or the W.M. of the Vernon Lodge, 560, on the subject.

I am, yours most fraternally,

A. F. A. WOODFORD.

10, Upper Porchester-st., Hyde Park Square, London, W.C., December 7th 1874.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

I have with some surprise read your letter headed "Masonic Bibliography," in the Freemason of Nov. 28th.

The bible you therein describe belonged to the "Vernon" Lodge, No. 819, Dudley, and the MS. note signed "E. P." is in my handwriting.

The lodge was removed to Stourport some years ago, its present No. 590.

I have called the attention of the Stourport brethren to the letter, and it is for them to explain how the bible left their possession. It was bought for lodge use in 1856, on the removal of the lodge from Bromsgröve; its original name was the "Clive" Lodge.

Yours fraternally,

EDWIN POOLE, P.M. 819.

THE ORDER OF THE TEMPLE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Some time ago you published in your paper the Memorial of the Knights Templar in the province of Lancashire to the Great Prior, praying a revision of the statutes of the Order, on certain points on which great dissatisfaction is widely felt. That memorial was open to objection on certain points of form (which it is not necessary here to refer to further), and has since, as I have been informed, met its fate, whether on that ground or for more substantial reasons I know not. The Province of Worcestershire has adopted a form of memorial (of which I send you a copy herewith), which I ask you to publish in your next issue, for the information of those Priors and Preceptories, the members of which like ourselves feel the need of a revision of the statutes on the points therein referred to. I am firmly convinced that it is not by the isolated efforts of one or two Priors and Preceptories here and there that the desired alterations

in the present statutes can be expected or hoped for, but only by the wide and united action of all who think as we do and know and feel the injury to the Order and the dissatisfaction which prevails consequent on the present state of things. It cannot reasonably be expected that Grand Conclave will be moved to take this revision into consideration and do what is necessary in it at the instance of a few Sir Knts., whom they may imagine to be a few discontented disturbers, (such as may be found in most large bodies of men) whose opinions are not shared in by any large or important section. But on the other hand if it is made patent to the High powers that the dissatisfaction is not confined to one or two Priors, but is generally diffused over the whole body, and that the evils complained of are strongly and widely felt and growing more and more pressing and serious in their effects, on the prosperity of the Order, it may be hoped that our representations may be considered and relief be granted. Let then every Priory and Preceptory, at the earliest opportunity, take this state of things into consideration, and join in urging upon Grand Conclave (whether by a memorial in this form or in any other which may better represent their views), attention to their representations and consideration to their complaints.

Yours fraternally,

J. C. J. L.

Nov. 27th, 1874.

To H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., &c., &c. &c., the Most Eminent Grand Master of the Order of The Temple, in Council.

The memorial of the Province of Worcestershire of the said Order,

Sheweth,

1. That the Memorialists have had experience of the progress of the Order in the Provinces and of its causes of success and depression, and are enabled to judge of the effect which recent legislation has had and will have upon all branches of the Institution outside the Metropolitan boundaries of the Convent General and the Great Priory. They view with much regret many of the alterations contained in the new Statutes, believing that the changes will not tend to the advantage of the Order, are contrary to its traditions and distasteful to a large proportion of its Members.

2. That they believe the Order to be essentially "Masonic," and they object to the elimination of that prefix as tending to the destruction of the only reason which the Order has ever had, or ever can have, for its modern existence. An attempt was made in Scotland, in 1844, to effect a separation from its Masonic foundation; but as a consequence the Order became nearly extinguished, and at its revival, in 1856, the injudicious step had to be retraced.

3. That they believe the association of the title of the Order of Malta with the Masonic Order of the Temple arose from a confusion of names, and that no Masonic Maltese Order has, or ever had, existence as a fact; a view which was affirmed by the late Grand Conclave of England in 1853, from which year, until 1862, the Masonic Order of the Temple alone had existence. That by the new Statutes the Orders are declared to be "United," and the Jewels of the present Temple Order comprise the "Union"; yet the Maltese Order is made a separate encumbrance and separate insignia are inconsistently entailed, notwithstanding the combination referred to.

4. That these and other changes effected by the new Statutes are prejudicial to the extension and popularity of the Order; but none is producing a more insidious effect than the enactment that "no status analogous to that heretofore designated as Past Rank shall be recognized, nor allowed, nor any insignia thereof borne." That as the appointments to office are made during pleasure there is no inducement (if such appointments are not frequently changed) to any other Sir Knights than those in office, to attend Provincial Meetings, and as a necessary consequence their interest is much decreased and will become still less. It is already found that they are disinclined to pay fees of office, and to expend time and incur the cost of journeys in the fulfilment of duties from which they ultimately retire with no recognition of the services they have performed; the Provincial Priors are thus not only

deprived of their main sources of revenue, but are seriously suffering from the abated interest of Members of the Order, and will probably become abeyant if not extinct.

5. That a depression will fall upon the Preceptories from want of encouragement of their Members; that they will feel no interest in supporting the Provincial Great Pories, and will become isolated and stagnant institutions of an Order which has hitherto flourished principally from the opportunities of advancement which the former system offered with encouraging liberality.

Your Memorialists therefore pray :

1. That a revision may be made of the Statutes of the Order and that the Masonic title of the Order may be restored.

2. That the Order may become (as in 1853) the Masonic Order of the Temple only; or that, if the Union is to be preserved in name, it may be also preserved in fact, and all enactments and insignia relating separately to the Order of Malta be repealed.

3. That the privileges and insignia of Past Rank heretofore enjoyed may be restored.

IS THE POPE A FREEMASON?

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In the two last numbers of the *Freemason* the question is asked, "Is the Pope a Freemason?" I enclose a photo of him in Masonic clothing, which I have had in my possession over 10 years. Bro. General Mott, an American gentleman, told me a few days ago, on his word of honour, that he knew for a fact that the Pope was admitted into the Order when a priest, in a lodge in Philadelphia, and afterwards joined a lodge in Palermo. I do not vouch for the truth, but enclose the photo, which you will take care of for,

Yours fraternally,
GEO. LAURIE.

Constantinople, Nov. 25, 1874.

MASONIC BIBLIOGRAPHY.

Three curious Papal Bulls have come into my possession, relative to the creation of some Military Knights of St. Peter. The little book is printed at Rome, 1541. I shall be glad if some brother can give any information as to this Order. The first Bull is issued in 1520, by Pope Leo X., for the erection of a College of Military Knights of St. Peter at Rome. In this Bull the names of the original knights are given. The second Bull is one of Pope Clement VII., confirming the previous Bull. Its date is 1526. The third Bull is one of Pope Paul III., re-confirming the previous two Bulls. Its date is 1535.

A. F. A. WOODFORD.

I see in the latest catalogue issued by the eminent bookseller and bibliographer, Bernard Quaritch, that some curious works and MSS. are for sale; and I think our good friend, Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, would do well to call in to Mr. Quaritch's premises, in Piccadilly, and examine them, especially the under-mentioned:—

4. *Chronicles of Englonde*—small folio English M.S. on vellum. Written about 1420. Printed by Caxton 1480.

29* "Metrical Chronicle of England. Rolled Manuscript." Circa 1490. Original chronicle compiled about 1430.

164. "Caxton (William). The Chronicles of England. [Empryted by me, William Caxton, in the Abbey of Westminster, by London. Fynysned and accomplished the vii day of Octobre, 1482, and in the xxii. yere of the regne of Kyng Edward the Fourth.] Excessively rare, £120.—1482."

It appears only seven other copies are known—all imperfect.

No. 166 is also another edition of the "Chronicles," circa 1480.

It would be well to compare "Halliwell's" and "Cooke's" MSS. with these Chronicles; and I do not doubt but that Mr. Quaritch would consent to Bro. Woodford scanning the contents of these valuable MSS. and works.

W. J. HUGHAN.

SCIENCE GOSSIP CONVERSAZIONE.

The fifth annual conversazione of the Ipswich Science Gossip Society was held in the Public Hall on Wednesday. As usual, at this popular gathering, the attendance was large, and the votaries both of science and gossip have every cause to thank the Committee for providing such a pleasant reunion once a year. Among the company we noticed the Mayor (Dr. Chevallier), J. P. Cobbold, Esq., M.P., and most of the principal townspeople. The arrangements on the whole were good, though the string band was purchased dearly at the cost of the refreshments which in previous years were supplied to the company. We trust that whatever becomes of the music on another occasion, the tea and coffee will not be omitted.

In a town like Ipswich it is difficult, of course, continually to provide fresh scientific novelties, and many of the objects and processes exhibited had been seen before. The microscopes, polariscopes, spectroscopes, electric and galvanic batteries, attracted the customary attention, but do not require special notice. Mr. Ford Goddard, who has always something interesting and new, showed the mode of extracting nadder dyes, sulphur, &c., from waste products formerly thrown away as gas liquor. At the other end of the hall, Mr. J. Wiggin, the public analyst, explained how to get rid of gas companies altogether, namely, by buying Muller's gasoline, storing it in a miniature gasometer, and sending it into the pipes just as we require it. The price of the apparatus is £25, and Mr. Wiggin says that the gas will not cost more than 2s. per 1000.

Mr. Garrett, of Tyler-street, Stoke, exhibited a lapidary's lathe in motion, on which he cut fossils and other stones. A potter's wheel, worked by Mr. Balaam, of Rope-walk, was an object of great interest throughout the evening, the skill with which the artificer turned the plastic clay into pottery of every shape being greatly admired.

Bro. Emra Holmes exhibited three cases of Masonic jewels and clothing, which proved very attractive to the ladies—who looked as if they would have liked to be initiated on the spot. Some of the jewels, which Bro. Holmes had collected from many of the leading Masons in Ipswich, were of great antiquity and very curious. The Tyler's Jewel of the British Union Lodge, of massive silver, with a figure of a Tyler in the costume of George the First, we believe, in high relief upon it, and surmounted with the figure of the Pelican feeding its young (what do our Rose Croix brethren think of this?) and with a silver trowel pendant, was specially remarked.

Bro. G. S. Findley kindly lent some 8 or 10 interesting jewels; to what degrees they appertained we could not always discover.

One old Templar Jewel had the letters H.M. upon it, evidently an allusion to a connection with the Rose Croix, or Royal Order, or both. Another old one had the Brazen Serpent upon it (no doubt the 25th degree of the A. and A. Rite). A third, an oval jewel, had a heart in flames pierced with daggers, and the legend "memento mori," with a skull and cross bones on the obverse. We do not know what degree this is.

Another jewel consisted of a hammer and chisel, richly chased, suspended from a partly-coloured ribbon, and which, we fancy, must have some connection with the Mark Degree. Bro. Pitcher also lent a fine old gold jewel of the Ancient Baldwin Camp of Knights Templar, at Bristol, which has four fleur-de-lis between the four arms of the Cross, pointing to a French origin without doubt.

Bro. Geo. Cresswell, 18^o, lent a case of Masonic miniature jewels. Bro. Schullen, P.M., lent the old British Union Lodge jewel, a sort of quasi-chivalric five-pointed star, with a coffin and acacia branch upon it, together with an old silver circular jewel with Masonic symbols cut out upon it.

Bro. George Turner contributed a very old silver medal, with a figure resembling a man upon it, but which, when examined closely, was found to be made up of Masonic symbols, together with the Perfect Friendship Lodge private jewel. Another star, evidently imitated originally

from the badge of the Chivalric Orders, with two hands clasping each other in the centre of it. These private lodge jewels are, of course, illegal and brethren have no more right to wear them at lodge meetings any more than those of the High Degrees. Indeed, it is doubtful whether, under the articles of union, certain of those Orders notably: The Templar, Rose Croix, and K.H. 30^o, all of which were given them in 1817, might not claim recognition, and their insignia be worn in Grand Lodge, the statutes to the contrary, notwithstanding. Bro. Holmes himself exhibited a gold Prior of Malta jewel, and 3^o degree, and the clothing and jewel of a Provincial Grand-Registrar of Suffolk, all from the manufactory of Bro. George Kenning.

Bro. Kenning also very kindly sent down a case of jewels and Masonic Regalia, which were very much admired.

The *Suffolk Chronicle* spoke in terms of great praise of the workmanship and skill displayed in the manufacture of these articles and the *Suffolk Mercury* remarks as follows:—

"A very handsome case of Masonic jewels and regalia was exhibited by Bro. George Kenning of London, Liverpool, and Glasgow, the leading manufacturer of each article in this country. The case contained the collar and gaudleils of Grand Deacon of England, a marvel of gold embroidery laid on garter blue silk; the collar and apron of the 18th degree, S.P. Rose Croix, crimson and gold; the baldrick of a Knight K.H. 30 degrees, besides the costly silver and gold jewels appertaining to various High Degrees of Masonry."

A beautiful M.W.S. gold jewel, manufactured by Bro. Kenning, and presented to the Rev. F. N. Saunderson, 30^o, by the Victoria Chapter, Rose Croix, was also shown, amidst a large number of other jewels.

A collapsible lifeboat, invented by the Rev. L. Berthon, Vicar of Rumsey, Hants, was locally explained by Mr. George, while close by was Mr. Wood, of Harwich, ready in case the lifeboat sprung a leak to stop it effectually with Wood's patent leak stopper. The nuts, bought of beech, and other relics of antiquity dug up from the Orwell forest were arranged in a case looking as if they had been under water 10 months instead of 10,000 years. The Rev. D. Acland, of Colchester, who was at Iceland during the recent celebration of 100 years of Danish rule, contributed some valuable Icelandic book &c. "A new system of printing in *jac-sim* without ink, was also shown at work. In suitable ante-room were exhibited a number of lime-light representations of some of Sir Edw. Landseer's works which had a fair share of visitors. Messrs. W. Ladd and Co., of London, exhibited a number of scientific instruments various kinds, including one of Trotman's patent governors for steam engines.

Messrs. Cowell exhibited a ruling machine work, while Mr. Piper printed the musical gramme on a treadle "Cropper." Mr. Ayres the postal telegraph, had a new sounding instrument at each end of the hall, messages being sent from one to the other during the evening. Vick, of London-road, displayed a superb collection of photographs, and among the articles and processes exhibited were—illustrations of water power; the manufacture of Prussian blue from "spent oxide," wood model of the great Geyser, galvanometer & thermo-pile (by Messrs. Ladd and Co.), Syren, the great Domesday Book of Ipswich, Bacon's "Chronicles of the Courts of Ipswich" the great court trumpet, anciently used for summoning the court (by the kind permission of Mayor, B. Chevallier, Esq.), specimens of permanent photographs, lent by the Wood's type Company; porbeagle and other fish recently caught off Suffolk coast; photographic group of the Queen and Royal Family, by M. P. Parker, of Brook-street; collection of geological specimens—flint and bronze implements, coins and medals, dried ferns and plants, Japanese "egg shell," mud from deep soundings, diatoms from the mud of the Or &c.

Twice in the course of the evening Mr. Taylor, F.G.S., gave a lecture on the "I Bed" recently discovered in the Or &c. which was listened to with interest.

John J. Plummer, M.A., astronomer to Colonel Tomline, also gave lectures on the "Cometary System," which were highly appreciated.

The Committee of Management were Mr. W. Vick (Chairman), London-road; Dr. Drummond (Hon. Treasurer), Silent-street; Mr. H. Miller, jun. (Hon. Secretary), Old Butter-market; Mr. W. Budden, St. Clement's; Mr. B. Edwards, Carr-street; Mr. D. F. Goddard, Lower Brook-street; Mr. A. Harwood, Belstead Hall; Mr. F. W. Mason, Stoke Hill; Mr. E. Packard, jun., Bramford; Mr. H. Powles, Norwich-road; and Mr. J. E. Taylor, the Museum.

DEDICATION OF A NEW MASONIC HALL AT DERBY.

On Thursday, 26th November, the consecration and dedication of the Derbyshire Masonic Hall, situated in Gower-street, Derby, was performed by the Most Noble and Right Worshipful Brother, the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., Provincial Grand Master of Derbyshire, assisted by Bros. H. C. Okeover, D.P.G.M., and G. J. W. of England, C. R. Colville, P.P.D.G.M., the Rev. A. A. Bagshawe, M.A., P.G.S.W., and P. G. Chaplain, and a numerous body of present and past grand officers.

The banqueting-room, on the ground-floor, is 15 by 50ft., in front of which are committee and retiring rooms, and at the back kitchens and Tyler's residence. The entrance hall is paved with encaustic tiles masonically designed. A handsome stone staircase leads to the upper hall, which the Masons of Derby and Derbyshire may well be proud of. It was much admired by all. The size is 58ft. by 30ft., and 20ft. high. The ceiling is partly circular, divided into enriched rays, and ventilated by perforated ornaments all round the cornices, and ribs which spring from Corinthian pilasters. At the end is an ornamental niche for the organ or throne. The exterior is of Hollington or red Mansfield stone, very neatly executed, and we may say the entire building reflects credit upon all parties connected with its erection. Mr. G. H. Sheffield, of Derby, is the architect, and Mr. George Woodiwiss the builder. The cost of the work, exclusive of land, will be about £2,600.

There was a very large attendance of members of the Craft, some 200 being present, including visitors from other provinces. The brethren assembled in the lower room of the hall at one o'clock, and then proceeded to the lodge room in procession. The procession was headed by the visiting brethren from other provinces, then the members of Craft lodges in the province (juniors first), and then the past and present officers and members of the Provincial Grand Lodge. The ceremony, a most solemn and impressive one, was then proceeded with, and the Rev. M. H. Middleton, Provincial Grand Chaplain, offering up the consecration prayer. At the conclusion, the P.G.M. declared the hall duly consecrated and dedicated, according to ancient form, and after an oration from the Past Provincial Grand Chaplain on Masonry, the anthem commencing "The Glorious Majesty of the Lord our God be upon us" was sung. Bro. G. Allen presided at the organ.

The P.G.M. then held his annual Provincial Grand Lodge. The minutes of the last Grand Lodge were read and confirmed, and the Worshipful Masters of the Craft Lodges presented their annual written reports. The reports of the Masonic Hall Committee, and the Charity Committee, were also presented. Bro. T. Cox, P.G.S.W., was re-elected Treasurer. The Provincial Grand Master then proceeded to appoint and invest his Provincial Grand Officers as follows:—

- Jessop Prov. G.S.W.
- Liffe Prov. G.J.W.
- W. J. W. Maltby Prov. G. Chaplain.
- Rowby Prov. G.R.
- Cox Prov. G.T.
- H. Marsden Prov. G.S.
- Turner Prov. G.S.D.
- W. J. Kin Prov. G.J.D.
- Burn Prov. G.S. of W.
- Dawson Prov. G.D. of C.

- Warner Prov. G.A.D. of C.
- Slack Prov. G.Org.
- Loverock Prov. G.S.B.
- W. J. Gothard Prov. G. Purst.
- J. Taylor Prov. G. Std. B.
- T. Slinn Prov. G. Tyler.

The following brethren were appointed Prov. Grand Stewards:—Tyrian Lodge, W. C. Watson, and S. J. Robinson; Arboretum Lodge, J. Baldock and W. Knight; Hartington Lodge; W. Heathcote and T. Gadsby.

Amongst those present were Bros. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., H. C. Okeover, C. R. Colville, Rev. A. A. Bagshawe, J. Smith, R. Darwin, F. Binckes (Secretary Boys' School, London), J. Crossley, Capt. Arkwright, M.P., Sir John Alleyne, Fitzherbert Wright, Thos. Cox, W. H. Marsden,—Calder, J. L. Gibbons, J. Allen, G. Staley, J. Pymm, H. Carson, W. C. Watson; F. J. Robinson, T. Merry, J. Bowmer, T. Horsley, S. Foulds, W. M. Hewitt, S. Rowbottom, G. Graham, J. Barrowby, J. T. Wright, E. Grindwill, J. Taylor, W. Smith, F. Turner, C. Adams, J. Pegg, F. Campion, W. Naylor, W. Garrard, J. Kinder, C. Parkins, R. Eastwood, T. Roe, jun.,—Warner, J. Worsnop, F. Hogg, S. Stone, T. R. Gee, W. H. Burton,—Farnsworth, H. Turner, T. Hall, R. Waite, G. H. Sheffield, Rev. W. J. M. Ellison, Rev. M. H. Middleton, and between one and two hundred visitors.

The banquet was held at four o'clock in the afternoon, at the St. James's Hall. Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., presided, and over 100 brethren sat down to dinner. Miss Golz, manageress of the St. James's Hotel, provided an admirable repast.

On the removal of the cloth, and after the hall had been closely tyled, the following toasts were to be proposed and responded to:—"The Queen and The Craft"; "the M.W.G.M. of England, Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family"; "The R.W.G.D.M. of England, Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon, and the G. Officers present and past"; "the R.W. the Prov. G.M. of Derbyshire, Bro. the Marquis of Hartington"; "the R.W. the D.P.G.M. of Derbyshire, Bro. Okeover"; "The R.W. the P.D.P.G.M. of Derbyshire, Bro. Colville"; "The Officers of the P.G. Lodge of Derbyshire, present and past"; "Success to the Derbyshire Masonic Hall"; "The Trustees of the Masonic Hall"; "The Architect, Bro. Sheffield, P.P.G.S. of W., and Bro. G. Woodiwiss, the Builder"; "The Visiting Brethren"; "The W.M.'s of the Derby Lodges"; "The W.M.'s of the other Lodges in the Province."

PRESCOT MASONIC HALL.

The first annual meeting of the Prescott Masonic Hall Company, Limited, was held a few days ago at the King's Arms Hotel, Prescott, near Liverpool. Bro. J. T. Hall, of Prescott Hall, Chairman of the Company, presided, and there were also present, Bros. Dennett, Fogg, J. Fowler, sen.; W. Tyrer, J. Kitchen, J. Fowler, jun.; R. D. Simpson. Bro. John Vaughan, the Secretary, read the report for the past year, from which it appeared that the progress of the Company had been most satisfactory since its formation. It was registered in December last, and the object it had in view being generally approved, a large number of the shares were speedily taken up. The primary object of the company was to provide improved accommodation for the Masonic brethren meeting in Prescott, where the old Lodge of Loyalty (86), the Royal Arch Chapter, and Encampment of Knight Templars include many members not only from amongst the residents of Prescott, but from Liverpool, Widnes, St. Helens, and other places in the surrounding neighbourhood. A piece of land was purchased in Derby-street, and on this a handsome new building is fast approaching completion by the contractor, Mr. J. Preston, of Wigan. The principal portion of the ground floor front will be let to Parr's Banking Company, St. Helens, for the establishment of a branch of their bank in Prescott, and in addition to providing excellent and ample accommodation for the Masonic gatherings, the company have consented to erect a handsome subscription billiard room on a portion of their surplus land at the back of the hall,

the tender for the erection of which has also been let to Mr. Preston. Owing to this extension of their original scheme, the directors recommended that the capital of the company should be increased from £1200 to £2000 by the issue of additional shares, and this was unanimously agreed to. The retiring directors were Bros. J. F. Hall, T. Dennett, and S. Morris. Bros. Hall and Dennett were unanimously re-elected, but Dr. Morris being unable to attend in consequence of his professional duties, Bro. John Kitchen, of St. Helens, was elected in his stead. The report of the directors was unanimously adopted, and after the transaction of some formal business the proceedings closed with the usual compliment to the chairman.

MASONIC CONCERT IN LIVERPOOL.

On Saturday evening last the first of a series of five subscription concerts was given in the large banqueting hall of the New Masonic Hall, Liverpool, the special object of which is to assist in raising funds for the erection of an organ in the lodge room of the new building. The Liverpool Masonic Hall is acknowledged to be one of the best and most convenient in the provinces, and the effort to supply an instrument so useful and necessary in Masonic ceremonies is one which ought to be crowned with the most complete success. These concerts have been organised with the view of supplying the all-important instrument; and although the first of the series was not so well attended as could have been desired, no doubt in consequence of the shocking weather, there is good reason to hope that those which are to follow will be exceedingly successful. The artistes were Mrs. Billinie Porter (who proved herself a thoroughly efficient vocalist), Mrs. Skeaf (who secured more than one encore), Miss Frances Armstrong (a rising young vocalist), Bro. H. C. Harrison (whose tenor voice did full justice to his two songs), Bro. T. J. Hughes (who never fails to delight, as he did on this occasion), and Bro. T. Armstrong, (whose fine, telling voice was heard to great advantage in one of "Jack" Hatton's songs). The concert was one of the most interesting which we have heard for a long time. Bro. J. Skeaf, P.G.O., presided as accompanist at the new grand pianoforte, supplied by Messrs. Kirkman and Sons, London, and a first hearing of the instrument satisfied everyone. The accompaniments were played with the greatest taste, and Bro. Skeaf also added to the interest of the concert by playing with the finest effect his own fantasias, "The Fisherman" and "The Chimes." All the artistes generously gave their services. The refreshments for the "green-room" were most kindly provided by Bro. W. Vines, P.M. 1299.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND.

The annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held at Hinckley, on Wednesday, the 25th ult., under the auspices of the Knights of Malta Lodge, No. 50.

The lodge was held in St. George's Hall, a newly erected and very convenient building for the purpose, and which had been most tastefully decorated with banners and appropriate mottos, under the supervision of Bro. T. Tippetts, the W.M., and the brethren of No. 50.

The Craft Lodge having been opened in the three degrees, the R.W. Prov. G. Master, the Right Hon. the Earl Ferrers, and his officers entered and were received with the customary honours.

Prior to the opening of the Provincial Grand Lodge the R.W.P.G.M. took the chair of the Craft Lodge, and very efficiently performed the ceremony of installing Bro. Tippetts, who had been re-elected to the office of W.M. for a second year.

Provincial Grand Lodge was then opened in due form and the Roll of Lodges was called, every lodge in the province being represented except the Vale of Catmos, No. 1265, Oakham.

Amongst those present, in addition to the

R.W. Prov. G.M., were the following Prov. G. Officers, viz., Bros. Sir H. St. John Halford, Bart., D. Prov. G.M.; G. Toller, jun., Prov. S.G.W.; Wm. B. Smith, Prov. G. Treas.; S. S. Partridge, Prov. G., Sec. J. B. Hall, Prov. G.D.C.; R. Boughton-Smith, Prov. G.A.D.C.; W. T. Rowlett, Prov. G. Org.; George Clifton, M.D., Prov. G. Purs.; M. H. Lewin, Prov. G.S.B.; Wm. Crow and W. S. Allen, Prov. G. Stewards and C. Bembridge, Prov. G. Tyler, together with a large number of Past Provincial Grand Officers and W.M.'s, Wardens and members of the various lodges in the province. The visitors' list included Bros. H. Sanderson, P.M. 925, P.P.G. Purst., Warwickshire; Hugh Deane, 340; H. Slingsby, P.M. 432; W. Hammond, Sec. 432; J. Tickle, J.W. 1196; H. Hitchman and J. Barber, 455; G. Smith, 884; and J. H. Page, S.W. and W.M. elect; F. C. Boates, J.W.; the Rev. B. Mayou, Chaplain, and a large number of members of the Athelstan Lodge, Atherstone, No. 1333, of which Bro. Tippetts, the W.M. of No. 50, is a P.M.

The minutes of the previous annual general communication and of a special meeting held in August last were read and confirmed.

The Prov. G. Secretary read the report of the Committee of General Purposes, containing a detailed account of the proceedings of the committee with reference to the votes for the Masonic Charities, and an appeal to the brethren for increased exertions on behalf of those institutions and concluding with a review of the principal Masonic events within the province during the past year, in which special allusion was made to the interesting proceedings connected with the laying of the memorial stone of the new municipal buildings in Leicester with Masonic honours.

The accounts of the Prov. G. Treasurer, showing the province to be in a remarkably good financial position, were received and adopted.

It was resolved that the Boys' School be the charity to be supported by the province for the ensuing year, and that Bro. Robert Waite, P.M., who had represented the province as Steward for the Girls' School last year, be nominated as Steward at the next Festival of the Boys' School.

The reports from the W.M.'s of lodges were read, and a summary of the returns was submitted, the latter showing a slight decrease in the number of subscribing members compared with that of last year.

The election of Prov. G. Treasurer then took place, and Bro. William Beaumont Smith, P.M., was unanimously re-elected to the office, which he has held for several years, and the duties of which he has discharged with credit to himself, and advantage to the province.

The R.W. Prov. G.M. appointed the following brethren as his officers:—

S. Love, 779	Prov. S.G.W.
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G. T. Willan, 1130	Prov. G. Steward.
A. A. Barlow, 1265	Prov. G. Steward.
C. Bunbridge	Prov. G. Tyler.
T. Dunn	Prov. G. Tyler.

A letter was read from the Past Prov. G.M., Bro. W. Kelly, F.R. Hist. S., regretting that for the first time during his 36 years' connection with the Craft, he was compelled to be absent from the meeting of Prov. G. Lodge, which had been fixed for a day on which the pressure of other important engagements rendered it impossible for him to attend; Bro. Kelly made

special allusion in his letter to the efficient and indefatigable services of Bro. T. A. Wykes, as acting Provincial Grand Secretary, in making the arrangements for the special meeting of Prov. G. Lodge in August last, during the absence of Bro. S. S. Partridge, the Prov. G. Secretary, on the Continent; and trusted that those services would meet with the hearty recognition of Prov. G. Lodge.

Bro. H. Deane, P.P.J.G.W., proposed that a cordial vote of thanks should be given to Bro. Wykes for the admirable and efficient manner in which he had discharged the duties of Acting Provincial Grand Secretary on the occasion above referred to. The motion was seconded by Bro. F. J. Baines, P.P.G. Purst., supported by Bro. Partridge, and carried unanimously.

The D. Prov. G.M. proposed a vote of thanks to the W.M. and brethren of the Knights of Malta Lodge for the very hearty and enthusiastic reception they had given the members of Prov. G. Lodge, and for the great trouble bestowed in beautifying and decorating the room, and preparing it for their use. Bro. Toller said that, on entering the lodge, he was quite taken by surprise at the admirable arrangements which had been made by the Hinckley brethren for the accommodation of Prov. Grand Lodge. He begged to compliment the W.M. and members of No. 50, on their highly successful efforts, and seconded the motion, which was put and carried, and afterwards suitably responded to by Bro. Tippetts, W.M.

Apologies for unavoidable absence having been read from several brethren, the Prov. G. Lodge was closed in due form.

After closing the Craft Lodge, the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was served by Mr. Trickett, of the George Hotel, in an excellent manner.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The General Committee of this School met on Saturday last at Freemasons' Hall, when the chair was taken by Bro. John Symonds, V.P.

There were also in attendance Bros. Major Creaton, W. Winn, H. Browse, Benjamin Head, S. Rawson, H. Dubosc, S. Rosenthal, A. H. Tattershall, Hyde Pullen, F. Adlard, Capt. N. G. Phillips, D. M. Dewar, R. W. Little, Jesse Turner, Thomas W. White, J. G. Chancellor, C. J. Palmer, E. M. Haigh, John Read, A. D. and M. D. Loewenstark, W. F. C. Montrie, C. W. Jones, W. H. Saunders, Geo. Kelly, E. W. Hubback, H. Massey (Freemason), and F. Binckes, Secretary.

The Province of Warwick having applied, through its Charity Committee, for the sanction of this Institution to a scheme for employing the Tylers in the province to collect subscriptions on behalf of the Boys' School at a small commission, which scheme had received the approval of the Provincial Grand Master, Lord Leigh, the matter was thoroughly discussed, Bros. Major Creaton, Saunders, Binckes, A. D. Loewenstark, Adlard, Rawson, Turner, and Rosenthal, taking part in the debate. The motion granting permission as requested was afterwards put to the meeting and carried.

Bro. A. H. Tattershall then brought forward the motion, of which he had given notice, and which appeared in our impression of the 28th ult.:

"That all proxies shall be forwarded direct from the office to the parties to whom they belong—i.e., to those who are registered in the office books, except in those cases where the Secretary is authorised to deal with them otherwise; but in such cases where authorities are given, they must be renewed previous to every election."

Bro. Tattershall fully explained his reason for making this motion, and said that from his experience as a Scrutineer at the elections, he felt convinced that many votes were polled by the proxies of dead subscribers being used.

The motion was seconded, and after Bro. S. Rosenthal had offered it, Bro. Binckes read several letters he had received from provinces condemning the proposition, which the writers

thought would be detrimental to the interests of the Institution.

Bros. Winn, Turner, Adlard, Loewenstark and others, took part in the discussion which followed, and the brethren ultimately rejected the motion.

The minutes of the House Committee, which were read for information, led to a very long and careful deliberation of the matters referred to them.

Bro. Binckes read the extract which related to this school, from the will of Mr. George Welling, of Chelmsford, under which "the Masons Boys' and Girls' School" take one third of residue of the testator's personal estate. Bro. Binckes also stated that the matter of Bro. Clabbequest had been laid before Bro. J. M. Clabbe and that brother would draw up a report upon it to be laid before the Committee in January. He was unable to attend the present meeting but if he had attended it he would have advised that the bequest should be accepted, and trusts of the will carried out.

Five petitions were then considered, and four out of the five candidates were passed as suitable to be placed on the list for election; and the Committee, having sat nearly two hours and a half, adjourned after passing a cordial vote of thanks to the chairman.

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PORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

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OXON AND LAMB LODGE (No. 192).—This held its last meeting at the City Terminus, Cannon-street, on Thursday, the 3rd inst. Geo. Abbott, W.M., in the chair. The members present were Bros. Geo. Newman, S.W.; Cohu, J.W.; J. G. Marsh, P.M., Sec.; Es Arkell, S.D.; E. Jones, J.D.; H. King, I.G.; and Bros. F. Trott; E. King; E. King; and Geo. Kenning, P.M.'s. The following gentlemen were initiated into the Order: S. V. Hibbins; T. B. Charlesworth; and Gillam. Bro. Geo. Newman was unanimously elected W.M. for the year ensuing, and W. Goodyer, Treasurer. The members went to an excellent repast, served in Bro. Newman's usual good style, which gave general satisfaction. Bro. Geo. Abbott, W.M., presided at the banquet-table, and proposed the following toasts with great zest, and in reply to the toast of the W.M. he took the opportunity of congratulating the officers and brethren for the courtesies and kindness which has always been shown throughout his year of office, particularly for the support he received from them in re-igning the lodge at the last festival of the School, when by their liberality he was enabled to present the largest list that had ever been presented to any of the charities, viz., upwards of a hundred pounds. An exceedingly pleasant and interesting meeting terminated the proceedings. We note that a gold P.M.'s jewel was proposed to be presented to the late W.M. (Bro. Abbott) for the efficient manner in which he has discharged his duties during the present year. Amongst the members the following were present, Bros. Jones; G. Taylor; E. Taylor; C. Cann; Dunn; W. Ramsay; T. Fisher; W. King; H. Davis; Jno. Curle; S. Edwards; Bright; S. Haynes; W. Smale; E. J. Lucas; W. Alfatt; H. A. Pratt; W. Medley; T. Lucas; J. G. Chillingworth; Geo. Hall; G. T. Smith; J. Fuller; Goddard; T. Barker; S. Spencer; J. and others. Visitors, Bros. R. Gunner, P. Munfin, (229); C. R. Jardine, (56); Wilson, (1298); E. Clark, (1329); W. King, (147); C. Clarke, (177); J. Oxenden,

OSBORNE.—Etonian Lodge of St. John (No. 100).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge held on the 1st inst., under the presidency of W.M. Prov., G. W. Dixon. The following brethren were present:—Bros. J. Wilson, (acting) S.W.; J. O. Carter, J.W.; Pullin, Treasurer; J. Strange, P.M. Secretary; Denne, S.D.; G. Cauvin, I.G.; R. King, S.; E. Schiemann, S.; J. H. S. Reid, Bryett, P.M., Prov. Grand Steward and Bucks; T. R. McIlwham, P.M., P.P. Middlesex; Hiscock, Andrews, A. Wilson, Es, &c. Visitors: Bros. Grisebrook, P.M. Howell, P.M. 771; Cantrell, 771; Carter, Richards, P.M. 865 P.P.J.G.W., Middlesex; G.S.; Needham, P.M. 865; Baker (see Ports), &c. The minutes of the pre-

vious meeting having been confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. Woods, of Kneller Hall, and on being declared by the W.M. to be unanimous, he was initiated into Freemasonry by Bro. Mc. Illwham, P.M. The W.M. then passed Bro. Andrews to the second degree, and raised Bro. Whomes to the degree of M.M. The next business of importance was electing the W.M. for the ensuing year. The choice of the brethren fell upon the J.W., Bro. J. O. Carter, Bro. Bladon, S.W., having declined the honour, or he would, without a doubt, have been elected unanimously. Bro. Pullin, P.M., was again elected as Treasurer, and Bro. Case Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was voted to the W.M. for his valuable services in the chair during his successful year of office. The brethren voted a sum of £5 5s. to be added to the list of Bro. J. O. Carter, J.W., on his serving the office of Steward of the Benevolent Institution. After some routine business had been disposed of the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Castle Hotel for refreshment.

BERKLEY.—Royal Lodge of Faith and Friendship (No. 270).—The regular meeting of this lodge took place on Monday evening, 7th inst., at the Berkeley Arms Hotel. Bros. D. Besley, W.M.; John Gamble, S.W.; Wm. Smith, J.W.; Thos. Morse, S.D.; I. Iles, J.D.; Wm. Fairley, I.G.; W. P. Hadley, D.C.; Capt. A. Bloxsome, Treas. and Sec.; Joseph Merrett, Tyler; J. Pinnell, P.M.; E. Gregory, Past S.W.; J. Bloxsome; Moses Eyles; Fredk. Godwin; I. Wetmore; Thos. Handley; &c. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Messrs. C. H. Pawson and Thomas Neale, who, both being present, were initiated into the ancient mysteries of Freemasonry by the W.M., the charge having been delivered by Bro. Capt. Bloxsome in a most impressive and effective manner, the explanation of the working tools being given by Bro. J. Bloxsome. The next business on the agenda paper was the ballot for the W.M. and Treasurer for the ensuing year, when Bro. John Gamble was unanimously elected W.M. and Bro. Capt. A. Bloxsome, Treasurer. The lodge was then closed in ancient form, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet-room, where the evening was spent in harmony and brotherly love.

LEEDS.—Fidelity Lodge (No. 289).—On Thursday, Dec. 3rd, Dr. Spark, Organist of the Leeds Town Hall, was installed Worshipful Master of the Fidelity Lodge, Leeds. The lodge was opened by Bro. H. Inchbold, P.M. The Installing Master was Bro. Mason, P.M. of the Philanthropic Lodge, 304, who performed his duties in an impressive manner. There were present, besides about 40 members of the lodge, and visiting brethren from Leeds, Bro. Bentley Shaw, D.P.G.M. of West Yorkshire; Bro. H. Smith, Prov. G. Sec.; Bro. the Hon. and Rev. P. Yorke Saville, P.P.G. Chaplain; Bro. Colonel Wilkinson, of Stockport, P.M.; and several Masters and Past Masters. The D.P.G.M. congratulated the lodge on the election of Dr. Spark as W.M., remarking that he was an honour to Masonry and to the town in which he resided. The banquet was attended by a goodly number of Masons, and the whole proceedings were of a very pleasing character, Masonic music, selected from the *Freemasons' Liber Musicus* (edited by Dr. Spark), was performed during the evening.

HAVANT.—Carnarvon Lodge (No. 804).—The last meeting of this lodge which will be held at the Black Dog Inn, Havant, took place on Monday, 5th inst., and was numerous attended. After the regular work, consisting of the raising of Bro. Burr, the passing of Bros. Burton and Southwood, and the initiation of Mr. Liddell, had been transacted, a short but effective speech was made by Bro. Hillman, P.M., P. Prov. G.S.B. Hants and J.W., expressing the gratitude of the brethren for the prosperity with which the lodge had met and the harmony which had prevailed amongst its members during the past fifteen years, and their hope that such prosperity and harmony would continue for many years to come. The brethren then sat down to a banquet under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. Harrison, whose zeal for Freemasonry is proverbial, and after the usual loyal

toasts had been given, the health of the Prov. G.M. for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight (Bro. W. B. Besch, M.P.), and the Prov. Grand Officers present and past was drunk, and was acknowledged by Bro. Trigg, P.M., Prov. G. Supt. Works, and Bro. H. Martin Green, P.M., P. Prov. G. Purst., the latter of whom took occasion to call attention to the subscription for the widow of the late well-known and much regretted Bro. J. R. Stebbing, D. Prov. G.M. of Hants and I.W. A private collection was afterwards set on foot by Bro. Francis, I.P.M., and happily realized a considerable sum to be added to the fund. In responding to the toast of "The Newly Initiated Members" Bro. Liddell made some excellent remarks, in the course of which he introduced an apposite quotation from Cicero to the effect that "the happiest moment of a man's life is when he emerges from a state of anxiety and uncertainty to clearness of light and knowledge." The health of Bro. Kirkman, P.M., P. Prov. G.J.W., the father of the lodge, was afterwards given, in the course of his reply to which Bro. Kirkman strongly deprecated the mercenary feelings which unfortunately too often prompt the actions of brethren after their admission, and most emphatically condemned the reprehensible practice, prevailing in many lodges meeting at an hotel, of brethren leaving the lodge-room during labour for the purpose of obtaining refreshment. The Tyler's toast ended a most enjoyable evening; but this account must not be closed before the Worshipful Master is congratulated on the fact that his next lodge will be held at the Town Hall of Havant, a building which, independent of its non-connection with any hotel or tavern, possesses rooms well calculated to enhance the beauties of our ceremonies, and to promote the comfort of the brethren.

EXETER.—Semper Fidelis Lodge (No. 1254).—The sixth annual festival of this lodge, was held at the Masonic Hall, on Monday, the W.M. Bro. J. H. Warren, presiding. After the preliminary business was transacted, Bro. W. Cann, P. Prov. G.S.W., proceeded to install the W.M. Elect, Bro. F. Horspool, in the Master's chair for the ensuing twelve months. The ceremony, as usual, was gone through in the most impressive manner by Bro. W. Cann, and then the newly installed Master selected and invested the following brethren as his officers for the current year: B. Barber, S.W.; G. Huxham, J.W.; H. W. Hooper, Treas.; W. Brodie, Sec.; W. Pidsley, S.D.; E. T. Fulford, J.D.; A. Hamlin, C.; F. Sanders, D.C.; W. A. Gregory, I.G.; W. Peters, O.; W. R. Cummings, S.S.; F. T. Bonter, J.S. Bro. Gregory was appointed Tyler, and Bro. Blanchard, Assistant Tyler. After the appointment of the above officers, the gratifying presentation of a Past Master's Jewel was made to the I.P.M., Bro. J. H. Warren, by the newly installed Master. The jewel was unanimously voted by the members of the lodge, and its presentation was the signal for hearty applause, in approval of the conduct of the recipient during his year of office. The jewel was a solid gold square, and bore the name of the lodge in raised gold letters, on a gold ribbon. Bro. Warren heartily thanked the members of the lodge for their highly appreciated presentation, and assured them that the possession of such a valuable memento of his year of office could not fail to remind him of his Masonic duties, nor of his deep obligation, to one and all, for the respect at all times exhibited towards him, and the great kindness received at their hands. The brethren then unanimously voted the sum of ten guineas towards the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. On the closing of the lodge the brethren adjourned to Bro. Langdon's, Globe Hotel, where an excellent banquet was served, and ample justice done to the excellent viands so bountifully provided. Bro. Horspool occupied the chair, and Bro. Barber the vice-chair. The following brethren were present:—F. Horspool, W.M.; J. Warren, I.P.M.; W. Cann, P. Prov. G.S.W.; C. R. N. Lyne, P.P.G.C.; H. L. Brewster, P.P.G.R.; H. W. Hooper, P.P.G.R.; S. Jones, P. Prov. G.S.D.; W. F. Quicke, P.M. 39; J. Page, P.M. 151; W. Shears, P.M. 372; R. Anning, R. Southcott, W. Brodie, W. Pidsley, J. Littlejohns, W. R. Comings, F. J. Williams,

G. Sercombe, Quarter-Master Sergeant W. Dixon, 1,000; Sergeant J. Linington, 31; B. Barber, S. H. Culley, F. Neebe, F. Sanders, R. W. Pyne, M. Hooper, J. Stocker, G. Huxham, E. T. Fulford, H. Stocker, J. Algar, W. A. Gregory, A. Hamlin, P. L. Blanchard and others. The room was gaily decorated with loyal and other mottoes and evergreens, and festooned and hung with flags and banners, by an enthusiastic and respected brother. The tables were nicely set out, the floral decorations, distributed in handsome vases, &c., together with a bunch of sweet-scented violets placed in front of each brother, were fully appreciated and favourably commented on. The banquet over a well selected and ample dessert was placed on the tables, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were severally given, in appropriate terms, from the chair, most of the toasts being followed with glees and songs having reference thereto. It is no small inducement for those connected with the Craft to attend the banquet of Semper Fidelis to hear the excellent musical abilities that is prominent at this annual gathering. The following brethren formed the choir: Bros. F. Horspool, W. M.; B. Barber, S. W.; G. Huxham, J. W.; W. A. Gregory, I. G.; assisted by Bros. J. Algar, and H. Stocker, of St. John's Lodge, No. 39. A vote of thanks to the host and hostess was duly proposed and carried. A most harmonious and happy evening was spent, and "God save the Queen" brought the Masonic year of Semper Fidelis Lodge to an agreeable close.

GREENWICH.—Star Lodge (No. 1275).—The regular meeting of this prosperous lodge was held at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich, on Friday December 4th. Punctually at four o'clock (the time specified for the meeting), Bro. George Pymm, W. M. (P. M. 749, P. M. 1310), opened the lodge. He was supported by Bros. J. J. Limebeer, S. W.; H. J. Green, J. W.; J. Smith, P. G. P.; P. M. Treas.; F. Walters, P. G. P. Midx., P. M. Secy. Rev. Colles, P. P. G. C. Oxon, Chaplain; R. W. Williams, S. D.; C. W. Williams, J. D.; W. Bell, I. G.; W. B. Woodman, M. C.; Waugh, P. G. P., P. M.; H. Keeble, P. M.; T. R. Darke, P. M.; J. Ellis: A. C. Woodward, W. E. Williams, H. W. Elmer, J. Finch, W. Hardman, G. S. Elliott, Ole Jacobsen, W. P. Tong, J. T. C. Brooks, W. Ripps, E. H. Rands, J. Fox, E. Lane, W. Brough, with others. Amongst a large number of visitors were Bros. C. H. Cobbett, W. M. 190, H. Jager, P. M. 453, C. G. C. Stahr, P. M. 1309, A. Thomas, 1446, J. Anerley, 177, T. W. Martin 1257, A. H. Edwards 1257, &c. The minutes were read and unanimously confirmed. The ballots, taken separately, were unanimous in favour of the admission of all the candidates for initiation. The work, most ably, correctly, and impressively done, was the initiation separately of Messrs. E. W. Chetwynd, E. H. Rand, J. T. C. Brooks, and Captain A. Jacobsen. After which, Bro. W. Hardman was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, Bro. W. E. Williams presented the lodge with a splendid floor cloth for use in Third Degree, for which he received a vote of thanks, and the same to be entered on the lodge minute book. The usual large number of propositions for initiation were recorded. Bro. W. Bell, I. G., made an eloquent appeal on behalf of the Royal Beneficent Institution, and for which he is the Steward representing this lodge. The lodge was duly closed, the banquet was served, the regular toasts being received and responded to.

KENNINGTON LODGE (No. 1381).—The last meeting for the year of this lodge was held at the Surrey Club House, Kennington Oval, on the 1st inst. The lodge was opened at 4.30 p.m. by Bro. Koch, W. M., assisted by Bro. Higgins, acting S. W.; Gardner, J. W.; Walls, acting S. D.; Painter, J. D.; Reeves, I. G.; Webb, W. S.; Heyward, A. D. C.; Stuart, P. M. and Sec. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W. M., assisted by his officers, raised Bros. Bolton, Speedy, Poole, W. Ellis, and W. A. Ellis to the sublime degree of M. M.'s. He then passed Bros. Cruse and Gibson as F. C.'s. The ceremonies of both degrees were satisfactorily carried out. Bro. Walls then addressed the lodge at length upon the advisability of passing a vote of thanks to Bro. Pope, the manager of the club-

house, who had catered for the lodge since its foundation. He spoke of him as being a brother whose urbanity, courtesy, and obliging conduct had won for him an excellent name in all lodges of the Craft, and said that he personally felt that he could not let the opportunity pass of recording in open lodge his Masonic opinion of him. He felt sorry that circumstances had occurred which would soon sever his connection with them as host, and he trusted Bro. Pope would be long spared to continue a career of usefulness to the Craft, and that he would be equally successful elsewhere in obtaining the good opinion of all classes of the community. He also spoke of him as having encouraged and managed to the extent of his power those old English sports and pastimes which had made the Surrey Oval the envy of kindred establishments and famous throughout the world. In conclusion he trusted that it would be many years ere Bro. Pope relaxed his exertions towards the Craft, of which he was so distinguished an ornament, and before King Death should ring down the curtain on his labours, and he, in common with them all, should make his final bow and exit from the stage of life. A vote of thanks was then unanimously passed to Bro. Pope, P. M. of the Faith Lodge, &c., &c. The lodge having been closed in due form the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was well served. Among the visitors present were Bros. Hopwood, P. M. 147, and S. W. of 1512; Wasenberg, Acacia Lodge; Fullagar, Robert Burns. The loyal toasts in connection with the Craft were given and honoured, Bro. Walls contributing the "National Anthem" and "God Bless the Prince of Wales." The other Craft and lodge toasts were given in rapid succession. Bro. Stokes sang "Pretty Jane" and Bro. Walls "Tom Bowling," during the intervals, admirably accompanied on the pianoforte by Bro. W. A. Ellis. The business of the lodge having been very long and arduous, the banquet did not take place till late in the evening, and consequently the proceedings of the latter were considerably abridged.

THE GREAT CITY LODGE (No. 1426).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday last at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, and was numerously attended, both by its members and visitors. Lodge was opened by the W. M., Bro. Nathan B. Headon, who was supported by the whole of his officers, viz.:—Bros. J. H. Townend, S. W.; John Seax, J. W.; James Stevens, I. P. M.; J. Freeman, Treasurer; E. Moody, Secretary; R. Stanway, S. D.; G. Blackie, J. D.; T. Preston, D. C.; W. H. Hook, Organist; W. Catchpole, I. G.; C. Taylor, Steward; and W. Steedman, Tyler. Amongst the other members present were Bros. H. Thompson, P. M.; C. S. Barker, jun., Boulton, Jenkins, Portway, Browne, Colmer, Hooker, Kibble, Rolfe, Middleton, Archer, Cox, Hugo, Bumpus, Owen Bowen, Moore, Hannaford, J. Thompson, Frederick, Lewis Lewis, Phillips, Keeble, and Hartley; and also the following visitors:—Charles Horsley, P. M., P. P. G. Reg. Middlesex; W. E. Gompertz, P. M., P. P. G. Reg. Herts; Fredk. Kent, C. C., W. M. 177; R. N. Field, W. M. 902; W. Worrell, P. M. 766; C. Fountain, T. Harper, B. B. Joy, 1216; S. Spencer, 192; J. Lord, 25; J. Allen, S. W. 1297; and Bro. Stone, 65. Bros. Phillips and Keeble were raised; Bros. Rolfe, Bumpus, J. Thompson, Cox and Moore, were passed; and, after a successful ballot for nine candidates for initiation, Messrs. F. W. Potter, C. Burrows, James Gray, and E. H. Davjs, were admitted to the first degree. The admirable manner in which the work was performed by the W. M. and his officers, called forth the warmest expressions of commendation from all the brethren assembled. Bros. E. Moody, Secretary, and J. Freeman, Treasurer, respectively moved and seconded, or rather, gave notice of motion, "That the sum of fifty guineas be voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, to be placed on the list of the W. M., who has consented to act as Steward at the ensuing festival of the Institution." The lodge business having been completed, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to supper in the Pillar Room, after five hours pleasant labour in the lodge. As this repast was one of the "informal" banquets in which the Great City Lodge

delights, not much time was lost before the royal of the cloth and the circulation of a loving cup, and then with modest refreshment before them, the company settled down to the genial sway of the justly popular W. M. to enjoy the remainder of the evening. The leading Masonic toasts having been honoured, Bro. James Stevens, the P. M., proposed "The Health of the W. M.," whose merits, and whose labours on behalf of the Craft are so well known and appreciated by those whom he ably ruled, were briefly expounded the proposer, for the benefit of those who for the first time had honoured the lodge by their presence on this occasion. The termination of Stevens's remarks elicited much applause, and was renewed when the W. M., in response, pressed his determination to uphold and maintain the honourable position which the lodge already held in the estimation of the Masonic Fraternity. To the toast of "The Initiates," several newly admitted brethren shortly responded, and each of them evidently was pleased with the ceremony he had gone through and unmistakably cordial reception extended to "The Visitors" were pledged amidst the "Great City" honours, and Bro. Charles Horsley, P. P. G. Reg., Middlesex, in his acknowledgement of the toast, favoured the brethren with an admirable speech, to which the most earnest attention was given. In the course of his remarks, he expressed his regret that since the date of the secession of this lodge, some eighteen months ago, he had been unable to attend a meeting, but vivid recollection entertained of that memorable occasion, when no less than 50 Past Masters metropolitan and provincial lodges attended to do honour to the founders, that the first W. M. of the lodge had impelled him at last to take the opportunity he had long desired. The promise of that great first meeting had been filled in his opinion, for although he had, matter of course, seen perfect working in many other lodges, he was constrained to say that he had never before had he seen such thorough order and painstaking attention to every detail as he that evening witnessed. He had that day been compelled to a long fast, but even the exigencies of hunger had not been able to withdraw him from the lodge during the five mortal hours over which the evening's work had extended. He had noticed that the lodge had not forgotten during the past year the duty of charity, and delighted him to hear of its intention to further aid the funds of our Masonic Institution. He trusted, and he had no doubt that the W. M., in his Stewardship this year, would thoroughly supported by his brethren as his predecessor last year. He congratulated the lodge most earnestly on all its appointments the efficiency of its officers, the increase of strength, and its well-deserved repute; and himself, desired to assure his hearers that, course of his Masonic career, he had not thoroughly enjoyed the intellectual feast of the lodge-room, and probably in part due to "long fast" he had before spoken of, the stantial refreshment of which he had just taken. With hearty thanks to all for the pliment the lodge had paid him, and with wishes for its prosperity, Bro. Horsley concluded his excellent address, amidst great cheerfulness. Bros. Gompertz, Kent, Field, Worrell, and visitors, shortly supplemented Bro. Horsley's remarks, and endorsed his statements and good wishes. The remaining toasts—I. P. M., Bro. James Stevens, "The Oil" (coupled with the name of Bro. Preston), drunk and responded to, and the Tyler brought the evening to a close. The pliments were enlivened by some excellent remarks by professional and amateur members of the lodge.

MANCHESTER.—Lodge of Truth (No. 1426).—This young but flourishing lodge celebrated its festival of St. John, on Saturday, the 5th at the Royal Archer Hotel, Dale-street, Manchester. The lodge was opened at 4.30 p.m. by the W. M., Bro. John W. Turner, who read the minutes of the previous meeting, the ballot was taken by D. L. Brooke, it proving favourable, he initiated into the mysteries of Masonry W. M. The lodge was then opened

ad degree, when Bro. Robert Caldwell, P.M., the chair of King Solomon for the purpose stalling Bro. Henry Smith, W.M. elect, he did in that able manner for which he justly noted. Bro. Jas Batchelder (whose song we reviewed a few weeks ago) led at the harmonium, he being the Organist of the lodge. The officers being invested and business of the meeting completed, the closed the lodge in the three degrees. The men and visitors, amongst whom were many distinguished Masons, then sat down to a most sumptuous banquet, provided by the worthy host, Potts. The I.P. Master, in proposing the health of the W.M., congratulated the brethren on the happy selection they had made in appointing Bro. Smith to the highest honour they bestow on him, and trusted the officers would rally round and give him their support, and the ceremonies and by a punctual attendance in their duties. Knowing the W.M. was very much of their support he hoped they would not mind wanting, but tender to Bro. Smith that as a man of good will which, he was happy to have been accorded to himself, and which he had opportunity to thank them for. The I.P. Master, in proposing the health of the I.P.M., said that it was a very pleasing duty to perform, and that he presented to Bro. J. W. Turner a handsome Master's Jewel, from the officers and brethren of the lodge. The I.P.M. responded in the most flattering terms. The other toasts having been honoured, the brethren separated, after having enjoyed a most enjoyable evening. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bros. Batchelder and Dunville, and gave great satisfaction.

MIDDLEFORD.—*The Thames Valley Lodge* (No. 103).—The last regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Ship Hotel, Halliford, Middlesex, on the 5th inst.; Bro. Colonel James Peters, in the chair, and ably supported by his assistants as follows:—Bro. the Rev. Dr. Brette, Bro. Lieut. C. B. Elliott, R.N., J.W.; Bro. Paas (P.M. 28), Treasurer; Bro. J. G. Jones (P.M. 28), Secretary; Bro. J. L. Jones, Bro. W. J. Howe, J.D.; Bro. W. Le Doyle, Steward. The lodge having been opened, the following gentlemen were introduced into Freemasonry:—Lieut. Charles (93rd Highlanders), Joseph Davis, Stone, and H. H. Blyth. The following were also received as joining members: Charles V. Lockwood, 478, P.P.G.D.; Bro. Charles H. Muir, P.M. 297; Bro. Windus, 26; Bro. J. A. Magee, 22 and Bro. H. Kerr, 73—Ireland; and Bro. T. Nan, 715. Bro. the Rev. Dr. Brette was unanimously elected W.M. for the year ending Bro. Paas re-elected Treasurer.

NOTTINGHAM HILL.—*Francis Burdett Lodge* (No. 103).—A meeting of this recently established flourishing lodge was held at the Arms, Hampton Hill, on the 9th inst., well attended. The W.M., Bro. Col. Tomlinson, presided, assisted by Bros. Saunders, W.M.; Tomlinson, J.W.; Cox, S.D.; J.D.; Walls, I.G.; Knaggs, Treasurer. Reported that an emergency meeting had been held on the previous Thursday, when the aid of Bros. Tomlinson, acting W.M.; Walls, acting J.W.; Deekes, acting S.D.; acting J.D.; Jenkins acting I.G., in the absence of Rogers and Lovett, into the mystic Craft. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the meeting proceeded in an excellent manner, passed Bro. Knaggs to the 3rd degree, and initiated Messrs. Saunders, F. Mitchell, and Clarke. The ballot was taken for Bro. T. C. Walls (Kenninged) Bro. Honeywell (Dobie), as joining members, which was unanimous. Among the present were Bro. Hammond, P.M. and Bro. No. 1512, Bro. Adlard, P.M. (No. 7), Bro. Richards, (103). The W.M. appointed Bro. Walls to the office of I.G. The lodge having been closed in due form the brethren partook of an excellent cold collation. The usual Craft toasts were given by the W.M. with vivacity, but with great spirit. The S.W. sang one verse each of the National Anthem, and God Bless the Prince of Wales. Bro. Adlard proposed the health of the W.M. in his speech, wherein he spoke highly of the

Masonic abilities of Bro. Wigginton, and congratulated the lodge upon possessing so able a representative in the chair of K.S. The W.M. having replied, proposed the toast of the evening, viz., "The Initiates," which was duly honoured, and severally replied to by Bros. Saunders, Mitchell, and Clarke. The toast of "The Visitors" followed, and was replied to by Bros. Adlard and Richards. The former stated that he had been connected with the Craft 40 years and had been a P.M. upwards of 36 years, and that his interest was still unabated in Freemasonry and that he should continue to support the Order in every way as long as his health would permit him so to do, and in conclusion he said that considering the short time the Francis Burdett Lodge had been established he was surprised but exceedingly pleased at the admirable manner in which the working had been carried out by the officers. The W.M. then gave "The Officers," coupling with the toast the names of the S.W. and the I.G. Bro. Saunders replied, and in the course of his speech expressed his intention of devoting his best energies to further the interest of the lodge, and he hoped in time it would equal any lodge in Middlesex. The W.M. proposed the health of the joining brethren, Bros. Walls and Honeywell, and requested the first-named to reply, who said he felt very proud that evening at having to reply, not only as a joining brother but as an officer of the lodge. During his remarks he stated as an incentive to the initiates that from the first moment of joining Freemasonry he was so impressed with the usefulness and power of the Craft that he came to the conclusion to persevere in its workings until he had mastered them, and he hoped to be spared, that some day he might be elected to fulfil the arduous duties which had been so excellently carried out by their W.M. that evening. In conclusion he thanked Bro. Wigginton for the mark of his esteem and confidence in appointing him to the honourable position of I.G., which he trusted he should discharge to his satisfaction and to the approval of the lodge. The Tyler's toast having been given, Bro. Walls sang "I don't mean to tell you her name" and the proceedings, which were eminently successful, terminated.

Royal Arch.

SOUTHAMPTON.—*Chapter of Concord* (No. 394).—On Thursday, 1st inst., Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre was installed First Principal of the Chapter of Concord, No. 394, which, under his auspices, promises to increase in numbers, as it has done for some time past. There was a large gathering on the occasion, the members of the Gloucester Chapter having been invited to be present at the ceremony of installation, which was performed by Bro. Booth—Bro. F. F. Hare being appointed Second Principal; J. Blount Thomas, Third Principal; J. R. Weston, S.E.; R. Sharpe, S.N.; W. Bemister, P.S.; C. W. A. Jellicoe and C. A. Dyer, A.S.; and H. Abraham, Treasurer. Immediately after the installation, the First Principal exalted a brother, and the work of the chapter was done in a very creditable manner. A banquet followed, at which the usual Masonic and other toasts were given, and a fraternal interchange of sentiment took place.

Mark Masonry.

SOUTHAMPTON.—*St. Andrew's Lodge* (No. 63).—At the celebration of the Festival of St. Andrew by this lodge, the following officers were installed for the ensuing year, the duties of installing Master being ably performed by Worshipful Bro. P.M. Sheppard, P.P.G.J.W., assisted by Worshipful Bro. P.M. Hickman, D.P.G.M., Bros. P.M. Abraham, Payne, Le Feuvre, and Emanuel:—S.W., Bro. S. S. Pearee; J.W., Bro. C. A. Dyer; Treasurer, Bro. P.M. Abraham; M.O., Bro. G. Cross; S.O., Bro. W. J. Hickman; J.O., Bro. J. Blount Thomas; Secretary, Bro. W. C. Anstun; Registrar, Bro. J. C. Stroud; D.C., Bro. Bemister; Organist,

Bro. Wolf; S.D., Bro. Symon; J.D., Bro. Tilling; I.G., Bro. Withers; Tyler, Bro. Biggs. This lodge was constituted but five years ago, and is already the largest in the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. No less than twenty have joined or been advanced during the Mastership of the outgoing Master, Bro. Le Feuvre.

LIVERPOOL.—*Walton Lodge* (No. 161).—The regular meeting of this thriving young lodge was held in St. Lawrence's Schoolroom, Kirkdale, on the evening of Tuesday, the 1st inst., when there were present Bros. Thomas Chesworth, W.M.; Joseph Charles Lant, Pro Grand Mark J.D., S.W.; Thomas Ashmore, J.W.; Rev. C. R. Hyde, L.L.D., Pro Grand Mark Chaplain; Jesse Banning, M.O.; J. Jones, as J.O.; G. E. Hanmer, Secretary; W. E. Quayle S.D.; W. G. Sharpe, and others. The lodge having been opened, the minutes were read and confirmed. Three candidates were balloted for and duly elected. Bro. W. Archer, P.M., P.Z., being present, was advanced to the honourable degree of M.M.M. Three other candidates for advancement were then proposed for the next meeting. Nothing further appearing for the good of M.M.M. in general, or this lodge in particular, the business was closed in ancient and solemn form. The brethren subsequently sat down to a sumptuous repast, prepared in Bro. Casey's best style.

Scotland.

GLASGOW.

LODGE CLYDESDALE (No. 556).—The meeting of this lodge for election and installation of office-bearers for the ensuing year, was held in their hall, at the Crown-street Assembly Rooms, on Monday, 7th inst., the R.W.M., Bro. William Phillips, presiding. The minutes of last meeting having been read and passed, a candidate received the sublime degree of Master Mason, at the hands of Bro. Thos. Halkett, P.M. 102, St. Mark. Thereafter the chairman announced that he had received for signing, the lease for the new and eligible premises, to which it was their intention shortly to remove, and that Bro. Geo. McNaught has drawn out plans for the requisite alterations of the same. The rent was to be £27 a year, and they could enter on possession as soon as they liked. The chairman then said that as there had been no opposition to the list of office-bearers duly proposed and seconded, he thereby declared the same to be duly elected; and the installation was proceeded with, Bro. Halkett officiating in a masterly manner. The R.W.M. having been first installed by himself, appointed by Bro. Dr. Russell as his D.M.; and the remaining office-bearers were then installed together. The following is the list:—Bros. W. Phillips, R.W.M.; Dr. Russell, D.M.; John McNaught, S.M.; John B. McNaught, S.W.; John Howie, J.W.; T. B. Neill, Treasurer; Jos. Strang, Secretary; John Webster, Chaplain; John Frew, S.D.; J. Weir, S. Steward; John Doid, B.B.; H. Weir, Standard-Bearer; Chas. Lee, D. of Ceremonies; Henry W. Jackson, Architect; W. J. E. Dobson, P.G.S.; Wm. Graham, Tyler. The ceremony having been concluded, the R.W.M. thanked the brethren for re-electing him to the important office of Master, which he had accepted with the full resolve that there should be nothing wanting on his part to attain for Lodge Clydesdale a locus standi, equal to anything in the province. The lodge was shortly thereafter called to refreshment, when, after the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, there were given the health of the newly re-elected R.W.M., Bro. Phillips, by Bro. G. H. McNaught, P.M. 275 (Shamrock and Thistle); "The Visiting Brethren," by the S.W., coupled with the name of Bro. Malcolm Stark, D.M. 553 (St. Vincent); the health of Bro. James Banks McNeil, 262 (St. Clair), the famous Glasgow swimmer, who has in his time rescued from a watery grave no fewer than 69 lives; "The Wardens," Bros. McNaught and Howie, and others. The lodge having been recalled to labour, Bros. J. B. McNeil, 362, and M. Stark, 553, were duly affiliated as members of 556, after which it was closed in due form.

LODGE ATHOL (No. 413).—This lodge met in St. Mark's Hall, Buchanan-street, on Tuesday evening, 8th inst.; the R.W.M., Bro. John Wallace, in the chair. The lodge having been opened in the E.A. Degree, the minutes of last meeting were read and approved of. The ceremony of installation of office-bearers was then proceeded with, the work being performed by P.M. Bro. John Miller in a style by which all and sundry, but especially brethren from other lodges present, must have been much and most favourably impressed. The following is the list as re-arranged:—John Wallace, R.W.M.; Jas. Loutitt, D.M.; Walter Neilson, S.M.; Colin M'Kenzie, S.W.; Daniel Leeds, J.W.; Peter Agnew, Treasurer; J. W. Stevenson, Secretary; John Baikie, Chaplain; William Loutitt, S.D.; Robert M'Leish, J.D.; Wm. O'Brien, P. of S.; Jno. Davidson, S. Steward; J. C. Galloway, J. Steward; Charles Thornton, and John Harrower, Stewards; Andrew Holmes, I.G.; and Robert Gardner, O.G.; Robert Lauder, and Robert Sloan, Auditors. At the close of the installation, the R.W.M. begged to thank Bro. Miller for the very kind way in which he had come forward and assisted them so ably that evening. It had only, however, added another to many favours for which they had been indebted to him, and he was sure it was the wish of every brother that he might be long spared to go in and out among them and assist others as he had assisted them, and as he was always willing to do. He (the Chairman) had also to thank the lodge for re-appointing him as their Master. Whatever might have been his failings during the last twelve months, it showed that they had not thought them such as should debar him from being re-elected. The retiring office-bearers he desired to thank for their co-operation in the past, while, from his knowledge of those just elected, he felt sure that they would be as harmonious in the future. The Chairman concluded by bespeaking the support of the lodge generally during the year ensuing, and specially urged upon them the importance of regular attendance at all meetings, and of punctuality to the hour for which these were called. Bro. Miller, in briefly acknowledging the chairman's remarks bearing reference to himself, said it had given him great pleasure to be there and instal the new office-bearers of his mother lodge. He had no doubt whatever that they would get on well with those to-night appointed, and he wished the lodge every success in this next year. The lodge thereafter adjourned from labour to refreshment. After the customary opening toasts had been duly honoured, as also that of the office-bearers who had been made for the first time (coupled with the name of the J.W., Bro. Leeds), the chairman called upon Bro. John C. Burne, who was seated on the dais, to speak. Bro. Burne, in response, said he had now a very pleasing duty to perform—one that he felt proud of. Pleasure, indeed, was too weak a word to express what he felt; he should rather say profound gratification. The cause of his being there that evening was to offer to their esteemed friend and brother beside him, Bro. Miller, a small token of the respect which he (Bro. Burne) entertained to their Past Master for his worth as a friend, and his zeal in matters Masonic. It was not a rich gift; but with truth it could be said that it was given by a hand with a heart in it. Referring to the testimonial (a portrait of Bro. Miller, which stood covered in front of the dais), the speaker said that the picture before them represented their worthy brother in those robes Masonic which he had worn with dignity to himself, and honour to his confrères. He (the speaker) hoped it might stimulate others to go on as Bro. Miller had done, and endeavour to raise themselves to the station of honour in their respective lodges. It had been said that every French soldier carried a Marshal's baton in his knapsack, and, similarly, every Freemason carried in his apron-pocket a Master's mallet. As Long-fellow had said, in his Psalm of Life:—

"Let us, then, be up and doing
With a heart for any fate;
Still achieving, still pursuing,
Learn to labour and to wait."

In conclusion, Bro. Burne said it now devolved

upon him to ask Bro. Miller's acceptance of the picture. He was a brother who was esteemed not only by himself (the speaker) and those present, but by every Mason in the West of Scotland. The picture was then uncovered, and an opportunity given to the brethren round to examine it individually. It is a highly-finished production, in oil-colours, and alike as a resemblance and as a work of art, is simply admirable. Bro. Miller, in acknowledging the gift, said he appreciated the compliment paid him very highly; in fact, so much so, that he could not express what he thought about it. It would be cherished in his family, and he should never look upon it without thinking of its kind donor, Bro. Burne. Several other toasts followed, and the proceedings at refreshment were agreeably enlivened by two or three excellent songs and recitations from Bros. Miller, R. Fraser, Burne, Perston, and others.

GREENOCK.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE (No. 175).—It is a considerable time since such a large Masonic gathering took place in the lodge room, of Lodge Greenock, St. John's, No. 175, on the evening of Wednesday, 2nd inst., for the double purpose of installing into office the newly elected R.W.M. and office-bearers, for the ensuing twelve months, and the presentation of valuable tokens of respect to Bro. Charles Grey, on the occasion of his vacating the R.W.M.'s chair. The following report of both proceedings fully explain, what took place; but Bro. Gray, having long filled the honourable position of Master of the lodge, we think we are only performing our duty, both to the Craft and the readers of the *Freemason*, when we bear testimony (on the authority of many brethren) as to the admirable way in which he has worked the lodge. The task of presiding over such a lodge as Greenock, St. John's, was not a light one, as will be seen from what follows, nor was the position of the W.M. altogether easy. Brethren will know that it is upon the wise and judicious exercise of the high functions committed to him that the satisfactory progress of the business of Masonry depends. They look to him, too, for counsel and advice, and during the time Bro. Gray had been in the chair, his help had always been readily given to any brethren who sought it, and as he was a much experienced Mason, the advice was always valuable. His fairness and impartiality fully impressed the brethren, while the admirable way in which he did the work of the lodge was beyond praise. A better Master never presided over a lodge, and if his successors followed in his footsteps, and copied his example, the future success of Greenock St. John's could not, but, as hitherto, be a great success. The handsome present made to him on this occasion, will serve to remind him that his efforts were appreciated, and his name cannot fail to be associated with the lodge as long as it lasts. The lodge being duly constituted in the Apprentice Degree, by Bro. Charles Gray, R.W.M., Alexander McMaster, the new W.M., was performed in the most impressive and efficient manner by Bro. Robert Urie, who was afterwards appointed his Depute Master. Thereafter the office-bearers who were elected a week previous, were installed by D.M., Bro. Robert Urie, the proceedings being conducted in accordance with the ancient customs and usages of the Craft. The following is a list of their names:—McMaster, R.W. Master; Robert Urie, Depute Master; Chas. Grey, Past Master; Andw. Boag, Old Master; Donald Anderson, do.; D. McIntyre, Junior Warden; Wm. Wright, junr., Secretary; James Roger, Treasurer; John McQuarrie, S.D.; James Scott, J.D.; James McBridge, 1st Senior Steward; John Fleming, 2nd do.; David Anderson, 1st Junior do.; Stephenson Stewart, Inner Guard; Alexander Cruden, Tyler. The offices of Senior Warden, Chaplain, and 2nd Junior Steward are to be filled up at a meeting called for the purpose. After the transaction of some routine business, the brethren were called from labour to refreshment. Bro. Alex. McMaster, R.W.M., presided. The formal Masonic toasts, including the Grand Master of Scotland, Bro. Sir Michael Robert Shaw Stewart, were proposed and responded to in true Masonic style.

Bro. M'Master, R.W.M., then rose and inti-

ated that he had a very pleasing duty to perform, namely, to present their Right Worshipful Master, esteemed Bro. Grey, with a token of consideration in which his office-bearers had him. It afforded him (the R.W.M.) much gratification that so great an honour had been upon him as to be in the occupancy of the on that occasion. He was, however, very that the circumstances in which their valued ther was placed were among the reasons this presentation was made. Bro. Grey had overtaken by infirmity, which had lamentable effects, especially as regarded his sight, which had been, for the time at least, away. Were it otherwise, the present would be unmingled with anything in the to be regretted. As it was, they were that cheerfulness of mind, as well as a me of health of body, were present. In lo back to the past they had nothing but ple recollections of what had occurred in that under the Mastership of Bro. Grey. Prospr unanimity, and real Masonic fraternity had fested themselves throughout the whole of the last four years, and he was sure th who were present that night would feel with and bear him out in the observations he wa king. He would now, in the name of the bearers, present Bro. Grey with a medallion containing the portrait of that Brother, and all the office-bearers, with the kindest fe and the fond anticipation that it might y possible for him to look upon the picture to recognize its contents. After some oth marks of an appropriate character, the Right shipful Master handed to Bro. Grey a med executed by Bro. Urie, containing the por as has been stated. The medallion is in a moulded frame by Messrs. Lawrie and Fle and measures two feet and a half by two. The portraits are beautifully executed in cu each having the Masonic insignia and jewel the whole is a very valuable gift. The foll is the inscription:—"Charles Grey, R.W.M., with the fraternal regard of his bearers—Lodge Greenock, St. John, No. Nov. 1874."

One of the brethren having sung an appropriate lyric,

Bro. Grey, in accepting the presentation he did so with feelings of peculiar satisfaction. It was true that he had suffered a painful privation, but he was thankful that he had been gifted with resignation from the Giver Good, and that he was not without hope, perhaps the immediate future he might be privileged to look upon the familiar faces he knew were strikingly portrayed in before him. Whether this might be the not, he was extremely pleased to be the night and to receive at the hands of the R a presentation of so valuable a kind as th taining likeness of so many friends. accepting it, he knew he was only receiving more testimony of the considerateness of brethren who thus put the topstone of acts of fraternity towards himself attained a great altitude. During the pe had occupied the chair in Greenock St. had never the slightest cause of compl make as to the disposition of the bre evinced to each other and to himself. contrary, he had every reason to congrat lodge on the order, the peace, the prosper the fraternity that had been characteristic entire proceedings. When the de waited upon him to request his accep the honourable position of Master in th he was overcome with a sense of th dignity that they proposed to confer, at time recollecting how unfit he was ir for the high position; but he was f that he would receive every assistance charging his duties from the very w who now had increased the weight of t tions to them by their thoughtful and gift. He was struck with the singular circumstances attending his experience time referred to. He had retired Greenock Town Council with the view room for Bro. Donald Anderson, who represented the First Ward M' Council it seems, almost by way of compensa Anderson vacated the office of Lodge

for him. This had come about, so far as knew, without being purposely arranged, but exhibited one of the reasons for which he had se for gratification. But he had many other sons, the principal being the fine feeling which had prevailed among the brethren during term of office. Bro. Grey proceeded to make number of most suitable remarks, to the ght of those present, and said that he retired n the chair with the greatest confidence, as knew that his worthy successor would disge his functions with great credit to himself much credit to the lodge. He resumed his amid great applause. Bro. D. M. Urie said, having acted as Depute to such a Master as Grey, they would perhaps kindly allow him ay a word or two on that very interesting oc- on. When Bro. Grey was first mentioned as who would fill the chair, he (Bro. Urie) felt e confident that, if the deputation who were into to wait upon him were only successful ersuading him to enlist his sympathy, they ld secure a Master who would govern the e in the true spirit of Masonic brotherly love kind forbearance. The unprecedented suc- which they had experienced during these years afforded them ample proof that they selected the right man for the right place. essing Bro. Grey, he said:—I am very y to say, Bro. Grey, that your reign in office een characterised by many good and noble s. The kind-hearted manner in which you at all times presided over the lodge has the means of building up that loving bro- feeling which has always existed between rethren and yourself. During the period ave so acceptably filled the chair the meet- have been so well attended that on many ions there has been great difficulty in pro- accommodation for the brethren. Of the ts added to our lengthy roll-book, no less os have passed through your hands, inclu- sone of the most influential members of od old town, and it is a tale well worth told that during this long period of faith- vation not one harsh word has been known ape your lips, nor can a single unkind e be laid to your charge. On the contrary lodge has been ruled in the true spirit sony—love, and brotherly kindness—and y state here that I speak the senti- of every Brother, both present or , when I state that the remembrance any happy and profitable nights spent in lge with you, will long live in the memory rethren, and we are not without hope that id, loving, Christian words of encourage- addressed especially to the young brethren, of untold value to them and to all of us our of trial and danger. It is with great e that I have witnessed the presentation edallion, a fitting token of their brotherly ut it grieves us all that you are no longer ed to look upon the things of this world e outward eye, and that you are unable to faces of brethren surrounding you in this et we feel convinced that the remem- of their features will long live in your ; and, as you have been the means of ; many to see the light of Masonry, we y trust that, with faith in the unseen , you may be enabled to walk in the light ove of the Blessed Saviour, who alone ar your vision in the hour of your ; and, as you have often said to others, ld now affectionately say to you, "He teth his trust in God need fear no evil." ow to ask you, Bro. Grey, on retiring chair, to accept of this small mark of nd esteem from the members of our remembrance not possessing any great value, but given with loving and frater- d, with the hope that God may long u to enjoy the society of many loving ionate friends. Bro. Urie then handed rey a valuable and handsome silver claret bearing this inscription:—"Presented to rles Grey, Esq., R.W.M., by the bre- Lodge Greenock St. John, No. 175, as if their regard on the occasion of his re- om the chair, Greenock, November,

they again rose to acknowledge the

liberality of his friends, and in doing so expressed himself at a loss to find words suitable to his situation. He accepted the presentation made by his dear Bro. Urie with feelings of deep emotion. He knew that what he had just listened to were the sentiments, not only of the speaker, but of those in whose names the words were spoken; and he might be permitted to say he had long felt that not only a fraternal but almost a paternal and filial connection existed between himself and the brethren of the Lodge. Such had been the nature of the relationship subsisting for years back, and he hoped he might be forgiven if in speaking thus he should seem to speak without due warrant. So far as he was concerned, those relations were as he had described, and he believed his feelings were reciprocated. Still, the honour done exceeded any merit of his own, and he must attribute the act just performed to excess of kindness in the members of the lodge. They might permit him to remark that in looking back he called to recollection the time when he was exalted to the Royal Arch Chapter. On the occasion the number admitted, along with himself, was exactly the same as that of the chapter, namely, 17. Another coincidence he would mention with their leave. When he had the honour and privilege of making a presentation to Bro. Urie in the name of the lodge, the number of brethren whom he had up to that period initiated during his Master-ship was just the number of Lodge Greenock St. John—that is to say, 175. These were more curious than important, and they were suggested by Bro. Urie's statistical reference; but they were interesting to himself, and perhaps to others. In the course of further remarks, Bro. Grey offered some excellent observations calculated to benefit his hearers, and after again thanking his kind friends for their appreciation of his services, sat down, amidst great applause. Bro. A. Boag proposed "The R.W.M.," in suitable terms, and Bro. M' Master as suitably replied. The R.W.M. next proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. A. H. Finlay for his gift to the lodge, on that occasion, of an abundant supply of choice wines, to which Bro. Finlay responded. Bro. D.M. Urie proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. James M'Bryde, First Senior Steward, for the arrangements made and carried out in connection with the tables. Bro. M'Bryde replied.

During the evening, various brethren contributed songs and recitations, and a most brotherly and harmonious evening was spent. Many members of the lodge being present to testify their respect and esteem for Bro. Gray, who, we believe, had not been so late out of their homes for years.

KILWINNING LODGE (No. 12).—The annual general meeting of this lodge was held in the Council Chamber on Monday night, 30th ult., Bro. D. Cunningham, the retiring Right Worshipful Master, in the chair. The lodge having been opened in due form, the Treasurer submitted the annual statement, showing the lodge to be in a prosperous state; after which the following office-bearers were elected:—Right Worshipful Master, James Newton; Depute Master, Edward Blackmore; Past Master, Duncan Cunningham; Substitute Master, John R. Allison; Senior Warden, John P. Fyfe; Junior Warden, John Agnew; Treasurer, John D. Walton; Secretary, Jas. D. Macdonald; Chaplain, Rev. W. W. Tulloch, B.D.; Director of Music, Daniel Middleton; Assistant Director of Music, George T. Poulter; Architect, A. Roxburgh; Senior Deacon, Robert Allan; Junior Deacon, Hugh Rodgers Neill; 1st Senior Steward, Alexander Smith; 2nd Senior Steward, John M. Burgess; 1st Junior Steward, Alex. T. Gillanders; 2nd Junior Steward, John Teulon; Inner Guard, John W. Macdonald; Tyler, Abel Tucker. There being no other business of importance the lodge was closed.

PORT GLASGOW.

LODGE DORIC KILWINNING (No. 68).—The annual general meeting of the Lodge Doric Kilwinning, No. 68, was held in their hall, Church-street, Port-Glasgow, on Thursday, 3rd inst., Dr. John William Taylor in the chair. The following brethren were elected office-bearers for the ensuing year:—Dr. John William Tay-

lor, R.W.M.; Jas. Kelly, P.M.; Robt. Frame, D.M.; Thomas Davidson, S.M.; Duguld Brown, S.W.; Thos. Ballingall, J.W.; Rev. Geo. Durno, Chaplain; James Sloan, Treasurer; Thomas Clark, Secretary; Wm. Wallace, S.D.; Thos. M'Millan, J.D.; Hugh Orr, Architect; Stewart Lamont, Jeweller; Peter Crookston, B.S.; John Felfer, S.B.; Thomas Pollock, 1st Steward; James Leck, 2nd do.; Matthew Paton, 3rd do.; David Kirk, 4th do.; Thomas Marshall, I.G.; John Weir, Tyler. The lodge was then closed.

DALKEITH.

LODGE KILWINNING (No. 10).—This lodge met on the 30th ult. to celebrate the festival of St. Andrew. The lodge was opened in due and ancient form, the R.W.M. in the chair. The nomination of the R.W.M., Treasurer, and Secretary for the ensuing year took place. Bro. Richard Wilson was nominated for the chair, Bro. R. Bennett for Treasurer, Bro. G. Garnock for Secretary. The lodge was then called from labour to refreshment, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to. After song and sentiment went round, and harmony and fraternal regard prevailed amongst the brethren, at high twelve the lodge was duly closed by the R.W.M.

DUNFERMLINE.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE (No. 26).—The annual meeting for the nomination of office-bearers for the ensuing year, took place in their lodge room, Maygate-street, on Monday evening, 29th ult., when the following brethren were nominated:—Bros. Robt. Lindsey, R.W.M.; Robt. Blyth, S.M.; Wm. Hunter, S. Warden; John Steele, J. W.; Robt. Wilson, Treas.; Wm. Mitchell, Sec. Wm. McDonald, Chaplain; D. Blair, S. Deacon; Thos. Burt, J. do.; G. Hamilton, R.R.; G. Allan, B.R.; J. Burt, P.L.; C. Boag, S. Steward; A. Whitehead, J. do.; R. Drysdale, Outer Guard. The eight Senior Office Bearers, of the lodge, together with seven members chosen by the brethren, viz.: Bros. Alex. Graunt, Robt. Paterson, Wm. Donald, G. McPherson, G. Salisbury, G. Allan, R. Flockart. No other business being before the brethren, the lodge was duly closed, when the brethren adjourned from labour to refreshment, to Bro. Blyth, Guildhall-street, when the rest of the evening was spent in song and sentiment by the brethren present.

BRIDGE OF AILAN.

LODGE ABERCROMBY (No. 351).—The brethren of this thriving young lodge met on Wednesday, 2nd inst., for the purpose of nominating Office Bearers for the next year. The following were nominated:—Wm. Cousine, R.W.M.; G. Miller, P.M.; J. Carmichael, D.M.; W. McCowan, S.M.; R. Philp, Proxy M.; W. Henderson, Treas.; J. Drysdale, S.W.; J. Simpson, J.W.; Rev. J. Reid, Chaplain; P. Jaffray, S.D.; C. Raeburn, J.D.; A. Anderson, Steward; J. Cramb, 'Asst. do.; Wm. McGregor, F.G.; L. McKinnon, Tyler. The election and installation of the new office-bearers will take place on the 28th inst., when the festival of St. John will be celebrated in due Masonic style.

ROYAL ORDER OF SCOTLAND.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE.—The quarterly convocation of the Provincial Grand Lodge for the West of Scotland, of the ancient Order of H.R.M. of Kilwinning and R.S.V.C.S., was held in St. Mark's Hall, Glasgow, on the 3rd inst. Applications for advancement were received from Bros. John Love, Johnstone, Renfrewshire, M.M. of No. 242 of Scotland, and companion of R.A.C. No. 109, of Scotland, and John Stewart, Hillhead, Glasgow, M.M. of No. 195 of Scotland and companion of R.A.C. No. 73 of Scotland, The Prov. Grand Master and Comp. A. Barrow duly advanced and promoted these brethren, assisted by D.P.G.M. J. D. Porteous, Wm. Mather acting P.G. J.W., Wm. Smith, P.G. Secy., A. MacTaggart, M.A., acting P.C.S.B., John Fraser acting P.G. Mareschal, and James Balfour, acting P.G. Grand Guard. After the P.G.M. had filled up a number of vacant offices in the P.G. Lodge, the convocation was closed in due and ancient form.

joining the lodge? It appears to us, we speak deferentially, that on his rejoining his lodge, he resumed his position as a P.M., but lost his status of Senior P.M. And for this reason. A has subscribed in all up to the present time—eight years, except two, during which he intermitted. B has subscribed eight years without intermission, and became therefore Senior P.M. A clearly cannot jump over B's head on rejoining the lodge, and B, not A, continues to be Senior P.M. A requires to be again installed as Master, to regain his seat in Grand Lodge; but A is clearly a P.M. of the lodge, and in the lodge, though no longer Senior P.M. Any other rule or ruling would lead to needless controversies and hopeless anomalies in our lodge system, and our Grand Lodge qualification. As we said before, we speak subject to correction, but we believe that what we have now laid down is entirely in accordance with the letter and the spirit of the Book of Constitutions.

Original Correspondence.

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

THE OFFICE OF GRAND MASTER.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Having been refused a hearing at Grand Lodge last Wednesday by the acting Grand Master, Bro. Sandeman, on the ruling of Bro. McIntyre, G. Reg., and Bro. Havers, P.G.W., I claim your indulgence whilst I briefly lay attention through your columns to the point which I wished to raise, in no hostile mood, but purely to raise a discussion on the power of the Grand Master to resign, and the influence such a right might have on the privileges of the brethren.

I do not wish to accuse the late Grand Master, of whom I desire to speak with every respect, or those who advised him, of having resignedly taken the brethren by surprise, and having thus deprived them of the opportunity of maturely considering the results of his resignation; but most assuredly that was the result of his letter of resignation being addressed to the Grand Secretary only the day before the holding of Grand Lodge in September. Had that letter been forwarded a month, or only a fortnight earlier, it might have been communicated to the Craft with the summonses calling Grand Lodge, and ample time would have been given to the brethren to consider what might be its effects on the Craft, and the proper course to pursue under the circumstances. Owing to the alteration of the hour of meeting of Grand Lodge, I have, from the nature of my business avocations, been compelled to absent myself for some time past from Grand Lodge; but had I known so important a question was coming before it, I would have, no matter what amount of inconvenience, been present to take my share in the discussion. As it is, I cannot but think that the Grand Registrar and those who acted with him arrived at too hasty a conclusion in recommending that the resignation be accepted. I maintain that although there is no actual law in the Book of Constitutions on the subject, that it is part of the unwritten law that the Grand Master cannot resign during his year of office; and the very language of our Constitutions upon the subject, I contend, proves my position. The Grand Master possesses the undoubted right once in every year to decline being again put in nomination for the office, and in that sense I hold, notwithstanding its phraseology, the letter of the Earl of Ripon should have been read; and it was as this I wished to bring before Grand Lodge. It was, however, stopped in my argument by Bro. McIntyre telling me that the Grand Master took an obligation, and might therefore resign when-

ever he liked. To this I reply that it has always been held, and over and over again ruled in Grand Lodge by the Duke of Sussex and the Earl of Zetland, that where there is no rule for the government of the proceedings, or officers of the Grand Lodge, they are governed by the regulations of private lodges, and in this ruling they were guided and advised by those eminent members of the Craft, Bros. Henderson, P. Dobie, P.G. Regs., and, if I mistake not, even by Bro. McIntyre himself. Now it is a rule in private lodges that a Master cannot resign, and he takes an obligation on his installation not only to fulfil his duties during his year of office, but until a successor shall have been regularly elected and installed in his stead. And so rigorous is this rule that notwithstanding a lodge is forbidden to elect the same Master more than two years in succession, Dr. Oliver lays it down in his Masonic Jurisprudence that "supposing an extreme and perhaps an improbable case, that the Wardens have not served their entire year, and that the lodge contains no other person qualified for the office at the expiration of that period, (i.e. the two years), the Worshipful Master must perform continue to act until a dispensation is granted, and the contingency removed." Indeed, the Master of a lodge is punishable by the loss of his seat in Grand Lodge if he neglects his duty without valid excuse, such as sickness, or unavoidable business calling him from home. "For," says Dr. Oliver, "if no such valid excuses for non-attendance exist, and he spontaneously resign the office by leaving the chair unoccupied before the expiration of his term, he will forfeit these rights and be incapable of attending the Grand Lodge as a legitimate member." I am perfectly aware that no penalty attaches to the Grand Master for the non-performance of his duty, but I would ask what is the use of a Deputy Grand Master if he is not to undertake the duty of the Grand Master when he is unable or unwilling to perform it. Indeed we are told that in 1735, Lord Weymouth, the Grand Master, "never honoured any of the communications with his presence," "but his omission was the less noticed on account of the vigilance and attention of his deputy, John Ward, Esq., afterwards Lord Viscount Dudley and Ward, who applied with the utmost diligence to promote the interest and prosperity of the Society," and I have no reason to suppose that the Earl of Carnarvon would not as well have performed the duties of the office in 1874, as John Ward, Esq., in 1735.

I am further strengthened in my view of the law by the fact that the Book of Constitutions provides for what shall be done in the case of the death of the Grand Master, but not one word is said about resignation, clearly showing that no such power existed, as if it had the words of the law instead of being "Should the Grand Master die during his Mastership," would have been, "Should the Grand Master die or resign," and as I have before stated the resolution acknowledging the letter of the Earl of Ripon should have been worded so as to express regret at the noble lord declining to allow his name to be again put in nomination for the office of Grand Master. I therefore intended to propose on Wednesday last to substitute for the resolution carried in September, on the motion of Bro. McIntyre, "That the resignation of the M.W. Grand Master be accepted with the deepest feelings of regret, and in the hope that in his retirement the Grand Lodge will still be enabled to regard him, as in years gone by, as a bright ornament of this Craft over which he presided;" what I should have proposed had I been present at the meeting at which that resolution was passed, viz.: "That the members of this Grand Lodge have heard with the deepest regret that the M.W. Grand Master wishing to retire, declines to be again put in nomination for office, and hopes that in his retirement Grand Lodge will still be enabled to regard him as a bright ornament of this great Craft over which he presided." I admit, as I did in Grand Lodge, that my amendment was one more in form than in substance, as under either case the services of the noble Earl were lost to the Craft; but by the acceptance of the resignation a dangerous precedent is set, and one which I contend may hereafter seriously restrict the privileges and independence

of the members of Grand Lodge and indirectly the interests of the Craft. Dr. Oliver tells us that one of the privileges of the members of Grand Lodge is freedom of speech, but that freedom is gone if whenever anything is said or any resolution is carried displeasing to a Grand Master, he has a right to turn round upon the brethren and send in his resignation. We have lately been reminded by a P.G.W., who I suppose nobody who has ever visited Grand Lodge will fail to identify, that the Masonic year runs from April to April, and during that period the Grand Master, according to my reading of the Book of Constitutions, and according to our general laws, has no power of divesting himself of office. I shall not attempt to argue the question whether the Grand Master is obligated to fulfil his duties or not, there being in all well regulated institutions a code of honour, more binding than the most solemn of obligations. I was present at the installation of the Marquis of Ripon, but at too great a distance to follow closely the proceedings, nor do I know whether the Earl of Carnarvon took any obligation as Deputy Grand Master; but this I do know, that when the late Earl of Dalhousie was appointed Deputy G. Master by the M. W. the Earl of Zetland, an obligation was administered by Bro. Stephen Barton Wilson, P.G.D., in which the noble earl undertook to perform the duties of the office until his successor was appointed.

I could pursue this subject at much greater length were it not that I know from experience that the space at the disposal of an editor is limited, and that there is a difficulty in deciding what to admit and what to reject of matter offered. I shall therefore come at once to the real objection to hear me on Wednesday last, which was tersely stated by Bro. Havers, that "what had now been done could not be undone," and here I may ask, what had been done? The reply at once suggests itself that a Committee appointed to do one thing had done another in excess of the authority with which it had been entrusted. Acting on the assumption that the words "death" and "resignation" are synonymous, which I am not going further to dispute, Grand Lodge in September, in the terms of the Book of Constitutions, appointed Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon, D.G.M., Bro. Jno. Havers, P.G.W., and Bro. Æ. J. McIntyre, Grand Registrar, "to communicate with H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and request him to undertake the duties of M.W. Grand Master until the next annual period of installation," his Royal Highness standing in right of a vote of Grand Lodge constituting him a P.G.M., in the position of last preceding Grand Master. Now this would be exactly analogous to asking a P.M. in a private lodge to perform the duties of a deceased Master until the next election or installation, but the committee, taking their cue perhaps from the Earl of Carnarvon, who, in a letter dated Sept. 1st, stated that the duty of governing the Craft would devolve upon his Royal Highness if he would "accept the office" construed the words *duties* and *office* as though they were convertible terms, and in the business paper it was announced that the second business would be to receive the "report of the members of Grand Lodge appointed at the last Quarterly Communication to offer the Grand Mastership of the Order to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., Past Grand Master, in accordance with the Book of Constitutions, in consequence of the resignation of the Marquis of Ripon." Now neither the resolution of Grand Lodge nor the Book of Constitutions gave any such power as that claimed and exercised by the committee, no doubt in an excess of zeal, owing to the novelty of the position in which the members were placed, and accordingly, as Bro. Havers truly said, "what had been done could not be undone," and it certainly would have been most ungracious to raise any objection to accepting H.R.H. as Grand Master, and Grand Lodge having ratified the proceedings of the committee, I, as in duty bound, loyally accept the decision, rejoicing that H.R.H. has been put in nomination, without opposition, for the coming year, and that in April next our new Grand Master will be legally installed into his office, which I trust, with God's blessing, he will fill for many years to come, alike to his own

satisfaction and the interest of the Craft. But even here I must protest that the G. Officers exceeded their duty in describing H.R.H. on the official papers, as M.W.G.M., before the selection of the Committee had been confirmed by Grand Lodge.

I have to apologize for trespassing at so great a length on your space, but I trust that my excuse will be found in the fact that I have felt bound to protest against the ease with which the authorities have driven a coach-and-six through the laws of our institutions, whilst those regulations are found sufficiently close in their meshes to entangle some unfortunate brother who is led into an unimportant irregularity, through not having sufficiently studied the Book of Constitutions.

I deeply regret that pressure of business compelled me to leave Grand Lodge on Wednesday last before the Earl of Carnarvon assumed the chair, and I have the honour to remain, Dear Sir and Brother, yours truly and fraternally,

HENRY G. WARREN, P.G. Std.
Dartmouth Park, Forest Hill,
Dec. 7th, 1874.

MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Your opinion is solicited on the following case:—

"At a regular meeting of Lodge —, Bro. A gave notice that at the next regular meeting he would propose a certain resolution. This notice and proposed resolution were inserted in the summonses for the next regular meeting, at which the resolution was, in due course, proposed and seconded, and, after a short discussion, passed unanimously.

Can Bro. B., who, from some good cause, was not present at the meeting, oppose the confirmation of the minutes, and, if supported by a majority, expunge such resolution at that meeting?

Fraternally yours,
W. C. HOWARD.

Queenstown, Cape of Good Hope,
Nov. 3rd, 1874.

[The whole question of the confirmation of the minutes is a very difficult one. There are two opposing views on the subject, and, as far as we know, no authoritative decision. We are of opinion that it is competent on the vote for confirmation to non-confirm any portion of the minutes read. We think that Bro. B. can do as he suggests; but some contend that the minutes are only read for correction, and can only be non-confirmed for incorrectness. This is an old view, but, we venture to think, constitutionally untenable.—Ed.]

THE INSTALLATION OF THE GRAND MASTER.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Those who attended Grand Lodge on Wednesday last, and witnessed the crowd assembled, must be convinced of the necessity of obtaining a much larger hall than our own when H.R.H. the Prince of Wales is installed as our Most Worshipful Grand Master.

May I venture to suggest the possibility of obtaining the Guildhall. The Lord Mayor of London is a member of the Craft, and has already shown his willingness to further the interests of our charities, having consented to preside at the next Festival of the Girls' School. A large number of the Common Council hold important offices in the Craft, and no doubt they would generously consent to the building being used for so important an event.

Kindly ventilate the subject in the pages of the *Freemason*, so that some decided action may be taken to accommodate our country friends to do honour to our Royal Brother on his installation.

Yours truly and fraternally,
W. S.

THE MASONIC CHARITIES.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

Perusing in your last issue an account of the election meeting of the Egyptian Lodge (27), held on the 3rd inst., I observe that Bro. H. G. Buss, P.M., in responding for the Masonic Charities, gave an admirably designed brief sketch of the history of each of the institutions; from the time they were founded, of what their work has been, and how large a return they furnished for the support which the lodges extended to them." Being about to represent my lodge at the next festival of the Benevolent Institution I should esteem it a great favour if Bro. Buss would kindly inform me where I can procure the history he gave, as I have not been supplied with any particulars, and have hitherto always felt unable to give a detailed account of work done, or show any return for the support I have appealed for, and which the brethren have always so heartily and cheerfully given.

Apologizing for troubling you, I am, dear Sir, yours fraternally,

HARRY J. MOXON.
229, New Kent Road, London,
Dec. 14, 1874.

MASONIC PORTRAITS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother.

I quite agree with the suggestion of T.P.C. in last week's issue, as to giving a portrait of some distinguished brother or brethren, or some other picture equally valuable, every week in the *Freemason*, and also monthly in the "Masonic Magazine." Paper covers for the *Freemason* would be also an improvement, for as a rule they are not nicely folded. I am sure the portraits would be highly appreciated by the Craft.

The "Voice of Masonry," Chicago, is about to adopt the same plan; and why not the *Freemason* and "Masonic Magazine." I see by an advertisement that Bro. Kenning has nearly 100 portraits of celebrated brethren to commence with. It would be unnecessary to ask the brethren whose portraits appear to defray the expenses of engraving, &c., as suggested by T.P.C., as I am persuaded, if these suggestions were carried out, the increase in circulation will meet the extra expense. I will undertake to get 20 extra subscribers. What say our brethren to follow this example?

I do not hesitate to say the *Freemason* would be the best weekly Masonic paper in the world, if it were published and printed so as to keep the advertisements distinct from the literary matter. As it is now, many complain, and with reason, at the arrangements.

I am, yours fraternally,
J.C., 450.

Multum in Parvo, or Masonic Notes and Queries.

BRO. YOUNGHUSBAND'S M.S.

Reading over the *Freemasons' Magazine* of Sept. 25th, 1869, I find a notice of a M.S. in the possession of Bro. Younghusband.

Would it be possible for me to see it?

In the number of the *Freemasons' Magazine* of November 28th, 1868, appears a quotation from a curious little work, which had formerly been in the possession of J. Bristow, W.M. 446, having been presented to him by the Secretary of Harmony and Fidelity, 438, Bro. Beaumont, and was sent by Bro. Bristow to the editor.

Where is that work now?

I have seen Bro. Hughan's interesting letter about the Chronicles at Mr. Quaritch's, but, I fear that as my time is very precious just now, I cannot offer to collate the MSS., &c.

I do not myself see that much could come of it, as the metrical chronicle is genealogical mainly and the others I have seen, and do not remember any analogy.

Such, however, still may exist, as I have never looked at them for the sake of comparison or collation. We are more likely to find "parallel passages" in the old rhyming monastic exhortation to morals, manners, and religious duty.

A. F. A. WOODFORD.

THE GRAND MASTER, AND THE ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE.

The ceremony of the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as Patron of the Ancient and Accepted Rite of Freemasonry, took place at the Masonic Hall in Golden-square on the afternoon of Saturday last.

The assemblage of Freemasons was necessarily small, as members of the Thirty-third degree only could be present; it need, however, be scarcely added that none of those few were absent on so important an occasion. With proverbial royal punctuality, the Prince drove up to the hall to the very minute, and was met at the entrance by Ill. Bros. the Earl of Carnarvon and C. J. Vigne, the Sovereign and Past Sovereign of the Order, who at once conducted his Royal Highness to the Council Chamber, where were assembled Ill. Bros. Capt. N. G. Philips; Major Gen. W. Clerk; I. M. P. Montagu, Major Shadwell Clerke; Robert Hamilton, M.D.; Sir Michael Costa, Lieut. Col. Alexander W. Adair; and Hugh D. Sandeman, members of the Council, with Ill. Bros. Henry C. Vernon, Lieut. Col. George A. Vernon, Albert H. Roys, and Lieut. Col. John G. Sandeman, Past Members.

These brethren having been severally introduced to His Royal Highness, repaired with him, after certain preliminary forms, to the Hall, where the remaining members of the 33rd Degree were assembled, and where they conferred the degree in extenso on the illustrious brother, who was then formally proclaimed and saluted as Patron of the Order. The members of the degree, not in the Council, were then severally honoured with an introduction to His Royal Highness, after which the Council was closed. The brethren then presented were Ill. Bros. Charles J. Banister, T. H. Coombes, Lieutenant-General H. E. Doherty, C.B.; Raphael Costa, Samuel Rawson, and Edward T. Leith, of the A. and A. Rite of England; also Ill. Bros. Maxwell Close, of Ireland, and E. H. Shaw, of the Southern Jurisdiction U.S. of America, each representing his own Council; and W. Hyde Pullen, Assistant Secretary.

The ceremony of installation was ably and impressively performed by Ill. Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon, assisted by Capt. Philips, and the whole proceedings are spoken of as having been attended with complete success. It has now pleased the Prince of Wales to associate himself with Freemasonry in every important branch of the Order, and we hail with infinite satisfaction the circumstance of thus having at our head a brother who, apart from his illustrious position, evinces an amount of active interest in the affairs of the brotherhood which may serve as a praiseworthy example to every member of the Craft.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DOWN.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of the County of Down held a meeting on the 24th ult., Downpatrick, in the lodge-room of No. 86.

In the unavoidable absence of the R.W.P.G.M. Colonel Forde, of Seaforde, the lodge was opened in due and ancient form by the R.W.G.S.W., Bro. Major Thompson, Bro. the R. Mr. Brown, R.W.M. of Lodge 86, acting P.G.S.W.

The lodges of the county were well represented by their officers.

The principal business before the lodge was to receive a deputation from the Belfast brethren in reference to the establishment of a Widows' Fund in connection with the Provincial Grand Lodge. In Belfast, where such a fund already exists, the brethren are doing much good; widows and families of deceased friends; Bros. John Harma and the Rev. E. McClurg urged the desirability of such a fund strongly. Bro. Wm. Johnston, of Ballykilbeg, also spoke strongly in its favour, and an influential committee was appointed to take in hand preliminaries.

We cannot omit to mention that the same committee was appointed to take in hand preliminaries in the same way, and kind and

which Bro. Finnigan, the P.G. Secretary, conducted the work of his office.

An address of condolence to the Marchioness of Downshire, beautifully illuminated with Masonic emblems on vellum, and in a richly gilt cover, was shown to the brethren previous to being handed over to the marchioness. This address, costing upwards of £15, has been paid for by voluntary subscription, Lodge Caledonian Railway (No 354) of Glasgow, through Bro. Schmidt, being the only outside contributor. Further business, of a private nature, and election of office-bearers, then took place, Lord Arthur Hill, brother to the late Marquis of Downshire, being elected in his brother's place as P.G. Steward.

The brethren were then, by order of the R.W.P.G.M., called to refreshment, which, in the shape of a handsome dinner, was served up in the Market House Saloon, Bro. the Rev. M. Brown occupying the chair, and Bro. Boyd, of Ballydangan, acting as croupier. After a first-class dinner had been discussed, and the cloth drawn, the Chairman proposed the following toasts:—

"The Queen and Rest of Royal Family," "The Grand Masters of England, Scotland, and Ireland," The Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge of County Down," "The Visiting Brethren," and "The Poorer Brethren," all of which were duly honoured.

With the second toast, the Chairman remarked that they were at present in an unprecedented position, all the kingdoms having, practically, no Grand Master at present, though, de jure, there always was one.

To the next toast, Bros. Boyd and Finnigan responded.

To the next toast, Bro. the Rev. Dr. Porter, of Belfast, responded, in one of his noble, heartfelt little speeches, which, coming from the heart, seem to go straight to the hearts of the hearers, carrying them with him.

To the next toast Bro. Schmidt (Cal. Rail. 354) responded, giving some good insight into the ways poorer brethren may be helped without taking their independent feeling away; and he also referred to the brethren who are now in Spain and France undergoing hardships.

After grace being said, the brethren, all still in their insignia, went to the large school-room, where a large and distinguished audience had already assembled.

Bro. the Rev. Professor Porte then gave a lecture on his "Recent Wanderings in Moab and Ammon,"—a lecture full of interest, remarkably well delivered, and proving, without flaw, not alone the prophecies of the Holy Bible, as being true, but also that Freemasonry must have existed at a time long before Christ. The proceeds of this lecture, amounting to some £20, go towards the Masonic Orphan Schools.

We never spent a more pleasant, agreeable day than we did in the old city of Downpatrick. The lodge-room, almost new, is splendidly fitted up in every respect; the clothing new, and as good as possible; in fact, the brethren of Downpatrick Lodge, No. 86, can be justly proud of their noble work; and they and their brethren of Lodge 367 deserve all credit and thanks for every and all arrangements made, which left nothing to be desired.

May God give them his help in their new undertaking of love—the formation of a Widows' Fund.

FREEMASONRY IN NEW ZEALAND.

An event, very interesting to the Craft in that portion of New Zealand, took place at Greyouth, W.C., on July 11th, viz., the constitution and consecrating of a Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners, a Conclave of the Red Cross Rome and Constantine, and a Sanctuary of K.H.S. by J. Bulmer, Esq., M.D., acting in the matter of the first-mentioned, as Prov. G.M. for N.Z., under the Grand Mark Masters' Lodge of England and Wales, and in the other degrees as Grand Intendant General for N.Z., under the Grand Council of Red Cross R. and C. Our best coast brethren should be well provided for a "high grade" Masonry.

A meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Otago, E.C., took place on Monday, Aug. 31st, the Most Worshipful Prov. G. Master, Bro. Hyde Harris, Esq. presiding, the principal business of the evening being the investment of officers, and report of the Treasurer. After some routine business the lodge was closed in due and ancient form.

A large number of the Craft assembled at the Masonic Hall, Dunedin, on Wednesday, Sept. 2nd, to do honour to the installation of Bro. John Hislop, Esq., as Prov. G.M. for N.Z., E.C., it being estimated that upwards of 300 brethren were present. Shortly after the lodge was opened, the Prov. Grand Lodge was announced and received with the usual honors, the installation ceremony was performed by the P. Prov. G.M., Bro. Vincent Pyke, the several officers being invested by the P.D.G.M., and the Masters of various Dunedin Lodges. Bro. Launseigne, R. W.M., Otago Kilwinning, acting as Grand Director of Ceremonies. During the evening the anthem "Behold how good and joyful," was beautifully rendered by a most efficient choir, as also a very excellent musical programme. After the usual salutation, &c., Bro. Hyde Harris, Esq. Prov. G.M., Otago, E.C., made some very earnest congratulatory remarks, and together with his officers withdrew. On the Provincial Grand Lodge being closed, the brethren repaired to banquet in the Lower Hall when the usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

DEDICATION OF THE HOBART TOWN FREEMASONS' HALL.

This splendid hall, erected by the Freemasons' Hall Company, consisting of Masons only, was, in the presence of His Excellency the Governor, Bro. Charles Du Cane, Esq., formally opened and dedicated on Wednesday, the 26th Sept.

The building was commenced in 1873; and on March 20th, 1873, his Excellency laid the foundation-stone, the architect being Henry Hunter, Esq., and the builder Mr. J. Gregory. To these gentlemen great credit is due for the perfect manner in which the edifice is completed.

The lodge room is a fine apartment; its dimensions are 43ft. long, 24ft. wide, and 20ft. high. At the east end of the room is a dais 6ft. wide, extending the width of the room, and some 3ft. above the level of the floor. In the centre of the dais is a niche formed by two Ionic pillars supporting an entablature, under which is placed the Worshipful Master's chair. At the west end of the room is the niche formed by Doric pillars, under which is placed the Senior Warden's chair, and another niche in the south of the room, bearing the Corinthian column under which is placed the Junior Warden's chair.

At six o'clock the brethren were seen arriving in great numbers, and at 6.30 his Excellency the Governor was announced, and was met by the Marshal of the procession, Bro. C. Toby, and the Worshipful Masters of the respective lodges. In the lodge-room there were about 80 ladies present, admitted by tickets. There were about 135 brethren, consisting of members of the Hobart Town lodges, and many visiting officers and brothers from various parts of the colony. The whole affair was a decided success, owing no doubt to the admirable management of the committee, and great praise is due to Bro. Charles Toby for the perfect arrangements made by him in marshalling the procession; also to Bro. J. Clark for his able assistance. The choir was under the leadership of Bro. W. H. Chapman, assisted by Bros. W. A. Guesdon and Scholes, the various pieces of sacred music during the ceremony being well performed.

A lodge was opened in form, at 7 o'clock sharp, the W.M. of Lodge 801, the Rev. R. D. Poulett-Harris as W.M.; the W.M. of 536, Bro. W. H. Burgess, as Senior Warden; the W.M. of 347, Bro. S. Smith, as Junior Warden; and then called off to perform the ceremony of dedication.

On entering the lodge-room the Masonic Anthem was sung by the choir;

'To Heaven's high Architect, all praise,
All praise, all gratitude be given, &c.

Chorus—

Sound aloud the great Jehovah's praise,
To Him the dome, the temple raise.

The W. Masters ordered the procession to move three times round the hall.

Solemn music played.

After the First Circuit, the brethren sang,

"Let there be light!" the Almighty spoke,
Redefining streams from chaos broke, &c.

After the Second Circuit, the brethren sang,

Parent of light, accept our praise;
Who shed'st on us Thy brightest rays, &c.

After Third Circuit, the brethren sang,

The widow's tear—the orphan's cry—
All wants—our ready hands supply, &c.

The cushion with the three great lights was then placed on the pedestal.

The lodge was then placed in front of the pedestal and the ewers, with the corn, wine, and oil deposited thereon, with the Warrant and Book of Constitutions, and covered with white satin, and the three lesser lights placed round.

The W. Masters, P. Masters, officers and visitors of distinction then repaired to places prepared for their reception: the brethren still standing. The Builder then said:

May it please your Excellency, Worshipful Masters, and Brothers:

Having been entrusted with the construction of this noble edifice, and having completed the work assigned to me to the best of my ability, I beg now to return thanks for the honour conferred on me by the appointment, and to surrender up the implements and plants that were committed to my care when the chief cornerstone was laid, and venture to hope that my exertions may be crowned with your approbation, and that of the Craft generally.

To which his excellency then replied:—

The Director of Ceremonies informs the W. Masters that it is the desire of the directors and shareholders of the hall, and the fraternity generally, to have the hall solemnly dedicated in ancient form.

The W. Masters then requested the officers and brethren to assist in the ceremony.

The ladies then retired, the lodge was tyled, and the business of Masonry resumed.

Consecration Prayer—By a Chaplain.

After prayer the brethren answered:

Glory be to God on high, on earth peace, goodwill towards men.

The honours were then given.

The procession was then formed, headed by the W. Masters, and made one circuit round the lodge, the brethren singing—

Hail! Masonry divine!
Glory of ages, shine, &c.

When the W. Masters arrived at the east music ceased, and one of the W. Masters said:

In the name of the Supreme and Eternal God the Great Architect of heaven and earth, to whom be all honour and glory, I dedicate this hall to Freemasonry.

A Chaplain then strewed corn over the lodge.

Response.—Glory be to God on high, on earth peace, goodwill towards men.

The honours were then given.

The second circuit was made, and the procession moved round the lodge, and the brethren sang—

Great fabrics still arise,
And grace the azure skies! &c.

When the W. Masters arrived in the east the music ceased, and one of the W. Masters said:

In the name of the Supreme and Eternal God, the Great Architect of Heaven and Earth, to whom be all glory, I dedicate this hall to Virtue and Science.

A Chaplain then poured wine on the lodge.

Response.—Glory be to God on high, on earth peace, goodwill towards men.

The honours were then given.

The third circuit was made, the brethren singing—

Hiram, the Architect,
Did all the Craft direct, &c.

When the W. Masters arrived in the east, the music ceased, and one of the W. Masters said:

In the name of the Supreme and Eternal God, the Great Architect of Heaven and earth, to whom be all honour and glory, I dedicate this Temple to Universal Benevolence.

A Chaplain then dipped his finger in the oil, and sprinkled it over the lodge.

Response.—Glory be to God on high, on earth peace, goodwill towards men.

The honours were then given.

A Chaplain then delivered the Invocation.

Response by the brethren—"The Lord is gracious, His mercy endureth for ever.

A Chaplain then pronounced the blessing.

Response by the brethren—"Glory be to God on high, on earth peace, goodwill towards men."

The Masters, Officers, and Brethren then retired to their places.

The Lodge was then covered.

Address by a W. Master.

After which the following anthem was sung:—

Behold! how pleasant and how good,
For brethren such as we, &c.

For there the Lord of Light and Love
A blessing sent with power, &c.

The lodge was then closed, and passed out of the hall for refreshment.

Ireland.

MASONIC PRESENTATION.

The following address has been presented to Rev. M. A. Holden, M.A., Chaplain 219, on his appointment as Rector of Milltown.

"Dear Sir and Brother,

"We, the Master, Wardens, and brethren of your lodge, take this opportunity of offering you our hearty congratulations on this well-merited recognition of your worth as a Minister of the Gospel. We have long felt, and been much profited by your gentlemanly, Masonic, and Christian example; and feel that your influence has been eminently calculated to promote that brotherly love, peace, and harmony, which are among the chief characteristics of our ancient Order. Your untiring zeal, and continued efforts in promoting the cause of Masonry, have won for you the admiration and esteem of your brethren, and they have unfeigned pleasure in giving expression to the feeling of delight with which they have heard of the favour and distinction which has been conferred on you.

"We ask your acceptance of this apron and jewel as a small token of the fraternal regard in which you are held by the brethren of this, your mother lodge; and wish you every prosperity in your new sphere of labour.

"We pray that the Great Architect of the Universe may bless your efforts in promoting His glory on earth; and,

"When in the Western sky the signs bid you prepare,

To gather up your working tools and be tried upon the square,"

May you be found of Him a perfect stone, fit for a place "in the House not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

"Signed, on behalf of the lodge,

"Matthew Wilson, W.M.,

"Samuell Connell, S.W.,

"J. T. Pentland, J.W.,

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Bro. Holden made the following reply, "To the Master, Wardens, and Brethren of Masonic Lodge, 219, Portadown.

"Dear Sirs and Brethren,

"Although unable to reply in suitable terms to the kindly address which has been presented to me, the difficulty is lessened, I may say removed, by the recollection that we are now assembled in a building where, in the truest sense of the word, "Brotherly love continues" and abounds. And, although I am fully persuaded that the opinion which you so kindly entertain with regard to me, is far too high, nevertheless, I must say for myself that I have endeavoured to do all that which you so generously have given me credit for actually performing. And this I

did not from a desire to excel you, but from an honest and heartfelt desire to prove myself worthy of you. For, although as Masons it is not in our power to reveal its secrets, or to disclose its mysteries to the uninitiated, it is in our power to show by example that the fraternity to which we belong is calculated to enlarge the mind—calculated to take a man out of self, and to cause him, when he looks around upon others, to say truly we are brethren. To you, brothers, my best thanks are due for the prayer which you have so heartily offered up for me, now that I am about to enter upon a new sphere of duty. And let me also add that the beautiful jewel and apron which you have so kindly presented to me shall be ever esteemed, inasmuch as they are the insignia of our Order, and the gift of Free and Accepted Brethren.

"Praying that the blessing of Heaven may rest upon you and all regular Masons, that brotherly love may prevail, and every moral and social virtue may unite and cement us.

"I remain, dear Brothers, fraternally, yours,

"M. A. HOLDEN,

"Chaplain of Lodge 219."

THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER ON GYMNASIUM TRAINING.—On Thursday evening, the 10th inst., Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, Deputy Grand Master, R.W.P.G.M. for West Lancashire, presided at an assault-at-arms at the Liverpool Gymnasium, Hardman-street, where there was a very large and fashionable gathering of ladies and gentlemen. His lordship was accompanied by Lady Skelmersdale. During an interval in the exercises, which were very cleverly performed under the direction of Mr. Shrapnell, the conductor, his lordship said it gave him immense gratification to preside at that assault-at-arms, because it showed him how much muscle there was in the good old town of Liverpool. (Cheers.) It showed him that the young men of Liverpool bore in mind the important motto, "Mens sana in corpore sano." (Applause.) They knew how to value that saying, and they fully appreciated the fact that by exercising their muscles they gave themselves health and strength, instead of wasting away all health and strength in hot, stuffy billiard-rooms and such like. (Cheers.) As long as young men would only take this lesson to heart, they would be equal to any call that was made either upon their brain or muscle. It was an extraordinary thing for him to remember that in his young days so little was thought about gymnastics. In his Oxford experiences, the room devoted to athletic exercises contained only about thirty feet of space. Now there was a grand gymnasium there—not as good as the Liverpool one, for there were few in the world to come up to it. Gymnastics were, at the present day, gradually making their way all over the country, not only among civilians, but in the army. And what was the result? Why, that they had young men who were trained so as to fit them for any calling in which active service was required. It would be invidious to single out any person for commendation, as everything seemed so excellently done that evening, but he was sure they would all agree with him that there was no person to whom they owed so large a debt of gratitude as to Mr. Shrapnell. (Loud cheering.) They had seen what his adult pupils could do, and he could speak from his own experience how admirable was his training of still younger pupils, for members of his own family had been in his gymnasium, and had profited much from his tuition. (Cheers.) He knew how to call out the muscle when required, and to temper down the weak—to bring them out gradually—so as not to overstrain them; and he might say that such a course of training was a great achievement. (Cheers.) On the motion of Dr. Turnbull, seconded by Mr. A. Holt, a very cordial vote of thanks was given to his lordship for presiding.

We felicitate Bro. A. J. Wheeler, editor of the *Masonic Jewel* (Memphis), upon his election to the distinguished office of Grand Master of Masons of Tennessee, on Nov. 12th. The Press is no longer looking up, but is rather looked up to. So it ought to be.

Masonic Tidings.

Bro. the Rev. Canon Baynes has been elected W.M. of Trinity Lodge, Coventry, No. 254, for the year ensuing. The Installation will take place on Jan. 21st. Bro. Canon Baynes was P.G. Chaplain for Warwickshire last year.

The Rt. Hon. the Earl of Shrewsbury, Prov. Grand Master, Staffordshire, has been appointed to the Captaincy of the Hon. Corps of Gentlemen at Arms, in the room of the Marquis of Exeter.

A Grand Lodge of Sorrow, in memory of the Past Grand Master, Samuel McManus, of Tennessee, was held at Nashville, Tenn., on Nov. 11th ult. Bro. A. J. Wheeler delivered an eloquent eulogium upon the life of Bro. McManus.

NON-MASONIC NOTES.

All London has been startled with the loss of Lady Dudley's valuable jewels. It seems that on Saturday evening, Lord and Lady Dudley were at the Paddington Station en route to Wiltshire. The dressing-case containing this valuable property, worth about £25,000, was in the charge of a lady's-maid. She put the box down and her foot upon it, and unfortunately lifting her foot for one moment, the box was gone. Lord Dudley has advertised in the *Times* and the *Times* of Wednesday has favoured the world with a dissertation on the matter, and a lecture to Lord and Lady Dudley. We venture to think the dissertation worthless and the lecture impertinent. The writer in the *Times* has been "mal inspiré," his law and his arguments are equally unsound. Lord Dudley is clearly "dans son droit" in offering a reward for loss of property. Until that the police can safely say the box has been stolen, and that the property is in concealment, and the diamonds "intact," and in the hands of a "fence," Lord Dudley is clearly right in treating the matter as a loss, not a robbery. The objection to Lord Dudley's course is, that it might lead to a "compounding of a felony;" but there can be no compounding without a felony to start with, and until that is proved, the matter is a loss, not a felony. There are many things in the world we may believe—we may feel, as we say, morally sure of—but yet we cannot prove. We may believe an associate to be worthless—a friend to be faithless—an employé to be a thief—and yet, as we cannot prove it, we must treat them, one and all, as respectable, and their errors as accidental. We hope sincerely that Lord and Lady Dudley may regain their property; but there are so many conflicting elements just now in our metropolises and our streets, that the absent person who has taken Lady Dudley's dressing-case by mistake may not be able, perhaps, to restore the property to its lawful owner.

MASONRY VERSUS CURSES.

Like the rising sun in th' eastern sky,
Like the star-lit firmament on high,
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Like the pitiful wretch with hopes forlorn,
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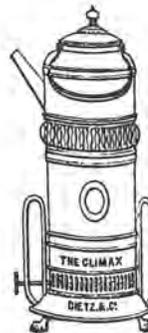
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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

TH.—Lodge of Honour (No. 379).—Sum-
 mes having been issued for the annual festival
 of this lodge, to be held at the Masonic
 the brethren assembled at 4 p.m. on Mon-
 Dec. 14th, and soon after that time the lodge
 opened in the first degree by Bro. Phillips,
 assisted by the following officers, Bros.
 I.P.M.; J. S. Bartrum, P.M. and W.M.
 Cooke, acting as S.W.; Simmons, W.M.
 acting as J.W.; Culliford Hopkins, Secre-
 tary, P.M.; Treas.; Dr. Hopkins, P.P.G.
 for Warwickshire, acting as S.D.; White,
 Col. Ford, P.M. 53, acting as D.C.;
 I.G. In addition to these and many
 others of the lodge, there were present Bros.
 Prov. G. Secy., Major Preston, W.M. 41;
 I.P.M. 53; Gen. Doherty, P.M. 53; J.
 rt, P.P.G.S.W.; Lord, P.M. 53; Smith,
 and Treas. 53; Shum, P.M. 53. The
 of the previous lodge meeting were read
 confirmed. The lodge was opened in the
 1 degree and Bro. Leir was presented as a
 candidate to be raised to the sublime degree of
 The usual questions were put to him and
 were answered to his satisfaction, after
 he was entrusted and dismissed for pre-
 sent. The lodge was opened in the third
 degree, and after the customary arrangements
 were made, the candidate was re-admitted
 to the third degree by the W.M., who
 gave him the traditional history on which
 the working ceremony is based. The working
 was explained by the Secretary. The
 was resumed in the second degree, and the
 was taken by Bro. J. Stothert, who had
 taken to perform the duties of Installing
 Master. Bro. J. S. Bartrum was presented by
 Davis and Phillips, W.M.'s. After the
 address, the ancient charges were read
 by the Secretary, and assented to, and the usual
 of W.M. elect was administered. The
 was resumed in the third degree. The
 brethren below the chair were dismissed, a
 board of Installed Masters was constituted, and
 Bro. Stothert was, according to ancient form, in-
 into the chair of K.S. for the third time.
 The lodge was closed, the brethren were re-ad-
 mitted, and Bro. Stothert ably and impressively
 read the usual proclamations, processions,
 and resolutions, concluding by giving the ad-
 dress to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren. At
 per places during these proceedings, the
 invested Bro. Phillips as his I.P.M., and
 allowing as his officers for the next year.
 Cooke, S.W.; H. Gore, J.W.; C. S.
 Treas.; H. Culliford Hopkins, Secre-
 tary, S.D.; Smythe, J.D.;
 D.C.; Leir, I.G.; Gazzard, Tyler. On
 the occasion of Bro. Phillips, seconded by Bro.
 votes of thanks were passed to the visiting
 brethren for their attendance, among whom were
 named Bro. Stothert, for his valuable
 services as Installing Master, Bro. Col. Ford as
 Bro. Dr. Hopkins as S.D., and Bro.
 coming so far in his official capacity
 as Grand Secretary. The W.M. ad-
 dressed the brethren on his installation in
 an impressive and kindly terms, such
 as convey the idea, that with the know-

ledge of his previous efficiency in the same
 capacity, he is determined zealously to perform
 his duties, and at least maintain, and, if possible,
 raise the status of the lodge. Some discussion
 took place as to the formation of a lodge of in-
 struction, further consideration of which was
 postponed to the next meeting. The W.M.
 brought before the brethren, in a very feeling
 manner, a melancholy circumstance which had
 just occurred—no other than the sudden death,
 a few hours previously, of the resident Curator
 of the Masonic Hall and Tyler of the Royal
 Sussex Lodge, at an advanced age—78; remind-
 ing the brethren of the solemn lesson taught to
 all, especially in connection with the ceremony
 of the third degree, which had just been ad-
 ministered. He recalled to the minds of such
 as had been present in that room exactly a week
 ago, the energy and zest with which the old man
 had responded to his re-appointment as Tyler of
 the Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 53; the heartiness
 with which he entered into all Masonic proceed-
 ings, and the fidelity with which he performed
 his duties, as far as his failing strength would
 allow. The W.M. concluded by proposing that
 a letter of condolence should be forwarded to the
 children of the deceased, which was seconded by
 the S.W., and passed. The proceedings of the
 evening were brought to a close by a vote of
 thanks, carried by acclamation, to Bro. Phillips,
 for the ability and skill with which he had
 ruled the lodge during the past year, to which
 the I.P.M. made an appropriate reply. The
 lodge was closed in perfect harmony, and with
 solemn prayer, at a quarter past seven, and the
 brethren adjourned for a banquet at the Castle
 Hotel.

HARTLEPOOL.—St. Helen's Lodge, Hartlepool.
 (No. 534). The annual installation meeting of
 this lodge was held at the hall belonging to the
 Craft, on Thursday afternoon. The W.M. elect
 (Bro. Wm. Pearson) was installed by Bro. J.
 Hunter, jun., P.M., Bro. J.W. Sivewright, P.M.,
 acting as D.C. At the close of the ceremony,
 the W.M. elect appointed the following officers,
 viz:—Bros. T. Johnson, S.W.; T. Fleetham,
 J.W.; W. Fleetham, Secretary; W. Shaw, S.D.;
 D. Collins, J.D.; T. M. Proctor, Treasurer; F.
 H. Bennett, I.G.; and W. Mudd and R. Rob-
 son, Stewards. After the completion of the
 ceremony, the brethren present adjourned to the
 Cleveland Hotel, where an excellent repast was
 served by Mr. C. Humble. The W.M. elect
 presided, and a most enjoyable evening was
 spent, the usual Masonic toasts being duly
 honoured.

TOTNES.—Pleiades Lodge (No. 710).—The
 usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held
 at the Masonic Hall on Thursday, the 17th inst.,
 Bro. William Bennett Maye, W.M., in the chair.
 There were also present Bro. R. H. Watson,
 P.M., J.W.; Bro. H. J. Presswell, I.P.M.; Bro.
 W. Cuming, P.M., Sec.; Bro. J. Heath, P.M.,
 P.P.J.G.D.; Bro. W. H. Taylor, Org.; Bro. S.
 Woolley, Treas.; Bro. J. Crocker, Tyler; Bro.
 C. A. Wallis, Bro. J. C. Challoner, and Bro. T.
 Luscombe, Visitor, Bro. Shanks. The lodge
 was duly opened, and the minutes of the pre-
 vious meeting were read and confirmed. A
 candidate for the third degree was unavoidably
 absent. There being no other business, the
 lodge was closed in ancient form and with
 solemn prayer.

ABERYSTWITH.—Aberystwith Lodge (No.
 1072)—The ninth anniversary meeting of this
 prosperous and well-worked lodge, and the in-
 stallation of its W.M., was held at the Masonic
 rooms at the Belle Vue Royal Hotel, Aberyst-
 with, on Thursday, the 10th inst.:—Bros. G. T.
 Smith, P. Prov. S. G. Warden, W.M., supported
 by the R.W. the Prov. G. Master, (Major J. A.
 Lloyd-Phillips); the Worshipful D. Prov. G.M.
 of Monmouthshire, (Capt. S. G. Homfray);
 James Terry, P.M. (Secretary R. M. Benevolent
 Institution), Prov. G. D. Cers., Herts; G.
 Ward Verry, P.M. Yarrowburgh, No. 554; E.
 L. Cole, P. Prov. G.D., P.M. 1072; C. Rice
 Williams, M.D., P.M. 1072; and the other
 officers and members of the lodge. The lodge
 having been duly opened, the minutes of the
 previous meeting were read and confirmed, and
 Bro. John Vaughan, P. Prov. G. Supt. W. was

ballotted for and unanimously re-elected Trea-
 surer for the ensuing year. Lodge was then
 opened in the second degree, when Bro. Stanley
 John Balcombe, S.W., Prov. G. Secretary, had
 the honour of being presented to the Installing
 Master (Bro. G. T. Smith) by the R.W. Prov.
 G.M., who, in addition to the usual formula of
 introduction, bore high testimony to the great
 fitness of Bro. Balcombe for the honour about to
 be conferred upon him, referred to the admirable
 manner in which he had filled nearly every
 office in the lodge and the zeal and ability he
 had displayed and the great assistance he ren-
 dered to him (the Prov. Grand Master) as Pro-
 vincial Grand Secretary. Lodge was then
 opened in the third degree and a board of In-
 stalled Masters having been formed, Bro. Bal-
 combe was duly installed in the Chair of K.S.,
 according to ancient rite. The brethren below
 the chair were then re-admitted, and the W.M.
 was duly proclaimed and saluted in the three
 degrees. The W.M. then appointed and in-
 vested the following brethren as his officers for
 ensuing year:—Bros. G. T. Smith, P.M., P.
 Prov. S. G. Warden, I.P.M.; Edward Hamer,
 P. Prov. G. Supt. Works, S.W.; Jonathan Pell,
 P. Prov. G. Dir. Cers., J.W.; Rev. John Jones,
 Chaplain; John Vaughan, P. Prov. G. Supt.
 Works, Treasurer; C. Rice Williams, M.D.,
 P.M., Secretary; A. J. Hughes, Prov. G. Sword
 Bearer, S.D.; Griffith Jones, J.D.; Benjamin
 Ellis Morgan, I.G.; Henry Culliford, Dir.
 Cers.; D. Vaughan Rees, Tyler. The Installing
 Master gave the customary addresses to the
 W.M., Wardens, and brethren in a very abun-
 dant manner, receiving well-earned encomiums from
 the numerous P.M.'s present. We have
 on many occasions referred to Bro. Smith's
 working in terms of high praise, and on last
 Thursday evening it was as near as possible,
 perfection. The W.M. then rose and proposed
 "That the cordial and hearty thanks of the lodge
 are due, and are hereby tendered to the W. Bro.
 George Tempamy Smith, I.P.M., P. Prov. S.G.
 Warden, P. Prov. G. Sec., for his untiring
 exertions, and for the manner in which he has
 conducted the business of the lodge." Carried
 unanimously. The R.W. Bro. Major F. A.
 Lloyd Phillips then advanced, and, in the name
 of the lodge, presented to Bro. G. T. Smith a
 P.M.'s Jewel. In placing it on his breast, Bro.
 Lloyd Phillips explained that he had that
 pleasure, not only as the Prov. G. Master, but as
 a simple member of 1072, and that having wit-
 nessed Bro. Smith's exertions for the benefit of
 his lodge, and of Masonry in general, it afforded
 him great pleasure to have been selected to
 decorate so worthy a Mason with so handsome a
 jewel, and to accompany it with an assurance of
 the most affectionate thanks of them all. In
 conclusion the R.W. Brother added that he
 hoped that Bro. Smith—although he had for
 four years filled the chair of K.S. in the Aberyst-
 with Lodge, would not consider himself as put
 upon "the shelf," but that he would continue
 to assist to preserve the lodge by giving to its
 present and future W.M.'s such assistance and
 support as they would stand in need of.
 Bro. Smith was visibly affected by the
 unexpected presentation, a P.M.'s jewel
 never having been presented in this lodge
 to its retiring Master until the present occasion.
 He returned thanks, saying that although with-
 out egotism, he could fairly say he had given some
 amount of time and attention to the interests of
 Masonry, more particularly to the welfare of
 1072, and of the province in which he had had
 the honour to hold a high office, he had not
 anticipated that his poor services would receive
 such a substantial mark of recognition. The
 brethren having thought differently, he (Bro.
 Smith) could only bow to their decision, and in
 so doing offer to them his hearty thanks, assuring
 them that he would be always ready to do his
 best for the Craft. He was especially delighted
 to have the pleasure of installing his dear friend
 and brother Balcombe in the chair that evening.
 He knew of few brothers so deserving of occu-
 pying that position, and he thought he might
 congratulate him upon that condition in which
 the lodge was handed over to him, and the
 brethren on being presided over by such a
 Master. In conclusion Bro. Smith hoped that
 1072 would have a happy and prosperous year

under its new W.M., and assured him and the members that each and all should have his hearty co-operation. The I.P.M. gave notice that in January he should propose that the day of meeting be changed from Thursday to Monday, and that he should also submit a resolution with regard to the surplus fund of the lodge, the Masonic institutions being anxious to relieve the brethren of their overplus. The lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet. The cloth being removed, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly proposed and responded to; those of the "R.W.P.G.M.," and "The Visitors," (coupled with the names of the W. Brothers Homfray, Terry, Verry and Parry), "The W.M.," and "The Installing Master," being received with applause. "The Masonic Charities," was ably brought before the brethren by the I.P.M., who referred to the notice he had given in open lodge. To this toast Bro. Terry responded in his well-known and impressive manner, giving facts and statistics in proof of the claims the various charities had on Freemasons in general; and, with regard to the institution he had the honour to represent, on the lodges of this province in particular, as (continued Bro. Terry), "without wishing to press the claims of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution unduly on your notice, I cannot do my duty thereto without reminding you that the province of which your lodge is an unit has two annuitants on the funds of that institution, while your province does not subscribe as many shillings per annum as they receive pounds. I therefore hope that my Bro. Smith's proposal will receive your attention, and that you will respond liberally thereto. The brethren spent a very pleasant evening, the enjoyment of which was considerably enhanced by some excellent songs by Bros. Homfray, G. J. Smith, J. R. Rowland, Wm. Jones, (of Llwyn-groes), &c. The dinner and wines fully sustained the reputation of Bro. Pell, the worthy host of the "Belle Vue."

MACDONALD LODGE (No. 1216).—On Thursday, the 10th inst., a meeting of the Macdonald Lodge was held at Brunswick-road, Camberwell, the head-quarters of the 1st Surrey Rifles. The W.M., Bro. Messenger, presided and performed, in a style worthy of imitation, one raising and two initiations. In these ceremonies he was assisted by the officers of the lodge, Bros. Hastie, S.W.; Larham, J.W.; J. J. Curtis, Secretary; Capt. Styan, Treasurer; Hammond, S.D.; Carnel, J.D.; Fountain, I.G.; Graat, T.; G. H. N. Bridges, I.P.M.; James Stevens, P.M.; Geo. Waterall, Wagstaff; and lodge of about thirty members. On the completion of the two ceremonies of raising and initiation, Bro. James Stevens, P.M., proposed that the sum of £20 be given to the Masonic Benevolent Institution, and placed on the list of the Steward of this lodge for that institution's festival on the 27th January, Bro. Bridges having undertaken the office. The thanks of the St. John the Baptist Lodge, Exeter, were conveyed to the Macdonald Lodge by Bro. James Stevens, for the gift it had made to the widow of a late brother of the former lodge. Several propositions were then taken for the ensuing meeting, and the lodge was closed in regular form. The brethren afterwards repaired to the refectory, where the wife of Sergeant Kethro, who has the management of the canteen of the volunteer corps, had prepared a delightful repast. On the clearing of the cloth, the toasts were proposed and honoured in due form, and such as required responses found able sponsors in the brethren whom they called upon. The meeting was a particularly successful one, and was remarkable for its great sociality.

SHEFFIELD.—Wentworth Lodge (No. 1239).—The installation of the Worshipful Master of this lodge—Bro. F. M. Tindall—took place Monday, Dec. 7th, in the Masonic Hall, Surrey-street. The installation ceremony was performed by Bro. Matthews, P.M., in a manner which won the approbation of all present. After this ceremony the Worshipful Master appointed his officers as follows.—Bro. W. White, S.W.; Bro. S. B. Ellis, J.W.; Bro. H. J. Garnett, P.M.; P.P.G.S.B. Treas. R. Renton, Sec.; Bro. Dr. Thomas, S.D., and Bro. C. Harvey, J.D.; Bro. A. Pfiel-schmidt, P.M., Organist; and Bro. J. Clarke, I.G.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to the Cutlers' Hall, where more than seventy sat down to a very excellent and well-served dinner, where nothing desirable was wanting. Amongst those present—which included a very large proportion of Past Masters and Provincial Grand Officers of West Yorkshire, residing in Sheffield—were Bro. H. Smith (Wakefield), P.G.S. West Yorkshire; Bro. J. M. Hewitt, J.P. (Chesterfield) P.M. 681, P.P.G.S.W. Derbyshire; Bro. G. Haslehurst (Chesterfield), P.P.J.W. Derbyshire; Bro. Ramplen, 904, (Grantham), P.P.G.S.B.; Bro. Dr. Foote (Rotherham), P.M.; Bro. J. Fawcett, (Rotherham), S.W.; Bros. Hodges and Wordsworth, Penistone; and Bro. R. Holmes, Manchester. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and received with much fervour; and the health of the "Worshipful Master of the Wentworth Lodge," which might be regarded as the toast of the evening, was drunk with more than usual enthusiasm. There was a board of Installed Masters, 19 in number; and 14 lodges were represented.

ROCK FERRY.—Rock Lodge (No. 1289).—The last regular meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 11th inst., at the new rooms in Bedford House, Bedford-road, Rock Ferry, and was one of the most numerously attended since the formation of this lodge, five years ago. Amongst the visitors and members were Bros. W. Bulley, P.G.J.W.; J. P. Platt, P.P.J.G.W.; Dr. Spratley, P.P.S.G.D.; Salmon, P.S.G.D. (Cheshire), and P.G.S.B. (N. W. and Shropshire); Worrall, P.G.S.B.; Stevenson, P.P.G.S.B.; Friend, P.P.J.G.D.; Wilson, W.M. 537, and others, including brethren from Crewe, Chester, and Liverpool. Mr. Harrison, of Field House, Litherland, was initiated, after which the ceremony of installation of Bro. Ellis as W.M. was performed by Bro. Friend. The W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows:—Bro. Bolton, S.W.; Dr. Paton, J.W.; Stevenson (re-elected), Treasurer; Pearson, Secretary; Stanton, S.D.; Wallace, J.D.; Townsend, I.G.; Holloway, Tyler. Two joining members and one candidate for initiation were proposed, and the brethren then adjourned to refreshment, and a very pleasant evening was passed by all, the lodge being finally closed shortly after ten o'clock.

Scotland.

BUSBY.

LODGE BUSBY ST. JOHN'S (No. 458).—A festival of the members of this lodge, with their friends, was held on Friday evening, 11th inst., in Bro. Wilson's Hall, Busby. Not a few of the brethren, owning No. 458 for their mother, now live in Glasgow, and these drove up from the city in a couple of omnibuses, each drawn by four horses, and which remained similarly to convey them back to their homes again. The occasion included a soiree, concert, and ball, the chair up to the latter being occupied by Colonel Mure, M.P. for Renfrewshire, and R.W.P.G.M. of Ayrshire. There were also on the platform, Joseph C. Wakefield, Esq., and Bro. Chas. C. Wakefield; Rev. Mr. Elder, Mr. John Macadam, Bro. Alpine McGregor, R.W.M. 458; Alex. Thomson, R.W.M. 333; Bro. Wilson Robertson, P.M. 333; and James Wilson. After justice had been done to an ample tea, the chairman delivered a short address, in which at the outset, he had, he said, to congratulate the Craft on the fact that at the head of the Freemasons of England was now his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and it was the privilege of Masonry to show to the world a society where the highest and the lowest could meet together as equal brethren. Referring to one of the chief ends of Masonry, viz., benevolence, the speaker said that when he became P.G.M. of Ayrshire, he made it a stipulation of his accepting office that there should be something tangible done in this direction, something that would bear good fruit, and at the present moment they gave £20 a year each to assist a certain number of students of promise at college. Freemasonry was one of the most wide-spread and best regulated institutions in the world, and what he wanted to point out to the Freemasons present was, what a powerful agent it therefore was, and what an amount of good it

ought to do. It was all very well to turn on processions and meetings, wearing decorations but it was far better to remember that there were only the outward signs of what was real and tangible and good. As he had said, had the power of doing much more in the of benevolence than they were doing or done; and it behoved them to exercise it. The course of few miscellaneous remarks of a general application, the Chairman stated they had not yet got the length of having as members of the Order; the reason being they (Freemasons) were convinced that ladies had so much power otherwise, that might be dangerous to give them more. In conclusion he said he had one word for those who did not belong to the Order, and that was long to it. He knew all the secrets of Freemasonry; he knew that it had no vices and no virtues, therefore he said—join it. The proceedings were then entered upon, the vocations engaged being Miss Young, Bros. Moors, Hanthorne, and Mr. Kelly. At suitable intervals in the course of the evening, short addresses were delivered by Bros. J. C. Wakefield, Wakefield, jun., Robertson, and others, concluding assembly was kept up with spirit until an advanced hour, under the superintendence of Bro. J. N. Grant, M.C.

STIRLING.—Stirling Rock Chapter (No. 2). The companions of this chapter met in the street Hall on Dec. 12th for the election of office-bearers, when the following were unanimously appointed, viz., Geo. Miller, Z.; Wolstencroft, H.; John Finlayson, J.; Geo. Christie, Past Z.; Thos. Turnbull, H.; A. Hay, Proxy Z.; Wm. Macles, S.E.; Robert Dow, S.N.; Jas. Mathie, Treas.; Jas. Brown, 1st Sojourner; Geo. Watson, and Sojourner Thos. Herald, 3rd Sojourner; Thos. Robertson, Janitor. Thereafter some candidates were proposed and accepted for exaltation at the next meeting. The First Principal elect promised to do his best for the chapter's prosperity, what he lacked in ability he offered to make up in zeal. An adjourned meeting was held for refreshment at which song and sentiment, interspersed with toasts, were freely exchanged.

CAMPSIE.

LODGE CALLEDONIAN ST. JOHN, R.A. (No. 195).—A special meeting of this old established lodge was held within their hall at the Lennox Arms Hotel, Campsie, on Saturday, 12th inst., for the purpose of installing office-bearers for the ensuing year. A deputation from Glasgow, consisting of Bro. A. McCarty, P.G. Sec.; John Fraser, P.M. 87; J. Stewart, P.M. 195; A. Arrick Smith, 254; conducted the proceedings, the first presiding, and the others officiating as S. Inner Guard, and J.W., respectively. The first-named brethren are all members of the Royal Order for the West of Scotland, as far as we know, such a conjunction officiating an installation of lodge office-bearers is unprecedented. The following is the list as established:—Dr. Andrew Thomas Wilson, R.V. Peter Robinson, D.M.; James Martin, Robert Torrance, S.W.; Wm. Gray, John Fiddes, Treas.; Jas. M. Neilson, P. Robertson, Chaplain; Alex. Brown, David Rodger, J.D.; Francis Paterson, Steward; Andrew White, J. Steward; I. Murray, B.B.; Andrew Hosie, Banner B. Alex. Kincard, I.G.; Alex. Lindsay, O.G.

LODGE ST. GEORGE (No. 333) met Mark's Hall, on 9th inst., Bro. John W. the retiring R.W.M., in the chair. After minutes of previous meeting had been read and adopted, the lodge proceeded to the installation of the office-bearers elected for the year. Bro. Alex. Thomson having been elected as R.W.M. by Bro. Thos. Halkett, P.M. the remaining office-bearers were installed in an impressive manner by Bro. Wm. Rolfe, P.M. 333; the following being the list now stands:—Alexander Thomson, R. Jas. Finlay, S.M.; Jas. Forsyth, S.W.; John McIntyre, Sec.; Thos. S. Thomson, John Clark, Chaplain; Jas. Allan, S.D.; Hill, J.D.; Jno. McDonald, Architect; Allen, Jeweller; Adam Boyd, M. of M. McIntyre (2), S. Steward; William McIntyre, S. Steward; Wm. Smith, Stand and Bearer;

Jranston, P.G.S.; Alex. Wright, I.G.; W. G. Jickson. There being no further work on the restle-board, the brethren adjourned to refreshment, when amongst other toasts proposed to were "The Past Office-Bearers," coupled with M. Bro. Winton; "The New Office-Bearers," acknowledged by the R.W.M.; and "The Initiating Brethren," coupled with the name of Bro. J. W. Burns, R.W.M. 87 (Thistle); &c.

GLASGOW.

ST. MUNGO ENCAMPMENT.—An emergency meeting was held on the 7th Dec., 1874, in air hall, 213, Buchanan-street, to move the option of Sir H. Shank's resignation as E. Commander, which office he held for a few weeks with much acceptance, to elect another Commander and other important business. The adoption of Sir Knt. Shank's resignation was moved by Sir Knt. Adams, seconded by Sir Knt. Kenzie, and unanimously approved of. The election of our Past E. Commander, Sir Knt. Robert Bell, was moved by Sir Knt. G. B. Adams, seconded by Sir Knt. J. E. Spiers in his usual happy style, supported by Rev. J. C. Stewart, and unanimously and heartily agreed. The honour was accepted by Sir Knt. Bell on the condition that the encampment would spare itself for next election. Sir Knt. R. Bell expressed his desire to form a class in the encampment for military drill, which was approved. The bye-laws and annual festival were afterwards considered and happily disposed of. The encampment was then closed according to its military form.

MASONIC ORATION.

LIVERED BY BRO. THE REV. A. A. BAGSHAW, M.A., P. PROV. G.C., P.S.G.W., IN THE OCCASION OF THE OPENING OF THE MASONIC HALL AT DERRY.

Right Worshipful Grand Master, Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Grand Officers, Right Worshipful Masters, Officers, and Brethren of Masonic Lodges of the Province of Derby.—It is with heartfelt pleasure that I am willed to address you on this happy occasion, on such a large gathering of Masonic brethren in the Province and many visitors have met together to open our new hall, which does credit to our brother the architect, the builder, and all workmen engaged. We are assembled here, in the name of the G.A.O.T.U., first to thank him that the work is completed without casualty; then, in brotherly love, to consecrate this building for the purposes of Freemasonry. Were Freemasonry more generally understood, we should hear no foolish talk about work; but our deeds must from circumstances be shielded from all but those who have been admitted into the Craft in a properly constituted body of Masons, under the warrant of the Grand Lodge of England. The answer we must give those who speak evil of us, should be quietly and gently to say, "We have certain tokens and signs by which we unlock those secrets which are peculiar to Freemasonry, and which would be useless to those who have not upon themselves the obligation of Masonry." That there is much good in our Craft easily be proved by our deeds, not words; as can only bear the test! Look at our work; how it has increased within a very few

In 1813-14, when the two Grand Lodges (the Ancient, or York, and Modern) were united, the Duke of Kent, father of our Sovereign the Queen, being Grand Master of one, the Duke of Sussex, uncle to her Majesty, Grand Master of the other, the elder resigned, in brotherly love, his office, and thenceforth under the latter Royal Duke we have the Grand Lodge of England. All united feelings were then buried in oblivion, for the Craft derived the highest benefit from an union. Under the successive Grand Lodges increased and flourished, until our Past Grand Master of England, H. the Prince of Wales, was called to the position of Chief, and in course of time according to our Constitutions, become our Grand Master. We must all agree that, under his head, Freemasonry can never be accused of anything approaching to disloyalty, or that our Craft can be of such a nature as to deserve any charge of suspicion. Though Freemasonry has

flourished so much in late years, still we have many who are anxiously watching to see us make some fatal mistakes. Surely, brethren, if we continue to hold on by our great landmarks, especially the volume of the Sacred Law, we shall not in our day, nor at any future period, give our enemies cause to rejoice in our discomfiture. Brotherly love, relief, and truth, carried out in their integrity, will bear many assaults, and come forth, like gold from the furnace, more pure than ever. But, brethren, that this may be so, we must be more than ever careful whom we admit into the Craft. Neither friendship, nor relationship by blood should ever betray us into recommending as a fit and proper person to be admitted into Masonry one who cannot control himself in his family circle, amongst his friends and acquaintances, and in his professional calling. Bad or vicious temper, fretful temper, dissatisfied temper, must be carefully avoided, since the harmony of a lodge might be seriously damaged by one such admission. During the last year our neighbouring Grand Lodges in Ireland and Scotland have had to mourn the removal of their Grand Masters by death; they have our sincere sympathy. May those who succeed them have great wisdom given them, that their Grand Lodges may flourish more and more, and cordially glad shall we be in their prosperity. We to-day have to rejoice at the success Freemasonry has achieved in this province. We have our R.W.G. Master present to consecrate this lodge for the purposes of Freemasonry. This hall has long been desired, and perseverance has at length crowned the efforts of the province. Too much praise cannot be given to those who have undertaken the work, and they all deserve our most sincere thanks, which I am sure each brother in the province does most cordially at this time give them. In the year 1813-14 I believe there were only two lodges with proper warrants in existence in Derbyshire, so as to place them on the roll of lodges. Now, in the year 1874, we can say with thankfulness we have seventeen warranted and good lodges. In the year 1813 there were only on the roll 339 lodges, according to Bro. Hughan's account; now we have now 1,515 lodges. The number of brethren I think we must not dare to specify; still at a low computation there must be from 60,000 to 70,000 members working under the Grand Lodges of England. But in the universe it is computed that our Order is reckoned by hundreds of thousands. For wherever we go we shall be sure, where the name of the Most High is known, there we shall find brethren. Thus our signs, tokens, Volume of the Sacred Law, and jewels, each cannot speak any other language than our own. The field of Masonry in its benevolence is unbounded; to stretch out the hand of relief, and to soothe sorrow. The more we study Freemasonry, the greater beauty shall we see in all the language used, in our jewels and insignia of office; and those much valued aprons we wear must ever remind us how carefully we should guard our steps in the way which is right. None can appear in a lodge excepting properly clothed; so must we see to it that we be properly clothed for the Grand Lodge above. Much more is required of us than we have hitherto done in this province. Our brethren need to be reminded often of their obligations to the aged, the destitute, also the orphan girls and boys belonging to those who in their earlier and more sunny days have toiled for the good of Masonry. I am aware that many lodges have done much, very much to show that our brotherly love is real. Still there are many lodges which have not done as much as they might for the good cause of brotherly love and relief amongst us. Systematic benevolence, if properly carried out by those brethren who are not very affluent, can do wonders by small self-denying acts; it must not be by fits and starts, but by steady perseverance in well-doing. Most heartily do I, as a Derbyshire Mason, congratulate the fraternity to-day on our work. May we prosper in the future by watching well each step we take, and by having our hearts beating in unison with the brethren of our neighbouring provinces, and by a dutiful allegiance to the Grand Lodge of England. God save the Queen.

CONSECRATION OF A LODGE AT BARNESLEY.

The ceremony of consecrating the newly constituted Lodge of Freemasons, at Barnesley, was performed on Thursday, the 10th inst., with the full ritual of the Craft. This lodge, we may state, rises upon the ashes of an old one, which, some years ago, sank into abeyance, and inherits the name "Friendly," though the number has, of course, passed away, the present lodge being No. 1513 on the Grand Roll of England.

Bro. Bentley-Shaw, D.P.G.M., conducted the ceremony of consecration, which took place in the Temperance Hall, and was supported by a large attendance of Provincial Grand Officers and Brethren, generally, from Sheffield, Wakefield, Dewsbury, Huddersfield, Halifax, Doncaster, and other places.

The brethren of St. George's Lodge (242) Doncaster, more especially, mustered in strong force under their W.M. (Bro. F. O. Walker), the closest relationship having already been cemented between the Barnesley and Doncaster Lodges.

The ceremony itself was throughout very impressive—the anthems, more particularly, being exceedingly well rendered. After the consecration, the installation of Bro. Richard Carter, P.P.G.W. (Mayor of Barnesley, was proceeded with, Bro. Ensor Drury, P.P.G.D., officiating as Installing Master.

The W.M. subsequently invested his officers as follows:—Bro. Jno. Semple, S.W.; Bro. Thos. Braithwaite, J.W.; Bro. James Gratton, Treasurer; Bro. J. H. Gratton, Secretary; Bro. J. J. Freeman, S.D.; Bro. F. K. Beardsall, J.D.; Bro. W. S. Unsworth, Organist; Bros. Henry Lane and Jno. Wade, Stewards; and Bro. Jno. Sutton, I.G.

The brethren subsequently adjourned to the King's Head, where a very handsomely-appointed banquet was served, covers being laid for upwards of 70.

Bro. Carter, W.M., presided, supported by Bro. Bentley-Shaw, the Rev. Bro. Loosmoor, of Bowling, P.G.C.; Bro. Ensor Drury, and others.

SUDDEN DEATH OF A BROTHER IN LODGE.

A very sudden death occurred at the meeting of St. Luke's Lodge, No. 225, held at the Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich, the occasion being the annual installation of W.M. and officers. Amongst those installed was a well-known Ipswich tradesman, Bro. Stephen Burdett King, who was chosen as Worshipful Master. After the ceremony of installation had been concluded, Bro. King proceeded to appoint and invest his officers, and, on the completion of that portion of his duties, was seized with faintness, and left the lodge in charge of his Immediate Past Master (Bro. James Turner). The brethren, noticing his symptoms appeared rather severe, immediately sent for his medical adviser, Dr. W. P. Mills. Mr. Jennings, an army surgeon, who was in the hotel, rendered every assistance possible, but without avail, Bro. King having breathed his last in about fifteen minutes from the time of his first attack. Dr. Mills had been in attendance upon deceased for more than a month, and it is supposed that his death is the result of heart disease. The sad occurrence cast great gloom over the assembled brethren, who spent the remainder of the evening in solemn silence. The following officers had been appointed:—Bro. S. B. King, W.M.; Bro. W. T. Jobson, S.W.; Bro. W. Daking, J.W.; Bro. A. Barber, Secretary; Bro. James Clarke, Treasurer; Bro. W. T. Westgate, D.C.; Bro. Taylor, S.D.; Bro. Hillyard, J.D.; Bro. Diaper, I.G.; Bro. Spalding, Tyler. The sudden demise of the W.M. will necessitate a fresh election of Worshipful Master.

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MARRIAGE.

JENNINGS—BRASIER.—Dec. 22nd., 1874, at St. Peter's, Thanet, by the Rev. Aug. F. Tollemache, Thos. E. Jennings, of 2, Gray's Inn Square, London, to Elizabeth Martha, eldest daughter of Bro. W. C. Brasier, P.M. and Treas., Union Lodge (No. 127), Margate.

Answers to Correspondents.

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Rose Croix Chapter, Victoria.
Obituary—Bro. Capt. W. H. Lee.

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1874.

CHRISTMAS.

"Christmas comes but once a year," says an old rural saw, and though often made use of in a perverted sense, and for a spurious plea, yet there is, we feel bound to say, a good deal of truth and meaning in the ancient adage. For Christmas seems always to draw near with a special greeting—a peculiar presence of friendliness and pleasantness to us all. There are very few to whom it is not given on Christmas Day to form part of a Christmas gathering, and many have been looking forward through months of hard work to the Christmas holiday, and the Christmas merry meeting. Were we a very serious, or professedly religious journal, we should feel bound to say something on the religious side and teaching of Christmas; but, as we are only a Masonic paper, we will content ourselves with the "once," with looking at it, but leaving them to abler teachers and special exponents. Charles Dickens, in the inimitable pages of "Pickwick," saw long ago the touching

side of Christmas, even as a family episode in the onward and hurrying years of life. Some of our readers will remember at once, we doubt not, those indescribably graceful sentences in which he summons up the vision of the old past Christmas of our human experience, with its gracious memories and bettering sympathies. And his words still are most true in all their ring of genuine eloquence, and pathos, and can still be read and thought over with equal profit and pleasure. Yes, Christmas is indeed a happy time to many an assembled family party, a sort of decking of the home shrine with all the most fragrant flowers of household affection and domestic peace. Old and young are gathered in the old "homestead," round the one "hearthstone." The elders are there with their tales of wise warning, their counsels of experience; youth is there with its quips and pranks, and "wreathed smiles," and overflowing spirits, and undimmed mirth. All meet at last, who have not met for months, and perchance for years, all assemble together, and rally around the old "home banner," torn and faded though it be, if only for a few short hours, perhaps not to meet for months, or even years again. Many a Christmas meeting in our happy land manages to bring together all that is truest in age, all that is pleasantest in youth, all that is tenderest in life. We who are getting on in the world, we who are either grown weary or woebegone, or cold or callous, we shall not again listen to such joyous strains of innocent mirth and softest harmony as we heard in that Christmas family party, many a long year ago! No! to-day, as we are greeted once again with the shouts of merriment and the uproar of "misrule," when we are listeners perform once more to the "carols" of Christmas, the songs of innocence and the voices of melody, we are carried back inevitably, in the spirit of our minds, to another day and a far off scene. We recall a happy gathering in "Old Lang Syne," of all that was dear and tender, and fond and true, and we remember a happy Christmas, a very happy Christmas time, when we were young and gay, and when those laughing boys and prattling maidens—now very old boys and very old girls indeed, were beginning to tread with us the daisy-spangled meadows of life's young morn. But we must not get sentimental. Christmas has no need of sentimentality, as it offers to us all that is true and healthy, all that is gracious and most sympathetic, alike in present associations, and bygone memories, Christmas has a charm and affection for us all, whatever our age may be, and well it is, we think, that it is so. Without moralizing too much, or in any way "preaching," so to say, we are of opinion that we all may discern what a wise and good national institution it is, which makes our Christmas festival annually a season of family reunion, and home geniality. Once a year amid the dark hours of a closing December, after the yule log is duly burned according to ancient and mystic precedent, our whole English domestic life seems to assume, if it be possible, a deeper hue than ever of personal affection, unity, and association. Before that the old year has faded utterly away—before that a new year has dawned upon us all, our Christmas festivities have brought

together relations and friends, old folks young folks, the little girls and the little boys, the large and most important element in our population, to keep their Christmas holidays. And if at this season of general pleasantness and contentment, of open-heartedness and affability, if amid the tokens of plenty and the sunny gaiety, the good things of earth, our hearts are open to the woes and the wants of others, whatever our own gratification may be, our own Christmas family circle, that gratification will assuredly be augmented, in proportion as we have put off our ingrained selfishness, we have thought of and cared for others. For it seems to be a necessary accompaniment of extending civilization, that we, why we know not, that we too often are still marked contrasts between wealth and poverty, abundance and want. When Christmas trees are lighted, when our comfort board is spread, when the stately sirloin, the golden turkey, or the steaming mince pie, the capacious plum pudding, are hailed once again with the outburst of childhood's welcome; are some sad sights to be seen and remembered in this world and metropolis of ours. Death is still here, and Lazarus is still at his gate. There are haunts where the light never enters, where the sun never shines. There are overcrowded rooms, on which the sun never shines. There are pestilential fever, and death, and contagious maladies, straggling among densely populated alleys and lanes, and amid our own plenty and ease, there is the evidence of splendour, the luxury of life, there may still be beheld the wasted form, the hunger, the pallid form of sickness, the fever, the let on which the fever-stricken patient is lying, that sad scene where the feeble body is yielding to the insidious advances of fatal disease, amidst sights of shame, and sounds of woe. Christmas then ever seems to whisper to us, amidst our own festivities and our home life, to think of others who have none of these things, and know of none of these things. Christmas seems to tell us all, whether young, that our best Christmas feast will be that which is sweetened by the memory that we have done ourselves personally, if humbly, endeavor to lighten one load of sorrow, to smooth one path of care, to aid one suffering and afflicted creature. Never at a time, probably, have we done more good, by good and praiseworthy means, in refuges, and homes, and hospitable asylums, to mitigate suffering, and to lighten the burden of the friendless than now, but still we do it, and ever will be, a very reasonable thing, which Christmas brings to us all alike, year, amid the cries and clamour of common suffering humanity, "Go and do likewise." Amid the echoes of our rejoicings, amid the carols of this festive season, amid the pure and pleasant of friendship and goodwill, the best and truest of all associations will be those of us of kindly labours of love done in the unostentatious spirit of loving charity. We are doubly blessed by the thanks and gratitude of those whom our solicitude has relieved, and our fraternal benevolence has relieved. Christmas be indeed a happy Christmas to our readers and to their families; to

young, who shall meet each other, in all of heart affection, amidst the splendour of a Christmas Tree, or the merriment of a Christmas reunion, May all our Masonic young; our "Lewises;" our "later productions," and highly commended and commendable "little maidens," enjoy a very happy Christmas, amidst the as yet untinted brightness of unsevered affection. May this old year, now passing to its rest, close in all of peace and harmony and goodwill to our Masonic Brotherhood everywhere; to our Cosmopolitan Order: and, we say it in all of true Masonic sympathy, in relief and beneficence to poor and distressed Masons in all parts of this wide world. And, above all, for it is indeed a true Christmas wish—may the departure of 1874 help to usher in, if by slow degrees, more and more a fraternal and Masonic bond of union amid the severed sections and distant nations of the whole human race. So NOTE IT BE.

CHRISTMAS DAY 1874.

WRITTEN FOR THE "FREEMASON."

What chimes are ringing in my ears
At this happy Christmas time,
Bright visions, loving greetings
And memories sublime,
All gather round the human heart
As the years speed fast away
And we still are all alive and well
To greet another Christmas Day.

Another year of earthly life
Is fading from our view,
The Calendar of Time is closing
Alike for me, for you,
And some we miss most sadly
From festive scene and cheer,
Are still before our tender gaze,
The fair, the fond, the dear.

For Christmas 'midst its happy strains,
Its sounds of human mirth,
Has ever a solemn meaning
For all loiterers on earth;
As it takes us in its message
To hearts all dead and cold,
To the blessed words by angels sung
On that sacred day of old.

"Glory to God!" we hear e'en now,
"Be given by your race
To Him who looks down from on high,
In all of saving grace.
Peace and goodwill to all mankind,
In love all true and bright,
Must fill your lives with gentle works
Your minds with thoughts of right."

And we who work on still to-day
A true Masonic band;
Who calmly joined together
A mystic circle stand;
E'en we can gladly welcome
The angel song once more,
As we gather few and weary
On life's advancing shore.

Some are now missing from our Lodge
We used to know so well,
On others Time's benumbing hand
Has cast its icy spell;
The pleasant voice is faltering,
The loving heart is still,
The warm true hand we clasp no more,
Nor trust to the Trusting Will.

Change has been here to sadden
Some prosperous scene of years;
Sorrow has sent its shadow
Of wistful, blinding tears.
And we who gathered gladly
In that humble "upper room,"
Are wandering on in sever'd lots,
Or in silence or in gloom.

Our roll-call yearly lessens;
Kind faces age and fade.
And younger voices fill with glee
Each porch and colonnade.
New hopes, new plans, new ways prevail;
The old has given way
To the fresher, ardent yearnings
Of a younger, blither day.
And ten years hence how many
Will then have ceased to meet
Where many a loyal Brother
Hastens with willing feet,
Ten years from hence when Christmas
Asserts its genial sway,
How many full of light and life
Must then have past away.
So let us while the hours remain
While year gives way to year,
As Masons good and faithful
With brethren near and dear,
Still seek to carry out those words
Which angels sang above
For God on high, for Man on earth,
In reverence and love.
And thus in tones of sympathy,
By many a kindly deed
For all who are sadly suffering,
For all in woe and in need
Our hearts will open warmly
Amidst our Christmas fare,
For the orphan and the friendless,
For poor Masons everywhere.

A. F. A. W.

Original Correspondence.

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

MASONIC PORTRAITS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Referring to the suggestion of "T. P. C.," in your issue of December 5th last, I think the hint thrown out a good one, and am pleased to see you invite opinion—which shows you are prepared to do it if you can gain supporters. I certainly think well-executed portraits of prominent members in the various degrees of Freemasonry, or arranged in emblematical groups, would very much increase the value and interest of your paper; but I would even go further than "T. P. C.," and suggest you give, from time to time, engravings of the halls, temples, &c., in all parts of the globe—especially the new ones which are being constantly opened. Let these be really first-class, and you would soon double the circulation of the *Freemason*. If, however, you found the expense too great, you might announce that on such a day you should issue an extra supplement, containing engravings of so-and-so, which would be charged one penny extra. This might be done every two, three, or four weeks.

I hope you may be able to entertain this in your arrangements for the New Year.

I am yours fraternally,
Qr.

IS THE POPE A FREEMASON?

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Referring to the photograph sent to you from Constantinople by Bro. Geo. Laurie, and your questions, Whence did he obtain it? and, What is the name of the photographer? I, too, am possessed of a carte-sized photograph by his holiness in Masonic regalia, which I purchased a few years ago at a Masonic conversatione at Liège; it is photographed by I. J. Leken, Verriers. The subscription is "F. Mastai Ferretti, et excommunicavi meos fratres meâ culpa." I have no doubt that there are other of the Rife volunteers who have a like reminiscence of their visit to Belgium, and of the hospitality of their continental brethren.

Yours fraternally,
H. HOWARD HODGES, P.M. 795.
Maidenhead, Dec. 12th, 1874.

MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother.

I have read with very great interest, the leader in your last number, under the above heading, relative to the status of a non-subscribing P.M., on his again rejoining his lodge after discontinuing being a member thereof for two years. You say "It appears to us, we speak deferentially, that on his rejoining his lodge, he resumes his position as a P.M., but loses his status as Senior P.M., and for this reason, A. has subscribed in all up to the present time, eight years, excepting two, during which he intermitted, B. has subscribed eight years without intermission, and became therefore Senior P.M. A clearly cannot jump over B's head on rejoining the lodge, and B, not A, continues to be Senior P.M." You will pardon me for saying that I cannot agree with you in these remarks, I say that B cannot jump over A's head and become his Senior P.M., he may by chance become the oldest subscribing P.M. of the lodge, but he cannot in point of time become his Senior P.M. You go on to say "any other rule or ruling would lead to endless controversies and hopeless anomalies in our lodge system and our lodge qualification." How so? allow me to ask. It appears to me a very great anomaly, that a P.M. of forty years standing in his lodge should by simply leaving it for two years be at once converted, as by magic, into the youngest P.M., and have his name put at the bottom of the list of P.M.'s. This is what Lord Dundreary would call, "one of those things no fella can understand."

In conclusion you say, "We believe that what we have now laid down is entirely in accordance with the letter and the spirit of the Book of Constitutions." I venture to say that you can find nothing contained in the Book of Constitutions to support your argument in "letter" and and I have very grave doubts in the "spirit" of that book. All I can find in it is that a P.M. by ceasing to be a subscribing member to any lodge for a certain time loses his membership of the Grand Lodge and nothing more. If I am wrong I shall be very glad to be corrected.

By giving this a place in your next paper you will oblige, yours very fraternally,

AN OLD P.M.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In reply to M. S. I would respectfully say that the Senior P.M. referred to would undoubtedly again rank as such by rejoining his lodge, as the words "that privilege" (page 18 Constitutions) can only refer thereto. To regain his privilege of membership of Grand Lodge it would not be absolutely necessary for him to be again installed Master of a lodge, but appointment to a Wardenship would give it to him. If I am right in this, surely there is something wrong in the constitution.

Yours fraternally,
E. F.

12th Dec., 1874.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have read with interest the letter in your last paper under the above heading, and I shall be very pleased to see your opinion and that of our legal brethren on the point therein contained, as it is an important one. I am of the same opinion as your correspondent "M.S.," but some are, I believe, of a contrary one.

Yours fraternally,
SUNDIKOS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I venture to question the propriety of the allusion to me at the close of your leading article on "Grand Lodge" in last week's issue.

The sarcasm I laugh at, the logic I do not comprehend, the argument I cannot understand.

Without the slightest knowledge of the scope or tendency of the remarks I was anxious to

make on a most important subject, you give the M.W. Pro Grand Master credit for the "greatest tact" in "stopping" their utterance. I should be the last in the world to doubt the discretion of the M.W. Pro Grand Master, but this does not imply an approval of the manner in which you draw attention to it.

You express your opinion that "in such a discussion, from his official position, Bro. Binckes is a little out of place, as Secretary of the Boys' School, somewhat of an interested party, in all good faith, in the consideration of such a motion."

This is an exact reflex of the spirit in which legislation with reference to our Masonic Institutions has been and is conducted,—ignoring, wherever and whenever possible, the evidence, views, opinions, and ideas of those who, from intimate knowledge and practical experience, ought to be—and with all deference, I submit, are—best qualified to guide—I don't say to direct—those before whom the various important questions connected with the welfare of the Institutions are brought for consideration.

The *raison d'être* of this I can divine to my own satisfaction, but do not care to define at this present writing.

You proceed, "What our Bro. Binckes' opinions on the subject are we do not know, and if he likes to favour the Craft with them in our columns, we shall be most happy to afford him the means of doing so."

Surely, as an interested party (though "in all good faith,") my remarks would, "from my official position, be a little out of place"—equally when published in the columns of the *Freemason*, as if orally expressed in Grand Lodge—and therefore I decline your offer, not caring to subject myself to your criticism until you shall feel disposed—after due reflection shall have freed you from prejudice—to regard from a more just and equitable point of view those whose judgment might be allowed to have some weight in connection with the work in which they are specifically engaged.

Thus much I may inform you that the amendment I hoped to have been permitted to propose, would have met with the full concurrence of Bro. Clabon, (whom I regret having been unable from circumstances, to see previous to the meeting of Grand Lodge), and in proposing it I should have availed myself of the opportunity to place some few facts and figures before the numerous assemblage of brethren, of which I feel confident, not nine out of ten of our younger brethren are aware.

I am, Sir and Brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,

FREDERICK BINCKES.

December 15th, 1874.

THE ORDER OF THE TEMPLE.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have the pleasure to enclose you the memorial from the Knights Templar of Dorset, which was received by the National Grand Prior last Friday, and accepted by him for discussion at the next meeting of the N. G. Priory. At the same meeting, a memorial from Lancashire was accepted.

Allow me to suggest to the Knights Templar of England and Wales that each Preceptory (Encampment) should, after the example of Lancashire, send up a separate memorial in a registered envelope.

I am, Sir, yours fraternally,

A.P.G.C.

"To the very High and Eminent Great Prior of the United Religious and Military Orders of the Temple, and of St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes and Malta, in England and Wales and the Dependencies thereof.

"The respectful Memorial of the Sir Knights Members of the Province of Dorset in Provincial Priory assembled, sheweth:—

"That your Memorialists view with regret and disapprobation many of the changes introduced into the Constitution of the Order, by the newly enacted Statutes of the Convent General; and desire to call attention to the fact that the first

notice of the new Statutes being prepared, was only issued at a very short period before the meeting of Grand Conclave, in December, 1872; and that that notice only intimated that those Statutes would be laid on the table, and in no way conveyed an impression that it would be sought at once to pass them into Law.

"Your Memorialists respectfully represent that the Statute, enacting that matters recommended by the Report of the Committee might be passed into Law without notice being given thereof in the Summons, was never intended to apply to alterations and innovations so extensive as are comprised in these new Statutes.

"That by reason of the hurried manner in which these new Statutes were brought forward and passed into Law, no consideration could be given to their probable effect, and to the expediency of their enactment; and your Memorialists as well as the general body of the Order were utterly debarred from any opportunity of discussing or considering them."

"That the experience since acquired of the effect and working of these new Statutes, convinces your memorialists that they are detrimental to the best interests of the Order, and must inevitably in the course of time thin its ranks and weaken its influence."

"That it is undesirable to drop the title "Masonic," seeing that it is as Freemasons, that the Order enjoys immunity from penalties, under the provisions of the 39 Geo. III. Cap. 79 and 57 Geo. III. Cap. 19, that the existing Order of the Temple has ever been a Masonic Order; and that it is of importance to declare to the outside world that it still is and ever will be a Masonic Order; and so entitled to the Privileges of Freemasons.

"Your Memorialists further consider that many of the changes of the nomenclature of the Order, are injudicious and unnecessary, and only tend to confusion; and that, if intended to identify this Order with the actual Knights Templar, such identity is unwarranted by any authority, and deprives this Order of its original and legitimate claim to be treated as an integral portion of the entire system of Freemasonry.

"Your Memorialists are firmly of opinion that the abolition of Past Rank, and the substitution of appointments during pleasure, instead of annual ones, is most injudicious and will tend to a practical monopoly of office by a few Knights, whilst the great body of the Order is deprived of any incentive to energy and zeal. Few Knights will care to accept Great or Provincial Great offices, which confer nothing but temporary rank, and of which after the period of service of office has past, they can preserve no distinguishing mark or memorial, whilst at the same time a legitimate means of raising funds for Great Priory and Provincial Pories is virtually abolished, as Knights will not be disposed to pay Fees of Honour for a mere ephemeral distinction; and the newly created honours of "Knight Commander" and "Knight Grand Cross" being life appointments, limited in number, and attainable only at the pleasure of the "Grand Master," will not form a compensating fund for Great Priory, and leave the Provincial Pories with no permanent distinction whatever to confer on their members.

Your Memorialists firmly believe that in consequence of these recent changes and of the manner in which they were introduced to the Order, a very serious and deep dissatisfaction is spreading throughout its ranks; and they respectfully pray that Great Priory will be pleased forthwith to take measures for obtaining from each Preceptory the opinions of its members upon the present position and probable future prospects of the Order under the operations of these new Statutes; and that the result of such enquiries may be laid before Convent General for its consideration; and that it be requested that a Special Meeting of that body may be summoned to meet in London at an early day, for the full and open discussion of the momentous questions which present themselves.

Signed, on behalf of the Provincial Priory of Dorset,

‡ C. J. VIGNE, Prov. Prior.

‡ THOS. COOMBS, Prov. Sub Prior.

19th November 1874.

BRO. J. G. FINDEL, THE MASONIC HISTORIAN, RESPECTING COMENIUS AND FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have received the following from my friend and brother, Findel, and hasten to make his communication known to the many readers of the "*Freemason*."

I am not prepared to endorse the views of an esteemed brother without further examination but I hope the Masonic students interested in the subject will not fail to give the matter their close attention, for Bro. Findel is respected as a Masonic historian wherever the literature of the Craft is valued, though of course many differ to the origin and character of the society, which he has sketched in such a masterly manner in his "*History of Freemasonry*."

Fraternally yours,

WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

Truro 19th Dec. 1874.

COMMUNICATION BY BRO FINDEL.

"In the writings of Amos Comenius, especially in his '*Panegersia*' and '*Opera Didactica*' there are many passages of pure Masonic character, and so strikingly similar to the words used by Bro. James Anderson, and in our Rituals, that Bro. C. Krause, the German philosopher and Masonic author could not help believing that Dr. Anderson must have been familiar with the sources.

Krause gives, in his work, "*Kunsturkunde der Freimr. - Conderchalt.*" iv. p. 15—51 translation, from Latin, of some passages of Comenius's "*Panegersia*," and other quotations in his "*Tagblatt*."

The works of Comenius have been published in Germany lately.

I have not time enough, neither can I translate into English readily; so I shall be obliged to my dear brethren in England and the United States will have a number of passages from Comenius's writings of a Masonic character translated into their mother tongue.

I can only give a few of them.

Comenius says he purposes to show that the true welfare of the human race is founded on three things—

Philosophy, Religion, and Politics.

Who does not think here of the three principles of Masonry?

The fruits of these, he says, are Wisdom, Piety, and Peace.

Comenius speaks of the great society, or lowship ("*maximi collegii*,") which comprises the whole human race dispersed over the face of the earth.

Who does not here think of the formation and extension of the Lodge and the Grand Lodge of the Universe?

The world (Comenius observes) is not one whole, and should become so also spiritually and morally. We all live in this our common dwelling-place, and should be united to the true and good, we should walk the *fold way* of Unity, Simplicity, (humility), Freedom in perfect harmony with one another. Look on God, who is one All, and desire we, His image, should all become one. Comenius also alludes to the "centre of Unity" one of "Old Charges," and in his society will comprehend all men without any reference to their occupations, (professions), religions, or nationalities, &c., &c., (quite Masonic) and says that they should teach with one another in peace with attention and earnestness in the manner of friends. He uses also the word Brother.

I am sorry that I cannot translate more better to prove that Comenius in his (published 1702) has depicted the whole purpose and the principles of the Craft, in a manner that it is reasonable to suppose that Bro. Anderson and Desaguliers were familiar with his writings and followed in his steps.

BRO. J. G. FINDEL

Leipzig, Dec., 1874.

Masonic Tidings.

The Duke of Abercorn will be installed on the 1st of January as Grand Master of the Freemasons of Ireland. The other officers will be sworn in at the same time.

The ceremony of installation will, on Wednesday evening next, be worked in the Mount Vernon Lodge of Instruction, Windsor Castle Terrace, Southwark Bridge-road. The duties of installing Master will be discharged by Bro. C. Ith, W.M. of Ivy Lodge. A good number of brethren is expected.

Bro. John Bowes, P.M., Past Prov. Grand Master, Cumberland and Westmorland, has elected W.M. of the Lodge of Lights, No. 1, Warrington. The installation will take place on Monday next, and will be conducted by highly esteemed Mason Bro. H. S. Alpass, P. G. Sec. of West Lancashire.

It is proposed to hold in Lodge "Marie Antoinette" (No. 541), Queen's Park Rooms, Warrington, during the present Season, Meetings of Instruction, as follows, viz.:—On Monday, 1st December, Opening Remarks, Bro. J. D. Goss, R.W.M.; Ceremonial of Initiation, Bro. J. Brode, S.M. On Monday, 11th January, Ceremonial of Passing, with explanatory Remarks, Bro. J. Munro, R.W.M. On Monday, 22nd February, Ceremonial of Raising, with Music from Mendelssohn's "Antonie," Bro. J. D. Porteous, R.W.M.; Closing Remarks, Bro. J. D. Porteous. Organist, Bro. J. Schob, 241. On each evening the Lodge will be opened in the first instance, be opened in the first degrees in full by the proper Officers of Lodge, after which an opportunity will be given to those desirous of instruction of going through the work of the different offices. The Lodge will be opened at seven o'clock.

Bro. HUGHAN'S "MASONIC MEMORIALS," the "Memorials of the Masonic Union of England," by Bro. Hughan, P.S.G.D. of England, having all been rapidly applied for, and being out of print, though only issued a month or two, it is probable that a second edition will be issued. It is to be translated into German almost immediately, under the auspices of Bro. Findel, of Leipzig. We understand Bro. Hughan intends early in the new year to publish the list of the "Union" Lodges, giving their numbers in each Grand Lodge, the alterations, numerically since (which is a special feature of the "Masonic Memorials") in a separate form, and we think it in such a handy size will be valuable for reference, and prove a boon to the members of old lodges.

John Lemoine, of the *Journal des Debats*, well versed in the customs of English society, can duly appreciate the importance of any fact that takes place among us. He has just attracted the special attention of his readers to peculiar circumstances attending the election of the Prince of Wales as Grand Master of the Freemasons. He regards it as an act of defiance on the part of English Protestantism towards the Pope. Rome had selected as the chief point of attack the chair of the Grand Master, and it was, therefore, resolved that its next occupant should be impervious to its influence. The Marquis de Montebello had succumbed to the intrigues of the Pope; the Prince of Wales would not do so. This is the interpretation which M. Lemoine gives to the recent transactions in the lodges of Freemasons. In some subsequent remarks he refers to the stir created by Mr. Gladstone's pamphlet on the course pursued by Dr. Manning, and how indiscreet. In his pastoral addressed to the Bishops, Lord Acton, &c., he virtually declares that passive and silent obedience must be the prevailing influence. Turning the tables on Dr. Manning the French journalist exclaims, "There is no occasion to be a Freemason *à priori, a vide, tace.*" As the *Debats* has no regard whatever towards Germany, it is evident that an interested motive which prompts the final result in this remarkable article. The absolute faith of Dr. Manning cannot fail, it declares, in bringing forth its fruits, and one of the first results will be "to throw the weight of Liberalism on the side of Prussia in the war undertaken against the Catholic Church."

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